

AUCKLAND DISTRICT RACING COMMITTEE.

At the special meeting of the Auckland District Committee held last week for the purpose of considering applications lodged respectively for trainers' and jockeys' licenses, the following were successful applicants:

Trainers.—A. Asprey, R. E. Brown, P. Brady, J. M. Buchanan, C. N. Carmont, C. W. Coleman, L. H. Coleman, P. Conway, A. E. Cox, A. Cummings, F. Gilchrist, G. Henderson, A. J. Julian, J. C. Lambess, S. G. Lindsay, J. D. McFarlane, J. J. Preston, E. J. L. Rae, M. Ryan, H. Scally, W. Sharp, R. Slattery, E. Stewart, T. W. Taylor, J. E. Thorpe, J. Williamson, W. H. Windsor, H. D. Burrows, W. Donaldson, W. J. Smith, W. H. Patterson, K. Heaton, J. W. Anderton, Herbert Barr, N. Cunningham, R. A. Edwards, H. Eva, R. Hall, R. Hannon, W. H. Kelly, V. Lucas, T. M. Morriss, W. J. McLean, F. T. Stenning, W. Stewart, C. Hodder, F. Tonge, J. G. King (three months).

Jockeys.—J. Adolph, R. V. Conway, R. Deeley, C. L. Husband, E. A. Keesing, A. McCurdy, A. J. McFlinn, D. B. Packer, T. W. Reid, W. A. Renzie, J. J. Roach, H. J. Robinson, W. A. Ryan, K. S. Smith, E. Stanway, A. Tinker, H. Turner, A. E. Warner, T. C. Williams, R. C. Wood, E. J. Ferguson, G. K. Phillips, T. W. H. J. Rowe, H. Gray, J. T. Brady, J. J. Conquest, S. Henderson, W. J. Kidd, J. Rogers, M. D. O'Shea.

Apprentice Jockeys.—L. R. Coleman, S. G. Crutcher, F. D. Dennison, A. E. Downing, H. Gussey, L. Scott, W. E. Solomon, S. E. Walsh, H. N. Wiggins, T. Glover, R. W. Hall, R. W. McTavish, T. W. Nightingale, H. O. Smith.

Licenses for one month were granted the following:—Trainers: J. Chisholm, P. E. Pope. Jockeys: H. E. Goldfinch, J. B. O'Shea.

Jockeys' licenses for jumping races only were granted to J. W. Anderton and P. Brady.

Messrs. F. Marshall and P. Bolton were granted permission to train their own horses.

L. H. Hewitt, who is leaving the Dominion, was granted a clearance.

The Whangarei Racing Club's programme was approved, and it was agreed to recommend the club's application for change of date to October 13 and 16.

FUTURE CLASSIC EVENTS.

Owners and trainers should bear in mind that entries for a number of classic events to be decided at future meetings of the leading racing clubs in the Dominion are due on Friday, September 3. On the date mentioned entries fall due for the Sixteenth Feilding Stakes, of 650sovs., five furlongs, for horses two-year-olds and upwards at the time of starting, weight-for-age, to be run at the Feilding J.C.'s spring meeting on November 30, 1921, and must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. Edmd. Goodbehere, Feilding, by 5 p.m. This important classic has been increased in value by 150sovs. and should attract the best of the eligible candidates in the Dominion. No money is required at the time of nomination, while it should be noted that first forfeits will be declared on September 1, 1921, which is a month later than has been the case in previous years.

On September 1 the Egmont Racing Club will take entries for the two classics, Egmont Stakes and Hawera Stakes, which will come up for decision on the first and second days of their summer meeting in February, 1922. Entries must be lodged with the secretary, Mr. V. B. Stratton, P.O. Box 51, Hawera. The Egmont Stakes, of 500sovs., six furlongs, is open to horses two years old (present yearlings) and upwards at time of starting, weight for age, with penalties and allowances. The Hawera Stakes of 500 sovs., one mile, is for horses three years old and upwards at time of starting, weight for age, with penalties and allowances.

Entries for the Wanganui Guineas (1921) and the Jackson Stakes (1922) are due with the secretary, Mr. Wm. Hall, at 8 p.m. on September 3 at 8 p.m. The Wanganui Guineas, a sweepstake of 10sovs. each for starters, with 500 sovs. added, one mile, for three-year-olds (present two-year-olds), has invariably attracted a good field, and a splendid response from owners is anticipated next month. The Jackson Stakes, of 500sovs., for two-year-olds (present yearlings) and upwards, weight for age, six furlongs, will be run at the Wanganui J.C.'s autumn meeting in 1922.

Island and Paphian were operated on for throat troubles at Trentham last week.

AVONDALE JOCKEY CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

The new season's racing so far as Auckland is concerned will be opened next month, when the Avondale Jockey Club will hold their spring meeting, on September 25 and 29. The programme for this popular spring fixture is a particularly attractive one, substantial increases having been made in the stakes offered for the various races. The Avondale Cup Handicap, one mile and a-quarter, has been raised in value from 1000sovs to 1500sovs, and it is certain a large number of the best horses in the North Island will be given an opportunity of contesting this valuable stake. The excellent list of entries received for the Avondale Stakes, of 600sovs, four furlongs, may be accepted as a sure indication of a strong field of two-year-olds being on hand to dispute supremacy in this important classic. Other first day events are the Flying Stakes Handicap, of 500sovs, six furlongs; Grey Lynn Handicap Hurdle Race, of 300sovs, two miles; Hack and Hunters' Steeplechase Handicap, of 300sovs, about three miles; Hack Welter Handicap, of 300sovs, one mile

TURF TOPICS.

The Grand National Hurdle Race will be run at Riccarton to-day (Thursday).

St. Amans, sire of Gold Kip and other winners, is to be at the stud at Te Aroha West this season.

The Piedmont—Adele filly purchased by Mr. John Hay in Victoria has been sold again, and she is now owned in Palmerston North.

Polymelus, sire of Polydemon, his only son in the Dominion, located at Gisborne, is again at the head of the sires' list in England with a commanding lead.

The six-year-old Maniapoto gelding Maniahera has been disposed of by Mr. D. McLean, of Bulls, to a Palmerston North sportsman, the price being £200.

Mr. G. M. Currie, the Wanganui thoroughbred horse and pedigree stock breeder, returned to the Dominion from Sydney via Auckland during the week. While in the Commonwealth he saw some racing, but nothing of outstanding excellence was racing.



MISS PEGGY O'NEIL, the principal in "Paddy, the Next Best Thing," at the Savoy Theatre, London. Note how she has the gift of tears when the occasion demands them.

and a furlong; Henderson Apprentice Handicap, of 300sovs, seven furlongs, for three-year-olds and upwards; and the Maiden Plate Stakes, of 200sovs, six furlongs, for all horses, three years old and upwards, that have not won an advertised flat race of any description at time of starting.

The second day's programme is also exceptionally attractive to owners and trainers. The chief event will be the Plumpton Handicap, one mile and a furlong, which has been increased in value from 500sovs to 700sovs, while the Avondale Guineas, of 500sovs, one mile, in which the leading three-year-olds claim engagements, promises to be well up to the high standard attained in former years. The other second day's events are: President's Handicap, of 300 sovs, six furlongs; Mount Albert Steeplechase Handicap, of 350sovs, about three miles; Nursery Handicap, of 400sovs, four furlongs, for two-year-olds; Kingsland Handicap Hurdle Race, of 300sovs, one mile and three-quarters; Nihotapu Welter Handicap, of 300sovs, one mile and a furlong; and the New Lynn Hack Handicap, of 200sovs, six furlongs.

Entries for all events close with the secretary, Mr. H. H. Hayr, at the club's office, Victoria Street West, Auckland, on Friday, September 3, by 5 p.m., when final payments for the Avondale Stakes (1920) and Avondale Guineas (1920) must also be made.

The death of Mr. G. Lendrum last week in Auckland removed from the scene one of the best-known figures of some years back in the horse world. The late Mr. Lendrum's special line was in light and medium utility horses.

H. Lorigan has been retained to ride Paraoa in the Grand National Hurdle Race. L. Hegarty, who had previously been engaged, having taken the mount on All Talk. Hegarty has already won this event, on Sir Solo.

While Harold Young is out of New Zealand on holiday, G. Young will do the riding for the Clifford stable. When H. Young returns, he will have the Chokebore retainer, and G. Young will not be attached to the stable.

Prince Martian, Strategy, Murihiku, Seadown, Lady Penza, and Bairnsdale recently returned to Wellington after a prolonged sojourn in the South Island. The first-named trio were sailed to Opaki, Seadown has been sent to Woodville, while Lady Penza and Bairnsdale are to be spelled at Miramar.

Applications are invited for the position of huntsman to the North Taranaki Hunt at a salary of £208 per annum, with free house and 20 acres of land. Duties will commence on September 20, and applications must reach the secretary, Mr. E. L. Humphries, P.O. Box 105, New Plymouth, not later than Wednesday, August 25.

The three-year-old colt Weary Willie was operated on for throat troubles by the Christchurch vet. Mr. Martin on Friday last at Porirua.

Mr. Paddy Doran, a keen mining enthusiast and agent, who spent practically all his days in Auckland or on the Thames goldfields, and was known to all sportsmen up to a decade or two back, died last week.

Two untried fillies by Hymettus are to be placed by Mr. A. Murdoch (owner of Deviation) in E. Reed's stable at Wingatui after the National meeting.

The 1916 Auckland Trotting Cup winner, Admiral Wood (Wildwood Junior—D.I.C.), was shipped to Sydney from Wellington on Friday last, and will upon arrival take up stud duty.

At the annual meeting of the Akaroa Racing Club, it was unanimously decided to make application to have the name of the club changed to the Banks Peninsula Racing Club.

Mr. George Green left Auckland on Sunday night to be present at the New Zealand Grand National meeting, where he has Thrace racing. Mr. J. Winter and a number of other Aucklanders made the trip, and the Wai-kato is also represented as a result of a number of provincial horses taking part thereat.

In consequence of a bad cold, which has been troubling him for several weeks, H. Gray decided not to ride at the C.J.C. Grand National meeting. As the majority of races to be decided during the three days' carnival at Riccarton are jumping events, opportunities for flat riders at the opening meeting of the new season are thus limited. Gray went through last year's Grand National fixture without riding a winner, while he was not present at the previous gathering, being in Australia at the time.

In an announcement appearing in another part of this issue several thoroughbreds are advertised for sale of Mr. L. H. Collinson, care of Messrs. Collinson and Cunningham, Limited, Palmerston North. The brood mare Splash (San Fran—Spring), who was a good performer, winning numerous races, including the Taratahi Cup, is being offered at 25 guineas; the chestnut four-year-old mare Sprinkle (Gold Crest—Splash), at 120 guineas; and the bay three-year-old gelding Bonibrook (Boniform—Splash), at 350 guineas.

At last week's committee meeting of the Canterbury Jockey Club the following jockeys' licenses were granted:—J. T. Beard, R. F. Burrows, W. H. Bush, J. Campbell, H. G. Coker, D. E. Cotton, H. Donovan, F. E. Douglas, C. R. Emerson, W. C. Fielding, F. H. Gray (conditional three months), L. Hagerty, J. T. Humphris, G. G. King, A. E. Lee (conditional three months), E. J. Ludlow, R. R. McSevny, J. H. Miller, F. J. Murfitt, F. C. Porter, E. Redmond (conditional six months), W. Scobie, J. R. Trotter (conditional three months), S. Walls, F. Woods, A. E. Wormald, H. Young (conditional four months), and G. Young. Permits were granted to C. P. Buckenham and J. H. Grigg to train their own horses.

A case of interest to the sporting fraternity was heard in the Magistrate's Court as Masterton recently. A boy named Horace Victor Wilton, a jockey, was charged with having travelled in a railway carriage without having paid his proper fare. Sergeant Miller said that Wilton, who was a jockey employed by a trainer named Tom Higgins, was found travelling in a horse box with a horse. He did not have a passenger ticket. Inspector Stone said that he was inspecting on the train at Longburn. Upon examining the horse box he could not find anyone. He had a suspicion there was someone in the box, and called out, but no one came out of the truck. Witness then got a porter, and Wilton was found. He did not have a ticket. Witness then saw the boy's employer, Tom Higgins, of Opaki, who said he had given the boy 10s. to pay his fare. Witness did not blame the boy, as he thought he had been put up to travelling without a ticket. After the incident at Longburn, Higgins paid for the boy's ticket. His Worship said he was sorry he could not impose a penalty on the boy's employer. If he could, he would have imposed a heavier penalty. Defendant would be fined £3, and costs.

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