

Hunter's Corner

chases on the farm cut in on the time available for hunting predators.

Large numbers of foxes, coon and skunk are killed annually by the farmers, whether or not a bounty is in effect, when they raid poultry yards. Poultry raisers are more prepared to meet such emergencies than they were a few years ago. Incidentally, the bounty on skunk was not raised but was left at one dollar, the same as formerly. Nevertheless, the returns on skunk show an increase. During the course of spring renovations on the farm such as moving poultry houses, cleaning out stack bottoms, etc., numbers of skunks are found in coon, warmly constructed "nests" made ready for spring housekeeping and the family raising. Often the first inkling a farmer has that he is harboring skunks on his premises when he moved a small building, or completed a necessary spring chore.

The racoon is fast attaining the reputation of being our public enemy No. 1 in respect to domestic poultry losses and depredations among the ranks of our wildlife. A coon appears to have a natural instinct for getting into trouble. If he's not heading for mischief, he's coming from trouble in one form or another.

This week a resident of Pinette told me about a crow's nest in a tall spruce a short distance from the farm buildings. Nearing the time the chickens were due for their outdoor pens he figured he'd better get the crows out of the way.

Picking up his 22 rifle he sauntered over to the nest tree. Spotting two small tufts protruding above the nest rim, which he took to be the tail feathers of the sitting crow, he raised the rifle and let strip. He got the surprise of his life. Instead of the expected flapping of a crow, he had aimed at a point below the top of the nest, there was a harsh growl and a big racoon reared up against the tree trunk.

He came down on the second shot. He was a big male and boy fat in the bargain. Evidently after eating either the eggs or young racoons he appropriated the ready made hammock for his daily siesta and sun bath.

Young trappers who had hoped to make a sizable sum of money trapping coons this spring were disappointed. A coon is expert at turning traps over or springing them without getting caught. Don't run away with the idea that coons are just lucky—they're smart. They also love comfort with plenty to eat. I think a coon spends most of his waking hours eating or looking for something to eat. This spring a farmer in eastern Kings was threshing out a barrack of grain. Busily engaged in pitching sheaves, he got quite a shock. It was well beyond a surprise, when he suddenly dropped into a cavity that came up to his armpit. A family of racoons had moved in last fall and lived the life of Riley. A coon is as fond of grain as a pig. The farmer claims they ate half the barrack full but that's slightly exaggerated. If it wasn't the coon's habit to sleep most of the winter it could have happened.

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Back Stretch

son, Conn. half mile track of which he was manager July 4th, 1923. It created a tremendous amount of interest and upwards of 10,000 people were on hand to witness it. They came from Canada, the far west, in fact from every section where horse racing was in vogue. It was raced in elimination heats and the following is the summary: Grattan Bars 1.59 1/2 (V. Fleming); x-1-2:1; Widow Grattan 2.02 1/2 (Mabrey); x-2-1-2: Chantanooga 2.06 1/2 (McGrath); 1-x-3: Bonnie M. 2.02 1/2 (Hodgson); x-2-3-ro: Janette Royal 2.04 1/2 (Wilson); 2-x-10-ro: Hollywood Jacqueline 2.03 1/2 (Brittenfield); 3-x-6-ro: Napoleon Star 2.07 1/2 (Nickerson); 4-ro: Nell Frisco 2.07 (Moshier); 4-x-3-ro: Volo Rico 2.04 1/2 (Crozier); 5-x-7-ro: Star Cochato 2.07 1/2 (x-5-8-ro); Kinney Direct 2.01 1/2 (x-6-ro); Gypsy Star x-8-ro. Time: 2.06 (track record) 2.06 1/2, 2.06.

The finish between Widow Grattan and Grattan Bars in the third heat was so close that it led to a great deal of argument; in fact a lot of the finishes were in dispute among the spectators, notably the first heat in which the judges gave the position to Grattan Bars but many believed that Janette Royal had won it. The finish between Grattan Bars and Widow Grattan was a real hummer and with a terrific brush the last end Grattan Bars won out by a neck. The writer remembers seeing Grattan Bars for the first time at Stratford, Ont. race track in July, 1925. We were on our return from Chicago where we had sold some foxes and stopped off to look at a trotter. It was a beautiful afternoon and our attention was directed to one of the handiest horses we ever saw, a bright bay with a little black mane and tail. We went over to the stall after he had worked a mile and was introduced to the owner, Fred Thrower. We said, "That is a very likely pacer you have there." He said, "Yes, I believe he is going to be one of the greatest pacers in the world." We asked if he wanted to sell him and he said he would take less than \$25,000 for him, and told us to time him the next mile. He went easy with him the first half and came the last half in 1:02, time for the mile 2:12 1/2.

In 1928 the year that he won the big stake, he was unbeaten but the following year met with an accident and had to be retired. He was a very hard horse to handle and would kick a bay wike to interlop if he did not have the proper kind of kicking strap. Finally they had to have one made with steel wire and leather. After his injury he was retired to the stud and sired some fine good pacers. Mr. Wilson has retained his keen interest in the trotters and pacers and enjoys seeing them perform at Foxboro track. He also has a number of good runners and has had considerable success with them. Local horsemen will remember three of the starters in the above race that came to the Maritime-Volo Rico, that the writer won the third heat with from Eula H. at Charlotte-

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CLEVELAND (AP) — The fact that Bob Feller's name appeared on a waiver list doesn't mean a thing, said general manager Hank Greenberg of the Cleveland Indians Wednesday.

"Bob Feller has no desire to leave the Cleveland club and we have no intention of letting him go," the Tribe boss said in an interview with Ed McAuley of the Cleveland News.

Several days ago it became known that a waiver list issued to other American League clubs by the Indians contained the names of Feller, Ralph Kiner, Vic Wertz and Art Houtteman.

Greenberg said he has protested to William Harridge, president of the league, over what he termed

a "leak" of those names. The lists are supposed to be confidential, to be seen only by club officials.

USED AS DECOYS

The general manager said he has been getting telephone calls, and said the callers "naturally don't understand the workings of the waiver system. They want to know why we're getting rid of a great pitcher and a Cleveland institution.

McAuley, however, explained some of the uses to which it is put. If a club wants to trade an outfielder, for example, it puts his name on a waiver list along with Feller and three or four "decoys." If anyone "claims" Feller, his name is quickly withdrawn, of course.

Part of our difficulty, in financing these ball teams, we think lies in the fact that Queen Elizabeth Park has gotten to be a three-ring circus almost every night of the week in the summertime, and fans are divided up between baseball, softball and Little League. As a result that none of the sports attractions gets a very big crowd. This doesn't really matter to the Little Leaguers who are backed by the service clubs, but it has meant that the Athletic Association had to bear a heavy burden in trying to finance junior and intermediate baseball, and softball activities.

We're not criticizing the set-up. It is, in a way, a very healthy condition for summer sports to be in, and it is impossible to stagger the games in such a way that only one sports attraction would be carried on at a time. In arranging evenings for the different sports, the S.A.A. will no doubt do the best they can to keep out-throat competition among the different leagues at an absolute minimum, but because of the number of leagues in operation, there is not a great deal that they can do.

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Sport Echoes From Prince County

Well, it looks as if the baseball boys are ready to roll up their sleeves, and run their own show this year, just as we predicted they could. Realizing the fact that there are orphans this year, and have no athletic association to read the bills, they may be a lot more careful with their equipment. We hope the baseball fans of the town and vicinity will come to their support and help to keep the good old summer pastime flourishing in Summerside.

The Men's Softball League promises to be better than ever this year. No less than three teams from Summerside have signified their intentions to enter this league. There will be two from the airport. It is expected, and Kin-kora will compete in a six-team league. Perhaps Borden will come in, too. Schurman's Legion and one other team headed by Laysch Schurman and Joe Bernard will be the town entries.

It is interesting to note that the league heads propose to keep batting averages this summer, and trophies will be offered for the leading batter, the boy who hits the most circuit clouts, and the RBI king, as well as the leading pitcher in the league. This should add a lot of interest to the league. We think the men who clothe the overgrown ball are going to have a highly successful season.

At Richelieu Raceway, Que., Bettyplay, owned by Charles Stueber, Laidlaw, Sydney, and driven by Rennie MacDonald, was 3-1 in the D Pace, tall Grattan 1-3, time 2:13 1/2. The D was won by Bettyplay. The D trot was won by Clean Up, owned by Donald Rankin, Sydney, and driven by Rennie MacDonald, time 2:13. In the CC Pace Globetrotter, owned by Harry Hirsch and driven by Rennie MacDonald, was 1-1, time 2:08 1/2, 2:10.

Joe O'Brien has a quartette of Hambletonian Stake eligibles from personally drive in this \$100,000 event for his employer Sol Campbell. The quartette has been paid up until declaration date. Scott Frost 2.00, the world's champion, Butch Hanover 2.02 1/2, a 9-times winner the past season, Home Free 2.06 and Dragon Fly 2.08 1/2 that were on the front end on occasions and gathered in \$76,118.19. O'Brien's team, accounting for more than \$65,000 of the total.

The trotter Carmel Boy 2:05 1/2 boosted his earnings to over the \$90,000 mark last week for Billy Haughton. When Sep Palin consigned him to the Harrisburg sale he made the statement, "He is not enough of a trotter to stake on the Grand Circuit but he will make someone a good trotter at the New York night meetings." Only four trotting geldings have won more money than Carmel Boy. Sep Palin was one of the greatest horsemen that ever lived and his death has been a great loss to his friends and to harness horse racing.

Earle Rowe, a prominent member of the Dominion Parliament, has been winning a lot of races at Richelieu Park with the mare Dorothy Riddell and has now reduced her record from 2:16 to 2:09. Jo-Jo Spencer 2:10, Winni-Fred G. 2:16 and the 4-year-old Christy's Liacci; Roy MacDonald, Mona Clegg and Nancy Clegg; Earle Boutlier, Albany, Jean York; George Sobey, Lusty's Lass 2:19 1/2, Faraway Lady, All Aglow, Colonel Simcoe, Jolly Clegg and Pitts Boy; Bob Holman, Rubison Clegg 3. 2:18 1/2, Julia Clegg and the trotter New Forest 2:15 1/2, that dropped a foal yesterday morning by Watchin 2:06; Charles MacKay, Northern, has Tommy Morgan 2:15 1/2, Graden G. and Frisco Flag 2:17 1/2; Ed Turner has Dale P., Frank Caybeck, Frank Cavalero, Lee Cavalero, Joe Cavalero, Barry Clegg, Donald Clegg and two colts; Reg Sonier, Frisco the

Dean Gallon was a starter in the \$5,000 trot at Roosevelt Raceway Friday night last week and finished sixth. Blitzzer, Mon 2:05 (Bell) 2. Thunderation 2:03 1/2 (Safford) 3. Giesta Hanover 2:03 1/2 4. Bob Lybrook 2:05 1/2 5. Dean Gallon 2:07 1/2 6. Time, 2:05 1/2. The same

On Saturday night Lord Steward 2:02, driven by Joe O'Brien, won the \$8,000 trot in 2:03 1/2. It brought together the fastest trotters racing over half mile tracks in the United States. Stenographer 3, 1:58 1/2 (D. Miller), holder of several world's records, was 2. Katie Key 1:59 1/2 (Hodgins) 3, five other starters. Joe was catch driver and certainly brought home the bacon. Joe followed that up by winning the 7th race that night. It was a \$5,000 pace, with Ensign Lad 1:59 1/2, time 2:04 1/2.

First of the regular night racing programs at Truro was held on Saturday with mile dashes featured in each of the eight events. Don Turner's Josedale Clansman 2:09, winner of two dashes on May 23rd, won races 4 and 8 Saturday night, driven by owner Turner. Gideon Hanover 2:06 (Daniels) was 2. This horse was owned by Holden Bros. No. Brighton, Maine, last year and was raced on the Maine circuit. Time 2:16 1/2. Ed Haley of Antigonish also won two dashes. Nos. 5 with Hl Pat Jr. 2:17. Peaceful Peter (Washington) 2, Squire L. (Coates) 3, and Haley was first to the wire with the trotter Nibble Sun 2:10 1/2, Patrick Budlong 2:14 1/2 (G. Turner) 2, Barbara Ann Queen 2:14 (C. Smith) 3, Time, 2:18 1/2. Nibble Sun is owned by E. Smith, Sydney, who has three other horses in the Haley stable. He is a very beautiful horse with splendid trotting style and is much admired by everyone who has seen him work. He was purchased at the Delaware, Ohio, sale last fall.

Other winners were: Race 1, Bud Henley (G. Turner), owned by Harry Whelby, Dartmouth, Beloit 2:18 1/2 (L. O'Brien) 2, time 2:22 1/2. Race 2, Leo's Dream, owned and driven by K. Pinkney, Hardroad Bill (Daniels) 2, time 2:21 1/2. Race 3, Barbara Ann Queen (C. Smith), owned by H. Monaghan, Sydney, Follow Up, Jr. (Fletcher) 2, time 2:19 1/2.

Through the kindness of our friend Jerry Sheen, secretary of Summerside Raceway, we are able to give a complete list of the horses in training there and at J. Curran's nearby race track. . . George A. Callbeck, Bow Tie, a 4-year-old, G-Ann C., owned by Mr. Callbeck, and Miss Knox 2:09 1/2, owned by Willard MacDonald; J. K. Curran, Ann's Dream 2: