

child, casually met, was sent by Carl to eye specialists. Health, he said, was the most important need for a child; education had secondary value.

Feet were another obsession of Carl's. He was always watching the way people walked and what sort of shoes they wore. If anything seemed wrong, he asked them to go to foot specialists at his expense. A man couldn't amount to anything, Carl said, if something was wrong with his eyes or feet. His own feet were strong and flexible, almost like hands.

Back in America, Carl continued to harbor his grievance over the American cars' defeat in Europe. He was determined to make American cars supreme. Now in the garage behind the display rooms where new cars were shown, Carl and Earle worked for months on an American racing car. They built two, painted them white and named them the Twin Mohawks.

In these fast but temperamental cars the two brothers gave demonstration races at county fairs. In Zanesville, Ohio, something happened to the motor of their car, but Carl could not slow it at the curve. It ploughed through fence and grandstand and stopped in a poultry exhibit in a snowstorm of feathers and fowls. People were injured and killed, and the brothers climbed from under their wrecked car to find themselves surrounded by a lynch-minded mob. In the confusion they managed to escape from the fair grounds and hide in the lavatory of a country hotel. There the town constable discovered them and helped them get out of town.

Fourteen persons were reported injured or killed that day. Years later, when Carl was asked how many died in Zanesville, he answered soberly, "I don't know. They were dying for the next two years."

This tragedy, and also the mutilation of his riding companion, Earl Kiser, in a track accident, made Carl give up auto racing. But his love for speed and wheels went on. With the automobile he followed the same procedure he had with the bicycle—repairing, racing, selling and showmanship. For the automobile, as he had for the bicycle, he planned stunts that would help it find its place in the common life of America.