

JOHNSON EAGER TO JOIN AUTO RACERS

Enter Hopes to Pilot Big Car as Professional in Speed Contests Next Year.

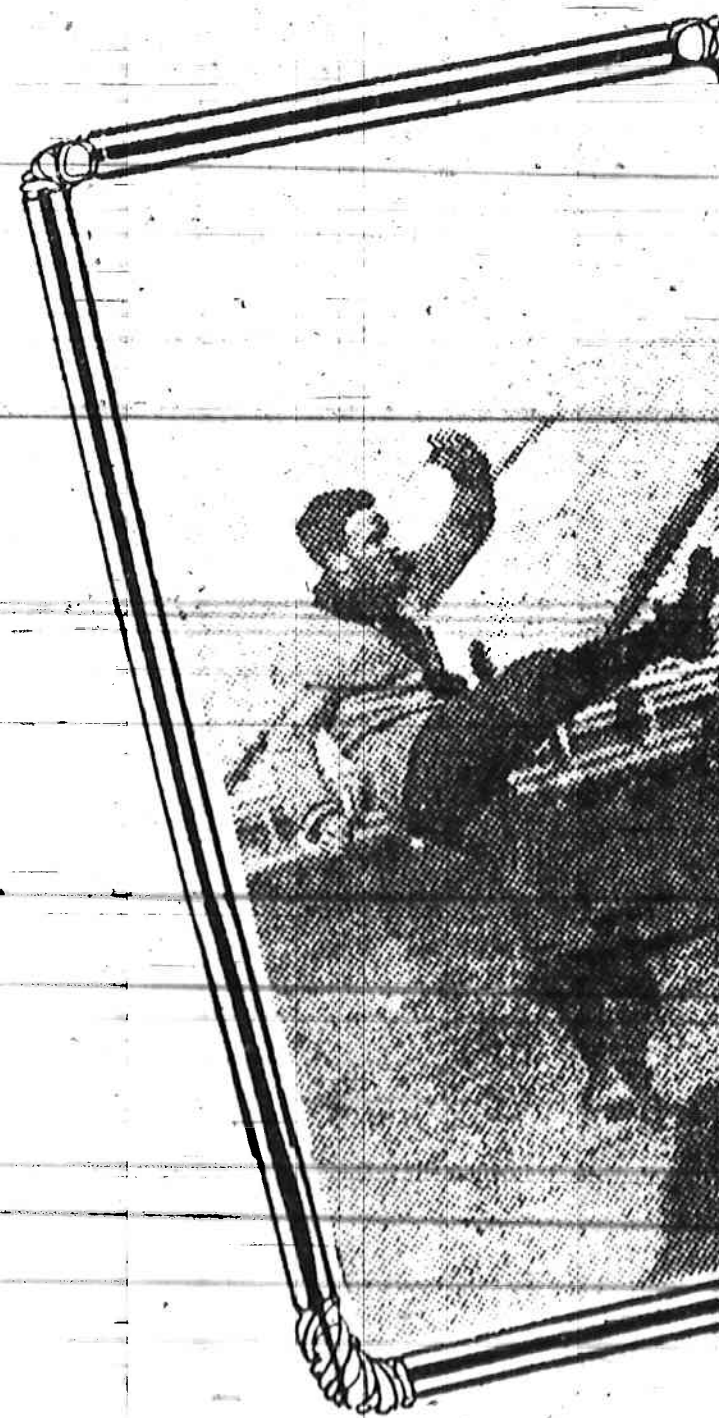
IMPROVES ROADS IN COUNTY

Pugilist Escapes Arrest for Fast Driving Over Streets of Indianapolis.

In all probability Jack Johnson will be known as a professional driver in the world's big auto races within the next year, as the champion heavyweight fighter, who is appearing at the Empire this week, plans to enter all the big events with his own racing car, built especially for him by the Chalmers-Detroit people, which they consider one of the greatest cars they have ever turned out. This does not mean that Johnson will abandon his career as a pugilist. If he defeats James J. Jeffries in their battle on July 4 next he will find himself in the position that Jeffries was in when he retired from the ring—there will be no one to meet him. He is regarded as the only big man in the ring today worthy to tackle Jeffries, and he has defeated all the aspirants for heavyweight honors with such ease that any more battles with them would be a foregone conclusion.

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Familiar With Racing Events.

He is also thoroughly familiar with all the racing events, with the history and careers of the various famous drivers. He himself has ridden with one of the best of them and went 100 miles an hour with Christie, acting as mechanic for the famous dare-devil millionaire who devotes his attention to racing his own peculiar cigar-shaped car, which was seen in contests at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Johnson has had many escapades as the result of his daring in driving an automobile, and has perhaps been arrested more often for breaking the speed laws in cities throughout the country than any one man in America. He says that he does not intentionally mean to break the law or to risk any one's life by fast driving, but that when he is in a machine he can not bear for any one to pass him along the road, and as this is always attempted by the other motorists, Johnson necessarily has to go at break-neck speed to keep at the head of the procession. Thus far he has escaped any trouble in Indianapolis this week with his racing car furnished by the Marlon Motor Car Company, but he has certainly hit the high places along the country roads. He praises the roads around Indianapolis highly and expresses his opinion that this is destined to be the greatest automobile center in the country.

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PLAYS WITH DETROIT TIGERS

INDIANAPOLIS SHORTSTOP TAKES
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Lellvelt pitched a fine game himself, allowing but six hits, but he lost the game in the eleventh. He passed a man and then throw to first on a bunt on which each runner took two bases. The Cubans then worked a squeeze for the necessary tally, a double and triple scoring their first one.

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Indianapolis Baseball Manager to Take Dartmouth Football Team to

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JOHNNY THOMPSON WILL MEET BATTLING NELSON

Sycamore Cyclone Wires Acceptance of Forty-Five-Round Bout Under Jimmy Coffroth in July.

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