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RESULTS OF THE WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP PULLING
CONTEST, HEAVY WEIGHT PAIRS AT THE CENTURY OF PROGRESS, AUGUST 18, 1934.

The Statler Farms Co., Piqua, Ohio, who have held the world's championship for the last year with Rock and Tom, successfully defended their title at the Century of Progress by winning first over all in the contest August 18th. The winning horses are grade Belgians and the pair weighed 4350#. Tom is a strawberry roan, Rock a chestnut. They were trained and driven by Russell Sando for the Statler Farms Company, and their supremacy was established in every pull from start to finish, as they were never hitched to a load they failed to take for the full distance of $27\frac{1}{8}$ '. Their winning pull was when hitched to a tractive resistance of 3350#, which would be equivalent to starting for 15 or 20 consecutive times a load of 42,800# on a wagon on granite block pavement. Immediately thereafter, in an exhibition pull for the photographers, they drew the dynamometer the full distance at a tractive resistance of 3400 pounds, equivalent to starting, for 15 or 20 consecutive times, a load of 43,580# on a wagon on granite block pavement.

The second prize pair, Bob and Frank, owned by George Manley, of Shreve, Ohio, were the lightest of the pairs entered in the finals and nobody expected them to win, but they came through in magnificent shape and won second. They weighed 3570 pounds, but were thick, compact powerfully made horses, with more heart girth than many horses of much greater weight. Frank in particular excelled in this for while he weighed only 1740#, he had a heart girth of 91 inches, being excelled in this by only 3 horses out of the entire 38, - much heavier horses - and equalled by only 3 others. Bob, his mate, measured 87 inches heart girth, also a high rating for his size. Most important of all, both had courage and indomitable spirit, and would not give up as long as they could budge the load by a single inch.

Homer Crawford, of Potomac, Illinois, was third with Rock and Fred, a bay and a chestnut, weighing 3920#. This pair pulled together in splendid shape in virtually every trial, but could not make enough distance at the finish to defeat the Manley team.

Willard Rhoads, of Springfield, Illinois, stood fourth with Harry and King, weighing 3910#. Jefferis & Flatter, Greenville, Ohio, were 5th; and Tetro and Sanderson from Massachusetts were 6th with a giant pair that weighed 4360#, more than any other pair in the entire contest. These horses apparently were tired out by their long journey in a truck and did not pull as well as they have done in great contests in New England, where they have been champions for the past year.

Lawrence Simons of Versailles, Ohio, was 7th with his pair and Gamboe Motor Sales, of Pioneer Ohio, were 8th with a pair that ranked next to the world's champions at the end of 1933. A Michigan team belonging to A. J. Hoffman, of Montague, Michigan, stood 9th and Charles Lett of Sandwich, Illinois, took 10th with a beautiful pair of dapple greys, full brothers, weighing 3640#.

First prize was \$500, second prize \$200, third to tenth prizes, were \$100 each. In addition each of the owners received a certificate of award, and Century of Progress medals, appropriately mounted as watch fobs, were awarded to the drivers of each of the winning teams. First prize was a gold medal, which was awarded to Russell Sando, who drove the Statler team; the second, a silver medal, was awarded to George Manley, who drove his own team; third, a gold-bronze medal, was awarded to Homer Crawford, who also drove his own team; all other winning drivers were awarded bronze medals, appropriately engraved for the occasion.

The strength of the contest and the class of entries, ^{and} is attested by the fact that some horses that have been champions elsewhere/never had been defeated before, did not rank in the first ten and were out of the money.

An enormous crowd attended both the elimination contests on Friday and the finals on Saturday and every good pull was rewarded with tremendous applause.

The judges were H. F. Moxley of the Michigan State College, Harry D. Linn of the Iowa Horse and Mule Breeders Association, and C. W. Crawford, of the Illinois State Experiment Station. Wayne Dinsmore, Secretary of the Horse and Mule Association of America, who was in charge of the contest for the Century of Progress paid high tribute to the quality of the entries, and announced that the association had decided to inaugurate a pulling contest for draft stallions to be held in 1935, at some point later to be determined on. Entries will be limited to horses foaled in 1932. They may be of any breed, but must be registered animals. Prizes will be larger than have ever before been awarded in a pulling contest. The stallions will pull singly - not in pairs.

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