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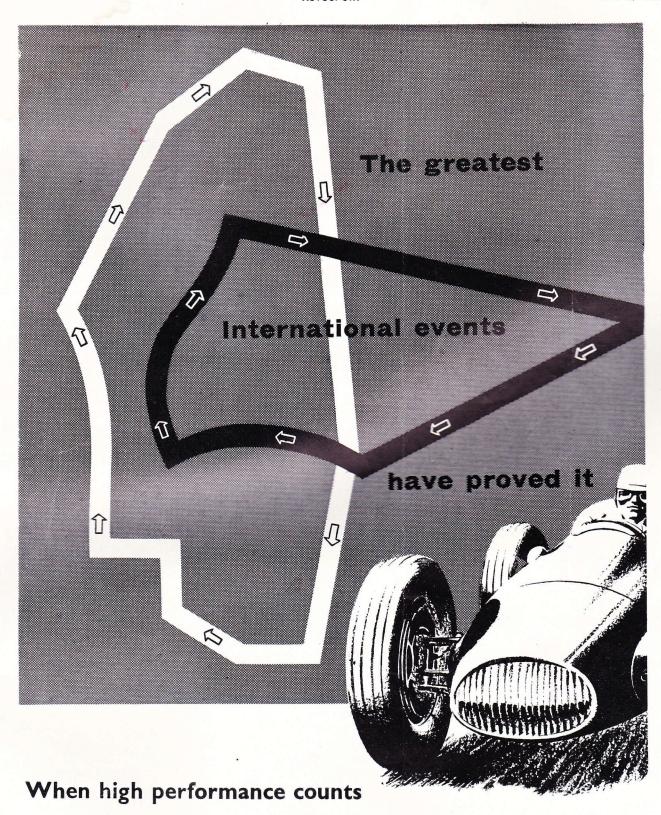
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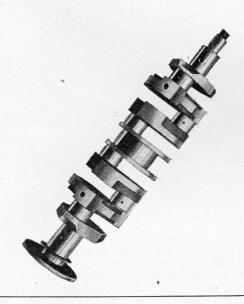
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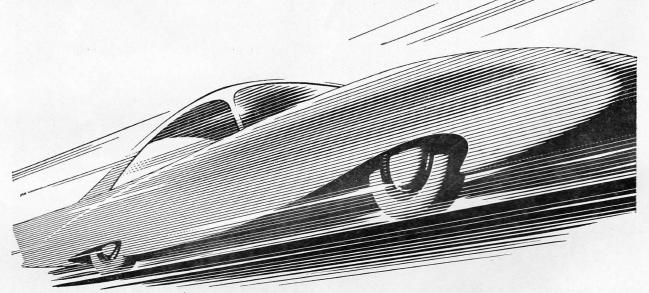
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EDITORIAL

FADING GRAND PRIX HOPES

THE cancellation of the German Grand Prix at Nürburgring on 31st July has come as a severe blow, particularly as it was taken for granted that safety precautions are as complete as is possible. Apparently the main objection is to the narrow width of the road which runs behind the pits, after leaving the abnormally wide straight. Although the Nürburgring authorities were confident that no objection could be taken to the circuit, the Automobilclub von Deutschland decided to abandon the event, despite the fact that a sum exceeding £5,000 was immediately voted to enable any alterations to be carried out. The A.v.D. maintain that it would not be possible to complete suggested modifications before the date of the Grand Prix. A decision yet remains to be taken regarding the 1,000 kilometres event in August. From Italy comes news that the XXVI Gran Premio d'Italia and the Coppa Inter-Europa race for gran turismo machines will take place on 11th September as scheduled, on the new circuit at Monza. With Barcelona still problematical, this means that the Grands Prix of Great Britain and Italy will be the sole remaining grandes epreuves for Formula 1 racing cars. However, it is still possible that the Grand Prix de l'A.C.F. may be held at Rheims! Undoubtedly the future of motor-racing is very much in the balance, until such time as new safety regulations are issued by the F.I.A., and approved by the governments of all countries concerned.

UNINFORMED COMMENT

Autosport feels that, in their eagerness to impart all the horrors of the Le Mans disaster to their readers, certain publications have not come too well out of it—especially as a large amount of their advertising revenue comes from concerns which contribute a great deal to motoring sport. The sane approach of the average motoring correspondent was completely submerged in sensation-seeking stories which in most cases were completely wrong. Although no one would seek to minimize the gravity of the accident, so much rubbish has been published concerning it that it is little wonder the anti-motor-racing section of the public has been given every opportunity to condemn, supported by "by-line" fanatics in the daily Press. Even the normally conservative Sunday Times carried entirely misconstrued stories, and one paragraph by the newspaper's best-known columnist reached a new high in errors per number of words. It was left to Jaguar's ever-watchful P.R.O., Mr. E. W. Rankin, to reply to the offending article, his published letter putting the facts in their true light.

OUR COVER PICTURE

ON HIS WAY UP: A most promising contender for the R.A.C. Hill-climb Championship, Tony Marsh took the two best times of the day at Rest-and-be-Thankful last weekend. He is pictured leaving the start in the unblown Cooper twin for a run only improved upon by his own subsequent performance in a similar supercharged machine.





TAKE - OFF! With the tacho-meter needle on "five thou.", Mersail sprint meeting on 25th June.

NEXT week's issue will contain a comprehensive survey of the British G.P. at Aintree, and a John Bolster road-test of an important 1½-litre British sports car from a world-famous factory.

FLIE BAYOL, who was seriously injured in practice at Le Mans, is convalescing rapidly and will shortly leave hospital.

AFTER his fifth victory this season at Oporto, Jean Behra is taking a holiday-apart from circuit tests of the new five-speed Maserati gearbox. Massage has almost entirely cured the leg injury which he suffered at Le Mans, and his next race will be the British G.P.

Tests have been made at Nürburgring of the German driver, Graf Trips, and the Belgian, Gendebien, with a view to their driving for Mercedes-Benz in the Nürburgring 1,000 kms. race on 28th August if this event be held. The Italian, Piero Taruffi, and the Frenchman, André Simon, have also been invited to attend the triple. invited to attend the trials.

ERIC RICHTER, recently connected with the Vanwall project, has rejoined B.R.M. at Bourne.

It is unlikely that the present ban in France on all forms of motoring sport will extend to the 1956 Monte Carlo Rally. In any case it appears probable that future rallies on French territory may be banned during the summer months.

Now in the Churchill Hospital, Oxford, Dick Jacobs is rapidly recovering from the injuries which he sustained at Le Mans and asks us to thank, on his behalf, all the many friends who have written to him. He would like to thank them all personally, but despite extensive practice, he still isn't getting full revs. on his latest machine (a portable typewriter).

STRANGE MACHINERY (Right) surrounds Dick Jacobs in the Churchill Hospital, Oxford. He is getting used to the typewriter, but still doesn't care for the "gallows" on the left. Maserati driver Franco Bordoni broke his own 1954 record for the Trieste-Opicina hill-climb on 29th June, covering the nine-kilometre course in 4 mins. 42.8 secs (114.568 k.p.h.).



A RECENT rally for journalists, the first of its kind in Italy, was won by Count Lurani and Ghino Longo, driving a Fiat 600.

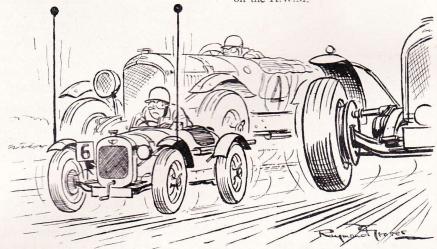
THE new 1½-litre Maserati, full details of which were given last week, has been described as "a great credit to the engineers of Modena".

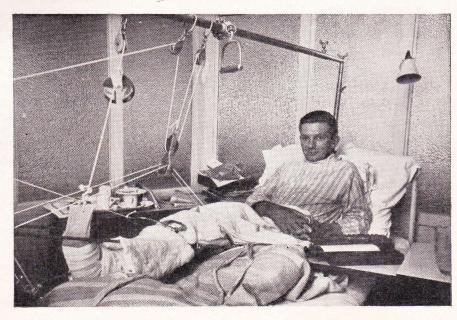
FRENCH ban on rallies, as well as races, extends to next September's 5th Tour

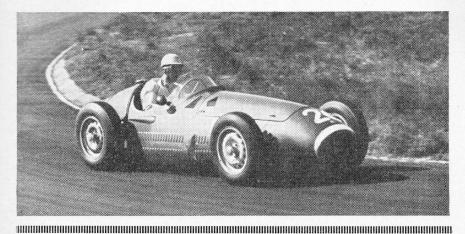
MRS. NANCY MITCHELL would like to make it clear that her retirement from the Swedish Rally to the Midnight Sun was due to her Daimler having broken a spring before the start and its sump on the fourth special stage, only five hours from the finish. Very bad luck, this, as otherwise she would have taken the lead in the Women's European Touring Championship.

THE successful little o.h.v. Elva "1,100" may be available shortly with a Climax engine, according to its designer, Frank Nichols.

GEORGE ABECASSIS says his recent Snetterton crash was due to over-enthusiastic cornering, not steering failure on the H.W.M.







SPORTS NEWS

GERMAN GRAND PRIX CANCELLED

THE Chairman of the Automobilclub von Deutschland has announced in a radio and public statement that the German Grand Prix scheduled for 31st July

will not take place.

This decision is the result of a special meeting held in the clubrooms at Frankfurt last Saturday. The meeting had before it two major issues: firstly, the Minister of Traffic had instructed the Oberste Nationale Sports Kommission to ensure that the safety of the public at Nürburgring was guaranteed. This required structural alterations which could not be carried out in time for the date of the race. The decision was influenced by the need to await the expected new safety regulations of the International Sports Committee of the F.I.A. Secondly, the delegates of the A.v.D. were of the majority opinion that a big race can only take place in an atmosphere friendly and acceptable to the sport, and at the present time this definitely is not the case.

We understand from our German

We understand from our German correspondent that, when informed of the A.v.D.'s decision, the Board of Directors of the Nürburgring, Ltd., were very angry. The Ring General Manager, Herr Tomi Koll, stated that as recently as last week his company had made it known that they were prepared to spend 60,000 D. marks (approximately £5,000) to carry out structural alterations which had been requested by the O.N.S. These alterations were mainly to the promenade, the front of the grandstand at the start and finish point and at the south curve where there is a natural spectator gallery. He further stated that these alterations could not be completed before 31st July.

LIÈGE-ROME-LIÈGE ON!

In an official communication, the Royal Motor Union assures AUTOSPORT that the Liège-Rome-Liège Rally from 17th to 21st August, will definitely take place. The main routes will be through Austria, Germany and Italy, and it is hoped to be able to guarantee passage through France, probably on a non-competitive basis.

Regulations can be obtained from M. Garot, Secretaire-General, R.M.U., 38 Boulevard de la Sauvenière, Liège.

DUNDROD T.T. SEEMS SAFE

Ar present, there does not appear to be any doubt but that the Ulster A.C. will hold the R.A.C. Tourist Trophy Race at Dundrod on 17th September as planned, but the Dundrod Race Committee will make a special inspection of the course with a view to tightening up on all safety measures.

B.R.D.C. CRITICIZE DAIMLER-BENZ

The following statement has been issued by the British Racing Drivers' Club: "The British Racing Drivers' Club has refrained from commenting on the Le Mans disaster, believing it would be discourteous to do so as the matter is currently the subject of a Judicial Inquiry.

Inquiry.

"For this reason, the Club strongly deprecates the action of Daimler-Benz A.G. in issuing at this time a statement which cannot be other than an expression

of opinion".

21st AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

Full details will shortly be announced of the 21st Australian Grand Prix, which this year will be held in Melbourne at the same time as the Olympic Games. Plans are being made for a very full programme on 25th November and 2nd December at the 3\(\frac{1}{2}\)-mile Albert Park circuit, less than three minutes drive from the very heart of the city. The racing will be organized by the Light Car Club of Australia, 19 Brunswick Street, Eastern Hill, N.6, Victoria, and they look forward to hearing from overseas drivers who may be interested in competing.

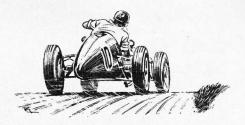
FIRST FOREIGN CAR (Left) for Peter Walker, who borrowed Stirling Moss's Maserati for the Dutch G.P. at Zandvoort. Unfortunately, a wheel bearing failed early in the race.

FRENCH GRAND PRIX

Dates for the probable staging of the 12 hours race and G.P. de l'A.C.F. at Rheims, are tentatively given as either 20th/21st August, or 3rd/4th September. So soon as the recommendations of the F.I.A. regarding safety measures on circuits are examined and approved by the F.I.A., the actual dates will be announced.

INTERNATIONAL SNETTERTON MEETING

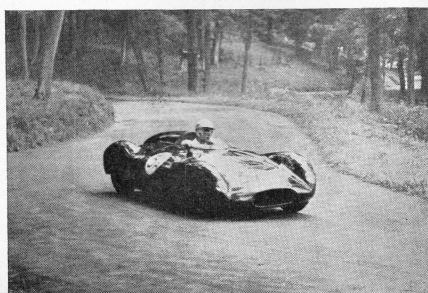
The two major events at the West Essex Car Club's International Snetterton Meeting on 13th August will be a 25-lap Formula 1 race and a formule libre race of the same length. The meeting will start at 11.30 a.m. with a 20-lapper for Formula 3 cars, followed after lunch by a sports car race with four capacity classes, the Formula 1 race, a 15-lapper for production saloons, and the "free-for-all". Tickets may now be obtained from Messrs. Riches and Sear, Ltd., Quidenham, Norwich, and an allowance of 1s. in the pound will be made on advance bookings.



BRANDS HATCH INTERNATIONAL

REGULATIONS are now available from Ken Gregory, 35 Strand, London, W.C.2, for the B.R.S.C.C.'s International fixture on August Bank Holiday Monday. The programme comprises six events: the sixth Daily Telegraph International Challenge Trophy Race (Formula 3); the B.R.S.C.C. National 1,500 c.c. Sports Car Championship; the Rochester Cup Race (formule libre); the Kingsland Trophy Race (sports cars up to 1,900 c.c.); the J.A.P. Race; the Edwardian Trophy Race (veteran, vintage and Edwardian cars). Entries close on 15th July.

EVENTHE LARGEST sports cars have failed to climb Prescott as fast as Tommy Sopwith did on 26th June, with the tiny 1,100 c.c. Cooper-Climax



BATTLE AT BRANDS

Promising Entry for Next Meeting at Kent Circuit

NEXT Sunday's Brands Hatch meeting, the fifth of the season, will include races for sports cars up to 1,200 c.c., 1,500 c.c., and over 1,900 c.c. The main race of the day is a 500 c.c. event to be run off in a series of 10-lap heats and finals of varying duration, and this will count towards the recently announced Sporting Record Trophy. The first race

starts at 2 p.m.

The 1,500 c.c. race will be enlivened The 1,500 c.c. race will be enlivened by the presence of no less than three 1,100 c.c. Cooper-Climax machines, piloted by Jim Russell, Ivor Bueb and Peter Gammon. Climax - powered Lotuses will be handled by Colin Chapman and Paul Emery, and another Climax-engined machine will be Eric Brandon's Halseylec. Les Leston will Brandon's Halseylec. Les Leston will have a 1,500 c.c Connaught, John Coombs a new Lotus-Connaught, Peter Jopp the works Lotus-M.G., Reg Bicknell his Revis-Borgward and Ron

Mackenzie Low the Ford-based Elva.

Entrants for the larger sports car race include Salvadori (Cooper-Maserati), Scott-Brown (Lister-Bristol), Alan Brown (Cooper-Aston), Rogers (Cooper-Bristol) and Page (H.W.M.-Cadillac). Virtually all the "names" are down for the 500 c.c. event, with Bueb, Russell, Parker, Wicken, Davis, Lewis-Evans and Dennis

Taylor.

WOOZLEY WINS U.S.A.F. EVENT PETER WOOZLEY'S Chrysler-Allard made

B.T.D. at a "drag meeting" (a modified sprint) held last Sunday by the U.S.A.F. base in Shepherds Grove, at their



AMERICAN IN BRITAIN: (Above) John Nybert's supercharged Ford Thun-derbird in the "drag meeting" held last meeting" held last Sunday at Shepherds Grove U.S.A.F. base.

BRITONIN SWEDEN: (Right) (Right) The Austin-Healey of Thomas Wright and Kenneth King, which finished the recent Swedish Rally to the Midnight Sun in spite of a damaged gearbox.



24 ENTRIES FOR BRITISH G.P.

Three British Marques to be Represented at Aintree—Works Teams from Mercedes-Benz, Ferrari, Maserati and Gordini

THE British G.P. entry list has now closed with a total of 24 entries, including works cars from Mercedes-Benz (Fangio, Moss and Kling), Ferrari (Hawthern Cartelletti) thorn, Trintignant and Castellotti), Maserati (Behra, Musso, Mieres and Per-disa), Gordini (Manzon and others), Connaught (Fairman and McAlpine), Cooper (Brabham) and Vanwall (drivers to be announced).

Maseratis will dominate the independents, this marque being the choice of Salvadori, Collins, Macklin and Gould. Non-works Connaughts to appear are Leslie Marr's, and Rob Walker's nonstreamlined machine, to be driven by

Tony Rolt.

Provisional Entry List

Formula 1

Maserati: Jean Behra, Luigi Musso and Roberto Mieres (Officine Maserati); Peter Collins (A.G.B. Owen); Roy Salvadori (Gilby Engineering Co., London); Lance Macklin (Stirling Moss, Ltd.); Horace Gould (Gould's Garage, Bristol). Mercedes-Benz: Juan Manuel Fanglo, Stirling Moss, Karl Kling and Piero Taruffi (reserve) (Daimler-Benz A.G.). Ferrari: Mike Hawthorn, Eugenio Castellotti and Maurice Trintignant (Ferrari Automobili). Gordini: Robert Manzon and two others (Amedée Gordini). Vanwall Special: Two, drivers to be nominated (G. A. Vandervell, London). Connaught: Ken McAlpine and Jack Fairman (Connaught Engineering, Send); Tony Rolt (R. R. C. Walker, Dorking); Leslie Marr (Leslie Marr). Cooper: Jack Brabham (Cooper Cars, Ltd., Surbiton).

Formula 3

Cooper: R. K. Tyrrell (driver); Les Leston

(Francis Beart); D. Truman (driver); Jim Russell and Ivor Bueb (Cooper Car Co.); S. Lewis-Evans (R. R. Jackson); D. Taylor (driver); C. C. H. Davis (driver); J. K. Hall and J. Somervail (Border Reivers); George Wicken (driver); Hon. E. G. Greenall (Ecurie Arklow); J. Higham, J. F. Westcott, A. J. F. Fergusson, E. Brandon, E. H. L. Thornton, A. E. Marsh, C. Allison, S. Bloor, H. Phillipson, W. Howard and S. Marks (drivers): D. Boshier-Jones (Newport Garage). Kieft: Don Parker (driver). Martin: N. Veronique and N. Sanderson (Ray Martin Racing Motors); J. Brown (driver). Staride: B. A. Manning, E. Fenning, A. Eccles, R. A. Anderson (drivers). Revis: R. G. Bicknell (driver). Flather Spi.: W. G. Harris (D. G. Flather).

Sports cars over 2,000 c.c.

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Aston Martin: P. Collins, R, Salvadori, R. Parnell and P. D. C. Walker (David Brown): One, driver to be nominated (Kangaroo Stable). Jaguar: Mike Hawthorn (Jaguar Cars, Ltd.); J. D. Hamilton (driver); J. D. Titterington and N. Sanderson (Ecurie Ecosse); R. E. Berry (J. C. Broadhead). H.W.M. G. Abecassis and J. Heath (H.W. Motors, Ltd.). R.G.S. Atalanta: R. G. Shattock (R.G.S. Components, Ltd.).

Sports cars, 1,501 to 2,000 c.c.

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Lotus: M. Anthony (driver); P. Scott-Russell (Scott-Russell Cars, Ltd.); F. C. Davis (driver). Lister: W. A. Scott-Brown (Brian Lister, Ltd.); A. Moore (O. Issard-Davies); D. A. Hampshire (I. V. Green). Cooper: T. A. D. Crook (driver); M. J. C. Keen (R. J. Chase); A. P. O. Rogers (driver). Frazer-Nash: C. A. S. Brooks (W. H. Aldington). Cooper-Maserati: Alan Brown (Gilby Engineering Co.).

Sports cars up to 1,500 c.c.

Cooper: I. L. Bueb (Cooper Cars, Ltd.); T. E. B. Sopwith (Equipe Endeavour). Lotus: C. Chapman (Team Lotus); J. Coombs (A. Moore). Connaught: K. McAlpine (driver); L. Leston (Peter Bell Racing Stable).

BILL LLOYD WINS AT MT. EQUINOX

BILL LLOYD, co-winner of the Sebring 12 Hours with Stirling Moss last year, broke the Mount Equinox hill-climb record with his new Maserati on 19th June. He covered the 5.2-mile course in 4 mins, 53.55 secs, on his second run, taking several seconds off the old record. The best 10 placings in the event, which was organized by the Sports

event, which was organized by the Sports Car Club of America, are as follows:

1, Bill Lloyd (Maserati), 4 mins. 53.55 secs.; 2, Jack Meyer (Meyer Spl.), 4 mins. 58.7 secs.; 3, George Weaver (Maserati), 5 mins. 2.3 secs.; 4, Stu. Rutherford (Chrysler-Allard), 5 mins. 4.6 secs.; 5, Pres. Gray (Cadillac-Allard), 5 mins. 7.4 secs.; 6, Tippy Lipe ("Pooper"), 5 mins. 18.8 secs.; 7, Phil Cade (Maserati), 5 mins. 23.5 secs.; 8, Bill Eager (Lester-M.G.), 5 mins. 25 secs.; 9, Dr. John Knight (Jaguar XK 120M), 5 mins. 28.2 secs.; 10, Harry Carter (Jaguar XK 140MC), 5 mins. 31.6 secs.

"MONTE CARLO STORY" SUCCESS

AFTER the longest run accorded a documentary motoring film in London's West End (Odeon), Danny Carter's fine production Monte Carlo Story has now been released for general distribution. For the benefit of readers who will want to see this film, here is a list

will want to see this film, here is a list of the main cinema bookings:—

Ith July, Lyric, Wellingborough, 3 days; 17th July, Elite, Nottingham, indefinite run; 4th August, Odeon, Torquay, 7 days; 8th August, Regent, Old Swan, 3 days; 15th August, Empire, Islington, 6 days; 15th August, Palladium, Hockley, 6 days; 17th August, County, Lancaster, 6 days; 23rd August, Odeon, Paignton, 7 days; 29th September, Regal, Norris Green, 3 days; 3rd October, Kingsway, Levenshulme, 6 days; 17th October, New Royal, Openshaw, 6 days; 17th October, Forum, Withamshaw, 6 days; 17th October, Capitol, Finsbury, 6 days; 31st October, Claremont, Moss Side, 6 days,

CATALOGUING THE VETERANS

The Veteran Car Club of Great Britain has recently compiled a catalogue of early motor vehicles in public museums, collections of motor manufacturers and traders, and the larger private collections in the United Kingdom. Particulars of nearly 300 vehicles have been listed, and among the most interesting items noted are: portions of a very early steam coach or tractor, possibly a Gurney of about 1830; the Grenville steam carriage of 1875, probably the oldest vehicle in running order in this country; the Bremer petrol car, believed to have first run in 1892, which claim, if substantiated, would make this car the earliest surviving English-made internal combustion-engined vehicle; and a three-cylinder Rolls-Royce of 1905 with open body, probably the only example of the three-cylinder Rolls now in existence.

The catalogue, which is of 35 pp., adequately indexed, is in a stiff loose leaf cover to facilitate the addition of extra pages. It is priced 7s. 6d. and can be obtained from the Secretary, The Veteran Car Club of Great Britain, 46 North Row, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

NEW GARAGE EQUIPMENT

THREE very reasonably priced electrical workshop instruments have been put on the market by the Mecco Spray Gun Co., Ltd., 13 Lower Richmond Road, London, S.W.15. These are a sander-polisher at 75s., which can be used for polishing a car with a minimum of time and effort, as well as for sanding wood and burnishing metal (the makers also say it "is even good for massaging"!), a universal saw at 49s. 6d., complete with three blades, and an improved paint spray, also priced at 75s. The saw fits any electric hand drill and will cut plastic, metal and timber, the latter up to 1½ ins. thickness, while the paint spray should be welcome in many enthusiasts garages as it will deal effectively with both cellulose and synthetic paints, and can be used equally well for lubricating purposes. Full details of these instru-ments can be obtained from the manufacturers.

"MOTOR REPAIR MANUAL"

In these expensive days, when it almost costs you ten bob to sneeze in a garage, any help in repairing your car at home is more than welcome. This being the case, the 11th edition of the Motor Repair Manual (Temple Press, Ltd., 6s.) can be recommended to any who wish to cut their maintenance bills by doing their own work, from adjusting the brakes to a complete engine overhaul, yet are lacking in "know how".

"DAILY MAIL MOTORING GUIDE"

THE Daily Mail Motoring Guide, edited by Courtney Edwards, and very modestly priced at 2s., is a book well worth a florin of any motorist's money. Covering every aspect of motoring from Grand Prix racing to caravan touring, the Guide has 160 pages of brief, interesting articles on British and Continental touring, the sport and the latest technical developments, while the Road Test section has photographs and comments on 72 cars of varying types (all but three of them British), together with brief specifications



Photograph by Patrick Benjafield

PORTRAIT GALLERY

No. 27-J. C. C. MAYERS

JIM MAYERS, one of this country's most able circuit drivers, is the guiding spirit behind the "Monkey Stable", a group of young men who have contributed a great deal to small-capacity British sports car racing. It was in 1952 that the stable came into prominence. Pat Griffith won the British Empire Trophy with one of the Lester-M.G.s which were forerunners of the present-day specialized light sports-racing machines. Mayers won the 1,500 c.c. class in the Jersey road race, at Boreham, and (with Mike Keen) in the first Goodwood Nine Hours race. The following season saw the acquisition of the controversial centre-seat Kiefts, which were not outstandingly successful, and were given up by the stable at the end of the season. Mayers has also been an outstanding member of the Bristol team, and drove a remarkable race in a Silverstone production saloon car race with a veteran A.C. Collaborating with Harry Lester again, Mayers and the "Monkey Stable" have developed closed M.G.-powered Lesters, designed primarily for long-distance sports-car racing. So far, the new Lesters have vet to show their paces, as, in normal short-distance events, they have been outpaced by much lighter open cars. Nevertheless, Mayers and Co. are confident that the cars have possibilities, and are looking forward to the type of events for which the cars were developed—namely, something lasting rather longer than the virtual "sprints" of 10 laps or so which are so common in this country. There are signs of a swing towards longer races, and when they come the "Monkey Stable" will have the right sort of driver in Jim Mayers, who with P. Wilson led the Bristol team home at Le Mans in both 1954 and 1955.

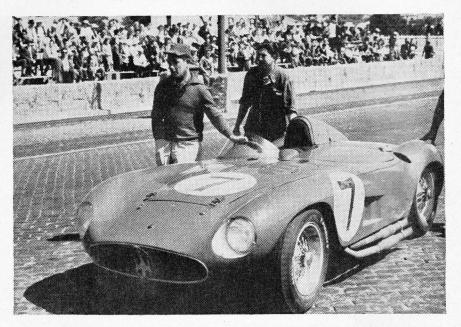
FRENCHMAN IN PORTUGAL: (Right) Before the start of the Portuguese G.P., Jean Behra helps to push the winning 3-litre Maserati to its position on the grid.

TEAN BEHRA of France, driving a 3-litre Maserati, won the Portuguese Grand Prix at Oporto on 26th June, in 2 hrs. 45 mins. 37.7 secs, at an average speed of 147.59 k.p.h. (91.9 m.p.h.). Second was Masten Gregory in his 3-litre Ferrari, third, Duncan Hamilton in a Jaguar D-type, fourth, Peter Whitehead (Cooper-Jaguar) and fifth, Bob Berry, also in a Jaguar D-type

Jaguar D-type.

Behra won almost as he pleased and drove an extraordinarily steady race and proceeded to lap the field. During the two practice periods he gave a big hint as to what was to happen on the day. He was at least 3-4 k.p.h. faster than his nearest rival and providing his car held together, there was little doubt as to who the winner would be.

The British contingent of last year, Duncan Hamilton and Peter Whitehead,



FIVE CHEQUERED FLAGS FOR JEAN BEHRA

5th G.P. of Portugal Marks 5th Victory of 1955 for Jean Behra (Maserati) — British Cars Third, Fourth and Fifth

were very much reinforced by the presence of Bob Berry, and these three returned the fourth, fifth and sixth fastest laps. It must be said that the fastest laps. It must be said that the Oporto circuit is not very helpful to the

Oporto circuit is not very helpful to the Jaguars because of a very twisty back leg. However, they managed to keep a large pack of Ferraris at bay.

The Australians Tony Gaze and Leslie Cosh of the Kangaroo team found that their Aston Martin DB3Ss were just a little short of speed for this circuit but were confident that what they lacked in speed they would gain in reliability. speed they would gain in reliability. They did, too. Their cars were very much admired for their pleasing lines and immaculate turnout.

During the last practice period, the Portuguese driver, Vasco Sameiro, crashed very badly on that tricky back leg and, failing to get round a fast curve, hit a wall and then bounced off various trees. Luckily Sameiro was thrown out of his car for he would surely have been of his car for he would surely have been killed had he remained in the cockpit.

The front of the Ferrari 3-litre was demolished; the engine left the chassis and only the bulkhead and rear half of the car remained intact. Sameiro fractured his spine and has other injuries, which at the age of 52 is a matter for concern. The general opinion

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is that he will not drive in a race again. With the weather very warm and brilliantly sunny, the Civil-Governor of Oporto lowered the starting flag precisely at 4.30 p.m. As is his habit out here, Duncan Hamilton showed the rest of the front row the way to start a race. He out-accelerated the Maserati and the two Ferraris and was first through the first curve immediately after the start, closely followed by Gregory, Berry, Behra, Whitehead and the rest. The Portuguese favourite, C. Oliveira, who was in the

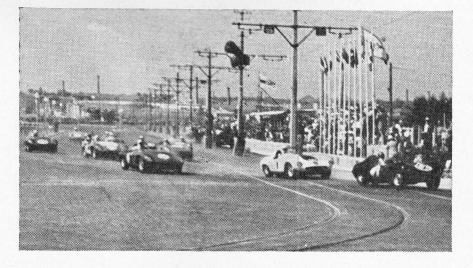
favourite, C. Oliveira, who was in the front row, made a very poor start and at the end of the first lap he was 12th. Hamilton still led Gregory and Behra on lap 2, but along the fast straight, Behra slipped past Gregory to lie a couple of seconds behind the Jaguar. Berry, in fourth position, was some 6 secs. behind Gregory. He was followed by N. Pinto and F. Mascarenhas in Ferraris, and close behind them was Whitehead, who was quietly getting into Whitehead, who was quietly getting into his stride with his Cooper-Jaguar.

Behra had overtaken Hamilton on the third lap and was gaining ground on the Jaguar, whilst right behind, the young American Gregory was waiting for an

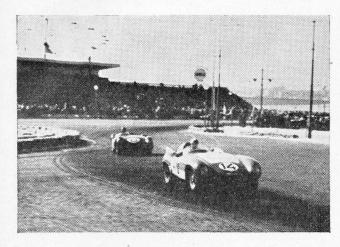
opportunity to pass.

By lap 7, Behra was already 12 secs. in front of Gregory and 19 secs. in front of Hamilton. Fourth came Berry, driving very fast and making ground on the other Jaguar D-type. Then came the two Portuguese Pinto and Mascarenhas two Portuguese Pinto and Mascarenhas with Whitehead tucked in behind the latter. Luigi Musso, the young Italian driver, was going very well in a 2-litre Maserati and was keeping eighth place without much difficulty from much larger opposition. Gaze and Cosh were going round very steadily in 14th and 16th places with Estager in a Ferrari splitting the team Ferrari splitting the team.

So it went on, with Behra steadily increasing his lead on Gregory and Hamilton, whilst farther back two or three dog-fights were beginning to take



BRITON IN THE LEAD: (Left) Just after the fall of the flag, Duncan Hamilton (Jaguar) leads from Masten Gregory's Ferrari, distinctive in the blue and white of America. Hamilton held the advantage for two laps before being taken by Palma and fairlead third behind taken by Behra, and finished third behind Gregory.



WAR OF NERVES: (Left) Peter Whitekeeps his head Cooper-Jaguar close behind Fernando Mascarenhas' rari. He made the local man take to a slip road in the early stages, and when repassed, worried him until the Ferrari retired later on with transm i s s i o n trouble. Whitehead finished fourth.

Whitehead began attacking the two Portuguese Ferraris in front of him and succeeded in worrying Mascarenhas into taking the escape road on the 13th lap, then found that N. Pinto had stopped for water the lap before. So Whitehead now lay fifth, but some distance behind Berry. C. Oliveira, after making a bad start, began overtaking all before him and on the 13th lap, when he had the Cooper-Jaguar in his sights, crashed without much personal damage and so reduced the "locals" chances of a good place.

Bob Berry by now was really motoring and was attacking Hamilton, which pleased the crowds greatly because with Behra way out in front and Gregory 20 secs. from his nearest rival, their interest had to shift to lower placed cars.

Mascarenhas quickly recovered from his diversion and began chasing Whitehead, getting closer and closer each lap. Whitehead, sensing a rather impetuous Ferrari behind him, let it through on the 24th lap and proceeded to sit right behind it for the next 17 laps, worrying Mascarenhas continually. These tactics had their effect and on the 41st lap Whitehead came through leading the Portuguese Ferrari by 4 secs. Mascarenhas had shot his bolt, given the crowds plenty of action and retired the next lap with transmission troubles. Musso also retired on lap 41 when he discovered he was burning rather more oil His was a great effort than petrol.

considering he held seventh place for over half the race.

Whilst all this was going on Behra and Gregory continued to circulate as regularly as clockwork, lapping at 92.58 m.p.h. with no effort.

Great excitement in the pits on the 47th lap when Bob Berry and Tony Gaze both dashed in for a can of oil each. Unfortunately this stop forced Berry to concede his hard-fought fourth place to the ever-watchful Whitehead, and so he set about trying to catch the Cooper-Jaguar before the end. But it was not to be. Behra managed to lap the second placed car, Gregory's Ferrari, on

the last lap and Berry never managed to catch Whitehead.

So ended a very interesting race with Behra's Maserati convincingly trouncing all the opposing Ferraris and Jaguars and Aston Martins. Behra's victory was warmly received as he has proved to be a very friendly person. Gregory's drive looked a calculated affair and he proved without a doubt to be a very fine driver with places to go in the future. Everyone was immensely pleased that Duncan Hamilton actually finished a race in Oporto. He has been trying for the last five years, and so his third place was very welcome to him and to all his many friends out here. Bob Berry and Peter Whitehead backed up Hamilton to the full and proved the reliability of the Jaguar engine. The Australians Gaze and Cosh came in eighth and ninth, at

the end of the field, but nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed themselves, drove extremely well on a difficult circuit, and finished in good spirits.

Louis Rosier, never in the limelight throughout the race, was as consistent as always and drove very steadily into sixth place. Seventh place went to the only Portuguese left at the end, Borge Barreto, a newcomer to sports car racing who drove his second-hand Ferrari 3-litre V12 with great ability, despite the fact that one of his two exhaust pipes came away from the car early on. He popped and banged his way round to such good effect that he managed to keep the Astons at bay.

RESULTS

1, Jean Behra (Maserati 3.000 c.c.), 55 laps in 2 hrs. 45 mins. 37 secs. (147.59 k.p.h.); 2, M. Gregory (Ferrari 3,000 c.c.), 54 laps in 2 hrs. 45 mins. 42 secs. (144.82); 3, D. Hamilton (Jaguar D 3,442 c.c.), 54 laps in 2 hrs. 46 mins. 4 secs. (144.44); 4, P. Whitehead (Cooper-Jaguar 3,442 c.c.), 54 laps in 2 hrs. 46 mins. 43 secs. (143.94); 5, R. Berry (Jaguar D 3,442 c.c.), 54 laps in 2 hrs. 47 mins. 12 secs. (143.53); 6, L. Rosier (Ferrari 3,000 c.c.), 53 laps in 2 hrs. 46 mins. 7 secs. (141.79); 7, B. Barreto (Ferrari 3,000 c.c.), 51 laps in 2 hrs. 46 mins. 24 secs. (139.12); 8, Tony Gaze (Aston Martin 2,900 c.c.), 50 laps in 2 hrs. 45 mins. 45 secs. (134.06); 9, L. Cosh (Aston Martin 2,900 c.c.), 49 laps in 2 hrs. 45 mins. 40 secs. (131.46).

The City of Oporto Cup (1,500 c.c. and under) 1, J. F. Nogueira (Portugal) Porsche Spyder, at 133.1 k.p.h.; 2, W. Seidel (Germany), Porsche Spyder; 3, E. Lautenschlager (Germany), Porsche Spyder; 5, J. J. Canelas (Portugal), M.G. Special.

Retirements

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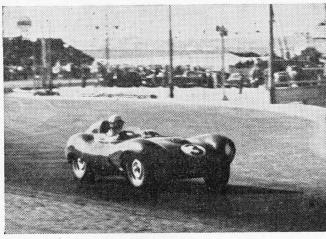
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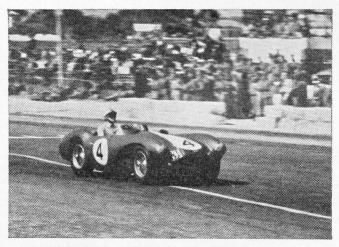
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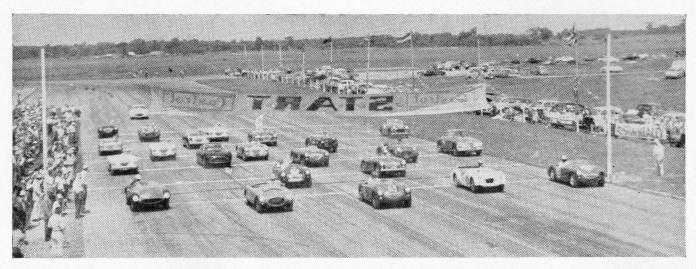
J. F. da Silva (Ferrari).



BRITISH CAR, BRITISH DRIVER: Bob Berry showed up well in Portugal with his D-type Jaguar, and took fifth place despite a stop at the pits for oil.



BRITISH CAR, AUSTRALIAN DRIVER: Tony Gaze. like Berry, also had to halt his Aston Martin DB3S for oil, but continued, to finish in eighth position.



Sports Car Racing at Edenvale

Record Day's Programme at Canada's Premier Circuit

A RECORD entry and a record attendance, with the temperature in the 80s, heralded a fine day of racing staged by the British Empire Motor Club on 18th June at Edenvale, Canada's premier circuit. The fifth in the series, this successful meeting was the culmination of good publicity, efficient organization, and the reputation the club has gained for organizing headline events.

Practising on the 2.3-mile circuitous airfield track, with its variety of bends from the 180-degree hairpin to the fast curves beyond the pits, had taken place the previous day without serious mishap. The races provided every type of car with an event in which to enter, the stock M.G., Triumph, Austin-Healey and Jaguar races providing excellent competi-

At 10 a.m. on race day a 30-minute period of practice was held, whilst incoming spectators swarmed to the circuit. By 10.30 a.m., the Mercedes 300SL pace car had completed its tour, the flag fell, and the 10-lap Formule Libre race was on. Jim Pauley's Ferrari Mondial led from start to finish, increasing its lead over Bill Milliken's A.J.B. The 4,785 c.c. Ford Thunderbirds of

Schon, Theodore and Bretschager battled with MacNaughton's De Soto-powered Allard, Sutherland's XK 120M and Fred Allen's Austin-Healey Special.

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back in the field the 748 c.c. Siata Spyder of Jan Mueller led two Healeys, Farrow's Ford Special, two fast M.G. TCs and

Ford Special, two fast M.G. ICs and the rapid 1,500 c.c. Nash Metropolitan entered by Alice Fergusson.

The Allard, Theodore's Ford and the A.J.B. all retired, leaving Pauley to win by 50 secs. from Millar's Austin-Healey 100S and Schon's Thunderbird. Pauley's Former had larged at around the 2 mins. Ferrari had lapped at around the 2 mins. 3 secs. mark, touching over 112 m.p.h. on the short pit straight, but still had something in hand.

A Le Mans start was used to send off the 15 standard M.G.s (up to 1,250 c.c.: compression ratio up to 8.6 to 1) in the next race. Four cars drew away from the rest of the field and for nine laps had

furious battle. Keppel (TC) and Yost (TC) pulled out a 15-sec. lead on Marnell (TF) and Pace (TD) on the 10th lap, and continued their private duel to the finish, Keppel winning by a second.

The standard Triumphs, Austin-Healeys

and Jaguars came out next, 20 of them in all, for a 10-lap event. A very fast and surprising race ensued, the Triumph of Bill Sadler leading all the way, followed home by those of Neal and Frank Hooper. One of the Jaguars, driven by Vern Jeffries, suffered mechanical trouble on the 5th lap and retired. The Healeys were led home by Summer, who was sixth

Five Volkswagens, a 1,200 c.c. Nash Metropolitan, an A40 sports, two Stan-dard 10s, an o.h.v. Minor and a Hillman Husky lined up for a 10-lap race for standard series production cars up to 1,300 c.c., with a class for those up to 950 c.c. The Volkswagens of Bradley and Dillnutt soon took an early lead, that of Harris being the only retirement. The of Harris being the only retirement. Nash followed Bradley and Dillnutt across the line, with the A40 fourth, another VW fifth, Standard 10 sixth, VW seventh, Standard 10 eighth.

Seventeen cars came to the starting Seventeen cars came to the starting grid for sports cars up to 1,500 c.c., amongst them Holloway's 1,376 c.c. M.G. special, Klinck's Mark VI Lotus (1,466 c.c.), the Porsche America driven by Boker, the amazing Siata Spyder and the potent M.G.-engined Minor (FM special) of Petura. The Lotus screamed into the lead followed by Holloway, but by the end of lap 1 Holloway had taken the lead. He and Klinck had already an 8-sec, lead over Boker's Porsche, with the 8-sec. lead over Boker's Porsche, with the Siata in fourth position, but on the 4th lap Klinck ran off the course, bending the Lotus front axle in the process. Porsche now lay second, the Siata third, and Holloway led the field to win by a substantial margin. Following were the Porsche, the Siata, L'Ecuyer's TC, Marnell's TF and Petura's FM special.

The up to 3,000 c.c. sports car race saw the team of 100S Healeys in full cry, driven by Millar, Jim Fergusson and Jackie Cooper, with opposition from Pauley's Ferrari Mondial, the DB2 Aston Martin of Masino and the 2-litre Siata coupé driven by George Arents.

RESULTS

Race 1. Formule Libre (10 laps): 1, Jim Pauley (Ferrari 1,996 c.c.), 20 mins, 40 secs.; 2, A. R. M. Millar (Austin-Healey 100S 2,660 c.c.), 21 mins, 30 secs.; 3, George Schon (Ford Thunderbird 4,785 c.c.), 22 mins, 19.2 secs. Fastest lap: Pauley, 2 mins, 1 sec.

Race 2. Standard M.G.s (15 laps): 1, D. Keppell

Race 2. Standard M.G.s (15 laps); 1, D. Keppell III (TC), 38 mins. 10.6 secs.; 2, C. R. Yost (TC), 38 mins. 11.9 secs.; 3, D. Marnell (TF), 38 mins. 30.7 secs. Fastest lap: Keppell, 2 mins. 28.4 secs. Race 3. Triumph, Austin-Healey and Jaguar XK 120 (10 laps): 1, M. Palmer (Triumph TR2), 22 mins. 27.8 secs.; 2, B. W. Neal (Triumph TR2); 3, F. Hooper (Triumph TR2). Fastest lap: Palmer, 2 mins. 11 secs. 3, F. Hooper (2) 2 mins. 11 secs.

Race 4. Series Production 4-seater Cars (10 laps): 1, F. H. Bradley (Volkswagen), 26 mins. 48.6 secs.; 2, P. W. D. Dillnutt (Volkswagen), 27 mins. 5.4 secs.; 3, F. Hooper (Nash Metropolitan), 27 mins. 38.3 secs.

Race 5. Sports Cars up to 1,500 c.c. (10 laps):
1. G. Holloway (M.G. Spl. 1,376 c.c.) 22 mins.
22.5 secs.; 2, D. G. Boker (Porsche 1,496 c.c.),
24 mins. 9.8 secs.; 3, Bill Mitchell (Siata 748 c.c.),
24 mins. 14 secs. Fastest lap: Holloway, 2 mins.

Race 6. Sports Cars up to 3,000 c.c. (10 laps): 1, J. Fergusson (Austin-Healey 100S), 21 mins.

22.1 secs.; 2, A. R. M. Millar (Austin-Healey 100S), 21 mins. 23.4 secs.; 3, Jim Pauley (Ferrari Mondial 1,996 c.c.), 21 mins. 39.4 secs. Fastest lap: Pauley, 2 mins. 1.7 sec.

Race 7. Sports Cars, unlimited (10 laps), up to 2,500 c.c.; 1, J. Pauley (Ferrari), 21 mins. 11.8 secs.; 2, G. Arents (Siata 208 S), 22 mins. 58.2 secs. 2,501-3,500 c.c.; 1, J. Cooper (Austin-Healey 100S), 21 mins. 55.4 secs.; 2, H. H. F. Sutherland (Jaguar XK 120), 21 mins. 57.2 secs.; 3, T. R. Gilmour (Jaguar XK 120), Over 3,500 c.c.; 1, D. C. MacNaughton (De Soto-Allard), 22 mins. 37.5 secs. Fastest lap: Pauley, 1 min. 54.5 secs.

Race 8. Modified Production Cars (5 laps), up to 1,300 c.c.: 1, F. E. Petura (F.M. Spl. 1,250 c.c.), 13 mins. 1.4 sec.; 2, F. H. Bradley (Volkswagen), 13 mins. 20.1 secs.; 3, P. W. D. Dillnutt (Volkswagen), 13 mins. 27.9 secs. 1,300-2,600 c.c.; 1, F. Hooper (Nash Metropolitan 1,500 c.c.), 12 mins. 49 secs. Over 2,600 c.c. 1, Joe Taylor (Ford Zephyr S), 13 mins. 55 secs. Fastest lap: Hooper, 2 mins. 31 secs.

Race 9. Grand Prix (20 laps, handicap): 1, Bill Mitchell (Siata 748 c.c.); 2, J. Fergusson (Austin-Healey 100S 2,660 c.c.); 3, G. Arents Siata 208 S 1,966 c.c.); 4, F. Hooper (Triumph TR2 1,991 c.c.); 5, A. R. M. Millar (Austin-Healey 100S 2,660 c.c.).

LINED UP: (Left) The start of the 10-lap up to 3-litre race. Twenty-two cars on the grid, with Pauley (Ferrari), Allen (Austin Spl.), Fergusson (100S), Hooper (TR2) and Cooper (100S) in front.

Ferrari was very slow off the grid, was sixth on lap 1, but had grabbed the lead by the end of lap 2. On the 4th lap Pauley spun and fell back to 8th position. This left the Healeys in command but Pauley had not yet given up: by lap 6 he was sixth and on his 8th lap, fourth behind Allen's Austin-powered special. Cooper had been overtaken by the Ferrari and the Austin special, so the 100S trio had now broken up. Pauley did all he could to catch Millar and Fergusson, overtook Allen and was 28 secs. behind the leader as they went into the last lap. Fergusson then applied the lead foot and took Millar on a corner 600 yards from the finish to receive the chequered flag with Millar 1.3 secs. behind, the Ferrari finishing 16 secs. later.

Jim Pauley, determined to win another race at least, again brought the black and red Ferrari to the line for race seven, for unlimited sports cars. The race included five XK 120 Jaguars and the XK 140 of Cron. Once again very slow off the grid, Pauley was in the lead by the end of lap 2 followed by Cooper (Healey 100S), Sutherland's XK 120 and Gilmour's XK 120. Cooper and Sutherland had a racelong duel, losing ground to Pauley, who returned a 72.6 m.p.h. record lap. MacNaughton (Allard) displaced Blackman (XK 120) for fifth place on lap 5 whilst the XK 140 retired after four laps. Pauley took the top honours up to 2½-litres, Cooper up to 3½-litres, the Allard over 3½-litres.

The eighth event brought out eight cars

to contest the modified "series" race, divided into 1,300 c.c., 2,600 c.c. and unlimited classes. The 1,500 c.c., B.M.C.-powered Metropolitan ran a rapid race, Vivien Petura drove her husband's FM special into second place behind the Nash, whilst Bradley led Dillnutt over the line in the VW for third place.

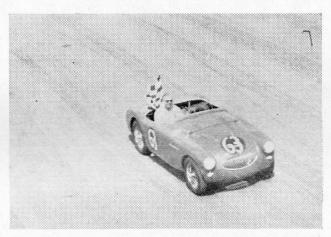
So to the 20-lap handicap event with 18 entries, these being the class-winners of previous races. The Lartini and Petura's FM special left first, then the TC of L'Ecuyer and Marnell's TF. At the 2 mins. 30 secs. mark came Bill Mitchell with the Siata Spyder; Meades and Ogilvie (Healey 100s) headed the Siata 208S and the TR2s of Carter, Locke and Hooper, whilst the XK 120 of Sutherland and Holloway's M.G. special left at the 6 mins. 20 secs. mark. The 100S team (Millar, Fergusson and Cooper) left at 8 mins. 50 secs., and scratch man Pauley (Ferrari) at 10 mins. 54 secs.

First time round the Lartini led, then the FM took the lead and stayed there until, on lap 12, Petura pulled into the pits, letting Marnell (TF) through. Fergusson (100S) was now eighth and Pauley eleventh. Marnell's lead was shortlived, for Mitchell's Siata Spyder took over on lap 15. Lap 16 saw Fergusson come through to fifth place, Pauley ninth, and two laps later the Siata sounded sick. Arents, Fergusson and Hooper passed Marnell on lap 19, with Pauley behind the TF, whilst Mitchell came around in a slowing car.

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Pauley lay more than 50 secs behind the leader, and in the one lap remaining could not close the gap. Fergusson (100S) passed Arents (Siata coupé) on the back course; would he win? But Mitchell clung to his slim lead, crossing the line 11 secs. ahead of Fergusson, followed by Arents, Hooper (TR2) and Millar (100S). The first five placemen all passed over the line within 42 secs. of one another.

SHOWING THE FLAG: Jim Fergusson (Austin-Healey 100S), winner of the up to 3-litre race by only 1.3 secs., and second home in the 20-lap handicap Grand Prix event, circulates with the chequered flag after his victory.



Formula 3 at Scarborough

Oliver's Mount circuit makes its car racing début

THE first Formula 3 car races to be held on the Oliver's Mount, Scarborough, circuit turned out to be another victory for Cliff Allison, of Brough, Westmorland, in his Mark 8 Cooper.

It was the first time cars had raced on the tricky, 2½-mile circuit which crams four hairpin bends and a one-in-six climb into its length. Motor-cycle enthusiasts had anticipated that in order to negotiate the hairpins and the climb, cars would have to be geared well down, and so lap speeds lower than the motor-cycles would result. However, in the first practice period on Friday morning, 1st July, J. K. Hall, of the Border Reivers team, put in a lap in 2 mins. 24.4 secs., a speed of 60.17 m.p.h. which equalled the 250 c.c. motor-cycle lap record. During later practice Hall put in a slightly faster lap and made the best practice time.

The racing, organized by the Scarborough and District M.C., started on Friday evening, when the two heats for the Formula 3 event were held. There had been heavy rain during the preceding motor-cycle events and the track was still very wet. Lap times were much longer than in practice, the cars throwing up a plume of spray from each wheel as they went through a large pool of water which defied the marshal's efforts to

sweep it away. The first heat was won fairly easily by Allison, from Hall and Johnnie Higham of Leeds, in a Mark 8 Cooper. Winner of the second heat was W. Howard, of Warrington (Cooper), with T. Dickson, of Perth, who pressed Howard for most of the race, second and the other Border Reivers entry, J. Somervail, third.

The final took place on a dry track, in far better conditions, on the Saturday afternoon. Six cars faced the starter, and as soon as the flag fell Hall went into the lead from the first line of the grid. Allison made a spirited attempt to get through from the second line, but was unable to do so. Hall led for the first three laps, but on the fourth the lead was taken by Dickson, Hall falling back to fourth position, his motor sounding none too healthy. On the next lap Allison went into the lead and was closely followed by Dickson's Staride with Howard a long way behind in third place. Then came the news that Higham, who had been fifth, had retired with a seized engine. The race finished in the same order, the two leaders increasing their lead on Howard to over half a minute, with Hall fourth.

During the race Allison put in a lap in 2 mins. 18.6 secs., a speed of 62.69 m.p.h. which becomes the Formula 3

lap record. The motor-cycle lap record stands at 2 min. 9.8 secs., set by Geoff Duke on a Gilera last September—a speed of 66.94 m.p.h. The maximum speed reached by Hall in practice was 6,600 r.p.m. in top gear—about 95 m.p.h,

PETER CRAVEN,

Results

Heat 1: 1, C. Allison (Cooper); 2, J. K. Hall (Cooper); 3, J. Higham (Cooper). Heat 2: 1, W. Howard (Cooper); 2, T. Dickson (Staride); 3, J. Somervail (Cooper).

Final: 1, C. Allison, 16 mins. 34.2 secs.; 2, T. Dickson, 16 mins. 36 secs.; 3, W. Howard, 17 mins. 15 secs. Winner's average, 61.18 m.p.h. Fastest lap: Allison, 62.69 m.p.h.

A NEW PORTABLE AIR PUMP

RECENTLY introduced by Lawrence Edwards & Co., Oxford Street, Kidderminster, is the "Komag" Air Pump, a small, high-performance unit with a capacity of 150 lb. per sq. in. and an output of approximately 3 cu. ft. per min. at 500 r.p.m. The outfit, which weighs 14 lb., is supplied with a coupling suitable for a variety of drives (electric motor, petrol engine, etc.), and can be used for rapid tyre inflation or operating spray and grease guns and other airline equipment. The pump, complete with 18 ft. of airline, costs 12 los. 0d. delivered, and full particulars may be obtained upon request from the manufacturers.

NOW REST—and be thankful to have made B.T.D. in the blown Cooper big twin. Tony Marsh arrives at the top of the hill on his winning run.

AST year we watched Michael Christie perform the very remarkable feat of making the three best times of the day in the sixth speed hill-climb organized by the Royal Scottish Automobile Club on Rest-and-be-Thankful, Last Saturday a formidable opponent in Tony Marsh repeated his recent successes in the South, gave Christie a run for his money and recorded the two best times, leaving only third best time to the Haddenham exponent. Our only regret is that the promised appearance of Ken Wharton was prevented by his slow recovery from the burns received at Silverstone in May. We are certain that Wharton's presence



A Double for Marsh

Tony Marsh (blown and unblown Coopers) Takes Two Best Times of the Day at R.S.A.C. Rest-and-be-Thankful Hill-Climb

would have made the contest an epic one in this initial counter for the British Hill-Climb Championship.

One very pleasant thing about the event was the fact that, for most of the afternoon, the sun shone. With recollections of the Niagara of rain that fell last year this was much appreciated by spectators and competitors but not by Michael Christie, who, we understand, is at his very best on a wet track. The fact was made very obvious in practice when, turn and turn about in the E.R.A. and the Cooper, he made the four best practice times during Friday's rain and was only beaten by Bill Sleeman (Cooper), who had a couple of runs on the drying track on Saturday morning.

Both old and new competitors found

that Rest-and-be-Thankful is not an easy hill by any means. At practice we witnessed new boy Michael Salmon coming up to the final hairpin at an over optimistic speed in his Jaguar XK 120. He ran out of road and mounted the banking at the hairpin but was fortunate enough to dent only the near-side door of his grey car. Old hand Basil Davenport came into Cobbler Bend at a disconcerting rate of knots. His fine old G.N. Spider did a complete circle

and wound up much too close to the railings for Basil's liking, but again, little damage was done and both he and Salmon had their cars in good order for Saturday.

And now for the actual event. Proceedings opened with the half-litres and Don Parker went very well through Stone Bridge and round the Cobbler Bend in his Kieft. In his first appearance on the hill Don came out of the final hairpin just a little too rapidly and his car clouted the banking, went into the ditch and had to be manhandled over the finish line. However, the capable little driver from the South made no mistake in his second run and recorded the jolly good time of 61.50 secs. Ninian Sanderson was giving his new Martin its baptism but the car sounded far from healthy and its engine packed up in the first run, after clipping the banking with the car at Stone Bridge. Second run was not a great deal better and the car was a full second behind the Parker Kieft.

Then came the class for cars up to 1,100 c.c. This was completely dominated by Tony Marsh (Cooper) who made a good first climb and then followed it with a beautiful effort in his second run. The Peter Hughes Tojeiro,

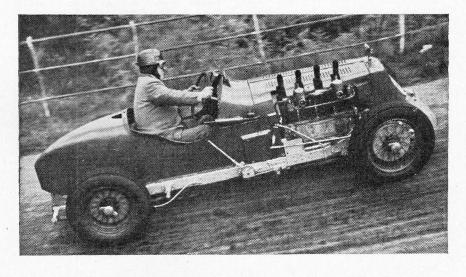
from which much had been expected, was slow in its first essay and at the start of its second repeated a growing and pernicious habit of breaking half shafts. D. J. Hammond's very Lotus-like Midget Special looked fast but just wasn't in the hunt with the Marsh Cooper.

Sole contestants in the class for supercharged cars up to 1,100 c.c. were Michael Christie and Tony Marsh in Coopers. Christie opened with a rocket-ting effort in which he managed Stone Bridge and the final hairpin very stylishly. He was outshone by Marsh's rapid getaway and controlled sliding in the early stage of the climb but came back to do battle. Perhaps through overeagerness Christie spoiled his second climb by taking the hairpin too close, swinging his tail too widely and losing precious tenths of seconds in his recovery. And then came a very fine climb indeed by Marsh in which the Cooper won the class and clocked the best time of the day in 56.12 secs.

Dick Henderson (Cooper) was without peer in the class for cars up to

1,500 c.c. unsupercharged. Both his climbs were the best in the class but we must commend a very fine second climb by J. L. Fraser in an immaculate and crisp sounding Lotus. Mrs. Gray Mickel more familiar in these pages as Agnes Balfour—drove tidily in her M.G. TF 1,500, while Harry Ballantine's Riley Sprite gave little sign of its age in a couple of ascents very much in the Riley tradition.

One of the best climbs to watch was that of Birmingham driver Bill Sleeman whose Cooper, in its second attempt, hurtled very rapidly through Stone Bridge and round the final hairpin in a superbly-controlled effort that was well worthy of its new class record. that was Alistair Birrell, widely moustachioed and looking more like Jimmy Edwards than ever, had his E.R.A. on the hill. We doubt if there is a better sound anywhere than the crisp singing of an E.R.A. echoing down Glen Croe in the sunshine, and to add to the interest Birrell went through Cobbler Bend in a most exciting broadside from which the E.R.A. re-covered smartly to go cracking over the finish. But the E.R.A.'s age is beginning to tell and it was Raymond Fielding in



RATE OF CLIMB given by 6½-litres of Gypsy Major aircraft engine was notable, but T. Dryver found the big special quite a handful although most impressive to watch!

his beautifully prepared Alta who was

second in the class.

Raymond Fielding was very much to the fore in the class for cars up to 3,000 c.c. unsupercharged, and in both his climbs he led the opposition by a full two seconds. The most interesting Davenport Spider went up in stylish fashion, while the glen echoed and reechoed with all the sounds of a minia-ture air raid, to take second place. Amid a gaggle of Triumph drivers, J. McN. Brown was somewhat erratic compared with the steadiness of Ronnie Dalglish, but it was Mrs. Doreen Fielding in her husband's H.W.M. who annexed third as well as first place for the car.

Again there was the singing note of an E.R.A. as Michael Christie took to the hill in the Peter Bell car. He had the class to himself, for there were no other entrants among blown cars up to 3,000 c.c., but despite his knowledge of the hill and a terrific performance through Stone Bridge and Cobbler Bend, Christie made just that little miscalculation at the hairpin and lost valuable seconds to mar what might well have

been a record-breaking first climb. His second climb was a model effort but lacked dash in the earlier stages.

In spite of some jolly hard work and good driving of the 6,500 c.c. Gipsy Major engined de Havilland-M.G., T. Dryver wasn't able to match the more easily handled Jaguars, and it was John Barber in a C-type who led the class for cars over 3,000 c.c. unsupercharged. Mrs. Vickers gave us two impeccable performances and G. Wolfe's pretty homebuilt fibreglass-bodied Wolfe Special went very well indeed. Michael Salmon restrained the exuberance he had shown in practice, taking the hairpin bend in capable fashion, his XK 120M giving the C-types a good run for their money.

The last class was a new one for cars manufactured before December 1935, but what looked like a representative entry faded away like old soldiers, and we were even deprived of the annual duel between Gordon Lockhart (Bentley) and Pat Melville (Vauxhall). Although he had no antagonists, Gordon Lockhart made two spanking climbs that put an excellent climax to a good afternoon's sport. In each of them he beat his last year's time and the sight of this old 4½-litre Bentley—a famous marque on a famous hill-was a fitting conclusion to an enjoyable speed hill-climb.

Provisional Results

Best Time of the Day: A. E. Marsh (1,098 c.c. Cooper S), 56.12 secs.

Next Best: A. E. Marsh (1,098 c.c. Cooper), 56.90. Third Best: M. A. H. Christie (1,098 c.c. Cooper S), 57.01. Frew Cup for best lady driver: Mrs. Vickers (Jaguar XK 120C), 66.29. Albion Cup for best R.S.A.C. member: J. L. Frazer (Lotus), 66.96.

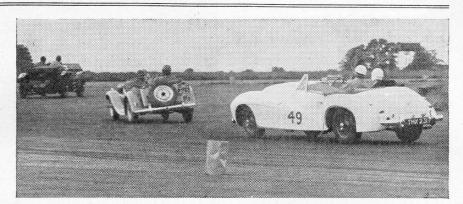
(Lous), 66.96.

Up to 500 c.c.; 1, D. Parker (Kieft), 61.50; 2, N. Sanderson (Martin), 62.74. 501-1,100 c.c.; 1, A. E. Marsh (Cooper), 56.90; 2, P. S. Hughes (Tojeiro), 70.26. 501-1,100 c.c., supercharged: 1, A. E. Marsh (Cooper), 56.12; 2, M. A. H. Christie (Cooper), 57.01. 1,101-1,500 c.c.; 1, C. S. Henderson (Cooper), 59.06; 2, J. L. Frazer (Lotus), 66.96. 1,101-1,500 c.c., supercharged: 1, W. Sleeman (Cooper), 58.55*; 2, R. Fielding (H.W.M.), 63.62; 2, B. H. Davenport (G.N. Spider), 65.98. 1,501-3,000 c.c.; supercharged: 1, M. A. H. Christie (E.R.A.), 57.81. Over 3,000 c.c.; 1, J. Barber (Jaguar XK 120C), 64.97; 2, Mrs. Vickers (Jaguar XK 120C), 66.29. Pre-1936 cars: J. G. Lockhart (Bentley), 68.21.

* New class record.

TWO UP: Passengers had an interesting ride in the one-hour trials and this group at Becketts includes McDonald's Bentley and Bekaert's DB1 Aston Martin.

Take an assortment of motor-cycles from a pip-squeak to a Black Lightning Vincent, add an equal quantity of vintage and modern four-wheelers, and flavour lightly with Morgans and Messerschmitts. Place on any large area of smooth concrete and stir vigorously for about eight hours. The result, as cooked up by the Motor Cycling Club, is lots of fun for competitors and spectators alike, a never-failing recipe which has been the introduction to competition motoring for



VARIETY PROGRAMME

Two-, Three-, and Four-Wheelers at M.C.C. Silverstone Meeting

hundreds of drivers, the writer included,

in years gone by.

Britain's oldest sporting motor club did it all again last Saturday at Silverstone, with a 13 event programme including five motor-cycle events and four Hour Blinds. The time schedules in the latter are such that any competent driver of a quite homely machine may reasonably hope to figure in the award list, and it was nice to note that, of the car entrants, 35 gained first-class, 10 second-class and four third-class awards. On the other hand, it must in fairness be owned that the standard of driving among the cyclists was, in general, of a higher order than that of the four-wheeled fraternity. In four hours of sustained loud pedal, the only serious incident occurred when a rear wheel of J. T. A. Williamson's 1½-litre Riley saloon broke up on Copse Corner, and the car overturned, causing extensive damage to the machinery, but the occupants escaped with minor injuries.

The first five-lap scratch race for cars produced a mixed array of Jaguars, TR2s, an Aston Martin DB2/4 and various M.G.s and Lotuses. All the more fun, therefore, when at the end of the first lap W. A. Liddell appeared at the head of affairs with his 1,100 c.c.

Climax-engined Buckler 90, driving with immense gusto and holding off the Jaguars of Towse and Kenyon and Coakley's Austin-Healey. The Black Lion remained rampant throughout the race, Liddell staving off the Jaguar challenge with impudent ease to win at 68.75 m.p.h. ahead of Towse and Ken-yon, with Llewellyn's Lester "Salonette" in fourth place.

In the first of the handicap races R. Thomas's well-driven Austin A30 lost no time in overhauling the limit Renault of V. C. Faber, only to lose the lead on lap 4 to J. K. Bell's Morris Minor, which in turn gave best to Cuff-Miller's rapid little Ford Anglia, all these worka-day cars being cornered in a manner which would have startled their makers; Loupart's Vauxhall Wyvern used its boot lid as an air-brake, and of the back-markers only W. Watson's rather odd-looking 1,892 c.c. Alvis came within sniffing distance of the leaders, with a fastest lap at 62.79 m.p.h.

S. A. Hurrell won the next handicap

race with his TR2 from the 35 secs. mark, catching J. D. Hall's M.G. TF on the last lap, and J. H. Kelshaw drove Tom Dargue's M.G. competently into third place. J. Freeman had not quite settled down to the nicely restored exHorsfall Spa Aston Martin, which spun off and misfired thereafter, but M. J. Parkes gave a scintillating display with the grand old Dubonnet-suspended Frazer-Nash "Patience" (surely the most spectacular cornering device of all time!) in an unavailing struggle against a rather

unkind handicap.

The handicapper showed marked respect for the Liddell-Buckler combination in the next event, the little silver car being on the 10 secs. mark with the Jaguars, from which a fastest lap at 71.3 m.p.h. could produce only eighth place, but Coakley's Austin-Healey was more kindly treated, and won fairly comfortably from E. S. Brookes's TR2. Len Gibbs, who had hitherto had patches of trouble with the experimental O.H.V. Williamson-developed Ford engine in his Lotus, went extremely well to take third place. G. Towse ditched his Jaguar at Woodcote but drove out and continued with aplomb, and neither lurid cornering nor thrifty slip-streaming could get "Patience" into the picture.

There followed a not-very-inspiring race for first-class award winners in the M.C.C. Trials of last season, a scanty entry of five being reduced to three by the non-appearance of E. B. Kay's Jaguar and Charles Kemp's A.C. Ace, now passed to other hands. The situation was not improved by a mistake in handicapping which led to much flag-wagging and a re-start, and the almost immediate disintegration of M. F. Allott's Dellow exhaust system, but the boredom was relieved by the sight of H. W. Tucker-

Peake's do-or-die expression whilst trying to overtake his will-o'-the-wisp opponent, who had retired down the paddock road and was by this time probably in the tea tent! J. P. Templeton (Dellow) took the only available place.

The Motor Sport handicap proved an excellently cut-and-thrust affair, with much congestion on the corners and some confusion amongst the timekeepers in the closing stages. The elderly 'Nashes of P. J. Nunn and J. V. Skirrow had a stirring battle, Len Gibbs's Lotus was going magnificently until something broke, Kenyon's Jaguar and Llewellyn's Lester were tearing through to the front, the former lapping at 72 m.p.h., but Peter Binns in Austen Nurse's old Brooklands Riley was obviously going very quickly, and appeared to be leading the race from lap 4. Somebody dropped a stitch, however, for after a very busy looking finish, with the entire field not looking finish, with the entire field not a hundred yards apart, the race was awarded to Nunn's Frazer-Nash, with Kenyon (Jaguar) and Skirrow in the other Nash hot on his heels. After some re-examination of the records, the results were corrected, and Binns, who was plainly going far too fast to be a lap behind anybody, was posted as the winner, the other placings being corrected accordingly. accordingly.

G. H. DEASON.

CROWD AT COPSE in the first lap of the first scratch race is led by M. V. Mackie's Aston Martin DB2-4. However, by the end of the lap, Liddell's Buckler was in front and won the fivelap event easily.

Results

First High Speed Trial. First Class Awards:
K. L. H. Best (2,660 Austin-Healey), J. Kenyon (3,442 Jaguar), A. F. Coakley (2,660 Austin-Healey), M. V. Mackie (2,922 Aston Martin DB2/4), D. J. Butterfield (3,442 Jaguar), R. E. C. Brooks (1,991 Triumph TR2), R. I. Clarke (1,991 Triumph TR2), Triumph TR2), R. I. Clarke (1,991 Triumph TR2), S. H. Goddard (1,991 Triumph TR2), C. M. Davis (1,991 Triumph TR2), R. Thomas (803 Austin A30), J. J. Richards (1,098 Lotus), C. D. F. Buckler (1,172 Buckler 90), W. A. Liddell (1,100 Buckler 90), J. D. Hall (1,466 M.G. TF), T. W. Dargue (1,467 M.G.), F. W. Marriott (1,250 Morris-Lotus). Second Class Awards: W. J. Watson (1,892 Alvis), J. Carefoot (1,991 Morgan), S. Adams (1,497 Singer). Third Class Awards: T. W. Wood (1,508 Ford Consul), J. D'A. Tremlett (1,172 Porteous Spl.), P. Hewins (1,489 M.G. Magnette), P. Gurdon (1,200 Morris Cowley). Second High Speed Trial. First Class Awards: G. McDonald (4,567 Bentley), G. Towse (3,442 Jaguar), G. Wood (3,442 Jaguar), K. S. Crutch (3,442 Jaguar), M. B. Dimmick (3,442 Jaguar), E. G. Kemp (1,991 AC. Ace), B. T. Thomas (1,991 Morgan), A. S. Lusty (1,991 Triumph TR2), S. A. Hurrell (1,991 Triumph TR2), J. Bekaert (1,970

Aston Martin), J. H. Kelshaw (1,467 M.G.), P. F. Brown (1,250 M.G. TD), J. R. Waller (1,489 M.G.), A. C. Rosselli (1,493 Singer), C. M. Tremlett (1,250 M.G. TD), J. K. Bell (918 Morris Minor), V. C. Faber (748 Renault). Second Class Awards: R. Leach (2,660 Austin-Healey), E. W. Cuff-Miller (1,172 Ford Anglia), J. A. Ward (1,496 Riley). R. M. Barford (1,497 Singer), R. Hough (1,250 M.G. TD), P. D. Rhode (1,200 Morris Cowley).

5-lap Scratch Race: W. A. Liddell (1,100 Buckler), 68.75 m.p.h., G. Towse (3,442 Jaguar). 5-lap Handicap Race: E. W. Cuff-Miller (1,172 Ford Anglia), 55.41 m.p.h., J. Bell (918 Morris Minor), R. Thomas (803 Austin A30). 5-lap Handicap Race: S. A. Hurrell (1,991 Triumph TR2), 64.89 m.p.h., J. D. Hall (1,466 M.G.), J. H. Kelshaw (1,467 M.G.). 5-lap Handicap Race: A. F. Coakley (2,660 Austin-Healey), 66.24 m.p.h., E. S. Brookes (1,991 Triumph TR2), L. Gibbs (1,172 Lotus). 5-lap Handicap Race (for First Class award winners in Autumn, Exeter or Land's End Trials): H. W. Tucker Peake (1,466 Tucker-M.G.), 55.35 m.p.h., J. R. Templeton (1,172 Dellow). "Motor Sport" and Winners' Handicap Race: P. J. E. Binns (1,089 Riley), 65.35 m.p.h., P. J. Nunn (1,496 Frazer-Nash), J. Kenyon (3,442 Jaguar).



IRISH VETERANS' OUTING

THE weather played fair by present-day summer standards on Saturday, 25th June, for the 8th annual Veteran Car Run, organized by the Leinster M.C., and over 50 cars took part, ranging in age from John H. Moore's 1897 Panhard to the 20 or so "youngsters" of the vintage era, i.e., 1917-1930.

Multitudes of Dubliners turned up at the bus depot at Donnybrook to see the start of the run and thousands lined the route, which was more or less the same as last year, going through Rathcoole, Naas, Celbridge, Lucan and Phoenix Park to Chapelizod Stadium. They cheered and laughed and clapped as what

is affectionately called "the Old Crocks' Race" went by and any potentate would relish such an enthusiastic reception. Period costumes were worn by most crews and were notably correct. Alas, there are still the few who treat their old cars roughly, though the great majority are obviously not only spending time and money on restoration but handling their machines with deserving care.

Last year we commented on the senselessness of asking the real old 'uns (up to 1906) to average 15 m.p.h. for a journey of nearly 50 miles. Again the old Panhard fell by the wayside as did Jack Matthews's little 1902 24 h.p. Sunbeam Mabley, too. Most of the remainder got to Chapelized in good order and on time. The veterans had a test in company with the vintagents near Naas, and the latter were also required

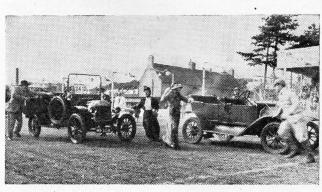
to show their paces in a climb of Old Windmill Hill. Surprisingly, there Surprisingly, seemed to be very few mechanical bothers in the cavalcade and apart from meeting the odd "plug change" we saw very little trouble along the way, though there were the usual thoughtless drivers of modern machinery who simply would not give the old cars sufficient "sea-room". Back at Chapelizod, a test which

involved much running around the cars highly amused the spectators and surely a special award should have gone to Miss Overend (whose 1927 Rolls-Royce tourer is in everyday use) for her very youthful performance in beating a crew of teen-agers in a Métallurgique in the test. Crews came from far and near, and if the palm for distance went to G. F. Simpson of Edinburgh, whose 1910 Ford came all the way with him, a look at the addresses of other class winners will prove the extent of the interest in veterans in Ireland and the popularity of this Leinster M.C. venture.

JACK O'DONOGHUE.

Results

Grand Prix d'Honneur (Naas Trophy): J. H. Moore (Dublin), 1897 8 h.p. Panhard. Goff Cup (up to 1905): A. T. Clarke (Belfast), 1903 6 h.p. Peugeot. Findlater Cup (1906-1910): K. T. Hall (Raheny), 1910 12 h.p. Darracq. Semper Idem Cup (1911-1912): G. D. P. Colley (Clondalkin), 1911 7 h.p. Renault. Briggs and McCrea Cup (1913-1916): J. Darlington (Enniskerry), 1914 26 h.p. Overland. Vintage Trophy (1917-1930): W. J. Haughton (Co. Antrim), 1925 11 h.p. A.C. Long Distance Trophy: G. F. Simpson (Edinburgh), 1910 20 h.p. Ford. Hard Luck Trophy: J. T. Matthews (Portarlington), 1902 21 h.p. Sunbeam-Mabley.



HIGH JINKS by Tom Magee (1910 Flanders, right) and M. O'Brien (1912 Model T Ford) at Clondalkin in the Irish Veteran Run.

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The Le Mans Disaster

WITH due respect to the authors of the many letters previously published on the Le Mans disaster, I should like to point out that we have seen and heard enough about

this subject.

Mercedes-Benz have taken the matter of safety into their own hands, and who else is better qualified to do so at the present time? They are streets ahead of the F.I.A. on both safety and thoroughness. Had the F.I.A. taken notice of Dr. Koenecke and company when they re-entered G.P. and sports car racing the sport would be in a healthier position today. Why shouldn't they inspect Aintree, Mr. Leapingwell? They did it for yourself and John Doe's safety: or would you rather see a G.P. devoid of Mercedes and probably Ferrari, with the risk of a Le Mans repetition?

P. MAGUIRE.

VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA.

Any high-speed circuit which allows the densely packed public to stand within 10 feet of the racing cars, and relies solely on small earth embankments to retain those cars, should to my mind be considered very unsafe. Any attempt to confine and retain fast-moving cars by earth embankments or concrete walls can only produce a major accident, arising in many cases from a small incident.

In this country our aerodrome circuits are thought by some people to be flat and uninteresting, but, due to the wide flat verges on each side of the circuit these courses are inherently safe, and if the Le Mans course had possessed this feature the accident would not have produced such terrible havoc.

J. H. CARTER,

CAR SECRETARY, DARLINGTON AND DISTRICT MOTOR CLUB.

ONE final word I feel has to be said on the Le Mans tragedy that being the fact that Jaguars were very unfortunate in losing a great deal of publicity from a really great performance in this race, and the same remark can be applied to Aston Martin; also to other British makes that finished so high in the awards list. Whether the Jaguar would have won if the Mercedes had not withdrawn is one of the "ifs" of motor racing. My personal opinion—having studied all the race reports—is that they certainly might have done so. In any case they put up a very fine show.

DENNIS B. COOKE.

MALVERN, WORCS.

Regulations Needed for Turbine Cars?

I THINK it is generally agreed that considerable changes are necessary in the motor-racing world. This is certainly the case in sports-car racing, though I do not feel that it applies to Grand Prix racing as your correspondent M. Dardenne suggests. Grand Prix racing has never been in a healthier state than at the present time. Whether this situation will

continue remains to be seen.

I think, however, that a vital point has escaped all the critics of the present racing scene. It is a factor that applies equally to Grand Prix racing and to sports-car racing. Whatequally to Grand Prix racing and to sports-car racing. equaly to Gland First facing and to sports-car racing. Whatever regulations are framed now can only be of a very temporary nature, for within the next decade the gas turbine era will be upon us. It will affect all classes of racing and sweeping changes will take place. I consider that an attempt must be made now to decide what steps are necessary to admit this development to the mater-racing world. Unless this is this development to the motor-racing world. Unless this is done now, the problems of motoring sport in 10 years' time may well prove infinitely greater than those which cause the present justifiable concern.

DAVID S. VENABLES.

KINGSTON HILL, SURREY.

"Is Racing too Fast?"

T saw in your last issue that my letter brings over many letters

of comment from readers.

It is true that many of the top drivers were killed not on racing cars but on sports cars. I agree that the sports-car category is more dangerous than the F1, as Mr. Stock's letter explains. But, the superiority of Mercedes gives the races now monotonous. Every race result is: 1st, Fangio; 2nd (as his

shadow), Moss, and long behind, Ferrari or Maserati drivers. Of course, the superiority of one make does not necessarily mean a change of formula. But Mercedes understand well the situation and retire, with enough publicity for a time! It is possible and that make super the rively between Ferrari is possible, and that make sure, the rivalry between Ferrari, Maserati, Gordini, Vanwall and independents will be more well balanced. But, to come back to the subject, rapid engine development brings quicker and quicker cars, and as Mr. Jano, builder of the Lancia, said, "We have the cars, but we have no drivers to handle them!" Mercedes battles hard to get Fangio and Moss—without them, who will be capable to drive the Marce to victory? Not Kling not Harrmann not even the Mercs. to victory? Not Kling, not Herrmann, not even Lang!

I agree also with Mr. H. Hunt and Mr. Fargus that I miss Hawthorn as a No. 1 driver, but this alone does not resolve the problem. Of course, Mr. G. G. L. Stock mentions some other drivers of first calibre in his list, but these great drivers have not reached the ultimate class of the few "super-drivers".

They won when the best broke.

A good solution to the problem is that one given by our Belgian best driver, Paul Frère—to limit the fuel consumption and to avoid other fuel than gasoline, say at 80 octane. will bring them nearer to production cars and a good idea to limit their speed. New researches and departures will be born . . . and very useful ones.

G. DARDENNE.

LIÈGE, BELGIUM.

On Formulae and Things

It is, I suppose, judging from earlier correspondence, only natural if one owns an obsolete piece of racing machinery or dreams of constructing a new one, to press for the adoption of a suitable and convenient Formula; but my poor old low compression brain becomes confused when I read that what is wanted is a new Formula 2 for a type of engine that does

not exist in this country.
Surely, what is required above all to-day is a more balanced approach to motor racing as a whole. First, a more realistic and progressive line of thought is, in spite of all the ballyhoo, badly needed in Formula 1. If a Grand Prix Formula allows, as this one purports to do, for blown and unblown cars to be raced, then it should be so devised that both types can compete and be developed in healthy competition, and in this respect Formula 1 must be classified as a failure. For some extraordinary reason, the capacity limit for blown engines has always appeared to be a matter of guesswork on the part of the powers that be, and the present limit of 750 c.c. is no exception. A simple calculation, based upon comparisons, shows that in the light of present engineering knowledge, a supercharged 750 c.c. engine would be required to run at speeds incompatible with reliability in order to compete against an unblown unit of 2,500 c.c. The result is that we now have a field of unblown cars whose methods of induction are far more complicated and expensive and far less efficient than a single- or two-stage system of supercharging. It is significant that the "750 Kilogram Formula" of 20 years ago, the simplest yet devised, was productive of the greatest advances in design in the history of racing.

Secondly, long overdue is a sense of proportion regarding Formula 3. It is, indeed, beyond comprehension that a vehicle, the product of the illegitimate conception between car and motor-cycle, came to be granted International Formula status, and our appreciation of values must be quite moronic when we utilize the successes of this complete freak for purposes of national prestige and exhibit it in all seriousness as an example of British motor engineering genius. Oddly enough, I have no sympathy whatever for the S.M.M. & T. on this latter point.

JOSEPH BAYLEY.

CHARLTON, S.E.7.

Formula 3 in Scotland

As Mr. Charlie Graham has mentioned my name in his Comments on "Formula 3 in Scotland" which you published in your issue of 24th June, I would like him, and all other enthusiasts, to know that I am perfectly willing to the control of the program of the anything within my powers to further the progress of motor sport in Scotland.

However, while I applaud his enthusiasm, I do think he is being just a little presumptuous in asking all competitors to state their opinions to me!

DAVID MURRAY.

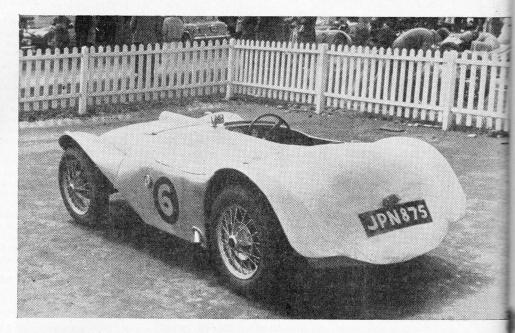
EDINBURGH, 10.

More Correspondence on page 18

REGULAR racegoers in this country have recently been intrigued by a little car called the Elva. Although its engine is our old friend the Ford 10, it has been taking on any competition that is going in 1,100 c.c., 1,200 c.c., or even 1½-litre races. Yet it has been placed in every event entered up to the time of writing. Furthermore, it has always finished, which proves that it has reliability as well as speed.

Since those three lead-footed gentlemen, Peter Gammon, Mackenzie Low, and Les Leston had failed to break it, I was given the opportunity to do just that. Accordingly, I collected it at Brands Hatch, while it was still warm from its last race. For a few days the Elva became my personal pub-crawling and shopping car, with an occasional long, fast journey thrown in for good measure.

It should be explained, at this point, that the Elva Engineering Co., of London Road, Bexhill, has been formed with one object in view. That is, to make available to the amateur a really cheap sports car which is yet fast enough to race suc-



An Inexpensive Sports-racing Chassis with Outstanding Road-holding

JOHN BOLSTER ROAD-TESTS The ELVA

cessfully. Frank Nichols directs the project, and Malcolm Witts is in charge of the technical side.

They have decided that, to keep the cost moderate, it is necessary to use as many mass-production parts as possible. It has been found that the front suspension assembly of the small Standard is ideal for the purpose, and the manufacturers have agreed to make these parts available. A pressed steel cross member carries the pivots for the wishbones, which have a rearward inclination. It also provides anchorages for the helical springs, telescopic dampers, and steering layout. Thus, the whole front end is ready for attachment to the Elva tubular frame.

This frame is simple, light, and rigid. It provides mountings for all the components and the body, and at its rear it has two pairs of trailing arms. These are attached to a new-type Ford Anglia rear axle, with open propeller shaft. Triangulated stabilizer rods look after lateral location, and rubber bushes accommodate

any slight geometrical inaccuracy under extreme conditions of bump or roll. The suspension is again by helical springs and telescopic dampers.

Various assemblies are available, but the complete outfit consists of the chassis, with all suspension parts and wire wheels fitted with Dunlop racing tyres. There is a light alloy fuel tank, gauge element, and pipe line. The brakes are connected and working, and the radiator is ready to couple up. All waiting for body and power unit installation, the Elva costs £350.

Bodies are at present the customer's responsibility, but it is hoped that arrangements will soon be completed for the supply of attractive fibreglass shells. If preferred, light alloy panels may be employed, and "my" car was so equipped. You bring your own engine

and gearbox along, and the mountings will be fabricated to suit.

The choice of a power unit rests with the customer, but among the less wealthy the Ford 10 has a great following. For this unit, Nichols produces a light alloy head containing the inlet valves, the standard Ford exhaust valves in the block being retained. Complete with all the bits, such as push rods and rockers, this retails at £65. At one stroke, it converts the homely Ford into a potent racing engine. Extremely high air flow has been secured as a result of research by that eminent authority, Harry Weslake.

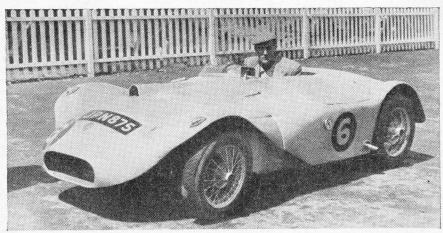
Various carburetter arrangements may be used, of which twin S.U. instruments are perhaps the most popular. On the test car, however, four Amals were fitted, which gave excellent power at the expense of a slightly lumpy bottom end. A proprietary four-speed gear-box had been installed, but Nichols is doubtful whether the extra gear is worth the considerable weight penalty that he has accepted.

Having watched the Elva being raced, I was naturally interested in its roadholding. It obviously corners quite as fast as anything else on Brands Hatch, in spite of pitting its cheap Ford axle against expensive de Dion and independent rear ends. Now that I have driven the car myself, I would say that it has controllability of a very exceptional order. Under extreme conditions, the rear end breaks away, but it does it so smoothly that one skates through bends with just a flick of the wrist.

Here is part of the secret of the Elva's success. It can be driven right on the



TWO SPECIMENS of this speedy newcomer to sports car racing. On the left is a later and more shapely example than the prototype on the right.



PADDOCK PICTURES of the Elva tested by Bolster. Frank Nichols is seen in the cockpit in the picture above.

limit all the time without ever coming completely unstuck. Therefore, every bit of power available can be used with advantage, and one can take on and beat less controllable cars of potentially greater performance.

I am a big bloke, but I found the low seating position perfectly comfortable, and there is plenty of room in the body for the most energetic manœuvres. The steering is light, with some caster return action. From the driving seat, one does not notice that the wheelbase is only 6 ft. 11 ins., and no "dicing" is involved when 100 m.p.h. is exceeded. The car is not sensitive to gusts of wind.

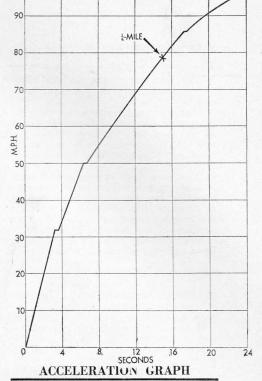
The mean maximum speed of 109.8 m.p.h. is pretty staggering for a Fordengined machine. The road-racing gear ratio, as used at Brands Hatch, was still in the car when I took over. In consequence, the engine was revving at a somewhat alarming rate. In fact, I held the rev. counter at 6,600 r.p.m. in top gear during the maximum speed runs. As the crankshaft and connecting rods were absolutely standard, and had a long racing mileage behind them, this is an impressive advertisement for the Dagenham products! It was an old-type "ten", mark you, and not the latest version.

The engine has that pleasantly "hard" feeling of a true competition unit. It started at once, hot or cold, and revved extremely freely. The gearbox of the

test car has unnecessarily low ratios for first and second speeds, the gap between second and third being rather marked. It is probable that a Ford Anglia threespeed box, with close ratio gears, would give at least equal results. Alternatively, for a little more money, the M.G. gearbox would probably be best of all; albeit, the box at present fitted handles nicely and is virtually unbreakable.

The brakes are very effective, in spite of their small size. They are notably powerful, and can be applied hard at full speed without causing any deviation. Larger brakes will in future be available, but the present ones are perfectly adequate for normal circuit racing.

The Elva is a notable addition to the



ranks of moderately priced competition cars. By the strategic use of quantity-produced components, the makers are able to give an exceptional performance for a moderate outlay. They are determined that the car shall not "grow up", which has happened to other projects in the past. I thoroughly enjoyed my short "ownership" of this lively little sports-racer.

Specification and Performance Data

Car Tested: Elva sports 2-seater. Price of complete chassis, £350. Engine, gearbox and body supplied by customer.

Engine: Four cylinders 61.25 mm. x 92.5 mm. (1.098 c.c.). Pushrod operated overhead inlet valves in light alloy head, side exhaust valves, 9 to 1 compression ratio. Four Amal carburetters. Lucas coil and distributor.

Transmission: Single dry-plate clutch. Four-speed gearbox with short central lever. Ratios 4.4, 5.7, 9.8 and 15.8 to 1. Open propeller shaft. Spiral bevel rear axle.

Chassis: Multi-tubular frame, with stressed undershield forming floor. Independent front suspension by wishbones. Rear axle on twin trailing radius arms with stabilizing bars. Helical springs and telescopic dampers all round. Worm and wheel steering box with slave arm and three-piece track rod. Bolt-on wire wheels, fitted 4.50-15 ins, front and 5.25-15 ins, rear tyres. Hydraulic brakes. R.H. lever to cable-operated rear shoes.

Equipment: 6-volt lighting and starting. Revcounter, ammeter, oil pressure, water temperature and fuel gauges.

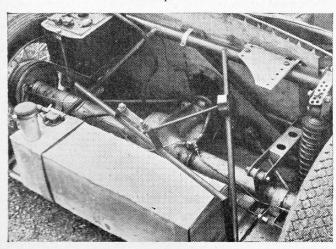
Dimensions: Wheelbase 6 ft. 11 ins.; track, from 4 ft. $0\frac{1}{2}$ in., rear, 3 ft. 11 ins. Weight, with oil, water and four gallons fuel, 9 cwt, 14 lbs.

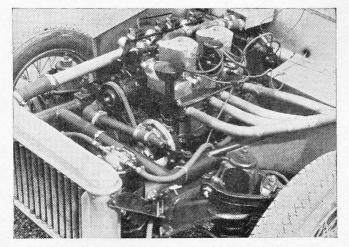
Performance: Maximum speed 109.8 m.p.h. Speeds in gears; 3rd, 86 m.p.h.; 2nd, 50 m.p.h.; 1st, 32 m.p.h.

Standing quarter-mile, 15 secs. Acceleration, 0-30 m.p.h. 3 secs.; 0-40 m.p.h. 5 secs.; 0-50 m.p.h. 6.4 secs.; 0-60 m.p.h. 9.4 secs.; 0-70 m.p.h. 12.4 secs.; 0-80 m.p.h. 15.4 secs.

Fuel Consumption: 30 m.p.g. (approx.).

REAR END, showing the light alloy fuel tank and Ford Anglia rear axle. Trailing arms and helical springs form the suspension.





FRONT END incorporates Standard 8/10 suspension assemblies. The special Elva O.H.I.V. head and four Amals were fitted to the Ford engine.

Correspondence—continued

The Packard Clipper

Your road test of the Packard Clipper should serve as an eye-opener to motorists who invariably decry American cars.

That the less knowledgeable have so often commented unfavourably upon them is mainly due to the fact that so few of us have had the opportunity of driving them for any appreciable distance. This, too, is true of automatic transmissions. Assessment of values is still based on pre-war experience.

These new V-8s have a performance comparable with our best sports cars. Their road holding has been considerably improved, but their size demands, however, a different technique The enormous acceleration available from quite in driving. low speeds more than makes up for slower cornering powers, and anyway few drivers take bends on the limit.

It is refreshing to read the unbiased comments on this point

by an experienced tester like John Bolster.

C. BARCLAY.

PERRY WALKER.

KENSINGTON, W.8.

ALTHOUGH normally very disparaging about the latest American "gadgets", I must confess to being fascinated by John Bolster's test of the "Torsion-Level" system of suspension. If, however, my interpretation of these simple mechanics is correct the citching ferward qualities under heard braking

correct the pitching forward qualities under hard braking, which are associated with soft springing, must be virtually doubled.

I should very much like to read the tester's comments on this point.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.



I ENCLOSE an advertisement from the Kentish Mercury. Could "Formula 36" be something new for out-of-date B.R.M.s? Or possibly Martian flying saucers? M. W. CALVERT.

NEW ELTHAM, LONDON.

Aintree Prices

THE announcement of the prices of admission for the British Grand Prix at Aintree, serves, once again, the Silverstoneversus-Aintree controversy.

The Grand Stand seats at Aintree are advertised at 45s. and 35s., respectively, and some are uncovered, at that! At Silverstone the prices are 30s. and 25s., for covered stand seats. This seems to provide an obvious comparison between non-profit-making and profit-making organizations.

S. G. MIRON.

BANBURY, OXON.

A London Sports Car Show?

THERE seems to be a never ending number of sports car shows abroad, especially in the U.S.A. Surely it would be worthwhile to arrange a similar show at Earls Court, perhaps once every two or three years? If arranged in April it would be more convenient for overseas visitors, and at the same time would give an opportunity to schoolboy enthusiasts who are away at school at normal show time. I feel it would do a great deal of good to our export market.

H. T. DONOVAN.

A Plea For Trailers

I SHOULD like to appeal to the organizers of club sports car races to remove the clause from their regulations which requires cars to be driven to the course.

that is the long tow home in the event of trouble.

I do most of my racing unsupported by mechanics, friends, etc., and I find it more convenient to load my car on a trailer and carry it to the meeting. In order to comply with regulations I have to unload my car at the course gates, drive in, walk out again and fetch my tender car. This is reducing the whole thing to a farce, but I am complying with regulations. Would it not be better to allow the scrutineers to decide what is or is not, a sports car? W. A. LIDDELL.

ANDOVER, HANTS.

A Word of Thanks

MAY I, through your correspondence column, express my appreciation of the service rendered to me on 21st May, appreciation of the service rendered to me on 21st May, when, on my way to Westbrook Hay and then Prescott, I ran into difficulties with my Jaguar XK 120, which necessitated the replacement of the petrol pump. The motor faltered, luckily, very close to the Blackheath Garages, Limited, who had not a replacement pump for this model. The manager of this concern, however, conducted me personally to the local Jaguar the contract where each with prompt and efficient services the car agents, where again, with prompt and efficient service, the car was on the road again after a period of about 40 minutes. This enabled me to reach Westbrook Hay in time for practice. It is most refreshing to find that at least there are two garages I now know which will give service when one really

GORDON D. PARKER.

SHORNE, NR. GRAVESEND, KENT.

We are delighted to receive letters intended for publication. The Editor is not, of course, bound to be in agreement with opinions expressed by readers.

BOOK REVIEW

Title: Photo Guide No. 68-Motoring.

Author: I. C. B. Pearce.

Size: $4\frac{3}{4} \times 6\frac{3}{8}$ ins., 56 pages, 23 photographic illustrations and numerous diagrams.

Price: 2s.

Publishers: Focal Press, Ltd., 31 Fitzroy Square, London, W.1.

It is a funny thing, but an enthusiasm for motor racing often goes hand-in-hand with an enthusiasm for photography. Certainly there seem to be almost as many cameras as spectators at most race meetings, but the pity of it is that in spite of the enormous expenditure of film, very few really worthwhile pictures are produced by the non-professionals. That is, if the very small number of good, unsolicited pictures arriving at this office is anything to go by.

However, do not despair, for the Focal Press have added to their well-known and excellent range of handy "Photo Guides", one on Motoring-and by motoring they obviously mean motor racing. It has been written by well-known photographer Ian Pearce and covers this specialized subject in a comprehensive and business-like manner. He even gives some guidance towards the acquisition of a coveted "track pass", for there is no doubt that unless one possesses an extremely long-focus lens, it is virtually impossible to obtain good pictures from the partial while englishers at a big most in the partial while englishers at a big most in the partial while englishers at a big most in the partial while englishers at a big most in the partial while englishers at a big most in the partial while englishers at a big most in the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the partial while englishers at the partial while englishers are the pa the normal public enclosures at a big meeting. However, at the smaller "club" events, the amateur has his chances and Mr. Pearce goes wholeheartedly into the matters of getting the best out of the equipment you have (or better still, what to buy if you can afford it), the choice of the best viewpoints around the circuit and the best angles for taking your pictures. Add to these the technical points such as choice of negative material and optimum shutter speeds for various circumstances and the picture (photographically speaking) is almost complete.

It remains for Mr. Pearce to make a quick survey of other kinds of motoring occasions, and he winds up with a few pointers for those submitting pictures to the Press. (N.B.: in our own case unsolicited pictures must reach us on Monday to stand a chance of being published on the Friday.) Certainly we welcome this little book, for we are always glad to see good photographs of our highly photogenic sport and yet good photographers are all too rare.

S. P. S.

Another year of Shell successes

More and more racing, rally and trials competitors, motor mechanics and engineers, in fact all those responsible for preparing high performance engines, consistently use Shell X-100

for every kind of event. They realise that this oil—exactly the same as you can get at your garage—reduces wear to a minimum, and prolongs engine life to a remarkable degree.



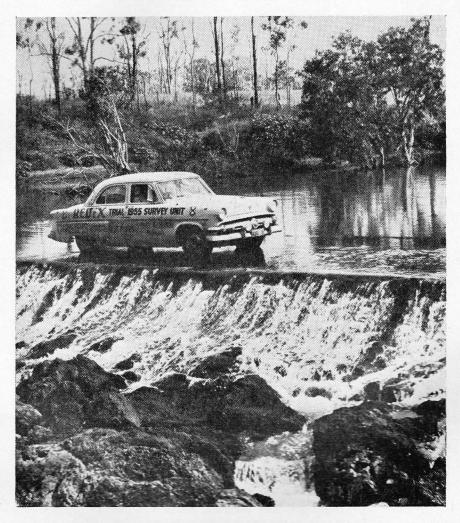


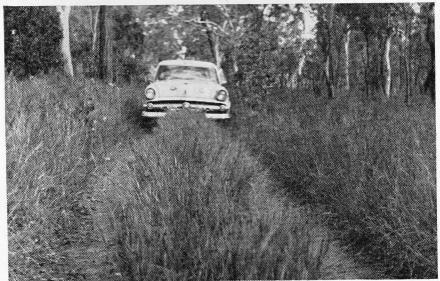
for longer engine life it fights acid action — main cause of engine wear

SAE 20/20W, 30, 40, 50 and now 10W/30 (multigrade)

10,500 MILE MARATHON

Scenes on the Survey for the 1955 Around Australia ReDeX Trial reveal tough terrain on the new extended 10,500 mile route





Over 170 entries have been received for the 1955 Redex Around Australia Trial, which starts on 21st August. Continental cars are well represented and include Volkswagen, Peugeot, Citroën, Renault and Mercedes-Benz. An entry has been received from Mrs. Stella Hall, who was forced to retire at Darwin in last year's Trial. Mrs. Hall will be

driving an Austin A40.

Last year's Redex Trial winners, Jack Murray and Bill Murray (no relation), will go their own separate ways in this year's Trial. However, there will still be an all-Murray team, as "Gelignite" Jack's co-driver and navigator this year will be another Murray, Ray Murray. Ray is Jack's brother and his partner

in Brisbane.

The Organizing Committee of the Trial have received an application from Miss Jennifer Howell, who recently arrived in Australia from England. Miss Howell has been participating in trials in her M.G. for the last six years, as a member of the London section of the M.G. Car Club. Whilst she herself is not entering a car for this year's Redex Australian Trial, she is hoping to find a place in a competing car.

In order to avoid a recurrence of speeding in major towns, due to location of controls, it has been decided this year that in all major towns controls will be placed outside the city, to enable competitors to book in before entering

To give all competitors an opportunity to win cash prizes in the Redex Trial, two leading automotive accessory suppliers have split the course into eight sections and are offering cash prizes of £100 each (£100 in each section) to the competitor losing the least number of points on each individual section.





He's nearly set for a place in the sun . . . fourteen "do-as-you-please" leisure days before the alarm clock signals him back to work. The hotel's booked, the family ready and the packing nearly done . . . with a full tank and Dunlop tyres to add to his peace of mind, there's a joyful journey ahead. He'll get the best from his car because he gives it the best . . . amongst other things, tyres from the Dunlop range. He is happy in his choice of tyres in the knowledge that the majority of British manufacturers fit Dunlop—the tyres with the Gold Seal—as standard equipment.

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NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

By Wilson McComb

Ferrari spanners and machine tools are frequently advertised in Italian magazines, and we know that the company makes more money out of these than it ever did from racing and sports cars. It is fun to see Lancia Grand Prix cars matched against Gordinis, when those same Gordinis have been brought to the track in a Lancia lorry, and to find in an electrical wholesalers a leaflet on Kieft thermostats. The study of strange products made by famous racing car manufacturers is an amusing pastime, and I was more than delighted this week to come across an auctioneer's catalogue which offered, along with the usual iron bedsteads and ormolu clocks, a genuine Peugeot coffee-grinder!

Do you own a "quality" sports car of the era 1920 to 1939? And are you free on Saturday, 23rd July? If so, then you will receive a warm welcome then you will receive a warm welcome at Silverstone, where the Aston Martin O.C. are staging a small exhibition of such cars in conjunction with their race meeting on that date. There will be no entry fee; on the contrary, entrants will receive a small contribution to expenses and probably a free lunch, but they must write as soon as possible to John Langrishe, 1 Oakwood Avenue, Beckenham, Kent (BECkenham 3777) Regulations have now been issued for another Silverstone meeting, that of the Vintage Sports Car Club on 6th August. The 10 races include a 100-kilometre event for the Richard Seaman Memorial Trophy, cars eligible being any racing car manufactured before 31st December, 1939, and entries must reach T. W. Carson, Brook Cottage, Bishops Green, Newbury, Berks, by 21st July. . . . Entries close on Tuesday, 19th July, for the **Thames Estuary A.C.'s** 4th Southend "300" Rally. As the title suggests, it is a 300-mile event, and it will start at 9 a 300-mile event, and it will start at 9 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd July. Invited clubs are the London M.C., North London E.C.C., East Anglian M.C., Eastern Counties M.C., West Essex C.C., M.G.C.C. (S.E.) and Lloyd's M.C., and the secretary of the rally is S. L. Offord, 68 Exford Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. . . . Any Allard owner, whether or not a member of the Allard O.C. or not a member of the Allard O.C., or not a member of the Allard O.C., is invited to take part in a social rally on 17th July. Full details may be had from Mrs. S. Farrell, 14 Holmstall Parade, Burnt Oak, Middx. . . . The new course laid out at Dunstable for the Sporting O.D.C.'s last autocross meeting on 5th June will be used again for the meeting on 24th July, and as previously appropriate the competitors at the previously announced, competitors at the June meeting will have a free entry for June meeting will have a free entry for this one. Invited clubs are the Chiltern C.C., Falcon M.C., Hants and Berks M.C., London M.C., M.G.C.C. and Northampton and D.C.C. J. Nott, 126 Marsh Road, Leagrave, Luton, Beds, will close the entry list on 20th July. . . . We have received the first monthly news-



ACHTUNG-SCHPITFEUER!: A line-up of Messerschmitts prepares to take off for a one-hour trial at the M.C.C. Silverstone meeting reported in this issue.

letter of the Special Builders' C.C., which is available to members at a cost of 1s. from the editor, Donald R. MacGregor, 87 Broad Road, Braintree, Essex. . . The West Essex C.C. regret that their gymkhana on 3rd July had to be cancelled at the last moment, owing to unforeseen circumstances. . . The newly formed Healey Drivers' Club hope to run several teams of Healeys at the Aston Martin O.C.'s Silverstone meeting on 23rd July, competing in the relay race for the David Brown Challenge Trophy. Nine members have already volunteered, and others are invited to get in touch with J. E. McManus, c/o 42 North Audley Street, London, W.1. . . Advance notice: regs. are now to hand for the fifth London Rally on 16th/17th September (clashing with the T.T. Race—but no matter). It is, of course, organized by the London M.C., and full details will be given later. In the meantime, prospective entrants can get all the information they require from Mrs. Nina Imhof, Robin Hill, Coombe Hill Road, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

A.G.M. OF OXFORD UNIVERSITY M.D.C.

The following officers were elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Oxford University Motor Drivers' Club: President, D. R. Goddard; Secretary, W. W. B. Stoner, Keble College, Oxford; Treasurer, J. Wilkinson; Veteran Members' Secretary, P. Somerset-Fry, St. Catherine's Society, Oxford; Competition Secretary, J. Clay; Committee, The Hon. J. P. Leigh, J. Milne. All ex-members of the University are welcomed as Veteran Members at an annual subscription of 5s. Details may be obtained from the V.M. Secretary.

HEALEY D.C. NEWS

Temporary officers of the Healey Drivers' Club, chosen at the inaugural meeting on 3rd June, are as follows: Patron, Donald Healey; President, M. H. Morris-Goodall; Hon. Secretary, P. J. D. Langrishe, 1 Oakwood Avenue, Beckenham, Kent; Hon. Treasurer, L. J. Cato; Committee, T. N. Blockley, Commander Bryant, U.S.N., Miss Paul and J. E. McManus.

OUEENSFERRY SPRINT

A FEW short years ago the Queensferry Sprint was the only event in the North-West where a car could be given the gun over any distance, and as a result one had to make a smart return to get an entry accepted.

But times have changed, and on Saturday, 25th June, classes had to be considerably telescoped to justify themselves and more runs were permitted the much reduced number of entrants.

A fine day blessed the activities of the Chester Motor Club but the usual prevailing wind off the Dee estuary was head-on to the aspirants. Yet in spite of this a new sports car record was made for this standing start half-mile dash. It was L. Manduca who did it driving the Gillie Tyrer C-type Jaguar in a masterly time of 22.6 secs. This was exactly one second better than Phillip Scragg's time in the Alta-Jaguar set up last year.

Manduca's effort was improved by 0.4 secs. in the racing classes by Jim Berry (E.R.A. Special), D. Wilkinson (Cooper-E.R.A.) and Manduca himself, who drove the C-type again in the unlimited racing

class. An "accumulative" best gave

Berry first position in his class.

In supporting roles were Kenneth Neve, who never got his two Ariel motor-cycle square-four 1,000 c.c. engines working together in harmony, and young Bill Smith, whose enthusiastic father Jack had been laying-to on the Lotus.

Mervyn Kearon had trouble at the start of his first run in the Cooper, when his gearbox packed up. This did not preclude Mervyn from a later effort, for with extreme alacrity he fitted another box and turned out again.

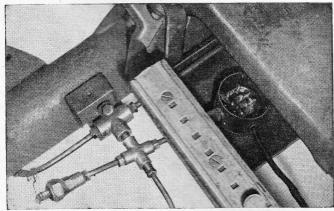
In a private tussle for honours TR2 Triumphs were driven by P. A. Bernie and David Hosking, with victory in this little "aside" going to Tony Bernie.

WILSON ROGERS.

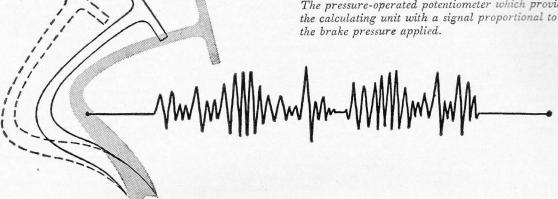
Results

Up to 1,500 c.c. sports: 1, Gerry Corlett (Fiat-BMW), 26.6 secs.; 2, J. P. Hacking (T.V.R.), 27.2. Unlimited sports: 1, L. Manduca (Jaguar Type C), 22.6; 2, J. P. Chapman (Chapman-Mercury), 23.6. Up to 2 litre racing: 1, J. Berry (E.R.A. Spl.), 22.2; 2, D. Wilkinson (Cooper-E.R.A.), 22.2. Unlimited racing: 1, L. Manduca (Jaguar Type C), 22.2.

BACKGROUND TO BRAKING No. 1



The pressure-operated potentiometer which provides the calculating unit with a signal proportional to



Electronics aid the search for Safety

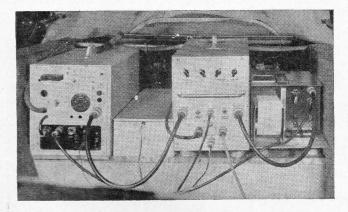
In devising schedules for tests, Ferodo research workers must know what is expected of a brake lining under practical conditions. Without this information it is possible to overrate the liningmake it break down in a manner which would not occur in service.

The performance of a brake lining depends mainly upon the rate at which work is done at the brake and upon the temperature of the drum surface. To record this information Ferodo technicians have installed ingenious apparatus on a vehicle of the Ferodo Test Fleet.

A tachometer generator, driven by the vehicle's propellor shaft provides a signal which is used to record the speed and the deceleration of the

vehicle on a high-speed multi-pen recorder. A voltage proportional to the product of the hydraulic pressure in the brake system and the speed signal is applied to a third pen. Subject to certain necessary precautions, in particular that the brake factor should be frequently checked experimentally, this product is a measurement of the rate of working at the brakes. A thermister is soldered to the surface of the drum to record temperature on a fourth pen.

The results enable Ferodo to devise testing schedules that are accurate and reliable and so to produce brake linings with a high resistance to fade and wear.



FERODO

ANTI-FADE Brake Linings

Some of the apparatus in the back of a test car. The power pack is on the left and the chart can be seen emerging from the four pen recorder.

North-East Notes by Denis Edkins

THE Midsummer Rally held by the Durham Automobile Club on 19th June attracted 39 entries; as the event was organized by Dr. Miles Hutson, who is noted as being the perpetrator of far from easy events, it says much for the enthusiasm of the members. The course was over some 200 miles of by-ways in Durham and Northumberland with well over 20 time checks. As is usual nowadays, competitors were required to furnish information at unmanned checks, there being so many of these that one or two thought they had entered a treasure hunt by mistake.

Cars left the Cock of the North Hotel, Durham, and made their way to the Tyne Durham, and made their way to the Tyne and on to Simonburn. Here the field had become very spread out indeed, Arthur Parkin (Vauxhall) leading the competitors through. 'Way ahead on time, as is his wont, was P. G. Walton (Vauxhall), all set to repeat his many other successes this season. Lunch was taken at Rothbury, and the re-start was taken at Rothbury, and the re-start was delayed for half an hour owing to some very late arrivals. Dr. T. A. Grimson, who was last seen heading his Ford Prefect across a lonely moorland road in mid-morning, was still unaccounted

for by late evening.
From Rothbury, competitors made their way down over a rather easier route to Milbourne, just north of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Cars were now showing signs of wear, but the Sheila Pye/Mary Reed M.G. looked as fresh and smart

as the two occupants.

Through Shotley Bridge, the route led to Chester-le-Street, where three

driving tests were undertaken. These were laid out in club-member Kenneth Horner's sweet factory yard and were in the nature of "round-the-houses" runs. The first test, which involved manœuv-ring in two different store yards, saw Billy Elliott in his Ford Prefect show the onlookers just how to drive in restricted spaces. Test No. 2 involved a dash up an alley, round an oil drum in a yard, and a dash back to stop astride line. It was altogether a terrifying business, and not a few crew members were observed to look very green at the end of the proceedings. Test No. 3 was a straightforward cross-roads test, with factory walls providing a buffer in case of any slip. P. G. Walton showed just how to do it with a time of 15 secs. Anticipated fireworks from the only XK in the event did not materialize, as H. G. Wilkinson lost his gears. From Chester-le-Street,

competitors made their way by Shadforth back to Durham. Results are as follows:

Best Performance: 1, G. H. R. Rees (Singer); 2, A. S. Parkin (Vauxhall); 3, P. G. Walton (Vauxhall). Best Novice: 1, L. Harburn (Singer); 2, J. G. Smith (Ford Anglia); 3, T. Wood (Alvis). Team Award: Harburn, Smith and Miss S. Pye (M.G.).

THE Middlesbrough Club are this year celebrating their Golden Jubilee Year, and to commemorate this they are spending some £8,000 on improving and altering their headquarters. They have just issued their regulations for the National Sand Race Meeting to be held at Redcar on 16th July. This meeting, which is always an attractive one, is over a twomile course and included is the usual attempt to break the course record of 117.73 m.p.h. over the flying kilo.

RESULTS of the Newcastle and D.M.C.'s driving tests on 22nd May are:

Best Performance: J. H. Walker (Brasshopper).
Class A: J. B. McAdam (M.G.). Class B: T. G.
Shanley (Ford Prefect). Class C: J. H. Lawson
(Jaguar). Class D: P. G. Walton (Vauxhall).
Team Award: Messrs. Walker, Lawson and W. K.
Haggie (TR2). Ladies' Award: Miss P. Rankin
(Hillman).

Award: J. A. Beaumont. Team Award: Kims, Vanner, Snaylam. Test Awards. Woodward Trophy: Lord Cross (TR2). G. Newby Prize: J. C. Hilton

CHARNWOOD C.C. PRESIDENT'S TRIAL 19th June

Best Performance: 1, A. Polack/J. P. Tylecote (Morgan); 2, J. M. Glazebrook/H. G. Sheldon (Standard); 3, D. M. M. Nesbitt/M. G. J. Billingham (Volkswagen); 4, C. J. Churchman/J. A. Taylor (Morgan); 5, A. S. P. Heath/B. G. Hammond (Morgan); 6, H. A. Shaw/F. N. Saxton (Austin). Best Lady Navigator: Mrs. S. L. Balmer.

CUMBERLAND S.C.C. LADIES' RALLY 23rd June

Best Performance: 1, Mrs. Eileen Hart (Standard 8); 2, Mrs. Nora Miller (Standard 8); 3, Mrs. Muriel Stephenson (Riley).

R.A.F.A.M.C. MIDSUMMER RALLY 26th June

Best Performance: N. Dearnley/D. Osborne (Sunbeam Alpine), no marks lost. Best in opposite class: B. Whiteway/D. McNaught (Sunbeam-Talbot), 15 marks lost. Novice Award: C. Bethell/C. Russell-Scott (Vauxhall Velox), 50.

SHEFFIELD & HALLAMSHIRE M.C. TEST TEAM RALLY

26th June

The Mercury Trophy: 1, Lancs & Cheshire C.C.; 2, North Midlands M.C.; 3, Sheffield & Hallamshire M.C. Specials Class: 1, N.M.M.C.; 2, L. & C.C.C.; 3, S. & H.M.C. Open cars: 1, L. & C.C.C.; 2, N.M.M.C.; 3, S. & H.M.C. Saloon cars: 1, L. & C.C.C.; 2, N.M.M.C.; 3, S. & H.M.C.

SWANSEA M.C. CHARLES CUP RALLY 26th June

Best Performance: J. Baker (Morris Minor), 59

Marks 10st.

Class 1: 1, M. J. Rees, 74; 2, G. G. L. Thomas, 274. Class 2: 1, A. Lewis, 67; 2, B. J. Williams, 97. Class 3: 1, J. E. Howell, 183; 2, Mrs. Spreadbury, 350. Class 4: 1, L. Bilbao, 116; 2, Dr. M. Jones, 273. Class 5: 1, D. S. Evans, 2, B. V. M. Jenkins. Team Award: A. E. Dryden, B. V. M. Jenkins, G. G. L. Thomas.

A.C.O.C. CONCOURS D'ÉLÉGANCE AND **GYMKHANA**

Bulstrode Park, Gerrards Cross, 26th June

Concours: 1, K. Dunbar (1938 Competition 2-seater); 2, H. F. Day (1953 Buckland Sports Tourer); 3, J. Crabb (1913 Fivet-engined 2-seater). Gymkhana: 1, E. W. Palmer (1949 Saloon); 2, F. Fletcher (1937 Saloon); 3, B. H. Martin (1951 Saloon).

NEWCASTLE & D.M.C. ST. ANDREW'S ALL-NIGHT TRIAL 25th/26th June

Best Performance P. G. Walton (Vauxhall). Best in opposite class: W. K. Haggie (TR2). Second best performance: T. G. Shanley (Ford). First Class Awards T. A. Irvine (Fiat), S. E. Bird (Standard), R. S. Alexander (Morris).

LAGONDA CLUB NORTHERN RALLY 25th June

Best Performance: D. Price (3-litre). Pre-1934 Lagondas: C. Page (2-litre). Post-1934 Lagondas: G. D. Speight (Rapier). Other makes: F. Hobley (M.G. TF).

Some Recent Results

M.C.C. WHITSUN RALLY 27th/28th May

Best Performance (cars): C. J. Girling (Allard). Class 5: 1, P. J. Anton (Ford); 2, K. V. Walker (M.G.), Class 6: 1, J. N. M. Hills (Morris); 2, R. K. Hooper (Sunheam-Talbot), Class 7: D. E. Lawrence (Alvis). Class 8: 1, J. L. Horrell (Singer); 2, F. W. Marriott (Morris). Class 9: 1, G. S. Edwards (TR2); 2, D. E. Algate (TR2). Class 10: K. L. H. Best (Austin-Healey). Class 11: C. R. Parsons (Dellow).

FAIREY AVIATION M.C. & C.C. DALMATION RALLY

5th June

Best Performance: N. O. Snelling, 41 marks. First Class Awards: G. Bouscarle, W. Browell, Miss M. Windsor, V. R. Gibbons, R. C. Andrews.

B.A.R.C. (N.W.) LANCASHIRE RALLY 12th June

Premier Award (H. S. Phillips Trophy): H. M. Sinclair/A. Kerr (TR2),

Open Class: H. Whalley/Mrs. Whalley (TR2), Closed Class: R. Keeley/B. Learoyd (Ford Zodiac), Novice Award: F. B. Hartley/R. Clough (TR2),

W.H.S.C. "TOUR DE HANTS" RALLY 19th June

W.H.S.C.: 1, D. J. Gardner; 2, P. Way. Best Navigator: Mrs. C. Sheath.

Visitors (Vickers-Armstrong (Supermarine) M.C.): 1, R. A. Macfie (Triumph TR2); 2, R. Penney (Hillman Minx). Best Navigator: R. Osborne.

FURNESS D.M.C. FIFTH FESTIVAL RALLY 18th/19th June

Best Performance: Mrs. R. Beaumont (TR2). Class 1: 1, W. M. M. Tyson (Standard); 2, J. H. Davies (Morris). Class 2: 1, J. P. Baldam (TR2); 2, E. S. Sneath (Morgan). Class 3: 1, E. A. Wrangham (Jaguar); 2, E. Vanner (Anglia). First Class Awards: H. M. Sinclair (TR2), F. Snaylam (TR2), R. L. Brown (Sunbeam-Taibot). Second Class Awards: L. Windsor (M.G.), E. J. Mitchell (Anglia), C. L. Kims (H.R.G.), D. W. Vernon (Anglia), J. Broomby (TR2). Novice Award: N. Bradshaw (Vauxhall). Navigator's

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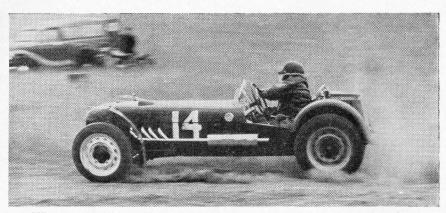
THE 750 Car Club's idea of holding a joint meeting, combining with the M.G. and West Hants and Dorset Car Clubs seems to have paid dividends on 3rd July, when a combined autocross was held, over a fast and sporting course near Salisbury. The actual venue rejoiced in the delightful name of "Gusses Gorse", which provided not a little speculation as to its origin. Approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile to a lap, it was in the shape of a rough "B", with a fast straight, and a hollow which caught some of the faster cars napping during practice. A large entry was dealt with in smooth style and full results were published very rapidly after the meeting. Cars were started at intervals, two

machines being on the circuit at one time, and proceedings opened with a rapid run by L. West's tank-like Austin, which won its class. Baster's Austin/Ford was fast with 2 mins. 26 secs., but appeared a bit of a handful, R. Blake put up a very good run with his Lotus-looking Ford in 2 mins. 15 secs., which looking Ford in 2 mins. 15 secs., which proved to be fastest run in the first half; however, he was closely followed by W. B. Croot (Cuff Special) in 2 mins. 16.4 secs., on a car which did not appear as steady as the Ford. P. D. Gardiner's Ford sounded sick, Arnold Forrester's Morris tourer had a 1,172 Ford engine,

Results

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Class 1, 750 formula: 1, L. West (750 Austin), 2 mins. 29.8 secs. Class 2, 1,172 formula: 1, R. Blake (1,172 Ford), 2 mins. 14.5 secs.; 2, W. B. Croot (1,172 Cuff Spl.), 2 mins. 16.4 secs.; 3, R. N. Thomas (1,172 Ford Spl.), 2 mins. 25 secs. Class 3, 750 c.c.; 1, J. N. Jones (750 Renault), 2 mins. 26.8 secs. (1,172 Ford Spl.), 2 mins. 25 secs. Class 3, 750 c.c.; 0 pen: 1, J. M. Noble (1,250 M.G.), 2 mins. 22.6 secs.; 2, J. D. Hall (1,250 M.G.), 2 mins. 25.8 secs.; 3, R. H. G. Rumble (1,250 M.G.), 2 mins. 25.8 secs.; 3, R. H. G. Rumble (1,250 M.G.), 2 mins. 25.8 secs.; 3, R. H. G. Rumble (1,250 M.G.), 2 mins. 26 secs. Class 6. 1,500 c.c., closed: 1, J. J. Macklin (1,192 Volkswagen), 2 mins. 27.8 secs.; 2, G. W. Best (1,172 Ford), 2 mins. 28.6 secs.; 3, P. G. Cooper (1,172 Ford), 2 mins. 24.8 secs.; 3, P. G. Cooper (1,172 Ford), 2 mins. 34.2 secs. Class 7, over 1,500 c.c., open: 1, C. J. Toomer (1,991 Triumph), 2 mins. 17 secs.; 3, A. W. Morrish (939 M.G. S), 2 mins. 19.2 secs. Class 8, over 1,500 c.c., closed: 1, R. Davis (2,267 S.-Talbot), 2 mins. 19.8 secs.; 2, J. E. P. Cleave (2,088 Morgan), 2 mins. 25.4 secs. Best time by lady: Mrs. M. Park (Jaguar), 2 mins. 26.8 secs. Terry Wiltshire Cup: J. M. Noble (M.G.), 2 mins. 12.6 secs.



SIDE ELEVATION of Ron Blake's Ford Special (no, it isn't a Lotus!) making B.T.D. at the Salisbury autocross meeting.

and went very fast indeed, and P. G. Cooper gave the crowd some heart stopping moments in his high-built Ford Special.

J. N. Jones's Renault saloon was driven with considerable verve, and took its class fairly easily. J. D. Hall had a long broadside in the "dip" with his M.G., but saved a spin in the last few yards. J. M. Noble's cream M.G. took this class in 2 mins 22 secs., with a good run, but R. E. Owen, who is a consistent performer in this type of event, just failed to get a place.

In the 1,500 saloons, J. H. B. Fielder was enterprising with his Jowett, G. W. Best simply hurled his Ford Prefect round in a cloud of dust, while P. G. Cooper's Anglia was just as spectacular, if only a fraction slower. Pride of place went to J. J. Macklin's immaculate Volkswagen, which was very well handled in 2 mins. 27 secs.

Among the larger cars, R. P. Stand-bridge's Ace was smooth and silent, A. M. Park's Jaguar had a racy exhaust note, and seemed to have rather a lot of power to spare, and C. J. Toomer's TR2 motored rapidly to win the class with 2 mins. 17 secs., a place only decided after a run-off with Standbridge later on. A. W. Morrish drove a very short wheelbase M.G., of vintage brew, which fairly tore round, and had a nice supercharged note. A very nice run was made by River's vintage Alfa coupé, which seemed to handle very well on slippery grass. R. Davis, complete with natty headgear and cigarette, took the class with a very fast run in 2 mins. 19 secs. J. E. Cleaver's Morgan drophead came second, with a smooth 2 mins. 24

secs., and George Hartwell made a welcome reappearance in this type of event, with another Sunbeam-Talbot, driving well to get third place with 2 mins, 25 secs. J. M. Sparrowe's M.G. defaulted, and he drove the Hartwell car instead, being extremely fast over part of the course, but having a sharp argument with the gearbox and losing time. Dr. Deane also made some audible changes, while G. C. Langdon, also with a Sunbeam-Talbot, drove hard, but just failed to get into the money.

In the second runs, Blake got down to 2 mins. 14.5 secs., which finally clinched his B.T.D. Croot, his nearest competitor, had a sick motor for a lap, and held a hearty slide near the top hairpin, which lost him more time. Then the clouds deepened, and a drizzling rain descended, which put paid to any good times for the rest of the day. the rest of the day.

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CEMIAN MOTOR CLUB

On Sunday, the 26th June, the Principal of the College of Estate Management, Col. S. J. Worsley, D.S.O., M.C., M.A., entertained members of the Cemian M.C. to tea at the College premises, the William Wells Hall, Wye, Kent, to mark his appreciation of their efforts over the past 21 years in running the club so efficiently and prosperously, and also to mark the occasion of his retirement from the College.

WOLVERHAMPTON WEEK-END

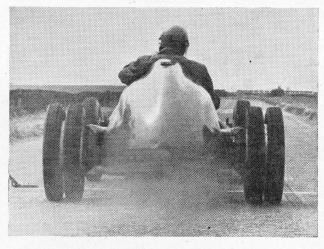
THE Fifth Wolverhampton Week-end of the Sunbeam Register took place on 2nd/3rd July. A Treasure Hunt on the Saturday afternoon was won by F. W. Joyce (1933 Sunbeam Sixteen saloon), second place being taken by W. C. Hodgson (1923 Sunbeam Fourteen

On Saturday evening some 60 ex-unbeam employees, including His Sunbeam employees, including His Worship the Mayor of Wolverhampton, Alderman Frank Mansell, were entertained by the Register at the Express and Star social club.

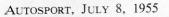
On the Sunday a parade with police escort took place through Wolver-hampton, passing the old Sunbeam factory, and leading to a Concours d'Élégance in West Park, well attended by the public.

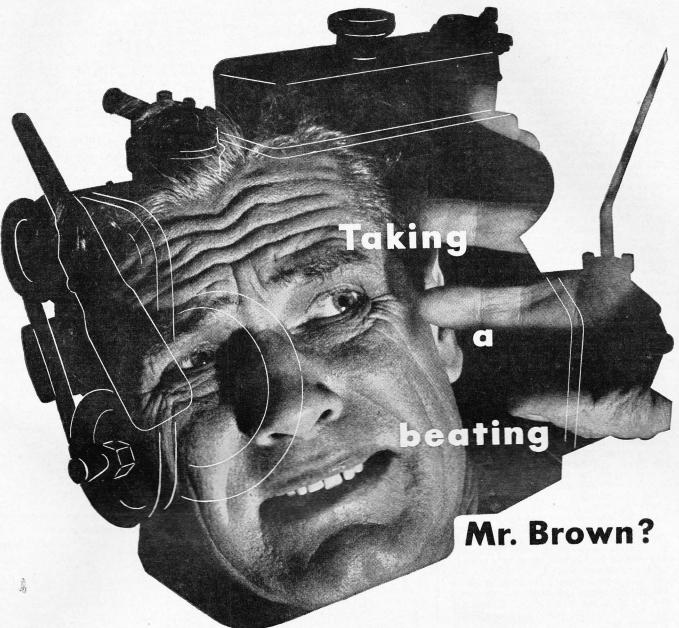
Awards

Sydney Guy Tankard (Age/Distance Rally): O. P. Hartree (1924 14/40). Sternol Robbican (Treasure Hunt): F. W. Joyce (1933 Sixteen). "Szpress & Star" Tankard (Concours d'Élégance): C. F. South (1913 12/16). Ever Ready Handlamp (Oldest car): C. W. Gaskin (1901 24 h.p., Mabley). C. F. South Tankard (Most interesting car): R. C. Carter (1921 23/460)



END ELEVATION (left) of the ex-Mary Grosvenor Alta, which was driven by Albert Wake in the Chester Motor Club's sprint meet-ing on 25th June.





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LANARKSHIRE HOT POT By "Aeneas"

THE Lanarkshire Motor-Cycle and Car Club's all-night rally on 18th/19th June was a most capably organized and highly enjoyable sporting occasion. The road sections, particularly in the special stages, were an amalgam of all the devices known to officialdom to baffle the entry, and the measure of their success lies in the fact that no entrant was unpenalized on the road. Quite the best performance of the night was that of Peter Hughes and Nigel Kennedy, in a Ford Zephyr, who coped with all the hazards expeditiously, lost only 10 marks on the road and were consistent in their displays during three very good driving tests. Nearest approach to this pair on the road was made by David Jack and Jimmy Miller (Sunbeam), who lost 30 marks on the road, were outstanding for their class in the driving tests, but were unlucky enough to short-cut on a road section, thereby missing a code word which cost them the class award.

The event was tough and there was no lack of incidents, but most of the retirals were of competitors who were unwilling to be beaten, yet, like D. W. Steedman (Austin), J. Fulton (Morris) and A. Ross (Austin), finally made their intended controls but, alas, were so late as to find them closed. Unluckiest man of the night was J. B. Stewart (Riley), who was clipping somewhat rapidly round a bend with which he was unfamiliar. Too unfamiliar, for he inverted his Riley. Undaunted, the crew got the car back on its wheels but were finally forced to retire with a fractured oil pipe. G. Parker (Austin) had his brakes seize; he might be considered lucky, for by the end of the night such were the windings of some Ayrshire roads that some competitors finished up with no brakes worth mentioning.

In covering the many miles between Thankerton and Prestwick even such a redoubtable navigator as John Dymock was spotted on the very verge of a cornfield and Morris Smellie, breaking in a new navigator in his Ford Anglia, was nonplussed when the freshman uttered the old, familiar words—"But there's a wee road here that would save us about

three miles.

The three driving tests were spaced through the event and the first—a long and complicated forwards-and-reverse affair amid pylons and astride stops, plus a rapid finish within a limited area was set out at Sandilands station. Quite the best performer was Sammy Colman, who motored his long Allard with remarkable verve considering the test was being done in darkness. Bob Macpherson (BMW) was good but A. MacKenzie (Ford) spoiled a fine display by hesitating in the finish area. Tom Currie (Austin) braked too suddenly and had his car die on him, while David Jack (Sunbeam) and Bill Cleland (Riley) were consistent as ever and set the best times for their class.

The second test, set around a triangle on the road near Uplaymoor, saw Francis Dundas at his best in the Morgan. G. C. Mowat (Austin) was very neat, but we couldn't say the same for J. T. Gray (Vauxhall), while Bill Dennison (Healey) was going great guns until he copped a pylon. Once more David Jack and Bill Cleland headed their class and A. Coke (Ford) gave a particularly good display of manœuvring.

Coming Attractions

- July 8th/10th. Veteran C.C. Silver Jubilee International Rally. Finish at Leamington.
- July 8th/18th. G.B. Car Clu London-Languedoc-Sète Rally. G.B. Car Club
- July 9th. International Exercises (R, S). Start, 3.30 p.m.

 National Six-Hour International Leinster
 - M.C. National Six-Hour Relay Race, Silverstone, near Towcester, Northants. Start. 1 p.m.
 - South Wales A.C. Hill-climb, Castel Farm, near Bridgend, Glam.
 - Taunton M.C. Night Rally. Start, 10 p.m., from Purchase's Market Garage, Priory Bridge Road.
 - R.S.A.C. Veteran Rally. Start, 10.30 a.m., Blythswood Square, Glas-
 - M.G. Car Club (Scottish) Grass Hill-Climb, Dreghorn.
- 9th/10th. Romford E.C.C. Night Navigation Trial. Start. 9.30 p.m., from Green Man, Navestock, near Brentwood. Essex.

July 10th. Dolomite Gold Cup Race (S, T), Italy.

- B.R.S.C.C. Race Meeting, Brands Hatch, near Farningham, Kent. Start, 2 p.m.
- Winfield J.C. Race Meeting, Charterhall, near Berwick-on-Tweed, Scotland.
- Leinster M.C. Open Hill-climb, Wicklow, Eire. Start, 3 p.m.
- East Anglian M.C. Sprint Meeting, Snetterton, near Thetford, Norfolk. Start, 1 p.m.
- Lancashire A.C. Hill-climb, Clerk Hill, near Whalley, Lancs. Start, 2.30 p.m.
- Leicestershire C.C. Autocross, Springfield Farm, near Titton, Leics. Start, 2.15 p.m.
- Brent Vale M.C. Summer Rally. Start, 9 a.m., from Byron Hotel, Greenford.
- Oxford M.C. Annual Driving Tests, Kidlington Aerodrome. Start, 2 p.m.
- Peterborough M.C. Seaside Rally.
- Birmingham Y.C. Concours d'Élégance, Stanford Court, near Droitwich, Worcs. Start, 3 p.m.
- **13th.** Sunbac "Not-a-Trial". Start, 6.30 p.m., from Castle Bromwich Aerodrome.

The final test, set in the grounds of an abandoned mansion called Trairney House, near Beith, made excellent use of the long drives with their openings off to gardens and entrances. Some smart motoring was done by I. T. Brown (H.R.G.), while among the Triumph TR2 exponents J. C. Bain was well worth watching. The Colman Allard was away at the peak of its form. Bely was again at the peak of its form, Bob Macpherson's BMW showed that despite its longevity it has quite a bit of life even yet, and, as ever, Dr. J. Watson handled his Ford Prefect dexterously and smartly.

Results were produced fairly speedily

considering the large entry and, before leaving, each competitor was able to collect a duplicated copy of a sheet in which the main awards read:

Premier Award (Archie Fraser Trophy): P. S. Hughes (Ford Zephyr). Closed cars under 1,500 c.c.: Dr. J. Watson (Ford Prefect). Closed cars over 1,500 c.c.: R. D. Macpherson (BMW). Open cars, unlimited capacity: J. C. Bain (Triumph TR2). Novice's Award: G. M. Smellie (Ford Anglia). Team Award: P. S. Hughes and R. D. Macpherson. Navigator's Award: N. A. Kennedy.

AIR TOURING GUIDE TO EUROPE

WHAT the R.A.C. Handbooks are to the motorist, so is the Royal Aero Club's Air Touring Guide to Europe to the private pilot, and the 1955 edition of this airman's "enquire within", published recently, can be thoroughly recommended to all readers who have a practical interest in flying. The greater part tical interest in flying. The greater part of the book consists of detailed information about airfields all over Europe, and in particular those of most use to the light aircraft owner and air tourist. Other sections deal with landing fees, aero clubs and pre-flight planning, while there is also an eight-language aviation vocabulary, from which those monosyl-labic, "pen-of-my-aunt" sentences, which brand the British Continental traveller, may easily be constructed to deal with most general aeronautical contingencies.

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NORTH MIDLAND M.C. MIDSUMMER MOONLIGHT RALLY 2nd/3rd July

Premier Award: 1, D. C. Tranfield/R. Cothay (TR2); 2, K. Wilkinson/N. S. Oxley (Austin A40); 3, D. Davison/D. Charles (Hillman). Pre-1950 cars: Mr./Mrs, F. H. Everitt (1939 Vauxhall 10). Novice Award: G. A. Shaw/Miss J. Maggin (Morris Oxford). Team Award: D. Allen, D. Davison (Hillman Californians).

Club Fixtures

- Cambridge '50 C.C.—Meeting, 8th July, Ancient Shepherds, Fenditton, near Cambridge.
- Alvis O.C .- Meeting, 9th July, Dun Cow, Dunchurch.
- church.

 Bentley D.C.—Meetings: 9th July, The Old Dog & Duck, Bury, Essex; Rock Inn, Chiddingstone, Kent; 11th July, Bell Inn, Outwood, near Red-hill, Surrey; 13th July, King's Head, Old Bexley, Kent; 14th July, Corner House, Canons Park, Edgware, Middx.

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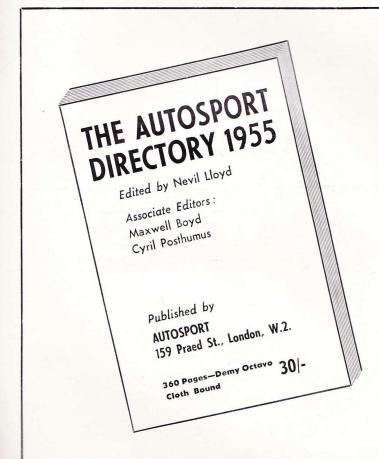
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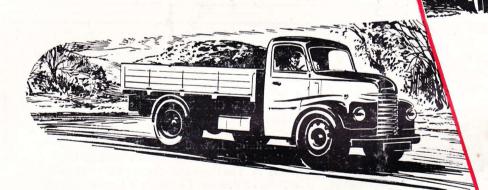






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