

# *TCA Scroll*

## *For Mr. Fitz*

KEENELAND, Lexington, Ky., Oct. 21. — The following is the text of the scroll presented to trainer James Fitzsimmons by the Thoroughbred Club of America at the club's annual testimonial dinner on Thursday night at Keeneland.

"The Thoroughbred Club of America, Inc., in keeping with its annual custom of honoring those who have made material additions to thoroughbred racing and breeding, dedicates this, its 24th annual testimonial dinner, to

**JAMES FITZSIMMONS**  
in recognition of his full years, exceptional skill, and high success; in appreciation of his kindness, his wisdom, his enduring concern for the welfare and high standards of the sport of racing, his humility in triumph, his graciousness in defeat.

James Edward Fitzsimmons was born July 23, 1874, in a Long Island home on a site which became a part of the Sheepshead Bay Race Course. At Sheepshead Bay he took his first racetrack job at the age of 10, on March 4, 1885, at a salary of \$4 a month. In 1889 he began a brief riding career which entailed hardships, long hours and poverty. When increasing weight forced him out of the saddle, he remained on the racetrack, taking whatever work was available, until he became a trainer. He saddled his first winner, Agnes D., at Brighton Beach, on August 7, 1900.

The profession of trainer of racehorses he has dignified by his unexampled combination of skill, patience, unfailing good humor and unquestioned integrity of mind and heart. He has trained the horses of one great stable since 1924, those of another since 1925. For these and other loyal clients he has developed many horses of outstanding class, always accepting defeat and victory with equal grace. He has seen racing in full perspective, and the sport is indebted to him beyond measure for the strength and loyalty and wisdom which have distinguished his life and thereby have added distinction to the turf."