Harness racing tops in popularity

Harness racing is reaching new heights in popularity all over America according to the leading sports writers of the country. 1959 records show that in many states that the trotters and pacers drew bigger crowds than did their counterparts; the thoroughbreds. So far this year the trend has been even bigger.

There are many reasons for this surge of popularity. Probably night racing has done more for the sport than any other single factor but there is no doubt that the thrill of the sport has done a lot on its own. For many years the pound of the pacers was the main thrill at countless county fairs . . . then the sport fell into a long period as the fans demanded different action. The use of the startgate, partial elimination of the heats, plus the addition of more dash races has breathed new life into the sport.

Kentucky has the "granddaddy" of the harness tracks with the fastest mile strip anywhere. During the 10 day fall meet of the Lexington Trots starting Sept. 28th and ending Oct. 8th more than $350,000 in purses are offered to the top trotters and pacers. "This year will mark the 68th renewal of the famed Kentucky Futurity with a $60,000 purse earmarked for the best 3 year old trotter.

Right now Standard bred horses are competing all over the land with but one thought for the future. . . a win at the Lexington Trots in September. Some 1240 entries have been received for the meeting for an all time high.

Steeped in tradition, the track presents an atmosphere found nowhere else and the owners have added every possible comfort and convenience for the crowds. New ground level boxes have been added to provide better accomodations.

Extra "Spectator Fun" has been added in the form of many innovations County Fair Beauty Queens Day, Band Day, Governor's Day, Mayor's Day and Sports Fans Day are just a few of the so-called special events to be added attractions. On Sports Fan Day special busses and trains will be run from cities and towns within a radius of 150 miles of Lexington. Package plans including a day at the track, dinner, entertainment, and a University of Kentucky football game are offered.

It seems that harness racing is Kentucky's fastest growing sport!

Farm and Home

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Soil Samples For Late Summer and Early Fall Seeding of Pastures

High production of pastures depends largely on proper fertilization. Take soil samples now and get them to the laboratory. Liming, if needed, is especially important now. You can get further instructions for taking soil samples at Your County Agricultural Extension Office.

September 10th For Alfalfa Fields

Alfalfa should not be cut after September 10th, if you want the stand to go through the winter. Also the same date, September 10th, is about the latest you can sow alfalfa with any reasonable hope of getting a stand that will go through the winter.

Is Your Poultry Equipment At The Right Height?

The height of waterers and feeders should be raised as broilers or replacement pullets develop. Place the equipment on a level with the bird's back and much less feed and water will be billed out; also less litter will be scratched into the feeders. Feed may also be wasted if feeder space is not increased as the birds grow. So let's have plenty of feeder space and keep it at the right height.

Treating Creases In Resin-Finished Fabrics

An easy way has been found to remove stubborn wrinkles and old hemline creases from resin-finished cottons. The method also can be used to put sharp, tailored edges on collars, pleats, facings, and hems of resin-finished garments.

All you need is a steam iron ironing board, medicine dropper, and formic acid (available at drug stores) or white vinegar. The formic acid or the acetic acid in white vinegar reacts chemically with the resin finish. Using only heat and moisture (a steam iron) will not remove heat-set creases or put sharp edges in resin-finished fabrics; the chemical action combined with heat is needed to do the job.

The method suggested is:

First, fill the medicine dropper with white vinegar or formic acid. Using an "eye dropper" protects against using too much acid or vinegar. An excess could cause fabric damage and remove too much of the resin finish. As a safe guard, experiment first with a scrap of the fabric.

Next, iron the material with a steam iron (on steam setting) to smooth the fabric as much as possible and to heat the cloth. Then squeeze the vinegar or acid along the wringle or old hemline. Let the fabric absorb the liquid for about two minutes; then iron it dry.

If the wrinkle is stubborn, repeat the process, spread the cloth smooth, and let it air-dry for four or five hours. The chemical action will continue for some time.

Press in permanent pleats the same way. Press down the pleat as you want it to look, apply the liquid along the crease edge, and iron dry; treat each pleat separately. Treat both sides of the material so that creases on the underside of the pleat will be sharp and flat, too. Then press all the pleats in place and hang to dry for four or five hours. This method also sets creases or sharp edges in hems, facings, collars, etc., on resin-finished fabrics. The crease should last as long as the resin finish—that is, as long as the fabric is wrinkle-resistant or wash-and-wear.

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