AUTO FANS MADE BY THE SPEEDWAY

Local Race Course Increases Love for Sport by Leaps and Bounds.

NOTED DRIVERS ARE ARRIVING

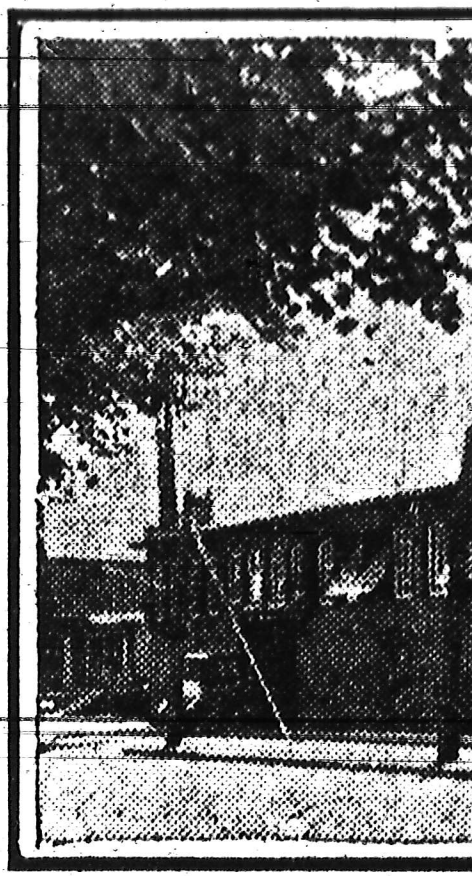
Pent Up Longing to Witness Motor Contest Will Soon Be Satisfied.

The stranger who visits Indianapolis may well imagine that the city is in the throes of speed mania. The Speedway is developing a class of fans that do not exist any other place on the American continent.

Now that the racing drivers are gathering and entering the events at the various courses, the people are becoming posted on racing and stock cars and becoming the most critical observers.

Monster automobiles in racing trim chug through the main thoroughfares throttled down to low speed and throbbing with suppressed speed held in reserve. Even the small boys are familiar with the most noted drivers.

Herb Lytle in his red Apperson Jack Rabbit is readily known by the small boy at a glance, while the public is always familiar with his car and achievements. That streak of red, white and blue which moves along with a muffled roar, volleying through the iron throated exhausts, the driver clad in a blue coat and with goggles pushed high, chewing a cigar, is Barney Oldfield. He is a familiar figure, and known everywhere in the city, followed by the small boy and envied by the crowd.



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Boys Know Drivers.

The tall lean unconcerned driver in the great low green machine snorting through its six cylinders is Johnny Aiken, in the National Savannah cup racer. Other drivers there are and well known.

And what of these men, these pilots of monster racing cars that must travel at excessive speed, these men that court death at every turn of track and road. They are the pick of the nerviest men in the world.

Gladiators in the arena possessed no greater nerve than they, and now and then their number is decimated by accident which cripples and maims them. Is their mission one of speed only, or back of all this preparation and hazard what more is to be achieved? The manufacturer realizes that to perfect his product he must learn all its weak parts.

Driving on the public streets does not teach him what they are. Excessive speed for hours will cause an engine that would perform under ordinary conditions to almost burn up, and this is what he desires to know. Hence he looks for these deep-visaged warriors, who have the nerve to let the car out just a little faster than any one else, men who love to combat with each other in this duel or flight against time and each other; men who glory in the speed, speed, and still more speed.

Race Tests Skill.

With muscles drawn and tense; clutching the wheel that the smallest variation means hurling them into eternity, guiding these snorting monsters through the long hours of a race, careening, lurching and swaying from side to side of the course, watching contestants, score boards that whirl by in mad jumpled confusion, signals and signs that advise them of their position in the contest. Risking all and willing to risk more if necessary, to carry glory to the name of the car that they represent. Watch these stern-faced drivers, covered with dust from the course, as even a dustless course will sear their faces, causing the great deep lines to show, with a determined deathlike stare. Hour after hour whirls by and they stick to their post, smiling in grim determination or in despair as they lose an advantage through accident or delay, as the slightest mishap means that they are losing time which must be made up and this means additional hazard which they are all too willing to risk.

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Well may it seem that the inhabitants of the city which is becoming famous for speed are looked upon by the stranger as speed mad.

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