

# AUTO RACING TO BE REVIVED AS REAL SPORT

## Resumption of 500-Mile Race at Indianapolis Arouses Old Interest.

### CHEVROLET WAS FIRST ENTRY

Editor's Note—This story has to do with the effect of the revival of the 500-mile race, on automobile racing as a major sport and at the same time announces the first.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 25.—The return of the 500-mile race to the Indianapolis Speedway means the return of automobile racing as a major sport in America.

Since the war started in 1914 interest in all sport has lagged. Auto racing stood up well for a year, the 1915 season seeing good competition with foreign cars in action. The next year the sport began to pall on the fans with the growing of speedway racing in many sections, although the race for the championship in which Dario Resta bested the late Johnny Alton and Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, America's leading "Ace" served to keep up interest.

Indianapolis did not stage a race in 1917 nor this year because the owners of the brick track could not see patriotism in trying to keep alive the sport when the participants were needed by Uncle Sam to care for and pilot his airplanes, tanks, tractors and automobiles. Other tracks staged races but invited only local interest.

From its inception in 1911, when with 47 entries, the first 500-mile race was staged, the Indianapolis event became the Blue Ribbon of America, replacing the famed Vanderbilt cup of the road race era in Indianapolis, in addition to being the only speedway to successfully stage more than one 500-mile race, has a track that tests the driving skill of the pilot. The brick course which is familiar to every racing fan has four curves of slight gradient and four straightaways. The curves force the driver to show his skill to stay on the track and the stretches permit sprints for position, which are racing on the speciality constructed bowls where the curves are practically ironed out.

Driving skill and endurance of man and car won every race in Indianapolis over the five century distance. Harroun in 1911, out-generaled his field; Dawson in 1912 hung on DePalma's flank until the Mercedes weakened; Jules Goux out-guessed "Terrible" Daddario in 1913; Rene Thomas actually drove the late Georges Boillot off the track to win with a slower car in 1914; Ralph DePalma out-drove Dario Resta and his speedy Peugeot to win with a slower Mercedes, in the final 500 of 1915. On any other track the faster cars would have won.

For its sixth 500-mile race Indianapolis will bring out the flower of the world's racing field. With such a race and a rich prize of \$10,000 divided among the first ten to finish, the season is bound to be largely attended because of the number of cars that will be made ready for the first major speed event. Many foreign cars are expected and several American factories, patrons of the sport in former seasons, contemplate a return.

Since the start of the races, hotel accommodations in Indianapolis have increased, but they are likely to be taxed to the limit this year, with the interest already manifested in the revival event by the fans who will arrive from 100 to 2,000 miles to see the speeder's gambles for big stakes and pay tribute to the vassals of the god—Mercury.

The first entry for the 500-mile Liberty sweepstakes will be a race to be run over the two and one-half mile course, arrived at Speedway headquarters this morning. R. C. Durant, president of the Chevrolet Motor company, of Cincinnati, with headquarters at Oakland, Cal., entered a Chevrolet Special for the 500-mile classic. Cliff, as Durant has been known to the racing fraternity is an ardent race fan. He has been a visitor to every 500-mile race and at one time acted as referee driver for Barney Oldfield when that veteran endeavored to win the last 500-mile race with a DeLage car.

In a letter to T. E. Meigs, secretary of the Indianapolis Brick Track Speedway, Durant says in part: "I built the Chevrolet Special shortly before the outbreak of the war with the special intention of entering it at Indianapolis. I have been holding the car since that time awaiting developments."

Continuing his letter Durant says that he entered the car in two races in 1917 and in both instances was successful. The records show that Durant, driving a Chevrolet Special, finished second to Earl Cooper in the 100-mile event at Tacoma, Sept. 7, 1917, and that he also was second in the 150-mile race decided at Tacoma on July 11, 1917. In this race Durant averaged 57.27 miles an hour, while running in second position.

Cliff Durant is the son of W. C. Durant, president of the General Motors company, which includes the Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Oakland, Buick, Cadillac, Northway Motors and the Weston-Mott companies.

# DOINGS OF THE DUFFS—Tom Is Inclined to Putter Around the House.



# BIG LEAGUE HEADS DUE TO FALL; SEASON'S OPEN ON MANAGERS

Moran, Fohl, Stallings, Barry, All Legitimate Game for the Magnates Before "Play Ball" Is Called.

The open season for managers is now on. The first killing was made when Pat Moran was separated from his job as pilot of the Phillies. It is thought that the hunting will be good this season. The woods are full of game.

The rumor will not down that Lee Fohl of the Cleveland Tribe is slated to retire, with that well known force buster, Tris Speaker, as his successor.

George Stallings has not accomplished anything with the Braves since Fred Mitchell left his team. The wise ones are wondering if he is not due to go.

Boston also has another candidate for the game bag. If Jack Barry obtains release from the navy, it would not be surprising if he resumed his former place as head of the Red Sox, with Ed Barrow returning to the International League as president.

Clarence Rowland, leader of the erstwhile champion White Sox, made a pitiful showing last year. He may get another chance.

And the biggest game of all, our old friend "Muggsy" McGraw, is reported ready to bag. The story is that he will succeed Harry Harman as president of the Cincinnati club with Pat Moran as manager.

Mathewson now the manager of the Reds, would also find himself in the magnates' game bag.

Sill, fans, it's possible that Matty will get away, and the opening game might find him at the head of the Giants, for Matty's popularity in Glendale is even greater than McGraw's.



# TWO DIVISIONS WITHOUT CHAMP

Middleweight and Featherweight Classes Are Without Real Leader.

When Mike O'Dowd, the recognized middleweight champion of the world, declared himself out of the inter-allied contests in London recently, because of his inability to do the prescribed weight limit, he reported as void all makes for the class in which he has been known as the champion.

But the 158 pound division is not the only one which is without a pre-eminence. The most prominent of the other is the featherweight class, which Johnny Kilbane, the title holder, claims he will no longer represent. It's within the bounds of reasoning now the major weight division open for a new champion, despite the most recent utterances of Jess Willard that he is no longer and will some day appear in defense of his title. It may be that the bantamweight class is without a legitimate holder, too.

Pete Herman, who is generally recognized as the champion, while it may be that he is a featherweight, it is not clear that he is a featherweight, it is not clear that he is a featherweight, it is not clear that he is a featherweight.

The vacated places will add to the interest in the coming season of boxing, at all makes for some excellent sport, if the matchmakers will just show a little life in their efforts to put on good shows, and if they can find the boxers willing to listen to reason when it comes to taking money.

# RED OAK VETERAN IS CITED FOR BRAVERY; AWARDED COMMISSION

Des Moines, Dec. 25.—Owen C. Hawkins, Company M, One Hundred Sixty-eighth Infantry, of Red Oak, Iowa, was cited for bravery on the day the armistice was signed and as a result he received a commission as lieutenant.

Lieutenant Hawkins was one of the three Iowa soldiers to be sent back from France to help in the third Liberty Loan campaign.

In a recent letter to his mother he says: "I expected to be sent to the rear for a rest, but was sent up to the front lines for a few days. Yesterday when we arrived in a little town we were surprised to hear that the war was over. We hope it is so. I have other reasons to be glad as upon our arrival here I noticed that a commission was awaiting me at headquarters."

The citation followed the following:

Jack Sharkey of New York, is worthy of consideration. So is Zulu Kid, of Brooklyn. In fact, the list is passed to mention all who would make strong fights for the championship.

Burns is a Featherweight.

Failure to name Frankie Burns of Jersey City, was not an oversight or any reflection on the veteran's ability. Frankie has, we believe, grown beyond the rightful weight for bantams, and he would be our candidate to fill the place left vacant by Johnny Kilbane. Frankie can do the 123 pounds very easily, and to find real rivals for him it seems from where we sit, that the out country will have to be explored. Strange as it may seem, the class is not over-abundant in material, which is a measure accounts for Kilbane's retirement. He has found it hard to get any men in his own division to fight and was obliged on several occasions to go into the lightweight division for contests.

And as for the middleweights, with Mike O'Dowd passed beyond the mark, it is a hard matter to set on a man who might fill the place well.

Mike Gibbons Overweight.

Mike Gibbons is bigger than a real middleweight should be, which would bar him from the competition for the title. But he has a broken in Tom Gibbons who might fill the bill well, and he is sure to get many contests if he stays close to the title.

There is Augie Fattner, winner of the division title in the inter-allied tourney, of one, and there are scores of others who would make it interesting to see one with middleweight championship aspirations. The names do not occur to us at present, but we know that there are plenty of such men who could easily be dug up by some energetic matchmaker.

# WOMEN'S MATINEE AT BIG BURLESQUE SHOW

Bowery Burlesquers to Give Afternoon and Evening Performance Today.

Manager A. J. Busby, of the Waterloo theatre, has arranged an unusual feature for today. A matinee for the women of Waterloo will be given by the Bowery Burlesquers.

The idea is to form a company of burlesque shows for the women of the city to see a burlesque show. There will be bargain prices for the women, but the regular matinee prices will be charged the men.

The attraction this afternoon and evening is the second of the Columbia wheel shows to appear in Waterloo and, like the first attraction, this show is free from objectionable features. High classed comedy and musical numbers abound and the shows compare favorably with many of the higher priced musical comedies.

The show appearing here today has been at Des Moines during the early part of the week and will open in Ontario after leaving Waterloo. The Des Moines Tribune had the following comment on the show:

It has been a number of weeks since the patrons of the Beechel have been treated with a real live show as the one that is the attraction at the local theatre this week.

The Bowery Burlesquers, which opened a "three days" engagement Sunday before two packed houses, is the attraction this week and one that is very entertaining.

Billy Foster, the well known comedian, is the headliner and he seems to be full of funny remarks. He was loudly applauded for his work during the show. He is assisted by Frank Harcourt, a comedian as good as the average.

The music is of a high order, all of the songs being late ones. Marty Simon, Pam Lawrence, Grace Anderson and Libby Hart appear in various musical numbers and they all score big hits.

The chorus is attractive and the members are good singers.

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# THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME



# 'A WISE BOOB' SCORES HIT AT THE WATERLOO

Clever Acting and a Strong Plot Makes Comedy Success Christmas Day.

"A sucker is born every minute." So goes the saying, but in the case of John Pixley, he was a "heap smarter than he looked, by heck."

Two wise old owls of the business world and a scheming young bird sought to encompass the major portion of Pixley's bank roll. They picked him for a simpleton, but underneath the thick coating of hayseeds was some gray matter that put the "kibbles" on the deal.

W. B. Eaton, who appeared with his company at the Waterloo theatre yesterday in his latest comedy, "A Wise Boob," was the impersonation of John Pixley. The play was shown in the afternoon and evening and scored a hit both performances.

A brief outline of the play follows: Donald Brooks, engaged to Tessie Craig, leaves a good position on the strength of having given birth to a "great idea" for making a neat sum of money. Together with George Craig, a broker who has almost hit the rocks, and Claude Milliken, who might be described as the man of a hundred pains but who to the widow, Mrs. Ray Primrose, was "dear to Claude," Brooks fixes up a paper to which he hopes to get the signature of "the boob," John Pixley. The idea is to form the Pixley Famous Chewing Gum company, the financing to be done by Pixley, and the harvest to be reaped by the three partners.

Pixley finds a true friend in Mrs. Kate Vasser, whom he tries several times to get to "wear his hat," this being his idea of a girl's significance that she will consider loving advances. Mrs. Vasser warns Pixley not to engage in business while under the influence of liquor, but he takes too many highballs, given him by Brooks, and signs the paper, although he had several times refused to do so.

The outcome of the play is that Mrs. Vasser "wears his hat" for good. Brooks is wedded to Tessie Craig and the "boob" slips one over

The whole party is a clever bit of plotting. The entire play is filled with surprises and humor which get the laughs.

# TRAP SHOOTING HELD ITS OWN

In Only One Year In Last Eleven Was Attendance Greater Than In 1918.

BY PETER P. CARNEY, Editor National Sports Syndicate.

The average attendance at the trapshooting tournaments registered by the Interstate Trapshooting Association this year was in keeping with previous years; in fact, the season of 1915 was the only one in which the average attendance was greater. These figures show how trapshooting has maintained its pace thru the past eleven years:

Years	Average attendance Amateur	Professional
1908	27	5
1909	24	5
1910	22	6
1911	23	6
1912	25	6
1913	45	7
1914	45	7
1915	47	7
1916	45	7
1917	42	5
1918	45	5

The 1918 figures are based on 385 tournaments. More than 7,000 individuals participated, and when one takes time to consider the great number of young men who shot at the traps who are in the greatest shooting mood of all time the figures loom exceedingly large.

New Jersey topped the states with the greatest number of amateurs in the events, averaging 86. North Carolina showed the way for the pros with 14. North Carolina was high in both amateur and professional last year with 93 and 7. New Jersey was high the year before.

The largest state championship tournament of the year was held in Pennsylvania, 201 residents participating. Illinois was second, with 148 home shooters; Kansas third, with 127, and Nebraska fourth, with 115. Kentucky had the greatest number of non-resident entries—51; North Carolina had 50 and Missouri 47. Pennsylvania had the largest shoot, with 231 entries; Illinois was next with 163, and Kansas third with 157.

Time was when the professional shot had it all over the amateur, but that time is no more. The Simon pures have just a little on the pro's if anything. Forty-five states hold amateur championships and professional titles were decided in 40.

These statistics furnish a comparison of the scores that won the titles:

Score	Amateur	Professional
100	2	2
99	10	3
98	8	3
97	14	6
96	1	5
95	4	10
94	2	1
93	3	2
92	0	1
91	1	1
90	1	1
under 90	0	5

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