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NEW SPEEDWAY IN TRIM FOR MEETING

Two and One-Half-Mile Brick
Course Stands Ready for
Auto Races.

MARVEL IN TRACK BUILDING

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for Spectators at Events
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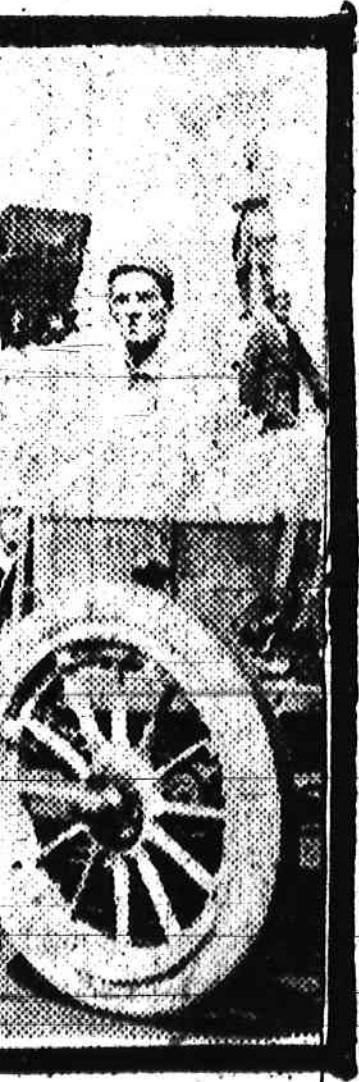
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Interurban cars leave Interurban station every twenty minutes until one hour before races, when additional service will be added.

Standing complete, as near perfection in modern roadway engineering as any race course in the world today, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, result of an idea conceived and carried out by men who heard doubt expressed as the only reply to first announcement of their plan, will this week be the scene of one of the greatest conflicts of racing motors ever projected. Two miles and a half of smooth brick surface, containing more than 4,000,000 of the hard vitrified blocks, and costing \$180,000, forms the pathway over which the speeding machines will travel during the three days, May 27, 28 and 30.

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Roads to Course Better.

Improvement was started on the road that leads from Indianapolis to the racing course. This road has been graded, oiled and rolled until it is an ideal motoring path. Autoists will find good travel to and from the races. Those who take the railroad and electric lines as means of transportation will find changed conditions at the Speedway. The Big Four has installed a station consisting of ticket booths and partitioned passage ways, which will keep the ingoing and outcoming crowds from interfering with each other's progress. Twenty-minute service on both lines has been announced for the race season.

Over the entire area of 828 acres the race course has been altered to suit the needs discovered by experience in last year's meeting. The track change has been the most radical and the element of danger which must be ever present at auto races, has been minimized. A heavy cement wall surrounds the course at points where the spectators are liable to come near the track, and other safeguards have been provided. This year a large company of citizen soldiers will form the Speedway guards and aid in protecting spectators in case of accident.

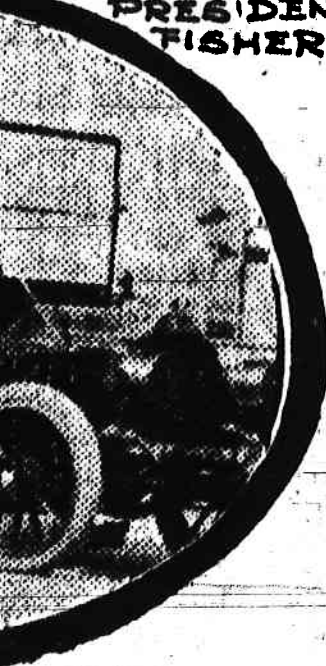
Bridges Built for Autos.

Safety for the autoist who drives his machine to the races has been provided in two large automobile bridges to the center parking space over which machines may pass at all times during the races. This does away with the rule which was established last year forcing the driver to bring the machine on the grounds before the start of the races and to remain there until all of the events were finished.

Seating capacity in the stands has been increased from 20,000 to 35,000, and more boxes have been built at the front near the wire. The scoring system will include three large boards located so that every spectator will have an opportunity to see clearly the result of each race lap by lap. The Sireno signalling system will be in use, fifty of the horns to be utilized. Twenty-four of these will be at the wire and the others scattered about the track and at the bridges to sound the warning of the cars' approach to spectators. The following Sireno code is given out by the Speedway officials:



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- Two long blasts calls cars from paddock to tape for next event.
- Three long blasts before start of meet signals all gates leading across the track to be closed, after which time all spectators crossing tracks must use bridges.
- Three long blasts after meet signals all gates to be opened.
- A series of short blasts signify an accident on course, in which event drive carefully. A blue flag will also be displayed.

Flags Will Be Used.

The flags will be used to signal the contestants again this year. The following signal code for the flags is adopted:

- Red Flag—Clear course.
- Yellow Flag—Stop immediately.
- Green Flag—Starting last lap.
- Checkered Flag—You are finished.
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The new electric lighting system along with the Prest-O-Lite used last year will make the course as light as day. In addition to these precautions and the strict orders for police service, the great course is separated from the spectators by a fence which in turn is away from the track twenty feet, and in the space between, all around the course, is a sand cushion. In front of the main grand stand this is sanded on soft ground. The Speedway officials believe this will insure absolute safety for the spectators, as a car will be forced to plow through a cement wall, through the sand cushion and through the fence to reach the crowd. Unless the spectators are careless it is believed they are absolutely safe. Then, too, the smoothness of the track and its general plan of construction spells safety for the drivers except in case of collision, loss of control or the breaking of a machine part.

Other features of the Speedway, completely stated are:

There are numerous buildings, including garages, administration, service sheds, telephone, mail, restaurant, office buildings, all houses and machine shops.

The entire grounds will accommodate upward of 100,000.

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