

DEATH COST OF FAILURE TO OBEY

Harry Martin, Stutz Racing Mechanician, Killed and Tester Hurt Seriously at Speedway.

WAS TOLD TO "SLOW DOWN"

Driver "Opened Up" on Stretch in Spite of Warning, President Stutz Testifies.

Harry Martin, racing mechanician for the Stutz Motor Car Company, was killed and Frank Agan, car tester for the company, was severely and perhaps fatally injured at noon yesterday when a new Stutz racer turned over after throwing a tire on the Motor Speedway. Martin was killed instantly. Agan is in the City Hospital, where surgeons are working desperately to save his life. He was operated on for injuries to his chest and head last night. Surgeons said he can not recover.

The fatal accident occurred after Harry C. Stutz, president of the company which owns the new car and employed the men, had signaled his driver to slow down, according to Mr. Stutz's testimony before Coroner Durham at the inquest. Mr. Stutz said Martin had driven four laps of two and one-half miles each when he was signaled to decrease speed. He did so, Mr. Stutz said, but when he had nearly completed the circuit of the track on the fifth lap he "opened up" and the front tire blew out and the shoe

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The car swerved into the retaining wall, bounded outward and described several violent gyrations as Martin tried to right it. As it skidded forward the car overturned and rolled over and over.

MEN PINNED UNDER CAR.

The two occupants were pinned beneath it at the first turn. The car rolled into the clear and stopped about 100 yards from the point of its contact with the retaining wall.

Other witnesses called were R. E. Maypole, vice president of the company, and Gil Anderson, a racing driver. They were first to reach the injured men and summoned the ambulance which took them to the City Hospital.

Martin's body was taken to Flanner & Buchanan's undertaking establishment. His mother, father and sister took charge of it during the afternoon. Martin was 23 years old and his home had been in Peru, Ind. Since his employment here he had lived in the Meridian Flats.

MOTHER IS PROSTRATED.

Agan is 31 years old and lives with his mother in their home at 2241 Kenwood avenue. His father, John S. Agan, died eleven months ago yesterday. Mrs. Ella Agan, his mother, was prostrated by news of the accident to her son and was unable to go to the hospital.

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Martin was ambitious to drive in the next big Speedway event, and it is said that he would have been successful in obtaining a mount. He was a licensed driver under the American Automobile Association ruling. Charley Merz, who was Martin's chum and partner when they finished third this year, is heartbroken over the accident.

AGAN A MAINSTAY.

Agan is one of the old mainstays of the Stutz racing organization. He rode with Gil Anderson this season and was accounted a mechanic with no superior. Anderson never wanted to ride a race without Agan, and when his partner was taken to the hospital he spent the most of the afternoon near his bedside.

The Stutz Company is doing everything possible for the man who helped bring fame on the track. Special doctors are attending the injured man and two nurses will do all in their power to bring him back to health.

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"Wishing you success in your efforts, we are,

Yours very truly,

"FEDERAL MOTOR WORKS,

"F. J. SLEIGHT, Treasurer."

TIRE THIEF GETS 41 DAYS.

Negro Captured by Miss Elizabeth Claypool Is Sentenced.

Henry Wells, colored, who was captured by Miss Elizabeth Claypool, 2052 North Illinois street, when he stole tires from her brother's garage, yesterday was sent to the Marion County Jail for forty-one days. Miss Claypool caught the negro, and, although he dragged her through an alley, she held on until assistance came. Wells denied in court that he had stolen the tires, contrary to a statement he made when arrested.

NO MORE RAINFALL SOON.

Weather Bureau Says That Showers Are Unlikely.

No further rainfall is likely soon, according to the Weather Bureau. Expected showers failed to materialize yes-

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SCHOOL BOARD BUILDING

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The board of school trustees held a special meeting last night for the erection of new school No. 21, Rader and Tenth, and No. 41, Southeastern. The cost at school No. 21 is approximately \$55,000 and at No. 41, \$70,000.

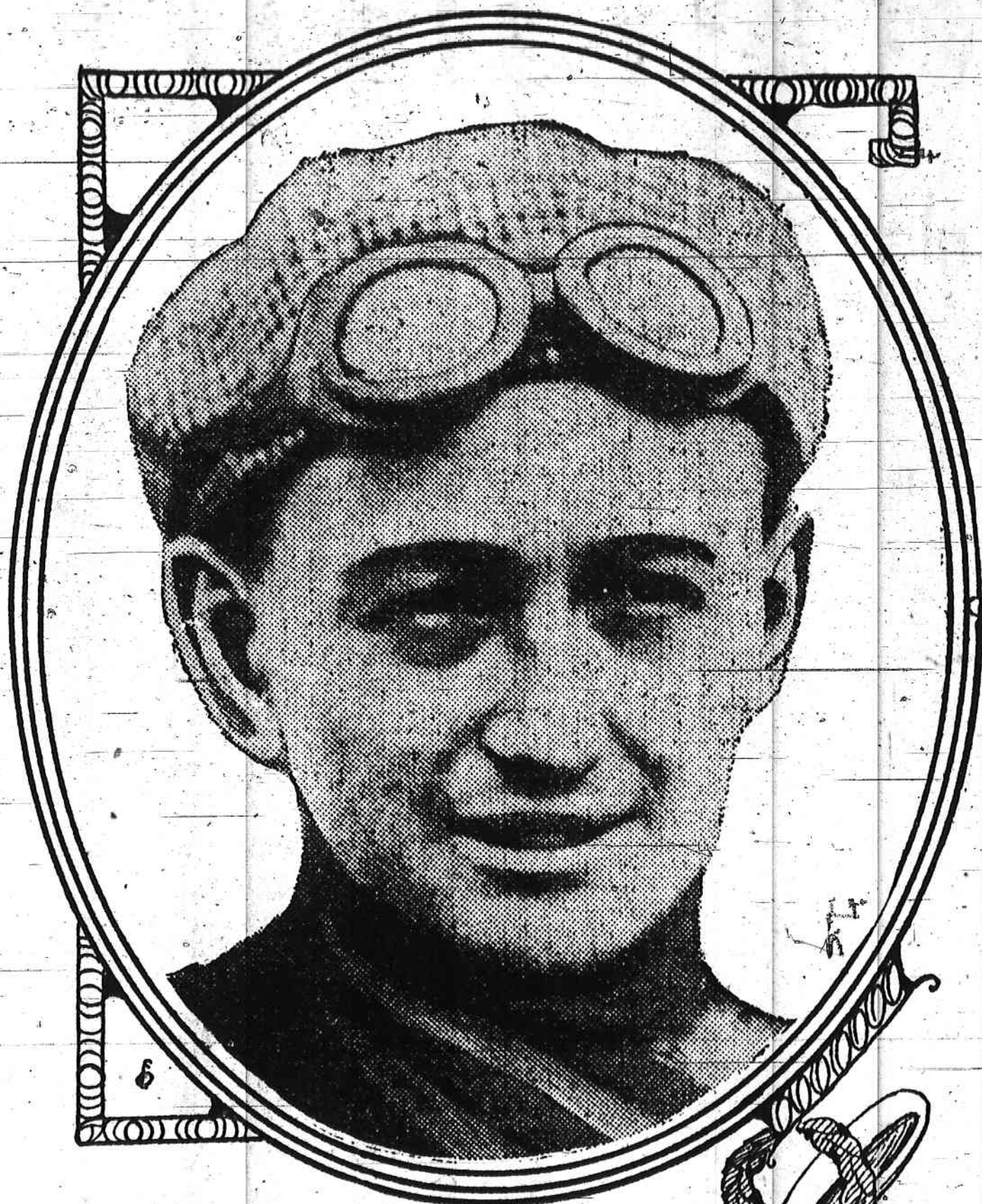
The William P. Johnson Co. retained the contract for the building at No. 21, its bid being lower than that of its nearest competitor, Meld, whose bid was \$9,787, and the contract was let to the Hatfield Electric Co. Hayes Bros. obtained the plumbing, but no details fixed, as all details are to be determined.

The general contract for school No. 41 was let to A. Schumacher Co. The contract to Woolley Co. for electric work to the school is also let.

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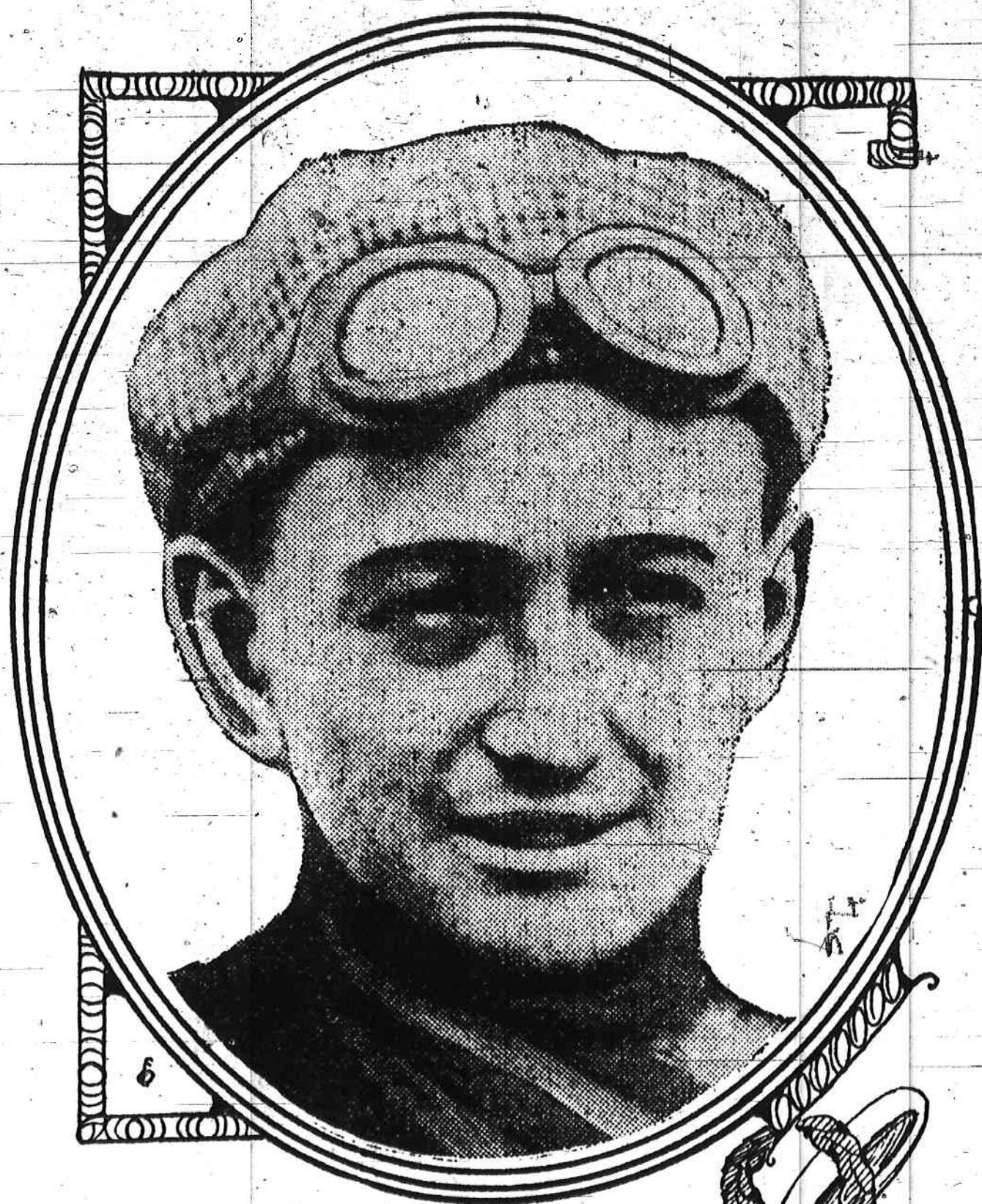
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