

Pounding the SPORTS BEAT

WHEN IT COMES TO HORSE RACING what this fuzzy-checker's brain knows would fill the Encyclopedia Britannica and several large volumes in the Acton Public Library to boot. We've always wanted to follow the ponies but outside of occasional glimpses at fairs and a trip to Woodbine as a spectator, few opportunities have presented themselves.

That's why we felt kind of tickled when as a member of an Acton service club we were presented with a pass to the spanking new Mohawk Raceway for Monday evening's trots. As a result of an upbringing that didn't encourage pastimes of this type we had always been inclined to view the goings on at race tracks as being a trifle risqué. You know, the image the races conjure up... shady gent in hats with turned down brims, fistfuls of money, placing bets on legs that ain't what you'd call stout.

That's a false impression. If following the ponies was ever like that they've cleaned it up. The only disappointed person in our party of five was my spouse.

She has always had a hankering to hear first hand the trumpet heralding the start of the races. She pictured an impeccable gentleman attired in long red tails set off with white breeches and shiny black riding boots topped by a hunting hat stopping briskly with a glinting trumpet and blowing the notes known the world over at turf meets.

Seated in the well appointed grandstand which commands a perfect view of the oval-shaped track, the notes shattered the crisp Monday air. She looked in vain for that long, shimmering trumpet. Oh, this modern, over-mechanized age. There was not a trumpet player. The melody came from the speaker system where no doubt a bored DJ spun a platter in some back room.

It gave the air of authenticity but lacked the feeling for tradition one ordinarily associates with race tracks.

IF YOU'RE NOT FAMILIAR with the tote board at the races, picture out sundry when the bet or half demanded to know what all those figures stood for. But that was nothing.

Harness racing is peculiar in that after the horses have started all the drivers head for the rail. About the second turn they're strung out in a long snake-like line, all looking for an opportunity to pass the driver-ahead without sacrificing their present position on the rail. "You call that racing?" the wife snarled at me, pointing to the line of sulkeys. It didn't look like it.

She got over that when the bugles started into the stretch. It was every horse for itself and when that stampede really let loose everybody was their feet cheering on their money bearers.

By the fourth race and with two winners picked without placing a bet my wife had had enough reaction. "Put two on the nose for Mr. Dillon in the next race," she commanded, waving a track sheet at me.

Why Mr. Dillon, we wanted to know, hastily consulting our tips from a Toronto morning newspaper. It showed him a long, long shot. But the odds were good. We split the bet and instead of putting it on the nose we placed it for show without consulting our spouse who claimed she was intuitive.

When the ponies completed the first lap Mr. Dillon was running second. He held that position until the home stretch. When they hit the last lap Mr. Dillon looked like he was standing still on a treadmill. Every other horse on the track was moving up.

"C'mon Mr. Dillon," we yelled lustily as we jumped to our feet. When the horses hit the wire Mr. Dillon wasn't first. He wasn't second. He wasn't third. He was fourth, a half a length out of the money.

When it came down to the point where Mr. Dillon was supposed to run like blazes, he ran more like his side kick Chester.

THAT CURED MY WIFE'S pretensions to intuitive forecasts. She never placed another bet until the last pace of the night when we consulted and agreed to each throw an ace on number 8. Friends with us, also with a wife who had that feeling, got mixed up and put a dozen on number 3 to place instead of show.

Number 8 ran well for about a block and then decided he'd trail the field and give us a grandstand finish. Number 3 ran about fifth.

Number 8 got so far behind he never was in contention but 3 put on a real spurt in the stretch and won by about a nose.

There was jubilation in one household that night.

MANAGERS AND COACHES are needed if a proposed town league for baseball players in the Tyke, Pee Wee and Bantam classifications is to be operated this season. The future of the league is dependent on the number who agree to help out with the kids.

Registration for boys for Tyke, Pee Wee and Bantam baseball will be on Monday, May 27, 8:30 p.m. at the community centre. If you're interested in helping out it wouldn't be remiss if you showed up with the kids and tendered your name.

Games in the proposed league will be played early in the week, leaving weekends free for your own enjoyment. Men who have participated in this work in previous years have often worked up such enthusiasm they can barely wait out the interval between games. It's a good community service in an area where sometimes your influence can make the difference between responsible citizens and delinquents for boys.

BEAT BITS... Playground leaders from the age of 16 and up are still required for the summer program recreational director Jim Cashburn intends to operate during the months of July and August. Just get in touch with Jim if you are interested. The program will run from nine to five Monday to Friday in addition to a nursery program from nine to 11 the same five days. Grapevine children that both Paul and Pete Lawson caught berths on the senior inter-county Guelph Royals. Pete has caught on at short and Paul, if our informant is correct, nailed down an outfield spot. The Royals are mixing out if they don't give Paul a real trial on first base, a position he excelled at for Acton baseball clubs for years. It took 10 innings for Galt Terriers of the senior inter-county league to edge Campbellville Merchants in an exhibition in the Nassau game on Sunday. Sunday Terriers trailed 4-1 as the teams went into the ninth inning but they rallied for three runs to knot the count. Two runs plated in the extra inning gave the visitors the win. Milton Red Sox opened the Halton County Baseball Association last night (Wednesday) against Oakville's always sturdy Oaks. Managing the Oaks this year is Ron (Andy) Anderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson, Cameron St. An Acton native, Ron will also play with the team, probably in right field, where his talents are most appreciated. Ron has always been a keen hitter for the Oaks. Last season he batted out a .375 average. Softball opening was washed out Tuesday evening but should have got away last night (Wednesday) providing the weather remained clear. Pickle weather has been the bane of both baseball and softball teams in the past couple of weeks. Few practices have been staged as a result. This article got his first game of golf in this season last Friday at Milltop in Erin. That's where they're staging the Acton Open on June 8th. Tickets are now on sale. My word, better it should not be preserved for posterity. Anglers aren't happy with the high water conditions in most streams in this district. Some of the best fishing holes are inaccessible.

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COWS - 5 springers, due May and June; 4 cows, full flow; 2 Hereford bulls; 12 stockers.

PIGS - 3 sows; 1 boar, 13 chucks; 4 weaners.

FURNITURE

1 W4 International tractor; 1 Case V.A.C. with Davis loader and hydraulic bucket; 1/2 yd. snow bucket and snow plow blade and 3-point hitch; 1 64 International combine with motor and pick-up at attachments, complete, good shape; 1 baler, International T-50; 1 8 Bissell tractor disc; 1 12 Massey Harris cultivator, power lift; 1 International side rake; 1 Case mower; 1 International drill, fertilizer and grass seed; 1 Case plow, 2 furrows, 3-point hitch; 1 Case plow, 3-furrow; 1 Massey Harris grain grinder; 2 sets of harrows; 2 wagons and racks, on rubber; 1 bale elevator; 1 grain thresher with pipes; 1 water tank, 600 gals., for truck; 1 portable air compressor; 1 portable electric grease gun; 2 sump pumps; 1 portable milking machine, double unit; 1 International cream separator; 1 litter carrier bucket; 1 2-wheel trailer with stock racks; 1 farm lane grader; 1 Wood's grain grinder (3 h.p. electric motor), complete with storage box.

FURNITURE - 1 chesterfield; 1 studio couch; 3 chesterfield chairs; 2 refrigerators; 1 electric stove (large); 1 range stove; 1 coal and wood stove (large); 2 small tables; 1 television (Admiral); 6 chairs; 1 kitchen unit; 3 beds; 2 dressers; 2 buffets; and articles too numerous to mention.

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Tennis Club Makes Plans

During the tennis club meeting Tuesday evening, members agreed to enter the inter-county league this summer and to operate a clinic for beginners again this year.

The meeting was well attended and officials are hopeful additional members will still join. Registration date for joining has been set for Thursday evening, May 30, at the clubhouse.

Donations to date represent over one-sixth of the \$9,000 needed to cover the school's operational expenses for a year, and wipe out the \$5,000 mortgage. Donations will still be welcomed at Box 386, Acton.

Auction Sale

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JUNE 1st
Of articles from local estates. Complete listing next week.

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SATURDAY, MAY 25
At 11 a.m. sharp.

The complete contents of this well-known old 12-room house. Rosewood, walnut, cherry, pine, including living and bedroom furnishings; sofas; Mr. and Mrs. chairs; several cherry pieces; pine tables; dough box etc.; Brunswick pool table; survey; 2 fine buffalo robes; fine Limoges and other china; cut glass; old glass; china; silver; ornaments etc. This has always been considered one of the better furnished homes in the district. Has been well cared for and in nice condition. An extra large offering and must start on time. Dealers and fanciers will find many items of interest.

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Will be held at the proprietor's farm, lot 10, con. 2, Township of Nassagawaga (just N.W. of Mohawk race track), on

SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 1
At 7 o'clock

TERMS: CASH.
No reserve. Farm sold.

W.M. McLENNAN
Proprietor
JACK ELLIOTT,
Auctioneer.

Returned Campaign Is One-Sixth There

The Association mailed brochures on their work at Sunshine School, Hornby, to every North Halton household two weeks ago. No door to door canvass is being conducted this year.

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BLUE BOMBERS copped the trophy for being the best kegglers in the Acton High School bowling league during the finals Monday, May 13. With their trophy observing their score are left to right Terry Churchill, Jackie Bullough, Merl Harris and Jill Hurst. Missing when photo was taken was Don Harris.

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