

Down The Back Stretch

many as the greatest picker of juvenile trotters and the greatest trainer and driver of them also. As an adviser to Leonard Buck he has in the past few years picked some stars, and Kimberly Kid is certainly in that category. What a wonderful talent one must have to be able to look at a number of well-bred yearlings that are being led through the sales arena and to pick out or advise the purchase of one or more of them for figures exceeding \$25,000. Thomas W. Murphy has that ability.

The many friends of R. J. "Dick" Logue of Sydney, N. S., will be pleased to learn that his 3-year-old Bannerway by King's Counsel 1.58, was a recent winner at Roosevelt Raceway in 2:07 1/2. He was the 106th winner from the first five crops of foals sired by King's Counsel. His dam was The Direct Lady 2:04 1/2 by Billy Direct 1:55. With such a performance over a half-mile track and the careful training of Sanders Russell, one may expect a much faster record for Bannerway.

Walter Gibbons is now racing director at Magnolia Park, New Orleans which opened last Thursday. It is the first harness horse pari-mutuel track in that state and is expected to be a big success.

All the horses owned by the late William E. Miller, Rosecroft Farm, Washington, D.C., are being sold with racing equipment at Harrisburg. Symbol Gantle 2:01 3/4, Mr. Miller's favorite trotter and premier sire at Rosecroft, will not be sold nor will his dam, Cegantia Girl 2:07 3/4. Heading the racing division will be the 4-year-old Hillsola 2:20 1/2, 3:20, winner of the \$35,000 Nassau Pace in a world record 3:04 1/2 mile and a half performance at Roosevelt over Philip Scott and other top pacers. His \$4 earnings of \$41,345 have already surpassed his sales price of \$35,000 which topped last fall's Standard bred sale auction at Harrisburg, and his three seasons' total is over \$107,000. Hillsola will race out his free for all engagements in the Houghton stable prior to the sale. There are a lot of other good trotters and pacers from Rosecroft that will go under the hammer and as Mr. Miller had the reputation of being an excellent trainer there will no doubt be some real bargains among them.

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ling. of Oakville, Ont.—"Since coming to Toronto in October, 1933, I have really missed your column Down The Back Stretch. Please forward me a copy and also a copy of your last Maritime Review. I have a very fine filly born June 23, 1933, in pasture at H. T. Ramsay's farm, Sackville, N.B. The sire is Ginger Inworthy by Albolom, dam, Coco-Cola. Patch by Hyland Patch 2:09, whose grand-sire was Dan Patch 1:55 1/4, and Coco-Cola is now believed to be in foal again to the same sire". We hope our friend's yearling and the future offspring of a fine brood mare will live up to all his expectations and we thank him for his kind words.

At Brentlawn Raceway, Louisville, Ky., Lucky Schaf, a 3-year-old by Dusky Hanover 1:59 1/4, owned by Dr. George C. Bishop, formerly of Charlottesville, won the 224 pace in 2:10 1/4. She had previously been second in a nine-sixteenth mile timed in 1:09 1/4 and had a total of seven seconds and was twice third before taking the above win. We congratulate the Doctor on having such a speedy young pacer.

At Richelieu Park on Monday night June Bee 2:08 3/4, owned by Monroe & LeVatte of Sydney, and driven by Rennie MacDonald, won the B. Pace in 2:10 1/4. Word has come through that Bay State Race was in a photo-finish for first with H. B. Chief 1:58 3/4 in the Free For All Pace held at Quebec City last Saturday night. H. B. Chief getting the nod. This is one of the most remarkable performances that we recall certainly never in the history of the province has a pacer developed so much speed in such a short time. H. B. Chief is a 5-year-old by Chief Abbedale and his winnings at the end of last season totalled \$30,500. His Quebec owner is said to have paid \$20,000 for him. Congratulations again to driver "Roach" MacGregor and owner Andrew Perry, Summerside.

And now we hear from our friend Cecil H. McGinley, Houlton, Maine. "The races up here were interfered with by rain last week. At Norway last Saturday they intended to race 11 dashes to clean up the card. The clipping I enclose does not give the Free For All which probably failed to fill for lack of starters. Entered were Colonel Dan, Mr. McGee and Dean Gallon. My horses have gone to Saint John, N. B. with the Allison Langille stable and will probably finish out the season there. They both won at Fredericton and took new records, Linda Bell, 2:15 and Federal Girl, 2:17 1/4. Allison Langille, Jr. has taken Sep Hanover, Just Lucky and the new colt Abbot Macpicroft, to Quebec and Sep was third to H. B. Chief in 2:06 1/4 there. The Maine stables will split up this week some going to Rochester, N. H. and others will race at Farmington, Me. Since Foxboro closed down there have been too many slow class pacers in Maine and it was hard to get races for them all." At Oxford in the Class C Trot, Sir Chuck, driven by Earle Semple, won in 2:21 1/2. Jerry's Nightmare was third in the Class B & B Pace, time, 2:11 1/4.

At Fredericton Raceway Thursday, Sept. 16, Rogers Hanover won the 6th dash on the program with Delaware Chief 2 and Wayne Brewer 3. Time 2:17 3/4, and he paid his backers \$227.50. The largest amount we have noticed for a \$2.00 ticket this season. A combination ticket paid \$306.90. In the 1st race on the card he was the favorite, owned by E. A. Grant, Houlton, Me., being the winner in 2:18 1/4. Rogers Hanover is owned by Mrs. C. Beckwith, Freque Isle.

The many friends of James L. Read, who is paying us a brief visit and who is very interested in the racing at Montague Wednesday afternoon, are glad to welcome him here. Mr. Reid supplies us with a lot of information concerning horses and racing in Truro and it is always reliable. His knowledge of the racing greats of the past and the fine stories he can tell about them, makes him welcome wherever he goes. One of the horses that he has a very high regard for in Truro is the trotter Rockford by Pagiacci, owned by Well MacNeill, and in the Johnny Conroy stable. He believes Rockford has real class and will eventually take a record several seconds better than his 2:14 mark. Rockford was a winner last Saturday night in the 2nd dash at Truro, heading a good bunch of pacers and the trotter Patrick

Through the efforts of Dr. Preston McIntyre, Jack Annear and George McIntyre the ever popular

Budlong to the wire in 2:14 1/4. A pacer that Mr. Reid believes will be a real free-for-aller is Ann's Dream 2:09 1/4, owned by J. K. Curran, Summerside, and driven by Don MacNeill, that won the 8th and 8th dashes the same night, in best time 2:11 1/4. She was up against formidable free-for-aller, such as Judge Miller 2:07, Future Counsel 2:04 1-5, etc.

Nothing daunted by their unfortunate happenings when great breeze "Edna" struck, Moncton Raceway held a splendid program last Saturday afternoon and it made history in that the 5-year-old pacer Mighty Bold by 5ighty H., owned by Hillview Farms, Woodstock, and driven by Frank Woodcock, won both the 4th and 8th dashes, time 2:12, 2:08 1/4—the latter a track pacing record for the rebuilt oval. Princess H., owned and driven by S. H. Horseman, was 2-3, Mighty Grand (Killam), owned by Victor Cluff, Woodstock, 3-2, Suffolk Chief (Moreaside), owned by Cmdr. G. H. Buntain, 4-4. Other winners were, 1st and 5th races, My Clegg (Killam), owned by C. Rose, Woodstock, 1-1, Stewart's Time, owned and driven by M. G. Wilbur, Moncton, 2-2, time 2:19 1/4, 2:22 1/4. Second and 6th dashes, Lou Budlong, (M. MacArthur) owned by T. J. Ling, Kensington, 1-3, Tonamite (Goguen), owned by Barbour and Anderson, Charlottetown, 3-1, time, 2:15 1/4, 2:16 1/4. Third and 7th dashes, Coblescote (MacDonald), owned by Archie Shore, Glace Bay, 1-4, Rajah Hanover (Moreaside), owned by Myron Bell, Charlottetown, 2-1, time, 2:16 1/4, 2:16 1/4. The many friends of Myron Bell and driver Moreaside will be delighted to see that Rajah Hanover has been winning his share of the trotting events in recent weeks. The More-side stable consisting of Rajah Hanover, owned by Myron Bell, Direct Mite, Chevie G. A. G. Scott and Mighty Deb, owned by Lorne Letcher, and Suffolk Chief, owned by Cmdr. G. H. Buntain, have left for Quebec to continue racing there.

Len O'Meara, Charlottetown driver, making his first start at Saint John last Saturday night, came through as the winner of three dashes. In the 7th and 7th for trotters, Real Fingo, owned by Mrs. Mustacalis, Halifax, was 1-1. New Forest, owned by Robert Holman, Summerside, and driven by Blair Andrew, was 2-6, Timoshanko (Bernard) 3-2, time, 2:16 1/4, 2:16 1/4. In the 8th and 8th dashes My Darling, owned by Senator George Barbour, and driven by Len, was 3-1, New Look, (T. Devlin) owned by C. B. Smith, French Village, 1-5; Romona Chips (M. Lawson) 2-2, time, 2:15, 2:13 1/4. In the 1st and 4th dashes Ima Corporal (C. Wood), owned by C. B. Smith, French Village, was 1-1, Miss Train (Kirkpatrick), owned by Buddy Wilson, Saint John, 2-4, Amy Girl (A. Wood), owned by Lloyd McKinney, Gagetown, 3-2, time, 2:23 1/4, 2:22. In the 2nd and 6th dashes, Oliver Chief, owned and driven by Art Davidson, was 1-2; Donald G. R. (C. Wood), owned by Lloyd McKinney, 2-1, time, 2:15 1/4, 2:15.

What was probably the last night racing meet of the season over the Charlottetown track proved to be one of the most interesting. There were straight heat winners in three classes. Joandale, owned by L. D. McPhee and driven by C. Smith, won in close finishes from Frisco the Great (Kennedy) 3-2 and Miss Palli (Shaw) 2-6. Time, 2:20 1/4, 2:20 1/4. Marion E., owned by Cliff Ellis, O'Leary, and driven by Lorne Kelly, caused the biggest thrill of the night when she paced around the entire field to win in 2:16 1/4. She also won the other dash in 2:16 1/4, Lady Abner (Smith) 3-2, Rupy F. Dale (Simmonds) 2-5. Lassie Lucille, owned and driven by Col. D. A. MacKinnon, won both dashes in her class with Colonel Budlong (Lowery) 2-5, Ill Conto (Cole) 8-2, time, 2:17 1/4, 2:16 1/4. The first trial of a conditioned handicap proved a popular one. Prince Budlong, owned and driven by Harold Cudmore, won the first of the two dashes in 2:14 1/4 with Abner the Great (Whalen), owned by James Heffel, Summerside, 7-1 in 2:14, Gahagen (Shaw) 6-2, Whispering Hope (Smith) 2-7.

There was a good attendance at the Port Elgin Exhibition races Wednesday afternoon. In the Classified No. 1, Buddy M. (F. MacArthur) owned by Charles Clark, Moncton, was 1-1, Carl Scott (Trenholm) 2-2, time, 2:26 1/4, 2:26 1/4. Classified No. 2 was won by Skpire L., owned and driven by Carmen Coates, Accord, with 1-1, Coal Dale (Belliveau) 2-3, Diana Carroll (Roy MacDonald) 4-2, time, 2:26 1/4, 2:26 1/4. Classified No. 3 was won by Senator Clarngyle, owned and driven by H. T. Ramsay, Sackville, with 1-1, Lady Scott (MacArthur) 2-2, time, 2:18 1/4, 2:20.

It is disappointing to us and no doubt to a great many other Maritimers, that Joe O'Brien's horses did not make a better showing in the Little Brown Jug which was raced at Delaware, Ohio, last Thursday afternoon. He \$69,332.06 stake brought together one of the greatest fields of 3-year-old pacers that ever faced a starter on a half-mile track. The racing resulted in a world's record being tied for 3-year-old fillies on 1/2 mile around when Queen Adios, owned by Castleton Farm, Lexington, Ky., won a qualifying dash in 2:01 1/4. But it was Adios Harry, another son of the remarkable sire Adios, that took down the bulk of the money by winning his qualifying heat and also the final. Morris MacDonald, the Canadian born driver who has trained him and brought him to his present state of perfection, hails from Delaware, Ontario, and J. Howard Lyons, the owner, lives in Harrington, Delaware. It was quite a coincidence that this combination should win the biggest stake of the year in Delaware, Ohio. Adios Harry won \$28,345; Queen Adios, \$9,706; Phantom Lady, \$6,239; Dale Frost \$5,946; Meadow Pace from the Sol Campe stable, won \$4,853.

Our congratulations to owner-

driver M. Coughlan on winning the feature race—Junior Free For All—Thursday night in Saint John in 2:11, the fastest mile trumped this season over that oval, and he won his next dash in 2:11 1/4. My Darling (O'Meara), owned by Senator George Barbour, finished 3-2 in the above events. We were also pleased to see that Miller's Son, owned by Tom Eiter, Moncton, was a winner.

We were deeply grieved to learn of the death of a great friend, Mayor A. Charles Thompson of North Sydney, N.S. He was a native of New Glasgow, N.S., but has been a resident of North Sydney for many years. He took a great interest in harness racing, owned some good ones and officiated as judge at Halifax; and many other local and very popular. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his widow, daughter and sons.

We deeply regret the passing of one of our oldest friends—Steen Purvis, who years ago was one of the leading drivers in Nova Scotia. In civilian life he was a mining engineer and a great favorite with everyone. Steen had a splendid physique and could handle any horse that came along. An instance of this was when the trotter Dr. Sharper arrived in North Sydney in 1912. He had run away and broken up rigs and was thought to be unmanageable, but



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Hunters' Corner

opening day sure saves a lot of birds.

I'm not going to stick my neck out with any special comment on the duck outlook for opening day. There was a pretty fair hatch this spring but I observed that the birds began to gather in large groups early in September, referring to black ducks, and now those formations in many instances have shifted location to safer grounds. Some to salt water. How those ducks will act on opening day is anybody's guess. When someone fires a blast into a thousand, or more, sunning black ducks and then fires a few more rounds into them while they are milling in the air a lot of ducks are educated to the dangers of a shotgun in one lesson.

Reports indicate a good hatch of both Huns and pheasants with some exceptionally large coveys on the rounds. To be perfectly honest I haven't seen too many Huns or pheasants this summer but the dense cover prevailing favours the birds. There could be thousands of

Steen tamed him and drove him to a win in Halifax, later selling him to the writer. Steen continued his driving career up until a few years ago. Our deepest sympathy goes to his family in their very sad bereavement.

both species in the fields lining the roadside and a car driver be none the wiser. Here is news from pheasant hunters. The 1954 summary of hunting regulations in respect to pheasants reads: three cock birds per day. This is an error in printing. Hens are legal game the same as last season. The daily bag of three may consist of either sex or a mixture of both. This week Harvey Moore, Milltown Cross, who has the migratory bird sanctuary on his property, received a neat little parcel in the mail. The box was of the type used in mailing jewelry and a neatly typed address was covered with Scotch tape. The box contained about a wine glass full of oats with a message typed on a sheet of paper: "Feed for the ducks. Donation by the King's County Branch Fish and Game Association."

The three 5 cent stamps had not been marked by any Post Office and Mr. Moore asked the mail carrier if he had placed it in his Mail Box. He replied: "Yes, the box came in the mail bag from Montague but I didn't notice it hadn't been mailed properly." At Montague no one admits any knowledge of how the box got into the mail bag. Some one must be allergic to both Sanctuaries and Game Associations. All of us have read about the Biblical Widow's Mite so we'll put this down as the "Poachers Mite."

All sportsmen are reminded of the Maritime Wildlife Federation meeting to be held at the Fort Cumberland Hotel, Amherst, N. S. Mr. Bruce Wright, Director of North Eastern Wildlife Station, Fredericton, N. B., will be guest speaker. Matters of interest to Maritime sportsmen will be discussed. Anyone desiring transportation to Amherst contact Ralph Jenkins, Royal Packing Company, Charlottetown. A large attendance will be welcome.

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