

BACK STRETCH

For purse racing have been the incentives for trainers to start being down on colts and aged horses alike. Leading the colts by a wide margin is the 2.20 mile paced quite handily by Darelde Maher's Calgary Eyrde. Delvin Miller took advantage of today's superb conditions to beat 2.30 with five 2-year-olds. The 2-year-old filly Pamper by The Abbott, from Neil Raymond of Maplecroft Farm near Boston, is showing up particularly well in Jimmie Jordan's stable.

There is a picture of Don Larlee working out the 2-year-old Lindon Hanover. She looks like a real trotter and has beaten 2.40. In Ralph Baldwin's stable the Hoot Mon filly Hoot Song looks the best with a mile in 2.33. Another 2-year-old, Colby's Child, has been 2.35. Houston Stone worked Reba's Boy an easy mile last week in 2.24 on the pace. A later report dated Orlando, Feb. 11, has this week marked by record-shattering miles in all divisions just ended at Ben White Raceway. Darelde Maher electrified onlookers yesterday with quarter in 32 seconds with his phenomenal Calgary Eyrde, 2-year-old pacer. Trotting leadership was claimed by a pair of Arden Homestead youngsters piloted by Harry Pownall, Sr. and Harold Miller over the half mile oval in 2.26 2/5. These were the Titan Hanover filly Tebys and Philomet.

Gib White drove the Adios filly Dagsworthy Lady in 2.27 2-5. Tommy Berry, oldest man in the game was a mile in 2.28 2-5 with the 2-year-old Rodney filly in Free and Billy Haughton worked Plicks Frost, a 2-year-old Victory Song filly, in 2.28 3-5 on the twice around Tommy Berry appears to have taken on a new lease of life and has lined up several top-ranking colts. Society Lassie by Darnley trotted in 2.29 2-5 and others being trained by him were stepping miles around 2.30 to 2.35.

A newcomer to the Orlando scene, Don Larlee, native of the Maritime Provinces, has eight horses in the handsomely renovated barn which has always been known as the Nat Ray barn. The young and capable Canadian has a quiet and patient manner with his colts. His is a youthful stable with the 4-year-old mare Princess Aly 3, 2.03 4-5 his oldest and only record performer. The other seven are choice bred, well mannered youngsters that are making a good impression on their workout days.

News from Del Mar, Calif. shows that Joe O'Brien is still pursuing his cautious course. He has dropped his older horses quite a number of seconds but none of the 2-year-olds have beaten 2.45 and Rosalind Frost, that cost \$35,000, has not been asked for miles better than 2.50 at latest report.

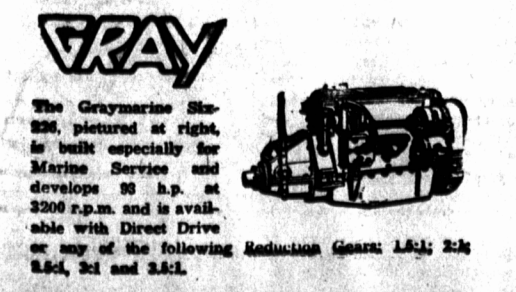
At DeLeon Springs, Florida, Del MacTavish has a pair of colts that are training most satisfactorily. Black Ash, a black colt by The Widower, turned in a slick free-legged mile in 2.38. He was by Hanover, a chestnut colt by Nible Hanover worked in 2.42. At Pompano Beach, Florida, Frank Ervin is training some 30, 2-year-olds. The best mile reported was 2.32. Practically all of them have beaten 2.40. These colts are all by top sires and the 30 would probably have cost somewhere between a quarter and a half million dollars.

Registration of harness horses since the USTA took over the registry in 1939 has reached the 60,000 mark with that registration number going to the yearling Adios filly Mayita, bred by Walnut Hall to Ken McGary, USTA registrar, more than 235,000 trotters and

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The get of the \$500,000 stallion Adios won a record \$732,186 in 1955 to top the annual stallion earnings list compiled by the U.S. Trotting Association, it was announced recently. Adios, who ranked second to Dean Hanover a year ago sent 110 sons and daughters to the races. Eighty-six of that number were winners of 378 dashes. Adios also topped the two and 3-year-old earnings list with 59 performers banking \$389,596. In that category 44 horses sired by him won 176 races. Adios was purchased by Hanover Shoe Farms for \$800,000 in August. He had been owned by Delvin Miller of Meadow Lands, Pa. The previous single season record for earnings by the get of a stallion was \$587,451 credited to Volomite in 1953.

Trailing Adios in the over-all money-winning column were Darnley with \$239,083; Dean Hanover, \$511,002; Titan Hanover, \$488,789; and Hoot Mon, \$480,005. Darnley is owned jointly by Walnut Hall Farm and Walnut Hall Stud, Donerail, Ky., the others by Hanover Shoe Farms. Rounding out the top five behind Adios in the two and 3-year-old money-winning class were Hoot Mon, \$307,230; Titan Hanover, \$227,921; Knight Dream, \$189,318; and Victory Song, \$168,663. Knight Dream stands at Hanover, Victory Song at Casleton Farm, Lexington Ky.

We are delighted to have a letter from our friend S. Thane Belyea of Fredericton. Thane has been in hospital for some time but is home now making a good recovery and hopes to be around in a few weeks more. Thane has been one of our mainstays for years in keeping this column going and his memory for horses and their doings is exceptional. In his letter to us he states that he omitted one horse owned in Fredericton, Banker Budlong, owned by Ralph Wilson, and gives us a piece of news that will be interesting to all, namely, that H.W. S. Allingham of Gagetown traded the 4-year-old Gordon's Day by Calumet Adam 1.59 1/2 for Abbott Maplecroft 2.06 1-5 and has placed him in Ned Lindon's stable. Abbott Maplecroft is a 5-year-old stallion by The Abbott and was owned by the Princeton Stab of Princeton, Maine, and was raced last year by Allison Langie, Jr. In 21 starts he was 16 times first, 6 times second and twice third and won \$3,436.67 and is eligible to the 2.20 pace. We congratulate Mr. Allingham on securing this valuable pacer and hope to see his colors quite frequently in front this coming season.

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The International Prix d'Amertique, Europe's richest trotting race at the Vincennes track outside Paris, was won recently by the French favorite, Gelmotte. The \$33,900 prize went to owner Mme. S. Karle and driver Charley Mills, the latter well known to American horsemen through his long association with the late Walter Cox, who sold Mills many of his noted trotters, among them his greatest,

Walter Dear 2.02 1/4 winner of the 1929 Hambletonian. French-owned candidates also grabbed off second and third honors, as Hortansia VII and Herus outfinished the balance of the field of 17 over the long 12-furlong route.

Our thanks to Cyril L. Dauphinee secretary of the Halifax Harness Racing Club for results of last Saturday's races: Class D T and P,

Mighty Gallon, owned and driven by W. Walker, Halifax, 3-1-1; Dick le Diamond, owned and driven by W. Baker, 1-2-2. Time, :54 2-5, :57, :54. Class C T and P. Lucky Harvester (F. Daniels) owned by S. B. Drake, Truro, 1-2-1, Keller Hanover (N. Campbell) owned by Alex Gay, Halifax, 2-1-4. Time, :52, :50 4-5, :52 2-5. Class A T and P. Bud Henley (George Turner), owned by H. Webby, Dartmouth, 1-1-1, Shel-

by Vic, owned and driven by H. Fletcher, Truro, 2-2-2. Time, :49, :49, :49 2-5.

We were greatly shocked yesterday morning when we learned of the death of Cecil Alexander of Saint John, N.B. We were friends for many years and he was one of our best supporters when we were connected with the Charlottetown race track, sending over such horses as Billy Bondeer 2.09, Betty S. 2.07, All Grattan 2.06 1/4, Guy Toddler 2.06 1/4, Grandma 2.09 and many others. In recent years Cecil has given a great deal of time and effort to bring back racing to its once great popularity in the city of Saint John. The large crowds of well satisfied patrons who attended those races last season shows that his efforts were crowned with success. He gave unstint-

ingly of his time as Race Secretary of Saint John Raceway and Chairman of the Harness Racing Committee of the Saint John Exhibition Association to encourage the sport and was responsible for the bringing in of quite a number of good race horses the past two seasons thereby making competition great-

er and giving better entertainment to the public. He had a very pleasant disposition and as a consequence made a host of friends who will ever cherish his memory. To his wife and family we extend our deepest sympathy on behalf of our horsemen here for the great loss they have sustained.

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A review of the operations of Maritime Hospital Service Association for 1955 and an indication of the scope of Medical, Surgical and Hospital services provided to its 293,000 members.

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FIGURING IT OUT IN 1955

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MEET OBLIGATIONS:	
Cash and Investments	\$1,749,360
Other Current Assets	277,790
Office Building & Equipment	334,300
Total Available Resources	\$2,361,450
LESS WHAT THE ASSOCIATION OWES:	
Current Benefits Accrued	938,930
Membership Dues in adv.	577,280
Other Liabilities	17,306
Available For Emergencies and Contingencies	\$ 827,935
1955 OPERATIONS:	
Net Income	4,960
Less Incurred Benefits:	
Hospital	\$3,358,000
Medical	1,180,000
Reserve at Beginning of year	276,960
Reserve at End of year	550,975
Available For Emergencies and Contingencies (as above)	\$ 827,935

What we are doing

SINCE ITS INCEPTION...

in the United States and Canada, Blue Cross has paid out ONE BILLION DOLLARS in Benefits. In the Atlantic Provinces alone, the benefits to members total \$29,999,000... quite a sum in thirteen years. Now let's see how that breaks down into individuals and their benefits.

BLUE CROSS...

In the Atlantic Provinces, Blue Cross membership stood at 293,000 on December 31, 1955. During the year 48,500 members received hospitalization benefits. In the period from 1943 to 1954, 395,000 cases were paid... a total of 443,500 cases to date.

These figures represented 372,350 hospital days of care in 1955 and a total of 3,830,850 days since 1943.

And here's what these astronomical figures have meant in dollars and cents: from 1943 to 1954 Maritime Blue Cross paid \$20,482,000 for hospital services in the four Atlantic Provinces and in the year just past \$3,358,000. Thus the total since its inception in 1943 is \$23,840,000.

BLUE SHIELD...

membership in the Atlantic Provinces stands at 167,500.

In 1955 the Association paid for 39,000 Medical or Surgical cases. This figure, with the 160,600 paid between 1948 and 1954, makes a total of 199,600 services paid for since the Plan's inception.

The costs of these services total to date \$6,159,000 of which \$1,180,000 was paid out to doctors and surgeons in 1955.

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