

# 1940 Racing Nets \$15,000,000

## New York Adds To Huge Take California Shows Major Loss; Washington Is Down Slightly

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A lot more money went to the horses this year than last in the United States, but the most striking development in racing for 1940 was the discovery of what a "soft touch" the bookmakers had in New York state for years before the totals arrived.

The annual Associated Press survey of the financial side of the turf disclosed today that \$492,228,711 was bet in 16 states with 110 racing days this year, compared to \$291,794,143 in 16 states with 173 days for '39.

New York, now operating under the pari-mutuel system of betting and disclosing its figures for the first time, was out in front in the list, while the most marked increases otherwise showed up in Florida, Illinois and New Hampshire. The only major losses were in California, where nearly \$5,000,000 less was wagered, and Kentucky, where the Lottoria track did not operate this year.

Total \$15,000,000

From their share of these betting totals, the tracks and the state from license fees and admission taxes, the states received a total revenue this year of \$15,982,127.95. Last year, with New York supplying only a puny \$616,871.58, compared to the robust 1940 sum of \$2,998,049, the states cut in for only \$10,383,256.48.

As usual, several states, notably Michigan, Illinois and Kentucky, were high up in total wagering, but far down in revenue derived from the sport because they took their share only from admission taxes and license fees. Illinois, third on the list in wagering, was seventh in revenue—\$614,959.60.

Washington had 75 days of racing this year, during which \$2,587,855 was wagered. Last year, in 77 racing days, wagers totaled \$3,690,849.

## Justice Just Can't Help Laughing—One Cent Fine Levied; Tables Turned on Students—Can You, at Quirks of the Law?

By GLADWIN HILL  
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(AP)—If blindfolded Miss Justice's scales seem to wobble.

It's because she's indulging in a pardonable giggle.

The nation's courtrooms, which you ordinarily think of as citadels of seriousness, have seen a lot of daffy doings lately.

Auctions Suit to Pay Fine  
A Brooklyn motorist paid a fine the other day by auctioning off his suit to a courtroom spectator for \$5. . . . A Collinsville (Okla.) boy sued the mayor and the chief of police for \$4,000 for interfering with his Halloween party. . . . A Fresno (Calif.) man found guilty of not having the tail light on his car lit, was fined . . . one . . . cent.

A St. Louis woman's suit to collect life insurance on her husband, who she said had been missing 20 years, was brought to a rather decisive conclusion when the husband walked into the courtroom.

Razzle-dazzle rulings: . . . A New York judge ruled that a man had been married legally only twice—but ordered him to pay a separation allowance to his third wife. . . . A judge in Hamilton, Ohio, refused a woman a divorce, but granted her custody

## Alunite Plant In Northwest? \$6,000,000 Aluminum Ore Reducing Works May Be Erected on Sound

SEATTLE, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Possibility of construction of a \$6,000,000 plant for reduction of aluminum from native western Washington alunite ore was reported here today.

Carl W. Smith, state WPA administrator, said the Kalunite company of Alton, Ill., "is contemplating construction of a reduction plant to be located either at Enumclaw or at Tidewater on Puget Sound, and it is understood that the mining of alunite, its transportation to the reduction works and the beneficiation plant will employ about 400 men, many of whom will be scientific technicians and skilled craftsmen."

The Kalunite company is reported to have developed a process, heretofore unknown, for reducing the alunite ore profitably for manufacture of aluminum, an important metal in national defense planning.

Aluminum ordinarily is obtained from bauxite ore. At the big aluminum plant at Vancouver, the bauxite is shipped from mines in Arkansas and Tennessee for the aluminum reduction process.

Frank Eichelberger, prominent mining engineer who formerly directed development operations at the big Sunshine silver mine in north Idaho, has been working with field representatives in an independent study of alunite deposits, concurrent with the WPA state-wide mineral survey.

WPA Administrator Smith said the Kalunite process left sulphuric acid and potassium sulphate as valuable by-products, which he said were essential elements in the pulp and paper industry and in fertilizer, respectively.

## Delegation Raps Rodent Program

Vigorous opposition to establishment of a rodent control district in the east-central portion of Marion county was expressed yesterday by a delegation from the Union Hill district appearing before the county court.

As an alternative to the control district plan for eliminating unwanted gophers, greyhoppers and other small animals preying on grain fields, members of the delegation proposed that the county reinstate a bounty system similar to that formerly used as a device to stimulate extermination of field rodents.

The delegation, led by Andrew and Theodore Fisher and by a

Mr. Lawrence, explained to court members that a petition for a control district had been circulated in their neighborhood.

Even before its filing with the court, they indicated, they wished to make known their opposition to such a move whereby an addition would be made to property taxes for the purpose of rodent control in cooperation with the WPA and the federal biological survey.

Before leaving, the delegation left with the court two petitions.

One, signed by 156 persons, stated opposition to the control district movement, and the other, signed by 160, urged adoption of the bounty system.

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## Collegé Helpers Extend Welcome

BRUSH COLLEGE — Brush College Helpers extended an invitation to new residents in the district to their meeting recently at the home of Mrs. Fred Olson.

At election of officers Mrs. Leland Wendt succeeded Mrs. Fred Olson as president; Mrs. A. W. Andrews is vice president, and Mrs. Leo Nelson secretary-treasurer.

Games were played during the afternoon and the group discussed plans for a Christmas party at the local school house New Year's eve with families of members as guests.

The hostess served refreshments to Mrs. A. E. Utley, Mrs. Karl Harritt, Mrs. C. W. Bartlett, Mrs. C. D. Garver, Mrs. D. Bartlett, Mrs. Bertha Carrow, Mrs. A. W. Andrews, Mrs. Leo Nelson, Katherine Olson, Mrs. John Schindler, Mrs. L. McCallister, Mrs. Oliver Whitney, Mrs. Leland Wendt and Mrs. Esther Oliver.

## Two Star Badges Presented Scouts

Boy Scout troop 11 took top honors at last night's monthly court of honor at the chamber of commerce, with two boys, Robert Singleton and Richard Vincent, receiving the star scout award.

First class rank was given Boyd Watson of troop one and Glen Welch of troop 14.

New second class scouts are Donald Feigner, William Foren, Robert Hoague, Wallace Hall, and Clyde Ketchum, troop 14; Don Baal, troop 17; Earl Cooley and Stanley Hawk, troop 11; James Neece and Bill Miller, troop 12.

Merit badges were earned by Harry Wiedmaier, troop one; Dan Norris, troop two; Don Bowers, troop three; Laverne Hopp, Edward Newman and Paul Linnell, troop nine; Howard Beugll, Norman Beugll, Douglas Carter, Bill Ready and Keith Whitman, troop 11; Clarence Conrad and David Scott, troop 13; Romeo Dare, Richard Colley, Lyle Blakely and Glen Welch, troop 14.

The court was conducted by the Salem 20 club, Ted Reschke presiding. Assisting were Robert Lange, Ernest Khney, Morris Walker, Aobert Day, Robert Singleton, Ed Newman, Olin Smith, Paul Linnell, Darrrel Rothenfluch and Laverne Hopp.

## British Down 100 Of Italy's Planes

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The British radio in a broadcast heard by CBS announced tonight that British airmen have shot down or put out of action more than 100 Italian planes during the last seven days action in Africa.

The British radio added that British losses were said to be probably "no more than five."

"The RAF has completely demolished the Italian pilots," the radio said. "What chance have we got?" one of them asked on being taken prisoner. "Your planes have eight guns. We have only two."

## Stroke Suffered

DAYTON—Mrs. J. W. Sims, 77, suffered a paralytic stroke at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Riley Clark, early Sunday morning.

## Portland Firm Gets Contract

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Bonneville-Grand Coulee power administration announced today that Madwell and Hartsell, Inc., Portland, and the Royal Electric Manufacturing company, Chicago, had been awarded contracts for disconnector switches for use at Walla Walla, Wash.

The Portland firm's contract was for \$1238, the Chicago company's for \$4215.

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