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Back Stretch

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management this season has more than doubled its attendance at each meeting due to the crowd-pleasing programs and close finishes. Last Saturday afternoon was a departure from the night racing programs which had prevailed and the crowd was an exceptionally good one. In the Junior Free For All the 8-year-old mare Chocolate Dip, that took a record over the Charlottetown track of 2:11 this season, was a straight heat winner. She is by Simcoe Harvester 2:04 1/4 and has a terrific brush on the home stretch. George Sobej handled her well and headed a good field which included Ramona Chips 2:12 3/5, owned by the Bright Spot Club, Saint John, and driven by M. Lawson, that was 2:2, Symbol Majesty (Horseman) 3:3, time, 2:15 3/5, 2:16. Chocolate Dip is owned by James O'Brien, Elmstead. In dashes 2 and 6 Abbie's Boy, owned and driven by S. Horseman of Moncton, was 1:1, Spencer Key, owned by Lorraine Halliday, Calais, Me., and driven by Billy Burt, was 2:4. Agnes Hall, owned and driven by Billy Keyes, St. Stephen, was 3:2. Time 2:16 2/5, 2:16 4/5.

Dashes 3 and 7 were also straight heat victories for Morris Direct 2:13, owned by Lloyd McKinney, Gagetown, and driven by C. Wood, Silver Hanover 2:13 1/5, owned by J. D. Mehan, St. Stephen, and driven by Billy Burt, 2:4. Time, 2:15, 2:14 3/5. Dashes 5 and 8 were split up. Top Royal 2:14 3/5, owned by Lorraine Halliday, Calais, Me., and driven by Billy Burt, was 1:2. Sandy D. 2:09, owned and driven by Harvey Cormier, Moncton, was 3:1. Just Lucky 2:11 3/5, owned by Tom Stewart, Milltown and driven by Al Langille, was 2:8. Five other starters. Time, 2:15 3/5, 2:15 2/5.

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Then there was Eula H., the dam or grandam of many of the best performers raced by S. A. Wathen & Son, Fort Fairfield, Maine. She made several great campaigns, in one of which she set up the track record of 2:08 at Charlottetown where it remained for quite a number of years. But probably the greatest pacer that Billy campaigned was Jennie H., that won the \$10,000 pace at Windsor, Conn., from the best pacers in Eastern United States and took a record of 2:06 1/4. It would take many pages to list the successful drives Billy has made and his name has been stamped on the pages of harness

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At Yankers Raceway Wednesday night Earle Avery won the 7th race trotting for a purse of \$3500, with Belle Rosecroft in 2:09 2/5. He was second in the 5th race for a purse of \$4500 with the trotters Lady D. Yankers has opened up just recently for the fall season.

We are having a great many inquiries about the race performances of Maritime horses at Blue Bonnets race track. Like ourselves they have been experiencing very bad weather there and two nights racing had to be postponed. Among the winners since our last report was My Darling 2:08 1/5, owned by Senator George Barbour and driven by Roach MacGregor. Last Saturday night Joe MacDonald, Sydney, was first to the wire with

MacLaine-Matheson Wedding

St. John's Anglican Church rectory, Milton, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at 4:30 p.m. when Florence Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Herbert Matheson, Milton, was united in marriage to Mr. Milton Wallace MacLaine, son of Mrs. Wallace MacLaine and the late Mr. MacLaine, Nine Mile Creek. The double ring ceremony was performed by the rector, Rev. A. E. Piercey.

The bride wore a bengaline street-length dress in autumn beige with winter white and brown accessories and carried a hand bouquet of bronze chrysanthemums. Mrs. Edward Curtis was matron of honor and wore a dress of coral bouclic with brown accessories. Her bouquet was yellow chrysanthemums. The flower girl, Miss Sandra Helen Younker, niece of the bride, was dressed in yellow taffeta with matching headdress and carried a bouquet of mixed sweet peas and baby's breath.

The best man was Mr. Donald MacLaine, brother of the groom. Nearly 60 guests were present at the reception and buffet lunch which was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred C. Younker, North River Road. Miss Estelle MacLaine, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Fred Younker, sister of the bride, poured. Serving were Mrs. Ralph Beaudoin, Mrs. Roy Dickson, Mrs. Donald MacLaine, Mrs. Stanley Proude, Mrs. Donald MacLeod and Mrs. Campbell MacPhee. The bride's table was very attractive with a hand-made lace tablecloth centered by a three-tier wedding cake.

The bride's mother chose a gown of Jasper blue crepe and corsage of pink carnations. The groom's mother wore black crepe and a corsage of pink carnations. Amid showers of confetti the happy couple left for a honeymoon trip through New Brunswick and Maine. They will reside at Nine Mile Creek where the groom is a prosperous farmer.

Colonel Hansford, owned by Lloyd MacAulay, Sydney, in the C Pace. Joan Chief (H. Parker) owned by Harry Hirsch, Sydney, was second. Time, 1:32 2/5 for six furlongs. In the 5th event, a handicap pace, Prince Maplecroft (W. Carroll) was third, time, 2:06 2/5 and in the 6th, an event for trotters, the C Pace, owned by Harry Hirsch, was third, time, 2:10. Tuesday night Laurel Chief (E. Sempie) was second in the C Pace, time, 2:16 1/5.

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Hunters Corner

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Wild geese have had a good hatch this season. Observers report seeing a lot of families of 7 birds... the two old ones and five goslings. Early in the season one may see a flock of 50 or 60 geese alight in the stubble. If watched closely for a few minutes the big flock will break up into small family groups of from 5 to 7 and on rare occasions 9. Later on the flocks become more closely knit as some wise old gander takes them under his care and guidance.

Pheasants appear rather secretive this fall but some hunters report a good supply in some sections. The question whether or not pheasants will become legal game will be cleared up before this column appears in print. At the moment indications are that the daily bag will be 3 pheasants regardless of sex but nothing is definite until an official announcement is made.

There is a good supply of game this season so there is no need to be hoggish. The daily bag limit is 8 ducks (exclusive of Mergansers—shell ducks to most) 5 geese; 10 rabbits and 3 pheasants. Possession limit is 16 for ducks and 10 for geese. There is no possession limit on Huns and pheasants except that one must not kill more in any one day than the number prescribed by the regulations. It is unlawful to have Huns in possession two months after the close of the open season. In this instance the limit expires on January 20th, 1954. Ruffed grouse, pheasants and rabbits one month after close of open season. Watch the papers for the time the sun sets as legal shooting ceases one half hour after sunset and commences one half hour before sunrise. Refresh your memories on the hunting regulations, both upland game and migratory and observe them. The heavy Norwester of the past two days has brought in a heavy flight of geese on its wings. In one area approximately one thousand geese dropped in on Thursday evening.

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Back Stretch

Among the starters in the Junior Free For All was Whispering Hope, owned by Arnold Weeks, Fredericton, and driven by Cyril Smith. Whispering Hope showed a terrific brand of speed at Charlottetown, September 26th in 2:12 3/5 but he likes a hard track and probably the footing did not suit him. Among the speed displays of the season at Charlottetown Whispering Hope put on one of the best when he took the above record, going around a field of horses the last quarter in sensational style.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Brien, Alberton, on the celebration of the 50th anniversary of their wedding. They can feel very proud of a happy married life and of having raised such a splendid family. Harry can also take pride in what he has done for harness racing, by bringing to this province well-bred race mares, providing excellent sires for his community and training and driving some of the very best trotters and pacers during the past forty years. Then his sons have also made the O'Brien name famous by not only in the Maritime but also in the United States. We wish Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien many more years of happy married life.

We were delighted the other day to pick up the Guardian and find an article on one of the harness racing by our friend Jim Pendergast. His description of the Hernando-Black Pilot race is the best we have read and we have filed it and the rest of his articles in our album of harness horse lore. We always take pleasure in reading Jim's writings and we have a distinct recollection of the time when he set out for the Klondyke which was considered almost impossible to reach. We trust that some time he will put his writings in book form and if he does we are sure they will be widely read.

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