

Back Stretch

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Ted, who has recently recovered from a surgical operation and will be back at Yonkers as racing secretary when that track opens, were born in Halifax, N. S., but with their ability they steadily climbed up from being good race drivers to be capable of handling the affairs of great tracks like Roosevelt and Yonkers. While their racing season extends for some six or seven months yet they are constantly on the job reneuing friendships and making arrangements to cater to stables that will please their patrons.

That season of 1931 Walter had 18 horses in his stable and the top one was Mamie Napoleon, that took a record of 2:06. Other drivers who were active at that time included Townsend Ackerman, still in the game, Jack Kingsley, Will Carney, George MacDonald, Walter Brickley of Saint John, and Charlie Burns. Ackerman is the only member still prominent in training circles. That year he had one of the greatest pacing mates of all time in his string, Widow Gratian 2:00, also Larkspur 2:02 1/2, Better Win 2:01 1/2, Sir Guy Mac 2:07 and others.

Last week John Simpson, trainer of one of the largest stables in

Florida—most of whose horses are owned by Hanover Shoe Farms—sold for an undisclosed sum speculated on as \$25,000, the 2-year-old pacing filly Lady Bettina. She is by Goose Bay 2:00 1/2 and her dam is Theone 2:05 1/2. She is a full sister to Darnley 1:59 1/2, one of the leading sires at Walnut Hall Farm. The most admired 2-year-old in Florida is Tyrant, by Titan Hanover 1:58. He is owned by E. Roland Harriman, Arden Farm Stables, and has stepped the fastest mile by a trotter so far this season—2:21 3-5.

Charles Coburn, the Hollywood movie star who gets quite a lot of relaxation by watching the training, and sometimes doing the driving in training, of his race horses, has sold Rush Hour. Rush Hour paid the expenses of the stable for several years, his total winnings being nearly \$50,000. Last year he lowered his record from 2:00 to 1:59 4-5.

The fastest mile at DeLeon Spring Garden Ranch track was stepped last week when Adios Helms, a 2-year-old filly by Adios driven by trainer Guy Cousins, was timed a mile in 2:23, last half in 1:09 1-5, final eighth in 16 seconds. She cost her owner, Dr. Shadman, \$20,000 at Harrisburg last fall and looks to be worth every cent of it.

Hunter C. Moody, one of the

best known horse trainers in the southern United States, who annually trains yearlings and 2-year-olds at Lexington, Kentucky, has retired after having spent 70 years as a trainer and driver of trotters. His retirement was due to advice from his physician that because of his advanced age he had better do so. Mr. Moody drove his first race in 1884 at the age of 13 and won. He excelled in the breaking and training of yearlings and when yearlings were given records he was one of the top men in that department. Many of the famous trainers turned the yearlings over to Mr. Moody for lessons in department prior to being put in serious training. Among the most noted horses schooled by him were Greyhound 1:55 1/4, world's champion trotter; Muscleteer 2:02, winner of the Kentucky Futurity at two; Lee Worthy, also winner of the Kentucky Futurity at three, and the present day champion Princess Rodney 2, 2:01 and Comanche 2, 2:02. What a record Mr. Moody had!

The Duke of Edinburgh started a harness horse race named in his honor when he attended Addington track at Christchurch, New Zealand, with Queen Elizabeth. Inclusion of an afternoon's racing in the royal couple's travels was at the request of the Queen, whose father, King George VI, visited the track in 1927 when he was Duke of York and started the Duke of York Handicap. The duke started the Duke of Edinburgh Stakes by pulling a lever in the barrier box. Rupee, the favorite in the race, won.

Two-year-olds in the Joe O'Brien stable at Del Mar, Calif., are working miles between 2:44 and 2:50 with Flaming Way by King's Counsel, dam, Jane Azoff, pacing the fastest mile in 2:44. Next in line were the pacers King Adios (Adios-Marjorie Armstrong) and Dear Hal (Hal Dale-Treasure) in 2:44 2-5, the former being clocked a quarter in 38 2-5; then Susan Dear (Brookdale-Sue Adams) in 2:45. For the trotters Butlerwin (Butler-Bird McElwyn), Home Free (Scotland-Meda Guy), Scott Frost (Hoot Mon-Nora), High Value (Rodney-Katherine Hall) and Butch Hanover (Hoot Mon-Brenda Hanover) all stepped miles in 2:45.

With final eights in :18 2-5, Joe is training seven two-year-old trotters and eleven two-year-old pacers. There has been a name change in the O'Brien stable—the three-year-old pacer Steve Harris, by King's Counsel, dam, Ruth Wyn Direct, is now Houseguest.

Down in Pinehurst, N. C., Earl Avery has some of his horses working repeat miles from 2:35 to 2:40. Boss Charley, 3, by Hoot Mon, a Hambletonian eligible that was clocked around 2:03 last season looks very good and has been in 2:31. Angel Song by Peter Song, is also a Hambletonian eligible and a very glib trotter, has been in 2:35. Don Larlee, another Hambletonian, who is in charge of the Rimoual Stable at Aiken, N. C., has the very promising young filly Jewel Way, by Walter Spence, a mile in 2:40, quarter in 37 seconds—very easy too. Don also worked the two-year-olds Jupiter Hanover, Jackie Eden and Viking Hanover in 2:40, Princess Aly in 2:43 and Go Lucky in 2:50.

We had a very nice letter from Weldy Carroll of Sydney, who is in Stevenson, Alabama, with the R. J. Logis Stable. Weldy writes that Prince Macplover 2:07 2-5 has been worked in 2:27 and that the younger members of his string, Banner Way was in 2:32, Whispering Willow by Ensign Hanover, in 2:35, Taurida Bay, by Goose Bay in 2:29 and Hi-Lo's Kill, a beautiful colt by Hollywood Hermes, trotted in 2:38. Weldy sends his regards to all the boys and says, "It's sure nice to hear from the Maritimes."

A post card folder was received this week from George B. Gay and son Bill, of Moncton, N. B., who are enjoying a holiday in Florida. The folder shows colored pictures of beautiful Hialeah Park, the race course with the runners racing down the stretch, the walking ring, the paddock, grandstand, with gorgeous flowers growing in profusion everywhere, and several pictures of Flemings and their nests, which apparently are in a small lake in the centrefield. George writes: "Have been here several times; it is sure some race track. This is a great country to live in." Thanks, George, for remembering us.

A letter received from Rannie MacDonald, Sydney, N. S., now racing at Dufferin Park, Toronto, states: "The weather hasn't been very kind to us the past ten days—14 days racing called off here so far this winter. I enjoy racing here very much; horsemen, drivers and management are a wonderful lot of people. The stables are still full of horses and there are a number for sale. Floyd Milton, who makes his home at Hamburg, N. Y., and whose good judgment in racing is respected by all, has sold five of his eight horse stable. He still has the good trotting mare Dixie Tass 2:06 1-5, who won 19 races for him in 1953, also the five-year-old trotter Volo Colby 2, 2:04 2-5 by Colby Hanover, and the pacer Marnie's Boone 2:06 3-5 by Colby Prince. Floyd has spent many years racing here and says a lot of good horses have been made over Dufferin. He thinks it is a great place to get them ready early and that they can step over any footing after a season here. I am enclosing a copy of our Racing Commission rules which I hope will be of interest to you." Thanks again, Rannie, and our kindest regards to Mr. Milton.

Hunters' Corner

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practice every fall during the spawning season of pitch forking salmon out of our streams and pools complain about salmon getting scarce and hard to find its time to sit up and take notice.

There are many who contend that only a very small percentage of the salmon that ascend our streams every fall to spawn and reproduce their kind manage to escape the snares and pitfalls that await them and return to the sea. Here's wishing the Committee all the luck in the world in their efforts to restore salmon to their former plenty and . . . hoping they do not put the cart before the horse.

Trout fishermen are beginning to worry about the sport of Kings . . . taking trout with rod and reel. What does the future hold in respect to trout? An ardent angler spoke to me this week—"First its lobsters that are in danger. Now its salmon that stand in need of replenishing. . . What next?" To be perfectly truthful I feel that it will be some years yet before our speckled trout require the services of a special Committee to think up ways and means of halting their decline in numbers. Last fall there was an exceptionally heavy spawning run of trout and this feature applies to the majority of our trout streams and rivers. Of course one never knows what a few years may bring forth. The trend of fish and game plenty can change quickly and with little advance warning.

Last fall's heavy run of trout may have been encouraged by the exceptionally high water level. Streams were running brim full and gravel bars that in ordinary seasons sported only a few inches of water were deeply covered last fall and even the largest trout could navigate them safely with no more than the dorsal fin protruding above water. If water covering a riffle is too shallow large trout find it impossible to hold themselves erect and flop over on their sides. A 4 to 5 pound trout in a horizontal position is not altogether helpless but gets pretty panicky.

I met George E. on the street the other morning and the first question he fired at me was: "What's a 4 squarefoot?" Maybe I omitted the word 'pound' when typing or the type setter was thinking about a heavy date he had in the office. A four-pound

New Jersey Records From Both Coasts

During 1953, Jersey cows on the extreme coasts of Canada, one in Prince Edward Island, and 2 in British Columbia, vied for first place, and a new Canadian championship record in the mature, 305 day division, on 2 daily milkings. First, Lady Dora Daffodil produced 761 lbs of fat from 15,347 lbs of milk, and broke the production record for T.C. & A.M. Poison of Vancouver. However, she only held the record for a few days when River North Pansy 2nd from Prince Edward Island, owned by George MacMillan and Son, completed the sensational record in the same time of 15,769 lbs of milk, 907 lbs of fat.

However, shortly after these two records were completed, another outstanding record came in from B. C., defeating that of Lady Dora Daffodil. Glendown Intensifier's Nelly, a five year old cow in 305 days produced for W. H. Savage, Ladner, 15,422 lbs of milk, 823 lbs of fat, making her the second highest producing cow for milk and fat in her class. Of course, she won both Medal Seal and Gold Seal certificates. She is a daughter of the superior sire, Intensifier and her dam is Meadows Standard Nelly, who has 2 high records—743 lbs. of fat at 7 years, from 12,834 lbs of milk—in 365 days, a Gold Medal record, and 734 lbs. of fat from 12,064 lbs of milk as an 8 year old in 305 days, also a Gold Medal record, but missing a Medal of Merit by only six pounds.

squaretail is a trout that will test the skill of any angler old or young. Also the number of black ducks I figured wintered in the Province last winter was 15,000—not 1500. Everywhere I go observers are talking about the number of black ducks that remained all season.

Trout are getting restless and schools are beginning to circle the pools with the appearance of being definitely on the bit. Two anglers stood beside a deep pool at the foot of a by-pass at a Departmental dam on Sunday and watched maybe a score trout in the pound and a half bracket doing a 'dizzy rock' act. They were lively and evidently had a chip on their shoulders. The boys were wondering what they would do if a blob of Garden hackles was tossed in their midst. Not hard to guess. They'll probably grab at something now quicker than they will on the 15th.

Anglers temperatures are beginning to stir with an upward trend and it behoves all enforcement officers to keep both eyes open and stir their stumps a bit. I note that the Special Fishery Officers are arrayed in snazzy uniforms. They are sure eye catchers. I have found out during a quarter century of patrol activity that fish and game protection work is a job where advertising definitely does not pay: Me—I'll stick to the dungarees, sweat shirt and sneakers.

PHILADELPHIA, (AP) — Bobby Jones, an unranked middleweight from Oakland, Calif., won an upset split 10-round verdict over Philadelphia's flurry-punching Gil Turner Wednesday night. Turner weighed 151 and Jones 155.

MANAGER STOLE \$31,429 ST. BONIFACE, Man. (CP)—M. Benoit, 63-year-old credit un-

ion society manager at St. Malo, Man., was sentenced Thursday to 18 months' imprisonment and hard labor after pleading guilty

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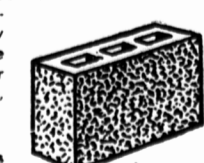
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