

## Joe Saves C-Note by Naming Wrong Nag in Charleston Race

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Washington, March 8 (AP)—This is about a bar-keep named Joe and a horse called Bee Kee.

Joe loves the horses, risks a bob here and there, but seldom wins. Bee Kee—well, more about the horse later. Anyhow, the nag, a strapping four-year-old bay gelding, was due to start on Saturday at Charlestown, W. Va. In 22 trips to the post in its racing career, the score was 22 to nothing. It hadn't even been in the money and had finished fourth only twice. Total winnings for owner C. Garland, \$125.

But word got around to the tavern owner that Saturday was the day. Rumor was that Garland had been stuffing vitamin pills down the horse's throat all winter and that he could win in a walk. This despite the gelding's poor record and the fact that in his last time trial he had run three-eighths of a mile in 30 seconds, which is considerably over par for the course.

Our man Joe wet-ragged the mahogany, served up a couple and went to the phone. He asked the bookie across the way to come running.

Joe handed him a \$100 bill along with a note. "On the nose 'Bee Kee!'"

Harry, one of the bartenders, was wearing rabbit ears.

Harry makes around 50-60 bucks a week. He was going to catch a bus to the track that day. He looked in his pocket and found a stray 10-spot. He looked up and down the bar and found a few friends. He borrowed another \$50. A fin here, two or three there, a twenty from a well-heeled patron who had just drawn his week's wages.

Came post time. Bee Kee, the gelding, bore the highest price of any horse in the race. Almost \$80 for two if it won. Joe was by his radio. Harry was at the track, having stuffed his 60 borrowed and hard-earned dollars through the wicket at the "win" window.

The race was off. Easter Bonnie broke on top. Bee Kee kicked up a slow heel and started off sixth, from post No. 8. He remained sixth until the end of the race, when nosed out by Cherokee Star.



Our goat didn't get a call all the way around the oval. Tavern owner Joe dropped a couple of tears in his beer, scrubbed the bar some more and said: "There goes another C-note."

About this time the doors of the saloon turned in and the bookmaker belled up to the bar, ordered one and pitched a \$100 bill at Joe.

"I looked all through the racing form," he said, "and I couldn't find a horse named 'Bee Kee!'"

Joe fished his own "form" from under the bar and looked again. He had spelled the name of the horse wrong on his memo.

Joe, being a pretty good Joe, cracked the C-note, bought the house a round.

At the track, Harry, the young bartender, was having a bad time. The money he had borrowed was down the drain.

"Vitamin pills for horses and hot tips on same, foxy," he said, as he put the arm on a friend for carfare back to home base.

and Mrs. Curtis Weise of Rochester, Minn. The guests plan an extended stay at Tacoma and a tour of California before returning to their home. Mrs. Graden entertained for Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Moore in an evening dinner for the pleasure of the house guests.

Slaying Suspect — James Robert Iannone, 36, covers up his face as he waits to be booked at the Los Angeles police station, on suspicion of murder in connection with the slaying of Abe Davidian at Fresno, Calif. Davidian was scheduled to be a principal government witness at the trial of 14 men indicted by the federal grand jury on narcotics charges. (AP Wirephoto.)

## Holdups 'Hardly Pay Expenses'

New Orleans, March 8 (AP)—Four men arrested today with an arsenal of pistols and rifles by New Orleans police confessed seven robberies and burglaries but said "the holdup business hardly pays expenses."

Police said they arrived on March 1 with 16 rifles and pistols and several cases of ammunition, after pooling their funds to buy a truck.

"We knocked off a store in San Fernando, Cal., to get the guns," they said.

Police identified them as Charles Cannon, 21, of San Fernando; Sid Maxey, of New Bedford, Mass.; Fred Bates, of Oakland, Cal., and Eugene Bryant, of Dallas, Tex.

Bates said he had served in the navy and after the war was a house painter in Oakland, Calif.

"Money got scarcer and scarcer, so I left and looked for something better," he said.

He met Maxey and Cannon in San Fernando, and they "knocked off," as Bates put it, a sporting goods store there, getting pistols, rifles, ammunition and holsters.

Then they bought the truck to carry the guns and ammunition. Daniels said they robbed three liquor stores in Los Angeles, and headed east three weeks ago.

They met Bryant in Dallas

and all four drove to New Orleans.

Maxey and Cannon were arrested at 4 a.m. while acting suspiciously on a dark street. Cannon had three revolvers on him and Maxey had one. Then police found the truck, with Bates and Bryant inside.

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