

Sporting Whirl

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Congratulations to Waverly Atkins, Riverhead's jet-propelled sprinter who won both the 100 and 220 yard dashes to account for all the Blue Wave points scored in the Suffolk County Track Meet last weekend. The whole County Seat area wishes "Skeeter" well when he attempts to annex the State titles in those events as well, , , , , And it might be well to point out here too that Riverhead will also have other representation at the State level in track when the girls gather for their meet at West Point on June 7th. Coach Virginia Herrold's RHS squad finished sixth with 15 points when the gals held their County Meet at Bay Shore later last week and two of the Blue Wave fems qualified for the trip by placing among the top in their events . . . Virginia Pritchard won for the Waves the 100 yard dash turning in a sharp 0:12.0 clocking while Charlene Johnson finished in the runner-up slot in the long jump. Making their feats even more newsworthy was the fact Virginea is only a sophomore while Charlene is but a freshman In the County, Riverhead had another soph Donna Harris placed 6th in the 220 while senior Emily Stewart finished 6th in the discus throw. The Riverhead 440 yard relay team composed of Pam Smith, Donna Harris, Charlene Johnson and Virginia Pritchard came home third in that event which incidentally was captured by a quartet from Southampton which posted a new county record in the process Riverhead Varsity Club Recently elected its officers for the year starting in September. Ray Timmann will be the president, Fran Davis the vice-president, Tom Smith the treasurer and Joe Sodal settles into the secretary's chair (re-inforced of course). . .

Fred Kart Top Marksman

Fred Kart won still further acclaim for his marksmanship with the pistol recently when he established a new national civilian record for 45 caliber pistol. Kart, who already was the New York State champion with the air pistol and free pistol, was competing in a meet at Poughkeepsie when set the new mark hitting 298 out of 300 and then getting 16 X's in what amounts to a tiebreaker. The old standard had been 298 with 12 X's.

When this news filtered across the nation Fred was very quickly the recipient of a phone call from the committee issuing the coveted invitations to marksman to the final try-outs for the United States Olympic pistol team. Kart had already won attention back in March of this year when he was member of a group setting a new team record in 22 rapid fire pistol and his versatility no doubt helped attract the attention to earn him invitation which needed to say he was happy to accept. Thus the County Seater will be competing June 8 through June 20 out at Black Canyon Range in Phoenix, Arizona and we all hope he does well.

Freddie incidentally has patented a new pistol design he has been using in these events which is supposed to promote accuracy and Fred's shooting makes him his own best salesman for his pistol has attracted much interest. He is presently tooling up to put it in production for target shooters and, despite the fact to date only advertising has been by word of mouth, he has gotten orders from all over the United States and Canada and beyond.