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While Jimmy Murphy's death was an irreparable loss to automobile racing, there came another youth of like stamp who succeeded to his laurels and who held true to all the fine traditions on which Murphy's success and popularity were grounded.

That driver was Pete De Paolo, nephew of the great Ralph De Palma, and who in 1925, his fourth year behind the wheel, captured the 500-mile Indianapolis classic and won the annual American Automobile Association speedway championship as well, duplicating the latter accomplishment in 1927.

Like Murphy, De Paolo is of humble origin, and when a child lived on a farm near Roseland, N. J., where he milked the cows and did other chores for his father. He was early infected with the speed bug, however, and determined to pattern his future after that of his boyhood hero, Uncle Ralph.

After a year spent in doing odd jobs about a Roseland garage, he landed a helper's berth in the engineering department of the Locomobile factory. When the United States threw its armed forces into the World War in 1917, he enlisted in the Army aviation corps.

Discharged after the Armistice, De Paolo convinced De Palma that he was experienced enough to put a racing car in the pink of condition for the punishing ordeal of the track. He remained with Ralph as his chief mechanic until January, 1922, when he filed his

