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year, and won \$113,462 for the season. The seven-year-old gelding was a 14 times winner in 27 outings.

Other horses that had excellent racing careers last season include Newport Star, owned by Newport Stock Farm; Merry Lynn Farm's Speedster in the Empire States series at Saratoga and Vernon; and Clearview Stables' Egyptian Princess that Earl Avery drove to victories in the United States Harness Writers Association Trot and the Buffalo Derby finale. Ohio Valley Stable's Annette Sue looked unbeatable for much of the season, but when she graduated into the free-for-all ranks it slowed her down, but not before she gathered 18 wins in 30 outings.

Other stars were Demon Rum, from the Harrison-Shields Stables; Buckeye Demon; Model Hair Famous Hanover and Lady's First.

Here are the top ten money-winning trotters for 1953, with amounts won:

Darn Safe, \$113,462; Trader Horn, \$77,696; Speedster, \$71,477; Charming Barbara, \$67,605; Egyptian Princess, \$56,904; Newport Star, \$55,829; Model Hair, \$48,886; Annette Sue, \$47,925; Buckeye Demon, \$47,507; Famous Hanover, \$42,689.

AGED PACING DIVISION

And here is a report on the aged pacing division. These include pacers over 3 years old.

One of the best season-long duels of all time developed in 1953 as Belle Acton and Speedy Pick slugged it out over the top raceways which put up enormous purses, and each netted more money than any pacer ever had won in a single year before.

George Landers, Kittery, Maine went Belle Acton, with Billy Haughton in the pilot's seat most of the time, and 'Apples' Thomas filling in capably, to 13 races of which he emerged the winner seven times in which Speedy Pick was part of the competition, while the latter took six decisions.

Belle Acton wound up with \$167,605 for the season, with an all-time record lifetime total of \$349,506. Speedy Pick with Charlie Fitzpatrick Jr at the controls for the Blue Hen Stables, won \$150,916.

In spite of their close rivalry, Belle Acton was named "Aged Pacer of the Year" by a wide margin with 61 scribes picking her while only 7 voted for Speedy Pick. Gold Worthy, owned by Dr. A.B. Thompson and handled by Curley Smart, won the raceoff for American Pacing Classic laurels from Wdower Creed, owned by Owen F. Elliott, at Hollywood Park, Cal.

Both Gold Worthy and Wdower Creed collected season's records, 1:57.1-5—in California, while Speedy Pick narrowly missed the world's record with a half-mile track season's record of 1:58.4-5.

Here are the top ten money-winning aged pacers for 1953, with their amounts won: Belle Acton, \$167,605; Speedy Pick, \$150,916; Goll Worthy, \$80,708; Amortizor, \$78,481; Duane Han-

over, \$72,135; Wdower Creed, \$65,721; Canny Scot, \$61,947; Irish, \$54,005; W.B. Direct, \$45,613; Ozark Chief, \$45,024.

The above is taken from "The Review of the Year—1953 Harness Racing" compiled by Larry Evans and Aubrey Ahern of the United States Trotting Association.

OPENS ENTRIES

Last Thursday, Joe Neville, proprietor of Delaware Raceway, Delaware, Ohio, one of the fastest and finest half-mile ovals in the world which is annually the scene of "The Little Brown Jug" three-year-old pace, one of the world's richest stakes, was busy opening envelopes containing cheques and entries for the 1954 racing of the above mentioned classic.

He had already received entries for Meadow Al, owned by the Camp Stable, and Adios Day, winners of most of the Grand Circuit packing stakes last season for two-year-olds. The former represents Joe O'Brien's top threat to join the select list of reinsmen who have won more than one "Jug". He won this past season with Shadow Wave—perhaps to some extent, encouraged by the presence of four Islanders.

Adios Day is in the stable of Del Miller—a very splendid driver who has been a top figure in the Jug for a number of years, having trained or driven winner of four. Del's writings in "Hoof Beats" are very helpful to many drivers, and he is very popular with everyone.

As our readers are aware, two-year-olds of 1953 became three-year-olds on January 1st, and

the number of candidates that may make entries to this stake consists of 138 male colts and 55 fillies, and they have been racing as two-year-olds this season, or if not, they have shown a lot in training. Some of the top three-year-olds of all time did not race as two-year-olds; Shadow Wave made his debut in California last January, and with Joe O'Brien up, took a record of 2:01 at Santa Anita.

With each entry, a certified cheque for \$250 must be sent for colts, and \$125 to keep a filly eligible.

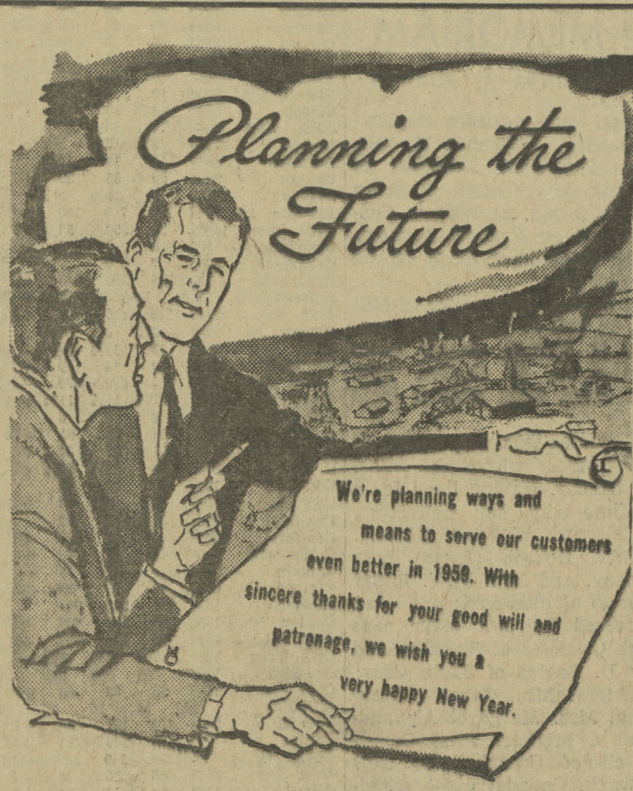
EARLIEST IN YEARS

The earliest ice racing meet in this province since 1937 will be staged on New Year's Day at the Hon. Dougald MacKinnon Speedway on North River Causeway. The meet will start at 2:30 p.m.

Mild weather, in recent years, has played havoc with plans for ice meets every winter, but this early start is regarded as a sign of a splendid season on the ice. The early opening date in 1947, it will be recalled, had the first meet on Covehead Bay.

This season's ice racing program will be handled by the Victoria Driving Club, President D.K. MacLeod reported yesterday that everything will be in readiness for New Year's Day. The racing strip has been put in good shape, and a large parking area has been cleaned away for automobiles.

Other directors and officers of the Victoria Driving Club include Dr. R.F. seaman, A.B. Cutcliffe, Stanley Matheson, Russell Abbott, Harold P. Cudmore, Roland Wood and Harry Murphy.



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#### A Special Message from Police Chief C. W. MacArthur:

As Chief of Police of Charlottetown it is my privilege - - - and my duty - - - to bring this safety message to the people of this, and nearby communities.

We all realize that come New Year's most people tend to celebrate - - - to travel much further, and much oftener, than at any other times of the year - - - and, by so doing, thus create a stream of traffic far greater than at most other periods.

May I urge you, one and all, to be extra care ful this New Year's - - - both for your own sake and that of your own family - - - and for the sake of those other people who are travelling to homes of friends and families. Your safety is important - - - so also is the safety of every other citizen.

Let us do all in our power to ensure that traffic mishaps do not mar this festive season - - - let us do all possible to allow every citizen to be s till hale and hearty come the New Year - - - so that we may all go forward together into 1954 - - - fully conscious of our responsibilities and the rights of every individual.

C. W. MacARTHUR,  
Chief of Police



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