

Back Stretch

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Another great old timer was Flora Temple, whose career ended in 1861. She made 112 starts and won 95. She cracked the world's trotting mark five times, taking it down from 2.27 made by Tacony in 1856, to 2.19 3-4 in 1859. Flora Temple was finally dethroned by Dexter, that reduced the world's record to 2.17 1-2 August 14, 1867.

Boston Blue was the first trotter to step a mile in three minutes. That was in 1818. He was not a race horse, his principal job was to haul tow boats along the Kennebec River between Augusta and Waterville, Maine. One day his owner had to make a visit to a neighbor some miles away so he saddled Boston Blue and found that he had a natural trotting gait with quite a turn of speed. After giving him some secret preparation he made bets that he could trot a mile under saddle in three minutes or better. The event took place at Jamaica, N.Y., and the mile was in exactly three minutes.

Our horseman friend F. H. Copp, M.P.P., writes from Miami, Florida... Mrs. Copp and myself had pneumonia in late fall and are spending considerable time in this warm climate enjoying the sunshine and swimming and are both greatly improved in health. We expect to leave St. Petersburg March 31st and arrive in Fredericton Easter Monday for the balance of the season. I was out to see the races at Gulfstream Park Saturday. Quite naturally they do not have the same enjoyment for me as sulky races. Prize money on the main event of the day was \$7,500 and as quite often happens, the favorite did not win, otherwise Wynford 2nd would not have paid \$76.20 for \$2.00. I am sending you a picture of the new track to each race track. The Hialeah closed February 28th and Gulf Stream opened March 1st. Saturday's attendance was over 20,000. The last day at Hialeah the attendance was about 40,000. Both courses have lakes and in the infield they carry on water sports where skiers present most of the entertainment between the heats. Thanks, F. H. for remembering us and we are glad that you and Mrs. Copp have improved so much in health.

A letter received from Cecil M. McGinley, Houlton, Maine, gives the latest news from the Pine Tree State... The trotter Clyde Hanover 2.11 2-5 has been sold by the Merton Roberts Estate, Easton, Maine, to Roy Gantley, Gorham, Maine, and Ralph Haley has sold Guy Majesty 2.06 to Clarence Seeley, both of Fort Fairfield. The high class pacing mare Nancy Wyeth 2.08, that earned \$12,932, on the pace and reduced her record to 2.06 last year over a half mile track, has been sold by Lee Ervin of Houlton to Verne Devlin of Lake Placid, New York. She has seen an outstanding race mare since she was a colt. Mr. Ervin has had numerous offers around \$8,000 and while the price paid by Mr. Devlin has not been divulged it must have been considerably over that figure.

In conversation with Willard Kelly we learn that he plans to change his pacer Lucky Number 2.11 1-5 by Kalmuck 2.15 4, dam, Jane Azoff 1.59 4, over to the trot. Willard says he is a good trotter and no doubt he hopes he will follow in the footsteps of his half-brother Wait N'ee, that took a record of 2.11 1-5 at that gait last season. Lucky Number was first to the wire seven times last season and his total winnings of \$2,085, places him in the 21 class. As a trotter he

will be eligible to the 2.30 class. While we are hoping that Lucky Number makes good on the trot we are confident that with another season on the pace he would take a record of better than 2.10 as he is only eight years old and still in his prime. Any one who saw his whirlwind finishes could not help but admire the son of Jane Azoff.

Our old pacing friend Peter Budlong 2.10, by Calumet Budlong, after defeating the best they could put up against him in the state of Maine on ice this season, including Mabel Patch 2.11 4-5, and being unofficially declared champion ice pacer of the Pine Tree State, had his colors lowered by the New Hampshire gelding Peter Axworthy 2.07, that had beaten all the pacers on ice brought against him the past two seasons. Following is the summary... Peter Axworthy (Haddock) 2-1-1, Peter Budlong (Clarke) 1-2-2. Time, 30, 2-3 45, 29 4-3. Another big betting race the same afternoon was between Yankee Song and Roland Hanover. Harry Coleman was flown from Trenton N. J. to drive Yankee Song and he made him a straight heat winner in 29 2-5, 30.

Harness horse racing is a big sport now in the province of Quebec. Of course it has always been popular with the habitants from the earliest days when the horse was the only means of locomotion. In recent years Quebec buyers have picked off most of the "ripe cherries" at the auctions and now they are going in for breeding on a big scale. As an example we may quote the fact that the Volomite stallion Curly Smart 4, 2.03 4, over a half-mile track, has been placed in the stud by J. A. Morin at St. Henri de Levis. Mr. Morin owns a select brood mare band of fourteen and other breeders there will also patronize his stallion Curly Smart, and another stallion owned by him, Spencer Abbe 2.09.

This afternoon's program of ice racing staged by the Victoria Driving Club promises to be one of the best of the entire season. The fast pacing mare Rhodola D., owned by Dr. Austin Delaney of Summerside, will be here to match strides with Billy McVay and Johnny Kalmuck. The latter has shown some sensational bursts of speed and is not to be overlooked. Several of the other events are also exceptionally good.

Many Island friends will remember Wilfred McQuaid, whose letter appears below? Thanks, Wilfred, and we hope you will let us know more about your activities later... This small state of Maryland is going in for harness racing in a big way. There will be four tracks in operation this season. I thought you would be interested to know that some 250 owners and drivers from the states of Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and Virginia have recently formed an association to protect the substantial interest and investment that they have in the sport, which as you of course, know is very rapidly becoming big business. I had the honor to be elected first secretary treasurer of the Association. I am very happy to tell you that my interest in harness racing which began as a youth in dear old Charlottetown, has continued through the years and that interest has been greatly stimulated by my reading of your column Down the Back Stretch. Very sincerely yours, Wilfred T. McQuaid.

REMEMBER WHEN

By The Canadian Press

Cambridge and Oxford university crews chalked up record times in their annual boat-race classic over a year ago today. Cambridge stretched its winning streak to 11, finishing the 4 1/4-mile course in 18 minutes, three seconds, just 15 seconds better than Oxford. The Light Blues lowered their own scores in 1948, by covering the course in 17 minutes 50 seconds.

Hunters Corner

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then did the big owl take to wing carrying what was left of the Hun with it. At this moment another Snowy owl was observed circling over some scrub bushes not far from the track.

Skunks are beginning to take their regular spring constitutional in alarming numbers. The skunk presents a problem in this province. They are definitely on the increase and it is evident that the one month (April) in which a bounty has been paid on their snouts is not sufficient to hold them in check let alone cut down on their numbers. This is a matter that demands immediate attention. Skunks are inveterate egg eaters and are continually on the prowl all spring and summer on lookout for nests. Whether it be nests of game birds, terns (a species of the gull family) or ground nesting song birds it matters not to Jimmie's skunk. Farmer are not immune from his unwelcome visitations and his surprising the number of eggs a skunk will steal before his thieving is noticed.

Crows are beginning to flock to the province from their wintering grounds farther south although a fairish number remained with us all winter. The crow does his greatest damage in the sportsmen's eyes during April and May when they make a dead set on the nests of black ducks, pheasants and Huns, etc. Once farmers start tilling the land the crow comes up on his hunt for eggs and nestlings and spends the bulk of his time following the plough or harrows. At this period they consume large quantities of harmful grubs, etc. Whether or not the good they do overbalances the harm is a question we hope to have some light thrown upon during the next two or three years. Our nesting black ducks took a bad beating last spring from some source and this columnist would like to see the campaign against the crow that was started last summer re-opened during April and May.

Metaphors that a system of donating valuable prizes to those bringing the greatest number of feet would result in a competitive spirit and produce more satisfactory results than the payment of 10 cents per pair of feet.

Keen Racing At Millvale

The Millvale Driving Club held their sixth race of the season on Wednesday afternoon when a large crowd of spectators turned out to witness some keen racing on a well-conditioned track.

There were three classes run off with an entry list of 10 horses. Lady Blondell won the Class A event with Bud Abner coming a close second. In the Class B event, Jerry Worthy took the race in straight heats, with Golden Bars making it a nip and tuck battle. Princess Scott took top honors in the Colt Class in straight heats.

Silver trophies will be awarded to the winning horses in the A, B, and C classes at the end of the final meet of the season which will be held next Wednesday.

Officials for the meet were: Judges, Kenneth Dugan, Gerald Smith; starter, Eric Parsons; announcer, Leonard McInnis.

The following are the results: Class A Lady Blondell (I. MacCoubrey) 1 1 Bud Abner (A. Weeks) 2 2 Bob Burns (H. Keating) 3 3 Winning horse owned by Ita MacCoubrey.

Class B Jerry Worthy (S. Corbett) 1 1 1 Golden Bars (F. Taylor) 2 2 2 Betty (B. Gamster) 3 3 3 Winning horse owned by Stirling Corbett.

Colt Class Princess Scott (S. Biggar) 1 1 1 Trixie Kalmuck (B. Hynes) 4 2 2 Buddy C. Clegg (A. Parsons) 2 4 4 Betty Dale (F. Taylor) 3 3 3 Winning horse owned by Stanley Biggar.

U.N.B. Retains Boxing Title

U N B RETAINS FREDERICTON. March 17 - (CP)—University of New Brunswick retained the Maritime intercollegiate boxing championship last night by edging Dalhousie University of Halifax 15-14 in total points. Nova Scotia Technical College, the only other institution represented, trailed with two points.

Two titles were won by default. Dick Gardner, weighing 169 pounds, of U.N.B., was unopposed in the finals and Boyd Hudson, 111, U.N.B., won when Lloyd MacDonald, of Nova Scotia Tech, failed to appear. MacDonald decided Dave Ramassar, Dalhousie, in the preliminaries. Ian Thomas, 124, won two bouts.

Garrison Rifle League

In the matches fired on Wednesday 15th March the winning teams were the Signals Regt and the P. E. I. Regt. "A" team. The line-ups and scores of the teams are as follows:

FIRST MATCH

Signals Regt. Off. Cdt. J. Gallant 95 Cpl. E. G. Mullins 92 Sgmn. L. V. MacDonald 90 Lieut. H. R. Hennessey 87 Sgt. A. A. Weeks 87

Low score counted out 451

Navy "A"

AB. J. E. MacKenzie 94 OS. D. MacKenzie 89 Off. Cdt. J. E. MacRae 88 PO. D. T. Milan 86 CPO. S. G. Bowles 86

Low score counted out 445

SECOND MATCH

P. E. I. Regt. "A"

Sgt. V. Douse 90 SSM. B. Shaw 90 Sgt. J. R. Stanley 87 Tpr. C. C. Gallant 85 SQMS. Orford 80

Low score counted out 432

P. E. I. Regt. Officers

Capt. E. R. Burke 92 Capt. L. G. MacNovin 87 Mr. E. K. Kennedy 84 Capt. R. J. Mahar 83 Lieut. G. D. MacRae 80

Low score counted out 426

League Standings

Table with columns: Signals Regt., P.E.I. Regt. Off., P. E. I. Regt. "A", 28 LAA Regt., Navy "A", R. C. M. P., R. C. A. M. C., Navy Officers, Navy "B".

Bowling

Y.M.C.A. ALLEYS

Ladies Friday Afternoon League

Team 1-2480-3 1/2 points Team 2-2596-4 points Team 3-2526-1 point High 4-2166-1 1/2 points. High single Mary Ives 227 High three L. MacDonald 619

Y. M. C. A. ALLEYS

Y's Menette Bowling League

Team No. 1-1924-3 points Team No. 3-1796-2 points High single Mrs. Barrett 174 High three Mrs. Barrett 444

HOLY NAME ALLEYS

Big Four League

All Stars-3239. Alerts-3488. High single, Dr. L. I. Duffy, 365. High three, Dr. L. I. Duffy, 846. Points: All Stars 1, Alerts 4.

K. of C. League

Wizards-3389. Saints-2954. High single, Rev. Fr. Simpson, 281. High three, H. T. H. Power, 633. Points: Wizards 4 1/2, Saints 5 1/2. City Slickers-3156. Canadians-3224. High single, J. Coyle, 270. High three, J. Butler, 648. Points: City Slickers 1 1/2, Canadians 3 1/2.

Western Gents-2877.

High single, L. Butler, 244. High three, L. Butler, 586. Points: Westerners 4, Western Gents 1. Islanders-3151. Royal Canadians-3055. High single, Leo DesRoches, 250. High three, Leo DesRoches, 622. Points: Islanders 4, Royal Canadians 1.

Y. ALLEYS

Wednesday Afternoon Ladies BOWLING LEAGUE

Team 1-1890-0 points Team 2-2397-5 points High single Mrs. Carter 248 High three Mrs. Carter 650

Team 3-2076-0 points Team 4-2180-5 points High single Mrs. Mutch 231. High three Mrs. Mutch 587.

for U.N.B. in matches with Charles Reardon, Tech, and Joe Christiansen, Dalhousie. Dalhousie winners in the finals were James Cruickshanks, 193, Murray Dubohansky, 133, Andy Berns, 142, and Joe Mattheson, 149.

Lenten Guideposts

Personal Messages of Inspiration and Faith

Edited by Norman Vincent Peale

YOU'LL GET WHAT YOU ASK FOR!

By Lucius Humphrey

Totally deaf as a boy, Lucius Humphrey was inspired with a faith that one day he would hear again. And the morning came when he heard his mother's laughter. Since then Mr. Humphrey has become the spiritual mentor of hundreds of important and successful people. He is author of "It Shall Be Done Unto You."

"I do not believe in miracles--I have seen too many of them." This bit of cleverness of Oscar Wilde's is not amusing to me but true. I deal constantly in miracles that I know them to be the results of spiritual laws which are as relentless and as beneficial according to how they are used as natural laws.

"According to thy faith it shall be done unto you." That is all. If you ask with any-doubt whatsoever, you will not get your request, or your prayer will be only partially answered "according to thy faith."

Jesus said, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing ye shall receive." And again "Jesus said unto him, 'Receive thy sight; thy faith has made thee whole.'"

If then, you are not receiving "miraculous" answers to your prayers, you are not believing... believing that what you ask for you will receive... believing in the Will of God and that your prayer is in accord with His will, and that you will use it for His Holy Purpose.

He Believed People ask me endlessly how I came to have such faith. When I was a small boy, I went totally deaf through scarlet fever. My mother however, refused to accept this deafness as final. "If you and I pray with all our hearts," she insisted, "your hearing will be perfect."

Every night she'd write on our talk-pad, "Remember, Lucius, in the morning you will hear." That sent me to sleep believing. And the morning came when I heard her laughter... Within a few months we needed no scribbled notes between us. I have never worn a hearing aid, have never since had pain, and unless I'm feeling ill or very tired, I have never had the slightest difficulty hearing.

But that was not all. "God has given you your hearing through prayer," my mother told me. "See to it you listen... to help Him."

Since this miracle of prayer I have spent much of my life listening to the troubles and confusions of others.

Two Brothers I am reminded of two brothers who came to me for help. They were very close in age, well-to-do, of good family and personable. George from earliest age was popular, handsome, successful in all he did, keen and full of the joy of life. He came to me first because of girl trouble, and I was able to straighten him out.

Then he told me of his brother, Ted, whom he adored. Ted was far from handsome and lately far from well, he had always "played second fiddle" to George. He passed in school when George copped top honors. He got hurt in sports although he had ability enough, while George was a football hero in college. He had gotten a good job in a bank, but George went out and made a name for himself at six times the money.

The two brothers were very close and all had remained harmonious until Ted's health began to fail. George was engaged to be married--brilliantly married to the girl he adored. Ted too had met the "one-and-only" girl but she was only "fond" of him. This last blow was too much for Ted. He slowly began to lose his grip, his health and now... now George knew for a fact that Ted was contemplating suicide.

"Mr. Humphrey," George asked earnestly, "could you... would you somehow manage to see Ted and save him?"

A Little Plot So George and I fixed up a little plot whereby I would arrange to see Ted without seeming to be in any way concerned about his affairs. I prayed for guidance in my

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BATT and MacRAE LTD. Well, I am. I smiled. "And I believe. How about my challenge?" Several minutes later he began to show interest and soon had agreed to give me a full trial.

"You admit your outlook has been pretty dark," I said. "Darker than you will ever know!"

"The definition of darkness is lack of light," I replied. How about letting the light in?

"Start out," I continued, "with this simple statement: 'Let there be understanding and satisfaction in all that you do.' I want you to say that and promise me to repeat that ten times this afternoon and ten times before sleeping and ten times on waking. Then come to see me--lunch with me tomorrow."

There was a broad smile on Ted's face when he walked in to have lunch with me the next day. I knew God was answering my prayer and that my work with this boy would be good.

Miracles! Yes! But "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" is not a mystical saying. It is a spiritual and holy science. Anyone who will ask and ask rightly, who will exercise control of his thinking and practice positive faith, shall arrive not only at the place he has asked for, but will get more than full measure, pressed down and running over.

MONDAY -- Harold Russel tells his own story--the story of a hard-boiled veteran who overcame his self-pity and desire to win nation-wide acclaim and two Academy awards for his role in that unforgettable picture "The Best Years of Our Lives."

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