

as the golfers usually wait until the last minute to get on the list of starters, there is no direct evidence as to how big a field will take part in the opening round of play tomorrow.

William Donaldson of the Highland Club, and secretary of the state association, has received encouraging letters from the various clubs, and is confident that the number of competitors for the premier state honors will break all records. The entry list usually runs about fifty, but it is believed that about seventy will take part this year.

A meeting of the officers and executive committee will be held tonight at the Claypool Hotel, the entries will be received and the pairings made for the qualifying round of play tomorrow morning. The executive committee is composed of one member from each of the ten clubs in the association, and these representatives will bring in the entry list.

Many Have Chance at Title.

The withdrawal of Will Diddel, the Highland Club star, who has won the state championship three times in succession, is expected to increase the list of starters somewhat, as many had thought it useless to enter against the local wizard. Marion has several strong players, and expects to make a good showing in the struggle for the title.

Richmond also is backing some of its stars to win. The Richmond Country Club has been unusually busy this season, as the interest in the sport is growing in the Quaker City, and numerous trophies have been offered to incite interest.

Terre Haute Country Club has a few strong players who will be in the running. Stewart Rose, who was runner-up to Diddel last season, has signified his intention of starting this year. Although he was outclassed by the Highland expert Diddel has managed to outclass all of them and Rose should have a good chance this season.

Anderson has never failed to send good men, while the strength of Kokomo and Logansport is of an unknown quantity. The Highland Club will probably land in the number of entries as the large organization which is host to the tourney players this season intends to send, not less than twenty men into the struggle.

C. Nelson Backed by Park Club.

The Riverside Club is making arrangements to enter about a dozen men, while the Indianapolis Country Club will probably enter eight or ten. The Riverside players are backing Bert Metcalf and Chester Nelson especially to win, while the Country Club is relying upon Clarence Stanley to carry its colors successfully.

The Highland Club has a large number of good players, although Edgar Zimmer, runner-up in 1906; Ed Lennox, Frank Ayres and Henry Martin are the main hopes of the club.

Regardless of the number of entries the tourney should furnish one of the prettiest struggles and some of the classiest golf that has characterized the annual event in several seasons. The program is the best ever arranged, as it provides consolation contests and handsome prizes for every class of player.

MARION COUNTY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION MEETS

Report of Custodian of Hatcheries and Letter From Congressman Overstreet Interests the Sportsmen.

The Marion County Fish and Game Protective Association met last night in Room 12, State House.

John R. Lease, custodian of the hatchery of the association, explained to the members his observations and experiences in spawning and securing the 30,000 small-mouthed black bass which he has in his charge. He informed the members that he has now 3,000 which are 2½ inches in length. Several names were handed in for mem-

that man really wants to play in a

AUTO CLUB VICTOR FAIR DATES

A. A. A. IS TURNED DOWN COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Foreigners Refuse to Recognize Secretaries of Various Associations Announce Muncie Speed Program

DIEPPE, July 7.—The efforts of W. K. Vanderbilt Jr. and A. G. Batchelder, representing the American Automobile Association, to induce the international committee of recognized automobile clubs to reverse the action recently taken in Paris involving the disqualification of any French automobile constructor who participates in the Vanderbilt cup race, have ended in failure.

The committee has ratified the action of the sporting committee of the Auto Club of France in supporting the automobile Club of America in its fight against the American Automobile Association, under the auspices of which the Vanderbilt cup race is to be run.

D. A. Morris, the special representative of the Automobile Club of America, was at the meeting of the international committee to contest the question, accompanied by W. S. Hogan and George Heath, the latter one of the drivers in the Grand Prix race tomorrow. Neither Mr. Vanderbilt nor Mr. Batchelder was admitted to the meeting.

Auto Clubs Stand Pat.

Count Adalbert Sierstarppf, president of the German Automobile Club, presented the case on behalf of the American Automobile Association.

The discussion was heated, but in the end the committee was practically unanimous in the decision that it would be impossible to recognize more than one club in any country or have more than one set of rules to govern in the races.

Marquis Ferraro, president of the Italian club, said that a situation similar to that in the United States existed in Italy and he was confident that the position of the international committee would result in harmony. The members united in expressing the hope that all would see the wisdom of establishing an international standing through the club.

The committee was greatly pleased at the letter of good wishes from President Roosevelt.

BETWEEN FRENCH AND GERMAN.

Renault, Brasler of Banz Picked to Win at Dieppe Today.

DIEPPE, July 6.—On the eve of the great French automobile race, the Grand Prix, which will be run tomorrow, the public choice for winner seems to lie between Renault and Brasler, representing France, and Banz of Germany. The stock of Italian drivers is falling.

Experts are somewhat puzzled by reports of almost incredible speed made at the trials, but it is believed if the conditions are favorable a new world's record is almost certain.

Guyot, driving a two-cylinder, eighteen-horse-power, seventy-eight-bore ma-

The thirty-fourth annual Ripley County Agricultural Association will be held at Osgood, following is the speed program.

Wednesday, Aug. 5.—First race, \$300, divided, \$150. Second race, 3:00 pace, best three in five, \$300. Third race, mile and repeat run, \$300.

Thursday, Aug. 6.—First race, \$350. Second race, three in five, \$350. Third race, trot or pace, best three in five, \$350.

Friday, Aug. 7.—First race, three in five, \$300. Second race, best three in five, \$300. Third race, mile and repeat run, \$300. Fourth race, one-half-mile, \$300.

T. E. Wilson, president; treasurer; E. N. Glasgow.

Muncie Dates

The fifty-sixth annual Muncie Fair will be held from August 18 to 21, and the management is confident that it will be the best in the long and successful history of the association. Liberal prizes will be offered in all of the speed events.

Tuesday, Aug. 18 (first county road race for horse) first race, \$50; second race, \$50; third race, pony race, \$50; fourth race, 3-year-old pace, \$200. Third race, three in five, \$200.

Wednesday, Aug. 19.—First race, mile heats, three in five, \$200. Second race, 2:14 pace, mile heats, three in five, \$400; third race, mile heats, three in five, \$400; fourth race, 2:27 pace, mile heats, three in five, \$400; fifth race, one-half-mile, \$100.

Thursday, Aug. 20.—First race, mile heats, three in five, \$400; second race, 2:18 pace, mile heats, three in five, \$400; third race, 2:30 pace, mile heats, three in five, \$400; fourth race, mile run, \$100.

Friday, Aug. 21.—First race, mile heats, three in five, \$400; second race, 2:25 trot, mile heats, three in five, \$400; third race, mile run, \$100; fourth race, mile run, \$100; fifth race, without record, \$100. Address all communications to Swain, secretary, or C. H. Dent.

Free Arranges And

Secretary Wade H. Fry has announced the speed program at the Madison County Fair, which will be held in Anderson Aug. 25 to 28. The program contains some valuable and premiums and good races when the Anderson fair is on. The following speed program is offered:

Wednesday, Aug. 25 (first) 2:25 trot, mile heats, best three in five, \$300. Second race, mile heats, best three in five, \$300. Third race, 2:30 pace, tri-county road race, \$300.