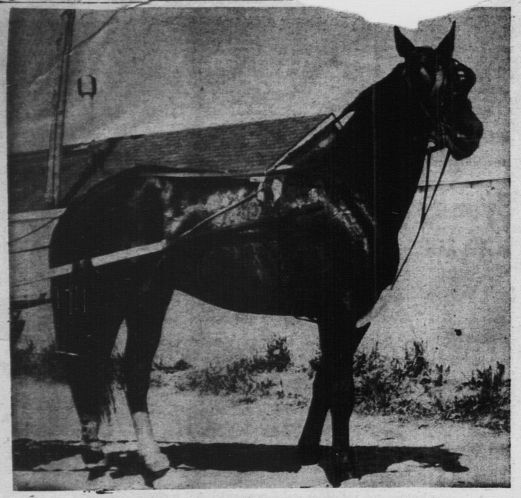

SHATTERS CHARLOTTETOWN RECORD

F. W. 'Bill' Boyles has a big stable of horses but none made him as happy as Stormy Song, above, when he lowered the Charlottetown Driving Park trotting record to 2:07 last Old Home Week. John 'Buddy' Campbell is the trainer-driver in the Boyles' stable.

Brunswick Downs has real outstanding year

1963 was the year of the big change in Moncton . . . the year that Brunswick Downs came into being, and a year that resulted in a whopping revival in racing over the 18 year old speedpath located in Moncton's neighboring town of Dieppe.

The new company, headed by Ingham Palmer Jr., took over the assets of the Moncton Raceway Company on February 2nd. then produced many changes and improvements that injected a giant sized proportion of public confidence. This resulted in a 22 per cent increase in wagering and a staggering, and almost unbelievable 240 per cent increase in gate receipts.

But on the racetrack . . . . horses and drivers teamed up to produce the fastest most competitive season on record and one that ranks so high that it seems a difficult task to produce racing of the same calibre again. Speed was the by word and the pacers launched an assault on the 2:10 barrier that soared 'way beyond expectations. From 42 racing programs, they turned the trick in 2:10 or better on 90 occasions, far ahead of the 1962 production of 36, and surpassed only by the 75 night operation at Halifax's Sackville Downs.

On two occasions over the past season, the track record was dropped. The Greenbrier Farm's stout pacing mare June Byrd, back to defend her honors in the Moncton, waltzed off with both dashes and shaved her track mark of 2:04 4 by one-fifth of a second with James "Roach" MacGregor doing the teaming. She came back to town in September to take another crack at the Free For All stars, and although showing signs of lameness, she sizzled off a mile in 2:04.2. However, it wasn't good enough as Willie's Adios and the fireballing Edgewood Scott were up front, cutting it out even faster. The Scott pacer, with Elmer Smith aboard, was over to the half in an electrifying 1:00.4. He carried the lead until the top of the stretch when the Adios sidewheeler waltzed t of the "two hole" and scored going away, in an even 2:04, getting home with a length and a quarter to spare over the Scott horse with June Byrd third. This was also a new win-race record for Willie's Adios and the season's fastest mile in the maritimes.

Other performance that merited special mention was the performance of the Greenbrier Farm's June Byrd, who established a new mark for two year old pacing fillies by Herb Wisener's Teppy Gallon. She came to the Downs with one qualifying dash and a single appearance in one overnight event as her past performance record, and while there were many horsemen sharing the opinion that the Pictou-owned filly could drop the mark, there were none who figured she'd do it so handily. Racing against aged horses, in an overnight event, she was content to stay with the pack until they headed for the three-quarters. Then driver Wisener showed her racing room on the outside, and she quickly waltzed away from all opponents, leaving them behind as she scored, eased off, in 2:10.2. The old mark, held by Vo Rida, was established in the thirties at St. Stephen and was 2:12. 1-4. The mark by Teppy Gallon, an offspring of Toby Bary - Joan Marie Gallon, was later shattered at Halifax by the speedy Eloise Wick.

In the race for driving honors, diminutive, but active, Joe Gogguen was the leader with 39 wins, followed by Harvey Cormier with 32. Roy "Trooper" Barnett was third with 20 wins followed by Bob Steeves, Guy Gaudet and Rufin Barrieau with 18. T w o youngsters, out in silks for the first time this season, come next in line. Rod Goguen, a brother of Joe's picked up 13 trips to the winner's enclosure and George "Sticks" Frizzell was home first on 11 occasions. Graham Chappelle also had 11.

In the list of "2:10" drivers, Rufin Barrieau stands on top with 16 magic miles for the season. Harvey Cormier is again in the runner-up spot with 14, then it's Joe Goguen (9), Guy Gaudet (7) and Bob Steeves and Clayton MacLeod with 6.

Sym's Best, from the powerful Francis Breay stable, tops the list of "2:10" pacers with seven miles to his credit followed by Lord Dalzell and the free-legged Stonedale with 5.

Two pacing mares share the honors for the leading dash winning horses. Mert Taylor's Homestretch Linda and Bert Tamlyn's homebred Federal's. Last both won ten dashes and in so doing dropped their winrace records . . . Linda got hers down to 2:07.4 and the Federal mare down to an even 2:08. Alec's Pride, Lord Dalzell, Sym's Best and Ben Brooke C., are next with eight wins.

Opening night at the Downs came on Saturday, June 15th, almost a month behind schedule because of late Spring training conditions brought about by the heaviest snowfall accumulation in Moncton's History. The season, concluded on Monday, November 4th, cut short by a prolonged wet spell. But in between, the racing was fine and as stated before, the fastest, most competitive on record.

On opening night, Gallon Jug and Dr. Wilfred C., both turned the trick in 2:10 or better . . . the Jug winning in 2:09.4 in the supporting race while the Doc took down the featured Free For All in 2:10 and 2:11.1. Next week, the free-legged Lord Adios took the feature in 2:08 and 2:10 followed a week later by another double dash triumph for Dr. Wilfred C in 2:08.4 and 2:09.4.

The next two racing programs, featuring the Monctonian Preview on July 8th, and the Monctonian on the 13th, produced 11 "2:10" miles. In the Preview, the six year old Ira D. Clegg

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SUCCESS GALORE IN '64

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In 1963 the Maritime Free For All circuit welcomed one new track to membership. This makes eight in all. The tracks are Sydney, Sackville Downs, Truro, Moncton, Saint John, Fredericton, Charlottetown and the newest member, Summerside.

Last season 18 events were held, each consisting of dashes. A total of $42,500 went out in purse money to 39 horses.

Once again the Circuit produced a pleasing brand of racing with very few exceptions and this was evidenced by large crowds which witnessed the events and substantial parimutuel handles. On four occasions track records were broken in Circuit events, twice at Brunswick Downs in Moncton. June Byrd lowered the track mark to 2.04 3-5 on July 13th, and the record was again lowered on September 19th, to 2.04 by Willie's Adios. Dominion Byrd established a new track record of 2.05 4-5 at Summerside July 18th, and Bob Brook set a new record of 2.06 2-5 at Truro August 29th.

Since its beginning in 1960, the Circuit has been responsible for establishing new track records at six of the eight tracks that have participated. Of the 36 dashes raced this year 24 resulted in miles timed in 2.07 or faster. The fastest mile was 2.04 by Willie's Adios at Brunswick Downs September 19th.

Most outstanding performer of 1963 was Bob Brook, a five-year-old pacer owned by Donald R. MacKenzie of Glace Bay, N.S. Bob Brook competed in more Circuit events, 16, than any other horse. He had the best summary in more events than any other horse, seven, and had the highest money winning total-$10,553. Willie's Adios ranked second with three circuit events to his credit and earnings of $5,824. June Byrd was third with $4,497, followed by Dominion Byrd with $3,603. Of the 39 horses that appeared in one or more circuit events only eight failed to earn money.

The following are results of all Circuit events and a list of those horses that competed, along with money winnings and events won.

Sackville Downs, June 8. Purse—$1,500 Div.:

Park Rainbow (James McGregor) 2-1, Bob Brook (F. Bresson) 1-3, Sym's Best 3-2, Edgewood Hedrick 4-6, Rhythm Time 6-4, Kinney Forbes 5-7, P and G 8-5, War Cry Ranger 7-8. Time 2.06 2-5, 2.10.

Sydney, June 20. Purse—$1,500 Div.:

Sym's Best (Ruffin Barrieau) 5-1, Bob Brook (F. Bresson) 1-dnf, Highland Lad 3-2, Park Rainbow 2-dnf, Dance Me Loose 4-3, Eben's Ace 6-4. In 2nd dash Bob Brook and Park Rainbow did not finish because of accident. Time—2.09 2-5, 2.09.

Truro, June 25. Purse—$1,500 Div.:

Edgewood Hedrick (Ed Haley) 3-1, War Cry Ranger (Ruffin Barrieau) 1-4, Bob Brook 2-5, Eben's Ace 5-2, Killarney Boy 8-3, Watchim's Star 4-7, Whirl A Wick 6-6, Jolly Jerry 7-8. Time—2.07, 2.10.

Saint John, July 1 (Alexander Memorial), Purse $2,500 Div.:

Bob Brook (Willard Carr) 1-2, Willie's Adios (David Pinkney) 2-1, Time To Go 3-4, War Cry Ranger 8-3, Edgewood Hedrick 4-8, Tammany Hall 6-5, King O'Day 5-7, The Jones Boy 7-6. Time—2.05, 2.06.

Charlottetown, July 6. Purse—$2,500 Div.:

Tammany Hall (Clark Smith) 1-1, Dominion Byrd 2-2, June Byrd 3-3, Time To Go 4-6, Sym's Best 7-4, Bob Brook 6-5, Hi Jay 5-7, Time —2.05 2-5, 2.05 3-5.

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May 1964 be crowned with success for all Maritime horsemen . . . and may 1964 see many track records broken! To all those associated with the sport of kings, we wish health and happiness in the year ahead.

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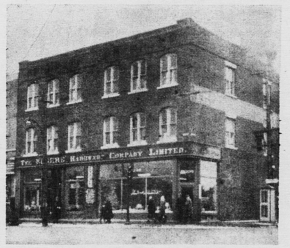

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Horses winning two dashes with owners and drivers in brackets are as follows: Bitty Silver (Arnold MacLennan, Art Burbine), Mighty William (L. Jenkins, Emmet Bernard), Chuck H. (Ron Kennedy, Ron Kennedy), Avalon Worthy (S.R. Johnstone, Joe Hennessey).

Elmer C. (R.S. Campbell, A. Smith), Mr. Duggan (Howatt and Ramsay, G. Chappell), Jolly Lass (B. Companion, B. Companion), Speaker's Pick (Andrew Perry, Doug Walsh), Donnaway (Mrs. H. Barnett, R. Barnett), Dee's Lady (Don MacKenzie, Don Bresson), Ray Gratian Up (J.H. Breen, Claude O'Brien), Arthuro Hanover (Art Craig, E. Bernard), Armond's Buddy (Lee Taylor, Don MacNeill), Daciodale (Dr. J.A. Delaney, Guy Gaudette) Country Mile (Ron Kennedy, Ron Kennedy), Echo Ridge Eddy (George Calbeck, Lem Neill). Chet Lynn Roya (Stanley Mayhew, Graham Chappell), Win Barnes (E. Barnett), Cathy Girl (W.E. Jenkins, L. Jenkins).

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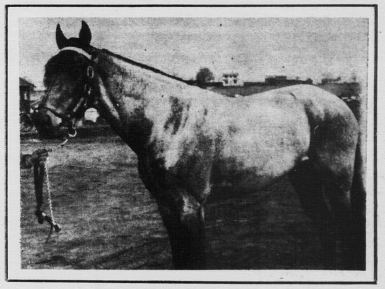

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