

Wilbur Shaw To Head New Management

T. E. "Pop" Myers
Will Keep Post
As Vice-President

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challenge to the greatest race drivers in the world."

IT WAS WITH a bit of regret and tears in his eyes that Capt. Rickenbacker wrote the word "finis" to his long career both as a racer and president of the great plant. He assured Mr. Hulman that his heart would always be with them. He said, "It is fitting that Hoosier management and Hoosier capital should continue the most famous venture in mechanical competition.

"Wilbur Shaw is of the track, as I was, and brings to it not only sound ability to carry on the top traditions of racing in America but the sincere affection for automobile racing that is so necessary for the proper conduct of this international event.

"Carl Fisher and Jim Allison, both Hoosiers, built the Speedway in 1909 and in 1911 bricked it and inaugurated the 500-mile race. Allison retired and other inter-

"Pop" Predicts Success

The genial veteran of the Speedway, T. E. (Pop) Myers, who served as general manager and vice-president of the organization under two ownerships, expressed the viewpoint that the famous racing strip would continue to be the world's greatest laboratory for the automotive industry.

Following the sale Myers said: "It is a great thing that the track comes back to Indiana under Hoosier ownership. It was built by public-spirited sportsmen and will be operated in the future by men of the same type, who will carry on the ideals of the past."

ests in Florida attracted Mr. Fisher and when the Speedway was available for sale in 1927, I became interested because of my early association with automobile racing and, fortunately, was able to obtain financing in Detroit which enabled me to take over the operation."

"SINCE THAT TIME," Capt. Rickenbacker added, "I was able to not only keep the Speedway in a sound financial position but to plow back earnings into it to give the city a \$100,000 golf course and accomplish some \$250,000 worth of improvements to the track itself."

"However, I have always felt that the people of Indiana should have had more than an observation interest in this great state institution. The demands of running Eastern Airlines makes it impossible for me to give the Speedway the attention which it demands and it is fortunate that I am able to dispose of my interest to Mr. Hulman.

"Mr. Hulman and Shaw will bring to the track 'home-town' and 'home-state' ownership which it deserves along with Shaw's knowledge of racing which he learned the hard way—on the track itself. I have no doubt that the new ownership will continue its successful operation."