

SPEED QUEST RUINOUS

Thoroughbred Horses Of Today Faster And Slimmer But Wear Out Too Young

By JACK HEWINS

SEATTLE—(AP)—Horse racing is dedicated, all horsemen will tell you, to improving the breed. It begins to look like they're improving it out of existence.

Bred for speed, the pipestem-legged thoroughbreds of today outrun the tracks to home pastures and give their legs a rest. Sometimes the legs fall but they reach the age of top performance. Remember Blue Peter and Mr. Busher, great as two-year-olds but sidelined in their third years by leg complaints?

Many great gallopers have had to retire from the tracks to home pastures and give their legs a rest. Citation, Stymie, Assault, Armed, Count Fleet and the Irish-bred ball of fire, Mafosta, come back. Dinner Gong, this year's west coast sensation, had to be destroyed.

Some students of equinology blame the practice of sending two-year-olds to the racing wars. The weights assigned to break-downs, as some trainers insist and most handicappers deny. More likely the real reason is the quest for speed that has influenced breeders, especially in the last half-century. Gradually the thoroughbred has become slimmer, faster, more brittle.

Racing in the past was an endurance contest. Eclipse, son of a father of the modern thoroughbred, started racing as a five-year-old back in the 1760s and considered three miles a mere sprint. Now the preferred distance is under a mile. If they furlongs the thoroughbred men will find the sturdy little quarter-horse—bred for quick starts and bursts of speed for a quarter-mile—waiting to dip into the racing gravy.

Home Loans To Veterans Show Market Increase

G. I. loans to veterans for the purchase of homes have shown a marked upswing during the past few months, after nearly a year of declining activity, the Veterans Administration announced.

The main factors making it easier for veterans to get loans have been the opening up of a secondary loan market by the federal government and a renewed interest by lending institutions in four per cent loans, the VA said.

Veterans are reminded that the VA does not lend money, it only guarantees a portion of the loan in order to make it easier for them to arrange financing for the purchase of a home.

Application for a loan should be made directly to a bank, savings and loan association or other agency. The VA will certify the veteran's eligibility to the lending institution and issue the loan guaranty if the purchase price of the house meets VA appraisal standards of reasonable value.

Amount of the guaranty is limited to 50 per cent of the loan, with a maximum of \$4000. Interest chargeable is limited by law to four per cent. Eligible veterans have until July 25, 1957, to take advantage of this G. I. benefit.

Lowest official temperature ever recorded in the United States was 66 degrees below zero, recorded at Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming side, in February, 1933.

Employment And Pay Rolls Said Below Year Ago

Employment and pay rolls reported by 17,580 covered firms for the first quarter of 1949 were from four to five per cent below the same period the year before, the State Unemployment Compensation commission announced today.

Despite a prolonged cold spell that cut into production early in the year, wages paid to an average of about 275,000 employees reached \$206,303,631 as compared with \$215,477,491 during the record first opening quarter of 1948.

Lumber, logging and construction workers received \$59,151,581 up to March 31, 1949, against \$73,048,006 a year ago, but trade, transportation, utilities, finance and other service employees were paid nearly five millions more than in 1948. Fewer than 54,000 were employed by lumber and logging concerns in January and February as compared with 68,000 the previous winter and the all-time high of 91,000 in August, 1948.

Wages paid to employees of lumber and logging concerns dropped to 22.5 per cent of the total as compared with 24 per cent before the war and 27.2 per cent in early 1948. Trade concerns with pay rolls aggregating \$60,837,668 accounted for 29.5 per cent against 27.4 per cent last year.

Although retail stores reversed the general trend by reporting \$2,242,888 or 6.3 per cent more payrolls than in early 1948, average employment remained about the same. The financial, insurance and realty group set the pace with a pay roll gain of 12 per cent and employment up 6 per cent.

Current reports to the commission from representative firms all over the state indicate summer-time employment also running about 5 per cent below last year, with heavy industries accounting for most of the loss. Pay rolls for 1948 so far tabulated are within \$30 millions of the billion-dollar mark, although agriculture, government, domestics and many other groups are not covered—and firms with fewer than four employees also are exempt.

Theater Ads Criticized By Portland's Mayor

PORTLAND, Aug. 29—(AP)—Mayor Dorothy Lee said Friday she thought some theaters were jumping a little overboard in their advertising.

She asked the municipal board of review to consider movie ads, some of which she said appeared "quite objectionable."

Actually, she added, the actual movies are often not objectionable at all. "Perhaps this disparity between the advertising and the picture is something of a fraud on the customer," the mayor said. "If he goes to the theater expecting to see what the ads suggest, in most cases he'll be disappointed."



OUT OUR WAY

By J. R. Williams

Boys, Squirrels Are Power Line Headaches

ELGIN, Ore., Aug. 29—(AP)—Repairmen for the California-Pacific Power company are a bit tired of squirrels.

First a group of youngsters found some unexploded 20 millimeter shells; set them up beneath the main Elgin power line; and started target-shooting.

A shell tore through the power line and blacked out the entire town of Elgin for more than an hour.

Just after that was repaired, a pine squirrel scurried up another power line. It put its feet on one bushing, its tail on another.

The squirrel died and the power line went out. That, too, took an hour to fix.

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Maragon's Acct. Shows Tickets To Demo Feast

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29—(AP)—One item on John Maragon's \$9,500 expense account when he

worked for the Albert Verley perfume company:

Three tickets for the Democratic party's 1946 Jackson day dinner at a Washington hotel—\$300.

At the five per cent inquiry, Senator Mundt (R-S.D.) said he

'Demokrassie' Now Appeals To Jap Princesses

TOKYO, Aug. 29—(AP)—The princesses of Japan are just crazy about this new "demokrassie" that arrived with the occupation. Frees 'em to go window shopping, even ride a bicycle if they feel like it. A princess riding a bicycle in the old days would have rocked imperial court circles like a first-class earthquake.

Not now, though, under Japan's democratic constitution which holds that a prince is no better than the next man.

Four princesses told how they like their new freedom in a roundtable reported in the September issue of the Home Journal of Japan.

They are Princesses Asako Fushimi, Naoko Kan-In, Toshiko Kaya and Yoshiko. (All are members of Japan's princely families although none is of the family of Emperor Hirohito.)

Here are some reasons they gave for doing on democracy:

They got rid of a lot of boring ceremony.

They can window shop, enter restaurants, ride streetcars and even talk with the passengers.

They can have a hot meal. As they put it: "Never were our meals hot because the kitchen was so far away the dishes cooled while the servants carried them down the long halls. Now we even bring pans right to the table."

And on top of all these boons, they point out that a princess now can marry for love!

(All four already are married.)

Grants Pass Fire Hits Davison Hop Yards

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 29—(AP)—Fate took a hand in helping the federal hop-control commission in its 1949 curtailment program here Friday when the Roy Davison dual drying kilns were destroyed by fire of undetermined origin.

The owner said the crop from nine acres, approximately 100 bales, was totally destroyed.

The wooden structures and their inflammable contents sent a mass of flames 300 feet into the air, witnesses said.

Approximately a third of Davison's entire crop was lost. In addition, he is confronted with the problem of finding drying facilities for the balance.

Repelled Assailant Returns, Shoots Woman

OREGON CITY, Aug. 29—(AP)—A young housewife was recovering today from a bullet wound, which she said was inflicted by an intruder into her farm home near Wilsonville.

Mrs. Ruby Butler, 18, said she drove an assailant away last Monday with a pistol after he had walked into her kitchen and threatened her.

He returned Friday, she said. She again got the household pistol, but he wrenched it away from her and fired. The bullet struck her shoulder.

The man, whom she described as about 25, then fled.

Competitive Award Won By Ship Of Roseburg Youths

Two Roseburg men, James K. Neavill and James G. Armonson, both seamen apprentices, are attached to the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge which has just been awarded the battle efficiency pennant and "E" for her general excellence throughout the fiscal year July 1, 1948, to July 30, 1949.

Neavill lists his Roseburg address as 1454 Cedar street and Armonson as 922 Harvard ave.

The award is a competitive one, based on overall battle efficiency. Each department of the ship is graded to determine the vessel's final mark in the competition.

The pennant is a red triangle with a black circle in the center and is therefore termed a "meatball." In addition to the "meatball" each enlisted man having served on board the Valley Forge for at least six months of the competition year is entitled to wear an "E" on the sleeve of his uniform and receives a cash award as well.

The Valley Forge is presently operating out of San Diego, Calif.

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