

STUTZ SEES DANGER IN NEW AUTO COURSE

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STRANG MAKES DARING TRIAL

Drives Machine at Terrific Speed While Tourists Watch Spectacular Performance.

BY A STAFF CORRESPONDENT
CROWNPOINT, Ind., June 17.—Necks and machines, not records, will be broken at the Crownpoint automobile course during the "Western Vanderbilt" races Friday and Saturday, according to Harry Stutz of Indianapolis. He regards the upstate course as the most dangerous upon which any automobile road race has ever been run. The course abounds in dangerous curves, sharp descents and misleading turns. Several of the drivers who have been trying out their machines during the last few days have experienced hair-breadth escapes from death while whirling over the Hoosier road at the rate of a mile a minute. Deep ruts have been carved in the macadamized roadbed by the continual gnawing of the tires.

Hundreds of tourists, who are eager to be on the grounds in plenty of time, lined both sides of the roadway near the judge's stand today to witness the try-outs. The most thrilling and spectacular, as well as the most dangerous, stunts performed with the racing smoke wagons were executed by Lewis Strang in his Buick. At the rate of a mile a minute Strang's machine, when striking a rut or a hump in the road, would leap forward in the air, not striking the road until more than fifty feet distant from the bounding place. This example was duplicated by nearly every one of the dare-devil drivers. The danger that lurks around every curve of the Indiana course appears to constitute the principal value of this track. While records are not expected to be broken, it is certain that history contains no record of any race that ever tested the skill of a driver and the power and endurance of a machine more than this race will.

Discovers Course by Accident.

It was an accident that led to the discovery of this already famous automobile course. A few months ago a member of the Chicago Automobile Club while touring on a pleasure trip drove around the course as it is now marked off. He was so pleased with what he regarded as the possibility of a great middle West racing track that he insisted—and succeeded in getting the members of the Chicago Automobile Club to make an inspection of his "explored course."

The inspection proved an igniter of enthusiasm in the hearts of every member of the party. As a result the course stands today repaired at the expense of \$50,000 under the stars of the automobile spot light of this country. It has long been the desire of the Chicago club to do something big in the racing line, so that the heart of the automobile manufacturing world might be stage upon which the builders could exhibit to the public the merits of their cars. This dream, it is predicted by experts, will be more than realized.

In order to improve this course many stupendous obstacles had to be overcome. The club committee got into communication with the commissioners of Lake County. There was an exchange of proposals concerning the use of this country road. It was finally agreed that if the club would pay all damages to abutting property and also put the roads in good repair it would be permitted to race the course during certain hours of the day for the purpose of racing. The course is now closed between the hours of 2 and 4 in the afternoon. During these hours man and beast alike fight shy of this narrow course as though it were a live wire. Close upon the heels are the other fearless drivers test the limit of the cars that throb beneath them and at the same time familiarize themselves with the intricacies of this deceitful track.

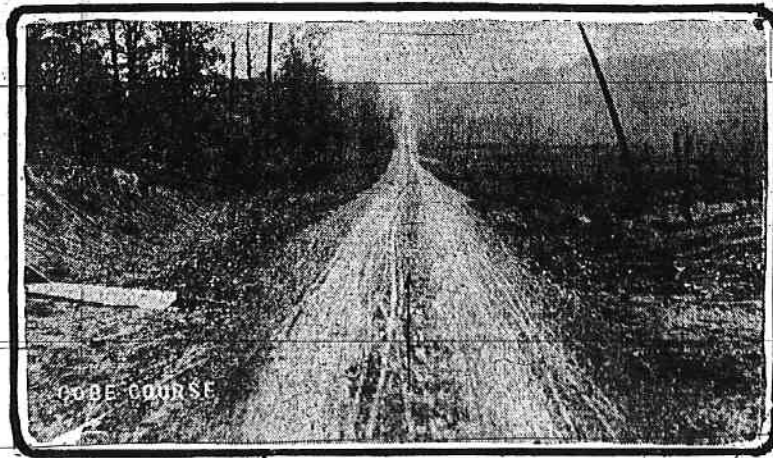
Cobe Praises Progress.

Ira M. Cobe, president of the Chicago Automobile Club, was a prominent witness of the tryouts today. In order to stimulate interest Cobe has offered a handsome prize for the winner of Saturday's race. This prize stands as a lure to seventeen entrants. The requirements for competition in this event are that the entered car shall not be in excess of 525 cubic inches of piston displacement and shall not weigh in excess of 2,500 pounds.

The cars were weighed this morning on the public scale at Crownpoint by the technical executives, David Beecroft, F. E. Edwards and Berne Nadall. The light cars were weighed yesterday. At 2 o'clock this morning every entrant in the light car race had arrived at the course and was beginning to "burn it" on the race course. Because his race comes first the drivers are utilizing every minute available to practice. Although regular practice hours are in the afternoon, only an hour or two at sunup, before traffic begins, is considered safe.

One remarkable feature of the entire course is that not a single railroad crosses it. This within forty miles of the great road center. The two straightaways, the one between Cedar Lake and Lowell on the west leg, six miles long, the other between Lowell and Crownpoint on the east leg, are more than nine miles long, are the scenes of the best time thus far. The starting post is at a point on the east leg near Crownpoint. A large grand stand erected on the west side will accommodate at least 50,000 people.

Auto Race Officers and Scenes on Crownpoint-Lowell Course.



SIX MILE STRAIGHTAWAY FROM CEDAR LAKE TO LOWELL



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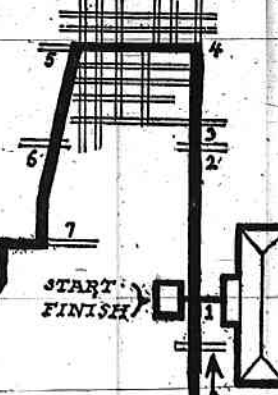


FRANK H. TREGO, GENERAL EXECUTIVE CHICAGO ROAD RACES



CHARLES E. ROOT, CLERK OF COURSE

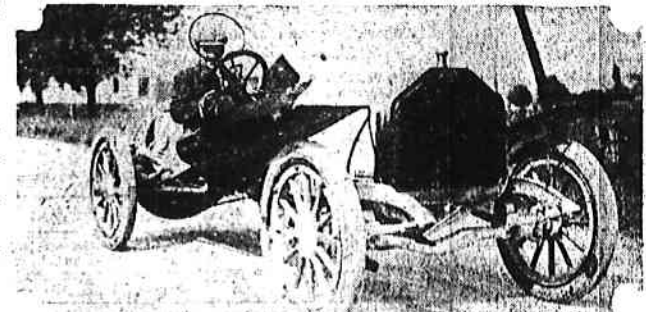
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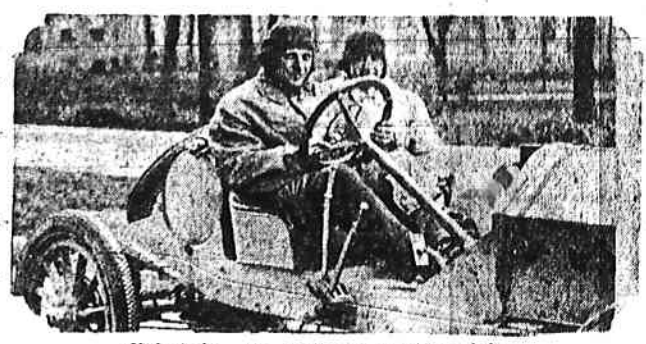
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MARIONS AWAIT PISTOL

FINISH TRAINING FOR RACE

RELAY TEAM OF POLITICIANS READY FOR ORCELING ODEAL IN BIG

MARKSMEN IMPROVE IN RUSHVILLE TOURNAMENT

Young Leads Field Among Professionals

RUSHVILLE, Ind., June 17.—Good scores marked the second day's shoot of the second annual registered tournament of the Rushville Gun and Country Club. The weather