

"PROS" RUSH FOR REGISTRATION

Nearly 100 Now on A. A. A. List—Amateurs Are Few and at Least One is Not Above Suspicion.

Registration of racing drivers, the first direct attempt which the American Automobile Association has made to carry out the control of automobile competition along the lines which obtain in the government of other branches of sport, now is in full swing. In accordance with the new requirements, 83 professional drivers already have registered and been assigned official numbers by which they will be identified. A smaller number of drivers—13, to be exact—have registered as amateurs, but by the terms of the peculiar definition which the A. A. A. has established, no men who are in any way engaged in the trade will be permitted to register as amateurs, although their trade connections will not bar them from competition with amateurs and professionals, in the ordinary sense of the word. For unlike the amateur rulings in all other lines of sport, amateur automobile drivers may compete with professionals and still remain amateurs.

It was in consequence of this peculiar construction that Caleb S. Bragg was permitted to compete with Barney Oldfield and other well known professional drivers at Los Angeles, without impairing his standing on the registration list. Despite the fact that Bragg is known to have desk room in a New York automobile establishment, and that he drives a certain make of car, the agency for which is housed in the same building where he has his "office," he is said to have no official connection with the agency concern, and it therefore follows that he is a "simon pure" amateur—of the A. A. A. variety. The full list of registrations to date is as follows:

Professional Drivers.

Name.	Number.
Almond, A. B.....	80
Basle, Charles L.....	23
Brown, A. R.....	70
Brown, David L. Bruce.....	4
Buckman, C. H.....	12
Cleignot, Louis.....	67
Cobe, Harry H.....	14
Cohen, H. L.....	60
Conneret, R. E.....	83
Darby, J. E.....	62
Dearborn, Frank H.....	49
DePalma, Ralph.....	2
Dial, T. B.....	68
Disbrow, Louis A.....	6
Dunn, Walter L.....	71
Dustin, Lee.....	17
Endicott, W. N.....	36
Fain, L. E.....	77
Fell, A. L.....	81
Free, Frank L.....	35
Fullerton, S. W.....	38
Gelnaw, J. F.....	46

Grant, Harry A.....	56
Grosjean, Auguste.....	53
Hanshue, H. M.....	41
Harroun, Ray W.....	19
Hartman, Harry B.....	48
Hart, Peter W.....	55
Hildebrandt, Edward A.....	52
Haupt, Willie.....	8
Howard, Robert C.....	65
Jones, Charles E.....	74
Jones, Edgar E.....	79
Kerschler, Ben.....	54
Knipper, William H.....	10
Kussman, George.....	39
LaCroix, Paul.....	26
Lavin, Jack.....	15
LeBlanc, L. W.....	61
Lescault, Frank L.....	3
Livingston, Al.....	34
Luce, Morton H.....	47
Lund, C. H.....	40
Lytle, Herbert H.....	45
McEldowny, Wendell L.....	44
McKinnelly, K. T.....	78
McLarty, L.....	33
Martin, Stanley A.....	58
Marquis, J. B.....	22
Miller, D. R.....	85
Mulford, Ralph K.....	5
Munn, J. W.....	21
Nickrent, Joseph A.....	28
Nickrent, Louis F.....	29
Oldfield, Barney E.....	51
Orndorff, Harry C.....	50
Owen, Wallace.....	11
Parker, Edwin H.....	7
Parmalee, P. O.....	76
Peckham, R. T.....	69
Purcell, McDonald.....	37
Raffalovich, Louis.....	16
Roberts, Montague H.....	57
Robertson, George H.....	1
Rooney, C. C.....	72
Schluchtner, Ubert.....	25
Schwarzenberger, Frank.....	9
Schultz, P. C.....	66
Seibel, Bruno.....	30
Seymour, W. J.....	20
Siefert, F. E.....	31
Stone, H. A.....	32
Strang, Lewis.....	18
Stickney, J. H.....	27
Tolts, Delavan.....	63
Toole, John F.....	73
Trekcus, Noel.....	13
Whalen, Neil.....	24
Woodell, F. E.....	87
Wall, J. B.....	84
Woolfe, C. F.....	82
Yarbray, T. T.....	64
Young, Roy G.....	75

Amateur Drivers.

Allen, J. H.....	28A
Aultman, M. B.....	25A
Bond, R. M.....	27A
Bragg, Caleb S.....	1A
Brown, H. H.....	2A
Candler, Walter T.....	6A
Davis, W. E.....	26A
Kirk, A. W.....	8A
Oldknow, William.....	7A
Peters, W. H., Jr.....	29A
Siebrecht, S. W.....	4A
Stoddard, W. J.....	9A
Venable, M. W.....	5A

Bridgeporters Forced to Find New Hill.

Because of the insurmountable opposition to the event which was manifested by a property owner on the course, whose ideas

of sportsmanship are regarded locally as being on a par with the antique furniture in which he deals, the Automobile Club of Bridgeport, Conn., has abandoned its hill climb on Sport Hill which was carded for May 30 and was one of the classics on the New England motor calendar. However, Bridgeporters will not be deprived of their customary Memorial Day motoring treat, for the local dealers' association has stepped into the breach and will promote a climb on Snake hill, in the town of Fairfield, a suburb of Bridgeport.

The hill is situated about two miles from Fairfield, and, while not as long as Sport hill, it is much steeper and has several abrupt turns. In the make-up of the card a departure from former custom will be made, in that all events will be for stock cars only, and there will be no free-for-all class. Timing will be by electrical apparatus. Work on putting the road in shape soon will be commenced, and efforts will be made to secure the militia to patrol the course.

Chicago to Hold Floral Parade.

Instead of holding a carnival week, with its attendant expense and volume of effort necessary, by the dressing up of salesrooms, the holding of open house and a card of varied contests, to officially mark the opening of the selling season, but which really began months ago, the Chicago Automobile Trade Association has decided that a floral parade on Saturday, May 7, will suffice to induce "prospects" to produce their check-books. Although the Windy City has had floral parades before, and good ones, too, the tradesmen plan to make the coming function eclipse all former efforts. Valuable prizes will be offered for the best decorated cars, both among the private owners and dealers, and from hints that have leaked out it is promised that there will be some novel and startling artistic ideas expressed in the decorative line. It is expected that over 300 cars will be in line, the parade committee already having booked 63 dealers who will enter cars, and it is planned to send out 6,000 invitations to private owners.

Uncle Sam Reiterates His Ruling.

Automobiles are not to be admitted free of duty as household effects, according to a ruling which has been promulgated by the Treasury Department. Heretofore there has been confusion and question as to whether foreign cars imported with household effects should be required to pay duty, but the judicial decisions on the matter having been recently adverse to the automobiles, the Treasury Department has instructed its agents accordingly.

More Money for Spokane Taxicabs.

New financial blood has been inculcated into the Spokane (Wash.) Taxicab Co. which has been reorganized and has considerably increased its equipment of rolling stock. Work soon will be started on a new three story garage to cost \$30,000.