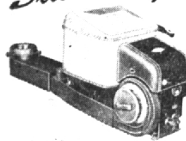




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Speaking of Sports

Ugly Duckling Colt Is Champ Of Trotters

By GEORGE A. BARCLAY
 WHEN horsemen meet around the fair circuits this summer and fall the case of McClin, "ugly duckling" among the three-year-old trotters, will be a prime subject of talk. For the smashing victory of this unpromising looking colt in the \$25,000 Hambletonian stake race at Gosport, N. Y., a while back startled the most unexcitable followers of the track.

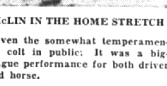
McClin's victory was unique in several ways. Until he flashed past his nine competitors in 2:02 1/2 and 2:02 1/2, he was what racing folk call a "maiden." He had yet to win a race. He had started in two races last year and was among the also-rans, falling in both cases to "save his entrance fee," a term used to describe horses that can't finish among the first four.

At that, McClin had some rather distinguished precedents behind him. Circuit followers remembered the experience of Guy McKinney, winner of the first Hambletonian race in 1926. Guy McKinney had McClin's record for failure beaten handsomely before he raced to fame. He started three times as a two-year-old and was twice distanced and once displaced. But as a three-year-old he was never beaten.

Horsemen will tell you that much of the credit for McClin's sensational victory should go to Henry Thomas, the veteran trainer who hustled the colt into the lead in each heat and kept him there until the finish.

Winning Style

Thomas was using the same technique he employed with Shirley Hanover a year ago. In both instances, however, it had to be a super horse that could get in front and stay there for two heats considering the classy competition it faced. One of the remarkable things about Thomas' feat with McClin was that it was the first time he had



McLIN IN THE HOME STRETCH drives the somewhat temperamental colt in public. It was a big-league performance for both driver and horse.

Developing winners seems to have become a habit with Walter Cox, who is being given credit for nursing McClin along to his remarkable victory for Lawrence B. Sheppard, who owns this remarkable colt. Cox trained and drove McClin's dam, Ethelinda, to victory in five out of ten races as a three-year-old, including the \$10,000 Kentucky Futurity.

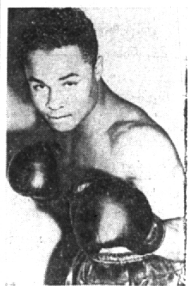
He also developed and drove Walter Dear and his sire, Laurel Hall and Walter's dam, Blitzie. And speaking of records, Cox's feat of winning first, second, third and fourth money in the 1929 Hambletonian with Walter Dear, Volomite, Sir Guy Mac and Mike Werner, all developed and trained by him, is likely to be unchallenged for years to come.

Another interesting thing about McClin is the fact that his blood traces back directly through the female line to the celebrated Col. Mare, that James Delaney imported from England before the Revolutionary war for his breeding and racing farm then located in what is now the Bowery in New York.

McClin's dam, Ethelinda, was the offspring of Ethel Volo and Peter the Great, one of the immortals of the track, then past 20 years of age. It was Walter Cox who developed Ethelinda and drove her in 2:03 1/2 to win the Kentucky Futurity in 1923, and again a few days later when she set the record for three-year-old trotters at 2:02 1/2 in an exhibition against time.

Triple Champ

LIKE the old woman who lived in a shoe, dusky Henry Armstrong has so many titles he doesn't know what to do. When he outperformed stout-hearted Lou Ambers recently to win the lightweight crown, he became the first man in the history of pugilism to hold three established championships at the same time. He was already featherweight and welterweight champion and now like a brown-bird



HENRY ARMSTRONG

colossus he bestrides the light world between the 125 and 147 pound classes.

Armstrong has been boss of these three ring divisions within less than 10 months. He started after championship scales last October 29 when he knocked out Percy Sarron in Madison Square Garden, New York, to win the featherweight title. On May 31 of this year he acquired the welterweight title by a 13-round decision over Barney Ross and then added the lightweight championship this August by his 14-round win over Ambers.

Only Ambers gave the Negro a tough battle. After trailing in the early rounds and suffering two knockdowns en route, he came back with a flurry and came near turning the tables on his foe. When the fight ended, it was Armstrong who was wobbly and Ambers who left the ring strong and vigorous. Averted the fight by a two-to-one verdict by the judges. Armstrong was jeered and booed by irate fans who had been completely won by Ambers' courageous last stand. At that the Negro was penalized, two rounds for illegal blows.

Armstrong freely admitted Ambers had given him the most bewildering 45 minutes he had ever spent in a ring.

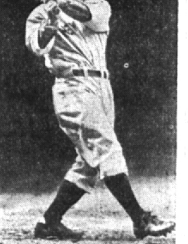
Here and There

WILLIAM HANCOCK, energetic athlete, is creating a sensation on Cleveland tennis courts by playing an excellent game on a crutch. Hancock lost his left leg 22 years ago—when he was four years old—in a street accident. Several years ago he started playing tennis. Soon he developed what his instructor term an exceptional game. His forehand, backhand, and underhand are said to be enough to beat many two-legged tennis players. According to Hancock, his only difficulty is an occasional broken crutch—when the game gets close or when he is playing a good opponent.

Lou's Stance

The little matter of changing his batting stance back to the old style has snapped Lou Gehrig out of his slump in his big league career. When the season opened observing fans noticed Lou had changed his style. His right foot was over toward first base, his body half turned to the pitcher.

Almost from the start Lou encountered tough going. He began by a soft touch for pitchers he



LOU GEHRIG

ordinarily slugged. Rumors floated around the circuit that Gehrig was through.

Then on a recent trip west, he switched back to his old batting style—digging in at the plate, his right foot a little ahead of his left, a spring in his knees and his bat waving with the same motion. As a consequence his batting average began to soar, his home run total climbed and he became once again the version of the Yankee batting attack.

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Pet Ideas About Traffic Safety Jolted by Experts



Wearing blinders, this student of traffic safety drove a car under conditions simulating dirty windows at the Ann Arbor Institute.

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—A good many pet theories about traffic safety were given a severe jolt at the two-week session of the National Institute for Traffic Safety Training held on the University of Michigan campus here in Ann Arbor.

Most of the 125 persons who signed up for the course and whose business is traffic safety learned one or more things that clashed with popular notions about who is a safe driver and who isn't.

For example, you can expect a "high grade motor" to be a better and safer driver than an intelligent person because intelligent people are likely to be thinking of other things while at the wheel.

About the time the traffic experts had finished swallowing hard on that one they were told that people who have poor eyesight and are slightly deaf drive better than people who hear well and get nervous about every creak and rattle of the car develop, and who can't keep their eyes from

wandering to every pretty girl they pass.

But the biggest surprise to most of the 125 was a demonstration to refute the popular belief that governors on autos would take the hazard out of driving by limiting speed.

Three demonstration cars crashed when a governor equipped car, overtaking another, did not have sufficient emergency speed to pass as another auto came in the opposite direction.

Less novel was the information that it is dangerous to apply the brakes after a blowout, just after a skid, until the car has slowed and is under control.

A variety of tests were made by those taking the safety course and conditions under which a person with poor eyesight or deaf ears would drive, were simulated. A double control car was used with the driver wearing glasses that caused faulty vision and in another instance a driver was equipped with blinders to simulate dirty car windows.

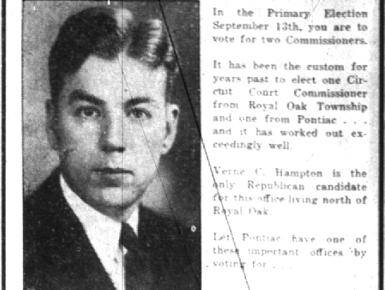
City managers, indicating that the Woburn Board of the Woburn Electric Streetcar Account has declared a dividend in the amount of \$8,500.00, of which Woburn Electric Streetcar Account has a share amounting to \$3,651.60, and also that based on bids recently taken, he recommended the purchase of a truck chassis for the Fire Department from the Federal Motor Truck Company for \$2,600.00. The manager's recommendation was accepted, and the purchase authorized.

A sidewalk blinders license was issued to Ray Clark, and meat and milk licenses were issued to Hayman's Market.

In compliance with P. W. A. regulations a committee on Bonds and Contracts consisting of Mayor Maitz and Commissioners Palmer and Housley was established, and P. D. Eglebert was authorized to sign all necessary documents for the city on the Sewage Disposal Plant project.

The Mayor was authorized to make application to W. P. A. for money for the construction of water mains on Cranbrook Road, and for a street improvement program on gravelled streets within the city.

KEEP ONE CIRCUIT COURT COMMISSIONER IN PONTIAC



In the Primary Election September 12th, you are to vote for two Commissioners. It has been the custom for years past to elect one Circuit Court Commissioner from Royal Oak Township and one from Pontiac, and it has worked out exceedingly well.

Verne C. Hampton is the only Republican candidate for this office living north of Royal Oak.

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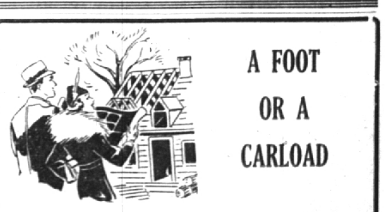
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