



IN THIS CORNER George Beahon

One of the major behind-the-scenes surprises about Sunday gambling on horse races is that even when it landed bang-bang in both the States of Pennsylvania and New York, it did not bring the clergymen to their feet condemning the move. Maybe it should not have been so surprising, because when the rumors were flying a year ago, they inspired no notable opposition.

Maybe the clergy knew more than the race track operators who tiptoed into the legislative lobbies when they first suggested Sunday gambling would save a declining sport.

Sunday racing landed, but not with any flourish. Buffalo Raceway, first harness plant to offer the sport on a Sabbath, drew a bare 5,000 horesplayers. Finger Lakes, first thoroughbred wheel to spin on a Sunday, logged only 6,700 customers.

First of all, there's nothing new in the United States about Sunday racing. It's ancient history.

Away back in the depression days, recalls Daily Racing Form trackman Pat Caudill, Arizona and New Mexico sold legal racing on Sundays.

Caudill follows the sun and the horses from Arizona in the cold months to Finger Lakes in the summer season in his work as head of the Racing Form crew.

"Sunday racing bailed out those smart tracks in the depression days," recalls Caudill. "And for my money, Sunday racing will bail out a track like Finger Lakes."

It is Caudill's contention that the opening Sunday turnout of 6,700 was a poor barometer of what Sundays will do in the future.

"First of all," he notes, "it was a super day, weather-wise. This is lakes country, and anybody with any access to the lakes in the area

would be nuts not to use the lakes. The weather was just too good, from a race track operator's viewpoint.

"Also, the announcement of the first Sunday card was only five days old. It was not well publicized. Then there was that thing at Watkins Glen, which made Woodstock look like a private picnic. Not that Watkins Glen took the customers away from the track. What it did was snarl traffic unbelievably in the areas near Canandaigua. The clubhouse dining room had 12 calls of cancellations for table reservations. Many others didn't keep reservations without bothering to cancel. This indicates — and those who called specified they could not fight the traffic — that perhaps thousands stayed away because of Watkins Glen."

It is Caudill's contention that Saturdays will become SECOND best to Sundays in racing's future. He concedes that Saturday crowds will drop off a little, but only slightly.

What impressed observer Caudill most about the first Sunday thoroughbred racing crowd in New York State's history was the number of children in attendance.

"Of all the race tracks I've visited in my life," says Caudill, "never have I seen so high a proportion of kids. They weren't betting, of course, but they were there. Sunday becomes racing's Family Day, of sorts. Special promotions including special entertainment other than racing and gambling will boost attendance in the future, and create more racing fans. The average race fan is over 50, which is too high for a good growth picture."

There was an old saying that "The family that prays together, stays together."

Some smart aleck now is likely to revise that to read, "The family that bets together, begs together."

Catholic Teachers Hit Archdiocese

Philadelphia [RNS] — An "experiment" by the Philadelphia Roman Catholic Archdiocese aimed at stabilizing an integrated parish was attacked by the leader of a Catholic teachers union here, who charged the archdiocese with "promoting racial segregation."

John Reilly, president of the Association of Catholic Teachers (ACT), said the archdiocese was "giving in to the racial fears of white parents" when it decided to implement a program of allowing students in Our Lady of Lourdes parish, Philadelphia, the option of attending a city or suburban high school.

The union leader asked Cardinal John Krol to reverse the decision and reaffirm the Catholic Church's "commitment" to the principles of brotherhood and racial understanding and integration.

Crossword Answer

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Mr. Reilly said in his statement that integrated St. Thomas More is "60 per cent white and 40 per cent black" and is about 16 blocks from Lourdes, while Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor is 15 miles away.

"This policy (of the archdiocese) will only aid and abet the white exodus from the city," the union leader stated. "We feel the archdiocese is giving in to racial fears of white parents by adopting this policy."



How Soon?

Youth Group Gives \$1,000 To Holy Trinity

Parents often shudder when they think of teenage dances, all that loud music and twirling around. But the dances held by the Youth Council have resulted in a \$1,000 gift to its sponsor, Holy Trinity parish.

The Youth Council began four years ago as the official youth group of the parish but its duties have dwindled to sponsoring dances, according to Father William Michatek. It took on a non-sectarian character; only two of its 15 members belong to the Holy Trinity parish. "The kids didn't have any place to go, so we gave them the opportunity to use our building," he said.

At \$2 per person, between 200-400 teenagers flocked to hear the five bands featured at the dances held every second and fourth Saturday of the month. Three years ago dances were held alternately at the parish and at the Webster Recreation Department.

Although he is happy to receive the money, Father Michatek is now trying to get out of sponsoring the dances. "I don't think that this is the apostolate of the Church. It's not bringing the kids of the parish together. We supplied a need to the community which should be handled by the community," he said. Other youth groups of the parish provide more for the "spiritual" needs of the teenagers.

The dances provide "something for the kids to do and it keeps them out of trouble," Father Michatek believes. He views this as the role of the community and hopes the dances will be completely taken over by the Webster Recreation Department.

Money raised by the Youth Council has been used to pay entrance fees and new uniforms for the Catholic Youth Organization. Father Michatek said the \$1,000 will be used toward defraying the expenses of the church.

Hank's headin' for a weddin' — although this picture portrays what most of America is rooting for: that Henry Aaron of the Atlanta Braves will top Babe Ruth's record of 714 lifetime home runs. Hank needs 14 homes to tie, 15 to top the Babe's performance [as of July 26]. At the same time, Hank has become engaged to Mrs. Billye Williams, 36, widow of Dr. Samuel Williams, a co-founder with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. They'll be married in the fall. [RNS]



SCHOLASTIC NOTEBOOK John Doser

There's a very definite Bishop Kearney High School flavor to the new Rochester Wolves' semipro football team.

The Wolves, formerly the Warriors until coach Dick Kleinhammer, Lloyd Wright and Tony Marini acquired the franchise recently, tied Tonawanda, 21-21, in its opener, and faced Philadelphia Saturday, at Aquinas Stadium.

Kleinhammer, who played his football at Webster High, is a former assistant coach at Kearney. One of the prospective Wolves' backfield heavyweights is ex-BK fullback Laverne Dickinson.

Dickinson, 23, played for the University of Wyoming and Southern University in Louisiana. He signed a free agent pact with the Chicago Bears of the NFL in 1972, played in four exhibition games at defensive halfback, and was cut in the last player execution before the regular season.

Dickinson, who used to tear up Aquinas Stadium for coach Dan Coughlin's Kings, is also an assistant coach at BK.

Kleinhammer, besides carrying out the coaching duties, is VP and general manager of the Wolves. Marini is president and Wright is the treasurer.

THE ROCHESTER Press Radio Club ventures into another charity event with its October Kodak Celebrity Golf Classic at Oak Hill, Saturday, Oct. 6.

While Kodak generously loans its name to the tournament, local PR charities will divide the proceeds which are expected to eventually exceed those of any previous PR pro athlete dinner.

In fact, while the PR Club hosted last year to come up with the Lincoln-Mercury Professional Athlete of the Year dinner at the

last minute (where the PR Club's net proceeds were reduced \$5,000 to pay for Larry Brown's Mark IV Continental), there might not be a dinner next year... or ever.

The costs of filling a head table are astronomically out-of-sight and LM is not interested in becoming an annual sponsor.

While the PR Club fought diligently, trying to persuade Hickok/Tandy to pick up more of the expenses (and eventually severed from Hickok/Tandy), and Lincoln-Mercury isn't interested, it appears any marriage between the club and Kodak for a celebrity golf test, with community charities in a position to gain, would be the best move, in lieu of the dinner.

These heroes have already agreed to compete: Glen Campbell, Joe DiMaggio, Mel Allen; Dave Wottle, Tommy McDonald, Bob Davies, Lee Majors, Dale Robertson and John Agar.

MARK NICOLINI, a Bishop Kearney junior, took second place in the 16-year-old open weight division of the recent US Judo Federation National Championships at Hofstra University.

Nicolini, 15, represented the Niagara Judo Club. He plans to compete in the Junior Olympic Nationals in Michigan and the Canadian National Championships in Montreal this month.

ALL-STAR TEAMS: City-Catholic League — Jim Mitchell, Mooney; Frank Amico, Kearney; Ken Lelek, Aquinas; Ron Mendolara, Mooney; 2nd team — Tom Weston, Mooney; Don Wojcek, McQuaid; Bob Mitchell, Mooney. Wayne-Finger Lakes League — Jim Lavin, Ron Passalacqua, Nick Quartaro (1b); Dave Rickey, Mark Liberio, Dave Jansen (all DeSales); 2nd team — Joe Fragnoli, Mike Bowen, Nick Quartaro (pitcher) (all DeSales).