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DOWN THE BACK STRETCH

he Summerside race track management has announced its program for first of July races. There be a 2.15 trot and pace, 2.22 and pace and a 2.28 trot and e. These classes will bring toner good fields and make excelt racing.

uy Ann (2) 2.24 1-4, by Clover winner of the Prince Edward nd Futurity last fall now three s old, and June Clover (2) by ver Guy 2.07 1-2, dam Shirley rey by Captain Aubrey 2.07 1-2 of Natalia Aquilan 2.17 1-4, owned by George A. Calibeck, mmerside, P. E. I., are receiving r spring training at the hands Myron McArthur, Kensington, E. I.

on McFayden of Augustine Cove, a three year old pacer by Clo- Guy that should be an awful prospect. Her dam is Helen rey 2.09 1-4, full sister to Peter ey 2.06 1-2, Gwendolyn Aubrey 1-4 and the dam of Guy Ann 2.24 1-4.

rofessor S. A. Rockford, now lod in Summerside, has made an ortant purchase, securing ownip o the five year old pacer ina Axworthy by Bud Axworthy Purina won the two year old s at the Provincial Exhibition, rlottetown, 1933. It is the Pror's intention to get him ready next year for as he says he is reat big horse and it will take of time to get him ready. He shipping Katherine C. 2.10 1-4 ort Elgin today. The remainder his stable he will place in train- for Dominion Day races.

aniel Madden, Campbellton, N. writes that he is getting Volo , 2.04 ready for a campaign New Brunswick tracks, racing cipally in his own section, mpbellton and Bathurst. He es the son of Manrico B. is in ant condition and he hopes to e a very successful season with

alumet Budlong 2.02 3-4 is entd in the Free-for-All at Skowan, Maine, August 17th. There some eighteen others in it so re will be no lack of competition Billy Hood decides to go after $2,500. purse there. Calumet dlong if in the condition he was seasons ago can make a race h anything that paces, as he miles in better than 2.04 over alf-mile track and looking for ses at the end.

arl Avery has given regular kouts to nine candidates at the odstock, N. B., track. Bud Wen- 2.00 is his standby for the 2.12 Free-for-All paces. He is one those tough Ontario bred chaps t stand a lot of grief and has n campaigning hard for several rs. Last year he was knocking the door when his opponents e pacing in 2.05 over half-mile cks and he is certainly better n a 2.10 pacer over any kind of l. He won three heats each in in the Free-for-All pace at toocook, N. H. Sept. 17th.

rave Arion 2.08 hung up quite tring of victories in 1933-34, but year in tougher company found going difficult. He started in een events and won one. That, vever, does not indicate that he all through, because he really nt excellent races but found the osition a little too hard for him the Pine Tree State. He is eligto the 2.15 class and will give good account of himself.

Northern Prince 2.15 is eligible he 2.24 pace. He made ten starts year winning his last. His best e was at Contoocook, N. H., ere he was three times second 2.09 1-2, 2.10 1-2, 2.11 1-2.

Captain Tell 2.09 1-2 is a trotby Justice Brooke, therefore d the same as Calumet Bee. He been racing for two years with- heading any summaries. Last son he made two starts at Conocook, N. H. He won the first t in 2.09 1-2, then dropped back 4, 5. 2, in the summary. He probably a bit notional or erratic, Avery has wonderful ability h that type of horse and perps he will be as successful with Captain as he was with Alan rvester 2.09.

Martindell 2.11 is well known to e fans here. He is eligible to the pace. Peter Pin is a four year that took a record of 2.19 1-4 Woodstock last fall as a three r old. Fair Weather is a two r old with a record of 2.18. The last member of the stable is Calumet Dodge, a green pacer by Guy Abbey 2.06 1-4.

Saint John will have their first horse race on May 25th. The events will be on the matinee plan and between twenty and thirty horses are expected to take part.

Hugh Walker had Bob O Boy 2.14, son of Colonel Aubrey trial 2.10 3-4, in town yesterday. He has wrought a wonderful change in the five year old gelding adding at least fifty pounds to his weight. Asked the formula Hugh said plenty of hay and grain with a half-cupful of pure genuine cod liver oil every evening in the feed. In the writer's opinion Hugh is one of the best in the province to put a horse in condition.

Will Utton, whose headquarters is at Barton, Vermont, has a formidable stable this year which includes Johnny Walker 2.04 1-4, Skeeter Abbedale (2) 2.13 1-2, and two year olds by Scotland 1.59 1-4. He was the man up behind Braden Custer 2.06 1-4 last year. Braden is now a first string horse with Billy Hood, North Sydney.

Henry Ingraham, hotel keeper of Sherbrooke, Quebec, must be running close to the Biblical span of life, but still maintains a keen interest in horses. He has three record pacers and three green trotters and pacers that are being prepared for this season's campaign. Henry had more than ordinary success in the old days when he was the owner of Tilly Brooke 1.59, world's champion trotter, now in the brood mare ranks at Walnut Hall Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Mc I Win (3) 1.59 3-4 by Mr. McElwyn 1.59 1-4, will be remembered as the winner of fifteen races in his three year old form. He suffered an injury and was retired for a season, being placed in the stud. His youngsters are showing up so favorably in Ohio that race goers claim that when they get into competition the public will see a new kind of racing proposition.

Paul Bowser, celebrated wrestler and later wrestling promoter, whom we have referred to so frequently in these columns has only a fair chance of recovery from a serious operation for gall stones. While Paul has been a patient in hospital there has been a great hue and cry re a so-called wrestling trust of which Paul is the king pin. His illness has created sympathy for him, however, and the rest of the members of the trust are taking all the press and public denunciations.

By the appearance of things the Prince Edward Island Futurities will not lack for starters. Everywhere you look there is a hopeful two year old or three year old prospect being given its early lessons. Two likely looking youngsters seen on the streets recently are out of Marge Direct 2.13 1-4, formerly owned by Dr. Charles Dougan. One is a two year old and the other a three year old.

Charlie Crummer who was here with Guy the Tramp 2.02, is in hot company this year with his eleven year old warrior that he converted to the trot and won eleven out of fifteen starts with in 1935. Here are a few of the really great trotters he will stack up against: American Hanover 2.03 3-4, Lee Hanover 2.07 1-2, Louis Guy 2.04 3-4, but he is confident that he can hold his own even in such company. "If not," says Charlie, "I will turn him back to the pace."

The Charlottetown Driving Park track is in grand shape for preparatory training, with a lovely cushion on it that could not possibly sore a horse. The road leading past the harness horse stables on the south side of the track is being ashed, some 100 loads of nail and debris free ashes being placed on it so as to prevent it getting mucky in rainy weather and dusty in dry weather. Ash roads are also being made all through and around the stock barns leading from the Main Building. The intention is to light them up at night with electric light so that the thousands who attend can wander around if they wish and view the stock exhibits.

A large parking ground was cleared last fall, rolled and it is now a lovely green. This will be used for parking stock exhibitor's cars so that none will appear around the Main Building where they are a great fire hazard and also interfere with the comfort of the people.

At first it was thought when considering the program for the Provincial Exhibition races which will occupy four days this year, that the Futurities could be run off on one day of the meet, but on further consideration this is believed to be impossible as the number of entries will likely be very large and the program will run to at least five events, two and three year old classes likely being divided into trotters and pacers. Colt races will be given at the Exhibition as other years and 2.24 will be pre-futurity test for the candidates.

One of the best conditioned horses seen at the Charlottetown track for many seasons is Dermat 2.04 1-4. He has not missed a day's work all winter and has had double-headers now for nearly three weeks. Two years ago Dermat could pace half mile tracks in 2.05 or better. The writer hopes that he will repeat and be as good this year.

An argument occurred the other evening between two horsemen regarding certain two minute trotters, and then they switched to pacers. The writer was appealed to to straighten out matters. To save other arguments I am publishing today the two minute trotters and next week will give the two minute pacers. Cut out the list and keep it in your scrap book for future reference.

Trotters

Peter Manning 1.56 3-4
Uhlan 1.58.
Lee Axworthy 1.58 1-4,
Nedda 1.58 1-4.
Lou Dillon 1.58 1-2,
Guy McKinney (4) 1.58 3-4.
Tilly Brooke 1.59,
Mr. McElwyn 1.59 1-4,
Protector (3) 1.59 1-4,
Scotland 1.59 1-4,
The Marchioness (3) 1.59 1-4,
Arion Guy (4) 1.59 1-2,
Charlotte Hanover (3) 1.59 1-2,
Hanover's Bertha (3) 1.59 1-2,
Major Delmar 1.59 3-4,
Rose Scott 1.59 3-4,
Spencer (3) 1.59 3-4.
Una Signal 1.59 3-4.
Calumet Evelyn (4) 2.00,
Greyhound (3) 2.00,
Miss Bertha Hanover (4) 2.00,
Tara (4) 2.00.

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Connie Mack Well Pleased With Team

By Paul Mickelson,
Associated Press Sports Writer
(By Guardian's Special Wire)

NEW YORK, May 8.—Down the sports trail and into the dugout of one of the most surprising clubs in all baseball history—Connie Mack's "orphans of the storm:"

Tactician . . . The familiar weather-beaten face that was wreathed with lines of despair just one month ago beamed an infectious smile. Connie Mack, the tactitutor, had money in his pocket, a good ball club on the field again and said he felt like pinching himself to see if he were dreaming. Great was the contrast from the tired looking patriarch who took over a nondescript lot in march to the man who happily waved his score card today as he sent his "orphans" against New York Yankees.

"We have a lot of work to do and holes to plug up", said Connie, "but this ball club has been one of the most pleasing ones of my whole career. Every man is hustling and fighting. The fans in Philadelphia, the same ones who once bombarded us and called us names when we sold Foxx and other fellows, are for us.

Pennant Race . . . Connie refused to separate Detroit, Boston, New York or Cleveland in the pennant fight, but all he talked about was Cleveland.

"That's a great ball club; I mean a great one," he said. "My, what power and what pitching, and that Gleeson who replaced Campbell. He's a great ball player.

Detroit will find it very hard to win again. I'll tell you why: when a team has won two in a row, the players are tired; it takes more to pick up their spirits. The old spark seems to go. Cochrane knows it. Even with Greenberg they'd have it hard."

Rogue's Gallery . . . Earl Mack. Connie's son who coaches the Athletics, also smiled. At last Earl knows all the players by their first names.

"We had 46 when we started out, so I clipped the roster from the newspaper, keeping up with all the additions so I'd be able to tell dad the right names. At Fort Myers, you know, we spoke to every young fellow we saw because we didn't know for sure if he was one of our boys."

Saint John Alleys Retain Bowling Trophy

(C. P. By Guardian's Special Wire)

SAINT JOHN, N. B., May 8—Retaining the Brunswick-Balke-Collendar trophy they have held for the past five years, Black's Alleys of Saint John remained supreme tonight among candlepin bowling teams of the Maritime Provinces and Eastern Maine.

A 1,551-1,445 win over Lucky Strikes, Saint John, clinched the championship again for the strong, consistent Black's. They lost only one out of 12 matches and that was their first against Ellsworth, Me., when the tournament opened Tuesday morning.

The New England team finished second in the standing, having won 10 and lost two. Campbellton was rolling against Woodstock late tonight and Fredericton against Porter's, of Saint John, but the result could have no effect on the standing of Black's and Ellsworth.

SCOTTISH TRAINER DEAD

DUNBAR, Scotland—J. N. Boyd, trainer of racehorses in Scotland for 10 years, is dead at 54 after an illness of some weeks.

Chuck Templeton

SPORTRAITS

A RAY OF HOPE!

ON THE SIDELINES

BOXING IS DEFINITELY on the upgrade not only in local circles but all over the Island generally. Success which attended the recent Binns-Leslie scrap is largely responsible for this state of affairs and almost daily challenges arrive from boxers seeking a crack at Leslie's crown or some of the other well-known Island mitt slingers. Summerside will likely stage a card in the near future but locally promoters are marking time for the present. They are literally besieged with challengers, mostly aspiring heavies, but as yet haven't decided just what course to follow. Now that boxing is attracting attention they are unwilling to risk their hard fought gains by staging any poor cards and so at present are casting about for the best means by which to satisfy the customers, and to guarantee that Leslie meets the best possible opponent. Big Bill Sparks, hard-hitting heavy from Amherst, N. S., is one of the challengers, a wire received from his manager stating that he would like his boy to meet Leslie in either a ten or fifteen round bout.

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SPARKS, A VETERAN of the squared circle and well-known throughout the Dominion, would no doubt draw a packed house, but local promoters have received word from Leslie the matter is being held in abeyance.

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BUT WITH ALL the Island fighters aspiring to have a crack at the Souris boy it is more than likely that a series of elimination fights will be held. In this way the boxers would have to show their stuff and when the winner would be declared it would be a sure bet that the best possible Island opponent would be facing the Island champion. Such a move should go over big.

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IF THE ELIMINATION idea goes through Bennie Binns is sure to be an entrant. Far from discouraged with his recent defeat, the hard-hitting young middleweight is anxious for another bout with his recent conqueror.

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MANY FANS ARE of the opinion that it is a poor policy matching Binns with much bigger and heavier opponents but Bennie himself entertains no such ideas. "The bigger they come, the harder they fall," is Binns' way of dismissing anyone that broaches the subject to him and right now he intends keeping in the best of shape as he aims for another fight with Leslie.

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IN REGARDS TO the fight at Summerside mentioned at the start of this column A. E. Harris, Summerside sport enthusiast, let it be known last night that arrangements are about completed for a fight between Binns and Vic Trenholm of Amherst, N. S. If staged the bout will take place in the Crystal rink at Summerside about May 22. Trenholm holds a decision over the Charlottetown boy from a former meeting.

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INTEREST IN baseball appears at a low ebb this season. For the second time in the week a meeting had to be postponed when only about a half dozen showed up at the Holy Name Club last evening for what was expected to be the organizing of this year's league. It was disappointing to say the least to the few who year after year go about organizing for the season's work. They too are becoming a little fed up on the whole thing and now it rests up to the players themselves whether or not there will be any ball league this season. They will have to get together, and soon, if baseball is to be saved from becoming a dead issue.

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WITH REGARD TO the Stars, last year's champions, they are all ready to get to work but as yet no opponents have made their presence known. Several members of the Stars, however, are endeavoring to get a couple of teams organized and perhaps by the first of the week the baseball outlook will take on a much brighter appearance.

Leafs Blank Syracuse 7-0, Royals Win

MONTREAL, May 8—Jake Mooty pitched four-hit ball to blank Syracuse at Toronto today in the second game of the series. The Leafs clouted two Syracuse pitchers, Byron Humphreys and Matty Holmes, for 15 hits to win by 7-0.

Tom Oliver featured the Toronto attack with four singles in five trips to the plate.

Mooty has pitched 17 runless inning in succession here; against Baltimore last Monday he blanked the Birds in the last eight innings of a 12 inning game when he went in as a relief pitcher and held them to two hits.

Royals made it two straight victorys from Baltimore Orioles here turning back the Birds 6-3 in their International Baseball League fixture.

For Royals the victory was their eighth in nine starts at home. Henry Johnson got credit for the win although unable to finish. Injured as he slid into the plate in the fifth inning, Johnson worked seven frames and gave Orioles seven hits before Phil Hensiek took over.

Orioles chased Hensiek to the showers in the ninth, loading the bases with one out and Harry Smythe was called on to finish for the homesters.

Cliff Melton pitched good ball for four innings but Royals clouted him for extra base blows in the fifth, scoring three runs on four hits. Fresco Thompson, Montreal captain, led the attack with two doubles and a single that brought two runs home.

Pay Up Ruled Derby Favorite

LONDON, May 8—Lord Astor's colt Pay Up ruled favorite tonight for the Derby, to be run at Epsom Downs May 27.

Pay Up, victor in the Two Thousand Guineas, was quoted at 8 to 1 in the late callover. Other odds included 17 to 2 for the Aga Khan's Taj Akbar, 9 to 1 for Lord Astor's Rhodes Scholar, 100 to 9 for Sir Alfred Butt's Noble King, 100 to 6 for the Aga Khan's Bala Hissar, eighteen to 1 for the Aga Khan's Mahmoud, 25 to 1 for Marcel Boussac's Abjer, 28 to 1 for the Duke of Marlborough's Monument and S. D. Hollingsworth's Raeburn, 33 to 1 for Sir George Bullough's Daytona and Major J. S. Courtauld's Walvis Bay, and 40 to 1 for Mrs. J. Shand's Thankerton, Lord Carnarvon's His Grace, Lord Derby's St. Magnus and Mrs. Gordon Smith's Fearless Fox.

Jack Kenny President Of Tennis Club

"Started in 1932, with zeal and ardor that is hard to equal, the Holy Redeemer Tennis and Volleyball Club progressed so rapidly that as a result we have today a Club which is a credit to our small community. Progress has been the keynote of the club ever since its origin four years ago. Let it continue. The year just ended has indeed been a year of advancement. May the year just ahead produce even greater results for the Holy Redeemer Tennis Club," stated retiring President Pius Callaghan in his report at the annual meeting of Holy Redeemer Tennis and Volleyball Club.

The meeting was held last evening in the parish hall. President Callaghan presided.

Reports of undoubtedly the most successful year of the Club since its inception were heard at the meeting.

Splendid progress financially was indicated in the financial report, submitted by the Secretary Treasurer, Miss Stella Smith.

The President's report, appearing in full below, gave a comprehensive review of activities during the past year.

Several members spoke briefly, each referring to the splendid progress made by the Club during the past year.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the outgoing executive.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers for the coming year, elected by a nominating committee, are as follows:

Honorary President — Rev. H. I. Fleming, C.SS.R.
President—Jack Kenny.
1st Vice-president—Harry Toombs.
2nd Vice-president—Ruth Duffy.
Secretary-treasurer—Stella Smith.
Advisory Committee—Frank DesRoches, Jack Coyle, Edna Richards.

Other committees appointed were as follows:

Membership Committee—H. Morrisey (chairman), H. Morgan, C. Kenny, H. Garrett, R. McKenzie.

Courts—P. Callaghan (chairman), F. DesRoches, F. Gallant, E. Blanchard, E. Toombs.

Entertainment Committee — R. Duffy (chairman), D. Connors, H. Costello, A. Coyle, C. Kenny.

Following is the President's report:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To-night's meeting marks the third annual meeting of the Holy Redeemer Tennis Club. Started in 1932 with zeal and ardor that is hard to equal, the Holy Redeemer Tennis Club progressed so rapidly that as a result we have today a Club which is a credit to our small community.

Last year was no exception in the way of advancement. You have heard the Treasurer's report which clearly showed you the splendid progress the Club has made financially during 1935-36.

During the last twelve months we have had many activities. Our first venture was a Moonlight Cruise which was very successful both financially and socially. The annual tennis tourney was by far the best yet. Greater interest was shown throughout the whole tournament and more skilful tennis was displayed. Our annual tennis picnic, held last August at MacMillan's Hotel, Stanhope, proved to be a most enjoyable affair. Our bingo parties in the Fall were a real "find", a surprising amount being realized on the two we staged.

The Winter season this year was an excellent one. House league hockey brought out more players than in previous years. A splendid league was drawn up, five teams participating namely, Nomads, Cowboys, Senators, Benedicts and Giants, with the Giants finally winning the championship. Skating, on the whole, was better attended this year. This was due, in a large way, to the ideal weather conditions we had throughout the Winter. Before leaving the Winter activities I must thank on behalf of all the members, Messrs. Harry Toombs, Ev. Toombs and Bob King for the fine manner in which they handled the rink. I wish also to thank scrapers and anybody who lent a hand in order to further the success of the Club.

During the past year, we unfortunately lost our Honorary President, Father Fisher. A presentation was made to him by the Club previous to his departure. Father McKenna, who has taken the place made vacant by Father Fisher, has done everything possible for the betterment of the Tennis Club. He has given us of his time and ability and to him we all should be deeply grateful. One of our junior members, Joseph White, died recently. A High Mass was sung for the repose of his soul at the request of the Tennis Club.

In conclusion, my friends, I wish to thank all those people who were instrumental in having the courts put in shape last Spring; also Harry Toombs and the rest of the boys who kept them in such splendid condition all Summer. To James Coyle, Sr., of the Patriot and Theo. Gallant and James Duffy of the Guardian for their valuable assistance throughoutout the year, we are deeply indebted. To our Secretary who handled the business end of the club in a most satisfactory manner, we are indeed grateful. To each and every member for their splendid co-operation at all times, we say thank you.

Progress has been the keynote of the club ever since its origin four years ago. Let it continue.

The year just ended has indeed been a year of advancement. May the year just ahead produce even greater results for the Holy Redeemer Tennis Club.

Respectfully submitted,
J. PIUS CALLAGHAN,
President.

Canzoneri Stages Brilliant Come-back To Win Decision Over Jimmy McLarnin

(By Alan Gould Associated Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, May 8—Surviving a first round blast that had him battered and bleeding, apparently on the verge of a knockout, Tony Canzoneri came back tonight to give Jimmy McLarnin a second trimming in one of the most spectacular fights little fellows have waged here in many a moon.

At the end of 10 furious rounds, witnessed by a sweltering, near-capacity crowd in Madison Square Garden, Canzoneri carried off the unanimous decision of two judges and the referee, Arthur Donovan.

The lightweight champion, who looks like a miniature Babe Ruth and hits with the same abandon when the mood strikes him, won off by himself with as dazzling a rally as the fight faithful have ever seen.

Won Seven Rounds

Canzoneri won seven rounds, dropped McLarnin to one knee with a terrific right-hander in the second round and had the one-time "baby-faced" dynamiter from Vancouver at the mercy of two-fisted fire at the finish.

Once the terror of all the little men of fistiana, McLarnin started off with so sudden and furious an attack that it looked as though Canzoneri would quickly be added to Jimmy's long list of victims. Only his remarkable stamina saved Tony from going down and possibly out in that hectic first round. Blood streamed from his nose. His legs acted like a pair of stilts. His eyes were glassy.

The "wise money" that had made Jimmy a 9 to 5 favorite at the ring side was all ready to be spent.

Swift Turn

But the fortunes of fistic warfare turned swiftly. Having taken McLarnin's stiffest punches without going down, and recuperating rapidly between rounds, Canzoneri came out with a second round rush that soon had the crowd in a frenzy and McLarnin in obvious perplexity.

The crafty Canzoneri, regaining the aggressive so quickly that McLarnin must have thought he was facing two other fellows, opened fire with both hands. He not only lashed Jimmy fearfully with both hands, but made the Canadian Irishman's counter punches look bad. A right smash that started from the floor dropped Jimmy to one knee but he was up without a count.

From there on, with the exception of the fourth and eighth which went to McLarnin by a shade on points, it was all Canzoneri.

The lightweight champion spotted his rival more than six pounds, scaling 136 1-2 to McLarnin's 143, but asserted hi punching as well as boxing mastery. He repeatedly beat Jimmy to the punch, meanwhile bobbing or weaving out of range of counter thrusts. He rarely wasted a move but when he got an opening he seized it with the furious rush of a young lion.

In the fifth, ninth and 10th rounds McLarnin staggered under Canzoneri's two-fisted fire. Jimmy's nose bled from the fifth on. In the ninth only the ropes saved the former welter king from hitting the floor after he absorbed a terrific blast to the head. Tony's left landed flush and Jimmy recoiled as though hit by a club. He plunged into the ropes but righted himself and lasted the round.

McLarnin fought the 10th and last round mainly on his nerve and courage. His face was swollen, his nose bleeding, his arms laden with weariness. Lashed at intervals by his rival's sharp blows, Jimmy countered feebly and moved about like a man in a trance. But he managed to remain erect to the final bell, despite Tony's vigorous efforts to bring him down.

Canzoneri was given an ovation for his victory, one of the finest of his long and brilliant fighting career.

The paid attendance was 16,905 and the gate receipts $85,763.50. Except for the Louis-Paulino match last December, which Mike Jacobs promoted in collaboration with the Garden, the house was the biggest for any fistic attraction in the eighth avenue arena since 1932.

HOME RUN STANDING

Yesterday's Homers: Mize, Cards, 2; Medwick, Cards; Galan, Cubs; Cuyler, Reds; Puccinelli, Athletics; Cooke, Red Sox; R. Ferrell, Red Sox, one each.

The Leaders: Foxx, Red Sox, 8; Dickey, Yanks, 6; Trosky, Indians, 6; Klein, Cubs, 5.

League Totals: American 99, National 83, total 182.

WE DRIVERS

A Series of Brief Discussions on Driving, Dedicated to the Safety, Comfort and Pleasure of the Motoring Public. Prepared by General Motors

No. 3—MIST AND FOG

SO LONG as there is light we may skip around at a lively rate over this old globe of ours. We may span oceans in surprising time. We may cross the continent from sun-up to sun-down.

But every now and then Mother Nature decides to put us in our place, and of all her devices to make us slow down, none is more effective than mist and fog.

Now we may not have to contend with fog and mist very frequently, but we're bound to now and then, and when we do, it can cause us a lot of annoyance and trouble.

When a good heavy fog comes—on land, at sea or in the air—everything that moves, moves with caution. The ocean liner slows down several knots an hour. Lightships signal, buoys sound and foghorns boom. Airlines ground their planes and cancel trips. Even trains on tracks reduce their speed—and we drivers on the highways, too, must make our way cautiously through that baffling screen. For one thing is true. In spite of all our progress, transportation still depends on pairs of eyes in human heads.

Scientists who have studied fog, say that it is composed of tiny drops of water. These drops are so small and light that they hang in the air, and so close together that light can hardly get through them. Instead, these little drops act like tiny convex mirrors. When we try to pierce them with a beam of light, a great deal of it is thrown right back at us, so the effect is just like a great, gleaming white curtain in front of us.

Experienced drivers say that the first thing to do is to get our lights right. The main thing is to direct the beams downward. If we have them shining straight ahead, those little mist-drop mirrors reflect the rays back in our eyes. But if they're pointing downward, the rays are deflected toward the road.

Then they say it's a good idea to guide by the road edge at our right, and if we have a spotlight on our car, to focus it right on that road edge, close to the front of the car, so the edge will be clearly lighted. But we have to keep a good weather eye ahead, too, because fog veils more than the road. It hides not only things on the road but such things as roadside warnings of curves and hills and intersections. Even the traffic light's red and green signal rays have the same hard time that our headlights do getting through that strange haze. In fact, in a good heavy fog, the best we can do for our vision is none too good. And so the main thing is to slow down. The ships have to do it, the trains have to do it, and we have to do it too. If we won't make up our minds to that, they tell us the best thing we can do is to pull off the road, or if we have not yet started out, we had better just stay home.

But seeing in fog and mist is only half the story. We not only have to see, but we also have to be seen. Our headlights properly adjusted are strong enough to do their duty in pointing us out to people coming from the opposite direction. And, in addition, some drivers use their horns like foghorns by giving them a toot every now and then. But another thing we have to think of is to be sure drivers behind us see us. That's why it's so important to have our stop-signal and tail-light working when we're driving in fog. And so it's a good thing to make sure that these lights are working and to wipe off those little red glasses if they happen to be covered with mud. If the weather's clear and our tail-light has gone out, the other fellow's lights may point us out fairly well. But if his headlights are fighting fog, they can't do much to protect us.

So, when all is said and done, driving in fog is just a matter of having our headlights and tail-lights right and being a little more careful. If we do that, we can drive our cars safely, even through Nature's stubborn obstacles of mist and fog.