

Championship Race Horses Produced In York County

Boshamer Farm Looks Like A Little Bit Of Kentucky In South Carolina

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CLOVER—If 380 acres of Kentucky's best "blue grass land" were transplanted to South Carolina, race horses and all, they would very closely resemble the Boshamer Horse Farm at Clover.

On this farm, white stables nestle among eight beautiful rolling green pastures dotted with grazing horses. Grooms and exercise boys work with thoroughbred horse-flesh day after day, preparing them for the nation's top races.

The farm has been used as a breeding ground for horses for only nine years. Up until 1942, it had been just another cotton farm in Kings Mountain township.

Then, in 1942, Cary C. Boshamer, a Clover textile executive, decided to extend his interest in race horses to the producing and breeding end. The farm was converted to care for thoroughbred instead of work horses.

It wasn't easy to re-arrange the farm, a large part of which was heavily wooded. These trees had to be cut and their stumps pulled from the ground.

Dirt had to be hauled and shifted around to build a level race track on the farm. Boshamer estimated that 19,000 yards of soil were shifted in the process of building the track.

From the trees which were cut down came the wood which went into all but one of the buildings on the farm. The fences which surround the eight separate pastures (paddocks) are also from trees cut on the farm.

"A lot of people don't realize just how much South Carolina has to offer horse breeders," E. H. "Ned" Gaines, Boshamer's trainer, said yesterday. "There's iodine in the soil and just the right kind of minerals to make the grass healthy for horses."

Gaines

Gaines, who has been with Boshamer for the nine years of horse raising, is largely responsible for the textile man's venture into the "sport of kings."

The two met ten years ago at a race where Boshamer was a spectator and Gaines a successful trainer. Boshamer was interested in buying a horse but couldn't make up his mind which one. Gaines advised against two of Boshamer's early choices and then suggested Odessa Frank, which Boshamer bought.

Odessa Frank then won two out of three races and Boshamer was in the race horse business, but good.

He bought the farm at Clover and began adding horses to his stable. He now owns between 65 and 70 horses, ranging from a six-day old foal to old horses used for breeding purposes.

The foal was born just a week ago. It will be raised on the Boshamer farm under the direction of Theodore Byers until it is old enough to be trained. Then it will go under the care of Gaines.

Gaines is assisted by eleven

helpers—seven groomsmen and three exercise boys. His own son, George, has worked with him as a groom since moving to Clover in 1942.

Derby Contender

The Kentucky Derby contender, King Clover, is a big, full-chested black with fire in his blood and power in his legs.

King Clover raced and won

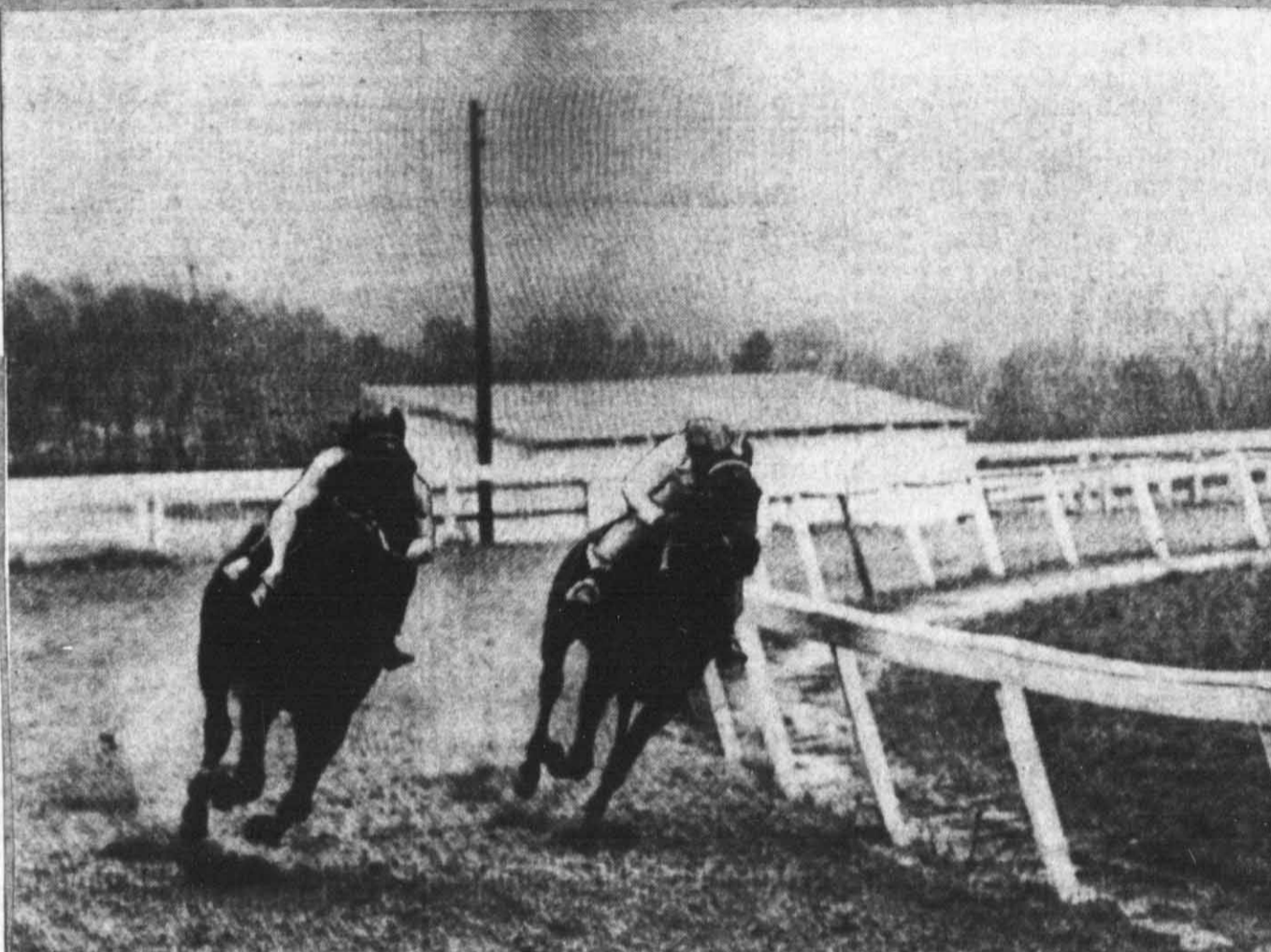
Sunday against a stablemate, Carolina Queen, in a race that had the few early morning spectators pushing against the railing to see the finish.

"Carolina Queen is a champion in her own right," Boshamer hastened to point out. "She won a \$28,000 race at Pimlico only a few months ago, and I believe she is one of the top fillies in

the country."

Some of his friends had urged that Boshamer enter her in the Derby instead of King Clover, but Boshamer picked the "King" over the "Queen."

The horses are being moved to Kentucky this Thursday to run in smaller races for experience before the big-money racing season really gets underway.



NECK AND NECK — Better than \$100,000 of thoroughbred horseflesh comes pounding around the turn on Boshamer's racetrack at Clover as King Clover, last week nominated to the Kentucky Derby, runs against his stable-mate, Carolina Queen, who won a \$28,000 race at Pimlico recently.



RACE STRATEGY — Owner Cary C. Boshamer (left) and trainer E. H. "Ned" Gaines put their heads together to discuss racing plans for the Boshamer horses before the Kentucky Derby. A large number of the horses normally stabled at Clover are being shipped to Kentucky on Thursday to take part in smaller races before the Kentucky Derby, American Oaks and other important races. (Herald)