

### Back Stretch

Four of these wins were in big stakes including the \$35,000 Roosevelt Trot at Roosevelt Raceway. The total boosted Katie Key's lifetime earnings to \$166,205. The world's record for mares is \$289,029 set up by Proximity between 1945 and 1950. Interesting to Maritimers is that Philip Scott is owned by Jere Gray and George W. Reid, Fort Fairfield, Me. horses from whose stable raced in the Marlimes for many years. Another item is that Stenographer and Harian, the two 3-year-olds in the top ten, are both by Bill Gallon and were trained by Del Miller. Bill Gallon was trained by Del Miller. Bill Gallon is coming rapidly to the front as a sire and is also the sire of the recently sold Dean Gallon 2:08 3/4.

The top money winning 2-year-old trotter of 1954 was Galofone by Bill Gallon, with winnings of \$34,793. Number 2 was Child's Handover with \$34,739 and number three was Scott Frost, the 2:00 record holder driven by Joe O'Brien, with \$33,733, followed by Butch Hanover, \$32,345. The top 2-year-old pacers were Libby's Boy with \$35,266, Mighty Leo, \$31,355, Quick Chief, \$26,167. Top 3-year-old pacers were Adios Boy with \$43,453, Diamond Hal (O'Brien) \$43,101, Phantom Lady \$37,714.

Harness racing purses hit an all time high in 1954 and the number of persons participating in the sport also reached a new peak, in a report presented by L. B. Sheppard, president of the U.S.A. to his board of directors. Purses rose to \$18,961,265 for members tracks, an increase of \$125,000 over the previous record total. Membership in the U.S.A. rose to 11,849. The previous high was 11,772 last year. A record number of racing certificates were issued this year and more horses started than in any previous year. In 1954 the Association issued 16,087 certificates as against 15,284 last year.

Bob Jewell, president of the Blooded Horse Sales Company, Wilmore, Kentucky, and his associate Harvey Clink, Bucyrus, Ohio, have issued a card of thanks to horsemen for the generous support given their 1954 sale—the most successful in their history. Buyers came from 24 states and five provinces of Canada and 32 horses were sold to Canadian buyers. The next sale will be held at Delaware, Ohio, on February 22-23-24.

Brown Castle, the only American trotter campaigned in Austria this season, won the Great Vienna Handicap October 16 at Vienna. The son of Bonnycastle won from 15 that had opposed him, finishing one length in front. of Senator Bedell 2:04 1/2, an exported American trotter. The trotting team is making great strides in Russia, new tracks are being built and efforts will be made to place it on a par with racing in other European countries, in fact in the world. As our readers are aware, Russians have taken up athletics with a vengeance and the world's greatest hammer thrower is a Russian and the Russian hockey team defeated a Canadian team that toured Europe last year. With the progress they are making in all kinds of athletics they will be a distinct threat to many world records.

Roosevelt and Yonkers Raceways which have been splitting up the New York City racing seasons, will run continuous meetings next year, according to present plans. Projected dates call for the Roosevelt meeting to run from April 1st to August 15th with Yonkers getting under way on August 8th and running to November 15th.

The S. A. Camp stable is at Del Mar, Calif. Joe O'Brien and assistant, Lee Walker and Jack Richardson are at present working with yearlings and the horses which did not race the past year. The other members of the stable are enjoying a well earned rest at the Camp ranch in Shafter, Calif. The season was a noteworthy one for Joe as he had the first 2:00 win race record 2-year-old trotter in Scott Frost and also marked Scotch Victor in 2:00 and the 3-year-old pacer Meadow Pace in 1:59 1/2. Diamond Hal in 1:59 1/2. Sol Camp has again purchased and also bred a number of top pedigree yearlings. The list totals 35 and includes some 2-year-olds. Another one in training is Mr. Anolis, bay colt by Worthy Boy 2:02 1/2, dam Cassie Hanover by Lawrence Hanover 3:00 3/4, owned by Betty O'Brien. Our readers will realize what a big job Joe and his assistants will have in breaking and training and afterwards picking out the stars from that galaxy of speed. Last year Claude O'Brien was one of Joe's best assistants and the early lessons he gave to Scott Frost 2:00, Bulch Hanover 2:03 1/2 and others were so much appreciated by Mr. Camp that he made enticing offers for Claude to locate with them permanently.

Red Sails 1:59 1/2, a 6-year-old horse by The Abbott, died last Monday at Castleton Farm, Lexington, Ky., where he had been sent for a run out after a strenuous racing season in which he won \$66,615. This made him the third largest money winner of the season and increased his total winnings to about \$125,000. He was owned by H. T. King, Union City, Indiana.

We were very pleased to have a short letter from Jerry Gillespie, Parrsboro, N. S., who informs us that "Bill McManus has moved May Joedale from Truro to Sussex. May took a trotting record this season of 2:18 and was the

### Hunter's Corner

are beautiful game birds both in hand and on a platter — are extremely scarce and should be given protection.

To those of us who follow the back country, the hardwood ridges . . . the swamps and alder swales . . . creek bottoms and cut-overs, particularly in late November and December, one is agreeably surprised at the number of grouse found in suitable pockets where food and cover is at hand. There is a reason, maybe several reasons, for this apparent change in habitat. To the columnist's way of thinking the most obvious reason is the army of hunters and their dogs who comb the stubble fields and nearby alder swales in search of Huns and pheasants approximately a week in advance of the season on Ruffed grouse which opens on October 15th and closes on October 31st, causes the birds to move back. There is also a strong possibility that pheasants are driving them from their normal nesting sites. The cock pheasant is half hawk and game bird in life and all game bird when browned on a platter.

It is my own personal conviction, confirmed by 26 years active game law enforcement work, that the real cause our native grouse are not present in the numbers they should be is not the number shot in the legal season but the unlawful kill during the winter and early spring. Grouse appear stupid when snow is on the ground, particularly if it is soft and hampers free walking. They'll flip into the nearest bush and sit there motionless . . . made to order target for the poacher. In the old days, when game laws were practically non-existent, grouse hunters would rally forth on the morning after the first snowfall. It was an old trick to first find their tracks and follow them until their quarry was located.

While this practice has lessened over the years the sad part of it is that it is still in vogue in some districts. Here is a recent case to prove the point: On November 27 of this year (1954) an R.C.M.P. patrol from Montague detachment were on the prowl in the woods and swamp land of the Point Pleasant district. It wasn't long till they crossed the trail of two men who were also on the prowl and followed it. Their tracks indicated the men had no definite destination in mind. The trail zig-zagged high and low. It skirted spruce thickets, penetrated alder clumps, crossed and re-crossed a stream that flowed dark and placid between snow covered banks.

After a half mile of travel an empty 12 ga. shell case was spotted lying on the snow and foot prints led off a short distance to where the mangled body of what was once a beautiful, plump ruffed grouse lay bloody and mangled on the snow. The poacher had picked the bird up and finding it was practically blown apart by the shot charge and unfit for table use, had callously tossed it aside and con-

genial smile and warm handshake. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife and family in their loss of one who went through life with a smile and a kind word for everyone.

tinued the search for more victims. A mile farther on the patrol caught up with the poachers. Both were men in their late twenties or early thirties . . . not juveniles as one might suppose.

One carried a 12 gauge single shotgun. The other held a ruffed grouse in hand. This bird was also shot up bodily with half the meat spoiled. Some hunters never learn. No difference how close game happens to be when first sighted they'll blast it whether it be 10 feet distant or 100. Needless to say their hunting ended right there. One was charged with hunting grouse in closed season and the other with having ruffed grouse unlawfully killed in possession in closed season. They appeared in Stippen-dary Magistrate's Court in Georgetown and were each fined \$25 and costs or 30 days and the shotgun forfeited to the Crown. They could have bought a lot of meat and fish for approximately \$100. A few plasters like that applied where it hurts most—the pocket book—will move back to the pocket book—will cause trigger-happy hunters roaming the winter woods to think twice, maybe three times, before lining the sights on an out-of-season ruffed grouse.

This fall a gunner was fined \$25 and costs and his shotgun and shells ordered confiscated for hunting ducks in closed season. Defendant claimed "not guilty" and Evidence submitted by the Prosecution showed that he was hunting in a section that ducks frequented and at an hour in the evening when crowds would normally have gone to roost. Fresh duck feathers found on defendants premises were also produced in Court. The first alibi that comes

## Brooklyn Sells Both Cox And Roe

BROOKLYN (AP) — Brooklyn Dodgers Tuesday sold third-baseman Billy Cox and lefthanded pitcher Preacher Roe to Baltimore of the American League for cash, reported about \$55,000.

Both veteran players had to be waived out of the National League before the deal could be completed. Cox, 35, is one of the best-fielding third basemen in baseball. He batted .235 in 77 games last season, filling in at both shortstop and second base in addition to third.

Roe, 36-year-old former Dodger fighting ace, had a poor 3-4 record last season, appearing in only 15 games. The slim lefty from Arkansas started 10 games and finished only one, compiling a 5.00 earned run average for 63 innings.

In addition to the cash, Brooklyn gets two minor-league players who will go to the Dodgers' Fort Worth farm in the Texas League. Both played with San Antonio in the same league last year. They are John Janace, a 23-year-old right-handed pitcher who had a 13-4 record

and a 3.02 earned run average, and second-baseman Harry Schwegman, 26, who hit .253 at San Antonio.

### Talk Over Atomic Weapons

PARIS (CP) — Western foreign policy chiefs Thursday talked over the question of who should give the word to use atomic weapons in event of an attack by the Soviet Union.

Foreign Secretary Eden, State Secretary Dulles and Premier Mendes-France tackled the atomic and other problems in a three-hour meeting at the French foreign ministry.

The same question was believed to have been taken up earlier by Eden, Dulles and External Affairs Minister Pearson of Canada. The three conferred a few hours after Eden arrived from London.

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