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GETTING THINGS IN SHAPE FOR BIG AUTO RACE EVENT

Although Frank Lockhart, one of the world's most fearless racing pilots, sacrificed his life on the altar of speed just a few days ago, his tragic death has left no effect on the daring of the other drivers, according to an announcement today by Altoona Speedway officials.

Elimination trials will have to be held because of the extremely heavy entry list for the June 16 world's championship 200-mile classic here at the speedway, the officials stated.

Mourning by his fellow knights of the roaring road, who covered his coffin with the proverbial tribute of racing to a dead comrade, a mammoth floral checked flag, Lockhart's end has been taken with the grim fatalism of the drivers, who always think that it will be some one else who will crash in the mad careening around the steep curves of the huge timber bowl.

The first major championship event of the 1928 automobile racing season here at the speedway on June 16, coming two weeks after the annual 500-mile endurance sweepstakes at Indianapolis, will find close to 40 international famous drivers eager to compete in the 200-mile event, but this field must be narrowed to 18 to comply with the iron-clad restrictions of the contest of the board of the A. A. A.

The Indianapolis brick track, because it is 2 1/2 miles in length and almost flat, is allowed to start 33 cars, but more than ten of these will be eliminated immediately because of the minimum speed of 125 miles an hour required for qualification in the June 16 dash here. Indianapolis will require only about 90 miles an hour to qualify.

The hecira of celebrated drivers & racing engineers from Europe and from the American winter quarters on the Pacific coast has already started, with Harry A. Miller, internationally known racing genius, shipping his new mystery front-wheel drive race car east this week from Los Angeles in a special express car.

Miller was the designer and builder of the motors used by Lockhart in his fleet Black Hawk special, the speed juggernaut which crushed out his life on the tragic sands of Daytona Beach.

Something of Interest for Everybody Every Day at Industrial Event Week of July Fourth.

Diversification of entertainment will be the principal feature this year of the great industrial exposition, to be held on the grounds of the Cambria County Fair Association at Ebensburg, the Fourth of July week. Not only will there be the industrial features which are the foundation of the big exposition, but there will be a dog show July 3 and 4, which will be the first licensed show in this vicinity.

Former dog shows, held at Ebensburg, were merely sanctioned by the American Kennel Club, but the licensing committee of that organization has, this year, issued a license to the exposition management, so that the show will be authoritative. Following the dog show there will be a cat show under the auspices of the American Cat Fanciers' Association, on July 5 and 6, at which will be shown some of the fancy prize cats in this country and of many different breeds.

Many notable entries have already been made. There will also be a horse show. For the free entertainment of the people on the race track the features will include Eugene Randow and his company, which really means that three of the finest outdoor clowns in the park and fair business will be present. The industrial exposition is famous among its patrons for its out door clowns. Grix Gregory with a troupe of ten tumblers and jugglers, including another clown or two, will follow the Randow bunch and the Five Jean Jacksons who are considered the cleverest trick and fancy bicycle riders on the stage or track, will also be presented. Axel Mirano will be there with a novel act, which he performs while whirling around at the top of a rather tall imitation of the Eiffel tower and it is considered one of the breathless kind that sends thrills down the spines of spectators. For those who are dog lovers and come for the dog show, the Alf Leval dog entertainment, on the track will be something worth while. This is said to be the best trained troupe of dogs in the business and for many seasons was a center ring feature with both Ringling and aBrunum and Bailey shows, before they amalgamated, and since.

Last but not least, the greatest outdoor novelty in the amusement business, which has caused laughter and amusement from Canada to Australia and from London, England to San Francisco will be Walter Stanton with his human rooster, human chicks and real fighting roosters, all in a whirlwind act of amazement and laughter. Of course there will be midway shows and also boxing matches and a week of dancing at the pavilion not to mention the fireworks, which have become a feature of all the big shows given at Ebensburg. There will also be horse racing each day of the exposition.

DEER PROVE BIG PROBLEM Some immediate method of reducing the number of deer running loose in the State must be found to prevent a famine like that in the Kaibab Forest, Rocky Mountain district, three years ago, the State Game Commission has announced.

Hundreds of deer in the State are dying of starvation, since there is not enough food to supply all the wild animals the commission reports. In Clearfield and Huntington counties especially, where the food situation is most acute, dozens are found dead close together.

Although no suggestion for solving the problem formally has been adopted by the commission, three proposals have been offered. The first is to name a State-wide doe season; the second, to let local hunters reduce the number of deer until food supplies are available for the survivors; and the third, to hire gunmen, through the Game Commission, to kill off numbers of the animals.

The commission has found that feeding of the deer is disastrous since the animals at the first feeding attempt to eat too much and many die as a result.

STEEL FRAMED KITES AND TRANSMISSION LINES BAD Kite flying season is now close at hand and officials of telephone and electric light and power companies are making strenuous efforts to call attention to the hazards of flying kites with metal frames, says the Pennsylvania Public Service Information Committee.

There is no disposition on the part of these officials toward discouraging or prohibiting the small boys' annual exhilaration which accompanies the ground end of a kite string. They simply advise the use of the "wide open" spaces away from power transmission or telephone lines.

It is not the old fashioned kite of wooden frame that motivates the warning. It is the "new fangled" box arrangement and the still newer metal aerial devices with wire "strings" that menace the person of the kite flyer as well as the cutting off of service by cross-cutting of wires. Wire "strings" should never be attached to kites.

NAVY AVIATOR GETS REVENGE ON ARMY

Outstunts Record Holder in Other Branch.

Washington.—Lieut. Alford J. Williams, navy aviator and speed record holder, has gained revenge for his branch of the service over its friendly enemy, the army.

Back in 1925, Lieut. James H. Doolittle of the army allied pontoons to his land plane, entered the Schneider international seaplane race and flew away with first place in the record time of 232 miles an hour. Then, on May 25, 1927, he performed the unprecedented feat of turning an "outside" loop, and chalked up another mark for the army.

The honors are even now. Lieutenant Williams has not only duplicated Doolittle's feat, but created a stunt new to aerial acrobatics—an outside loop from an upside-down position. In addition to shattering an army record he used an army type land plane.

How He Did It. At a height of 3,000 feet, the navy pilot's plane described a horizontal figure eight, 600 feet high, the first loop made on the Doolittle pattern, and the second starting after a half roll, while flying upside down.

In a normal loop the aviator puts the nose of the machine down slightly to obtain maximum speed, then, pulling back on the control stick, rises slowly at first and then more rapidly as the top of the loop is made. Just after the top is reached, he shuts off his motor and lets the machine fall through the last half of the loop, which looks like the letter "E" in script.

The "outside" loop begins and is completed with the airman's head on the outside instead of on the inside, as in the conventional loop. The new maneuver begins and ends with the pilot flying upside down.

In a normal loop the pilot feels he is glued to his seat. In the "outside" loop he seems to pull him out of the cockpit.

"Everything seemed to rush to my head," Lieutenant Williams said, "and for a moment I was blinded."

Crisis Comes at Half Circle. The crises of both loops were reached when they were half through, he added, and there was a strong temptation to believe they had been completed. He admitted his flying senses deceived him, and he concluded he was through with the circle when in reality he had gone but halfway around.

Fliers estimate that the centrifugal force exerts a pressure of eight to one, making it necessary for the seat of the plane to be able to support a weight of 1,200 pounds. The difficulty experienced by the pilot in maintaining his own position with reference to the controls, with the blood rushing to his head, was well known to the pilots at the naval air station at Anacostia, who witnessed Williams' flight amid gasps of amazement.

French Hoard of Gold in Secret Flooded Moat

Paris.—A fortress with a moat guards the gold of the Bank of France. Deep in the cellars of the last-built branch of the bank, in an old aristocratic palace, there is always an armed sentinel with orders to let no one but the chief director enter. The entrance to the strong room is a metal safe door seven feet thick. Inside, the gold is stored in other, supposedly burglar-proof, boxes. The moat, 65 feet deep, has a swift 10-foot flow of water in it, diverted from an underground river.

Should some master cracksman reach the big steel door, he would be in a smooth steel corridor, the floor of which would disappear from under him once he began operations. Below him would be the swift stream and all about him polished steel surfaces offering no grip. What devices there are to cause the floor to vanish are secret. Officials are so certain of the safety of their treasure that they are willing that burglars should know where France keeps her billions.

Smokes Way to Degree

St. Louis.—One student at Washington university here is helping to pay for his education by breaking in new pipes. He charges a nominal fee for aging the briars, and reports a lucrative business.

Law Makers Keep Eye on Weather

Washington.—Members of the house of representatives often pause while hastening to the floor for a roll call vote to find out how the weather is "back home."

Fastened to the wall in the corridor behind Speaker Longworth's rostrum is a huge weather map, which is marked daily to indicate atmospheric conditions all over the nation. Direction of the winds is shown by arrows, the color of which indicates whether sunlight, rain or snow prevails.

This silent spokesman for the weather bureau finds an audience almost every hour of the day. Those especially interested apparently are the representatives from agricultural sections.

SHE HAS NO FEAR OF NITROGLYCERIN

Woman Hauls It to Fire-Fighting Husband.

Amarillo, Texas.—Her husband's dangerous vocation is shared by Mrs. Tex Thornton, wife of the man who puts out fires in the oil fields by tossing nitroglycerin into the flames. But she finds no thrill in it.

It is Mrs. Thornton's job to haul nitroglycerin to her husband. Recently she drove an automobile 800 miles over rough roads, carrying 1,500 quarts of the explosive. Scores of motorists who saw Mrs. Thornton approaching abandoned their automobiles and scurried across the prairie. But she insisted there was "nothing to make a fuss about."

Mrs. Thornton had to change tires five times before she delivered the nitroglycerin to her husband, who was fighting a costly gas fire at Corpus Christi.

"My work is just colorless routine," she remarked after the perilous trip. "Tex has all the fun, and I envy him. His work really is dangerous, and he accomplishes something. My bit is incidental and anybody could do it."

Thornton's "fun" consists of donning an asbestos suit, crawling to the edge of a fire crater and hurling 50 to 100 quarts of nitroglycerin into the flames. If several blasts fail to extinguish the fire, he digs deeper into his bag of tricks and gets water and steam to help him.

Mrs. Thornton also takes care of the storage of the family stock of nitroglycerin. While she does not dread the explosive, she does fear the mice and snakes which she finds in the storehouse.

Since their marriage five years ago Mrs. Thornton has been helping Tex fight the fires. Her hobby is airplanes, and she longs for the day when her husband can buy her one.

Man-Made Earthquakes Aid Railroad Builders

Leningrad, U. S. S. R.—Man-made earthquakes, recorded some distance away upon a simple form of seismograph weighing only a few pounds, are helping Russian engineers to survey the site of the proposed Turkistan-Siberia railroad.

The method is to detonate charges of explosives underground and to record the travel of vibrations through the ground in different directions. By a minute study of the records so obtained it is possible to secure data on the geological formation of the locality.

The new seismograph invented by Prof. Paul M. Nikiforov, director of the Physico-Mathematical Institute of the Russian Academy of Science at Leningrad, is similar to one recently invented in the United States by Dr. John A. Anderson of the Mount Wilson observatory in California. Its main part, the pendulum, is a small vertical cylinder of pure gold suspended a little off center on a pair of fine wires.

Whenever there is any vibration the cylinder turns slightly, in proportion to the strength of the shock. A tiny mirror attached to the pendulum reflects a beam of light on a constantly advancing sheet of photographic paper. Every turn of the cylinder, no matter how small, shifts the light spot considerably and it traces a wavy black line. Several of the new instruments are now installed at earthquake stations in Turkistan and Crimea and give complete satisfaction.

Rock Deflects Drills, Oil Engineer Finds

Tulsa, Okla.—Because of deflection of oil-boring tools in underground strata, it is a wise oil man who actually knows where and at what level his well hits production, H. P. Bowen, Tulsa oil engineer, believes.

Bowen says flatly that no drill hole is vertical, and points to the recent instance of two offset wells coming together at a depth of 2,100 feet as proof.

He has worked out a deflection table which shows that a 6,000-foot hole that strays 25 degrees from perpendicular ends up almost half a mile from its surface location, and actually is only 5,433 feet deep.

"As a rule a rotary hole shows the greater amount of deflection," Bowen says. "It has been reported that a 6,200-foot rotary hole of the Roxana Petroleum corporation, on being surveyed, showed a deflection of 25 degrees from perpendicular. Actually, then, it was only about 5,000 feet deep."

Britons Must Import 3,700,000,000 Eggs a Year

London.—Great Britain consumes 3,700,000,000 eggs a year, and native fowls produce only 2,000,000,000 eggs. Forty-seven per cent of Britain's imported eggs come from countries outside the British empire. The sum of money spent for these eggs exceeds the value of all the motor cars, motorcycles, cycles and rubber tires which Britain exports, and the imperial economic council wants something done about it.

English hens are now laying 100 eggs each annually as against 72 eggs in the pre-war period, but their eggs are smaller. Denmark and China are the chief sources of Britain's imported eggs. It is suggested by the economic council that home-laid eggs should be identified in such a manner that the public may give them preference.

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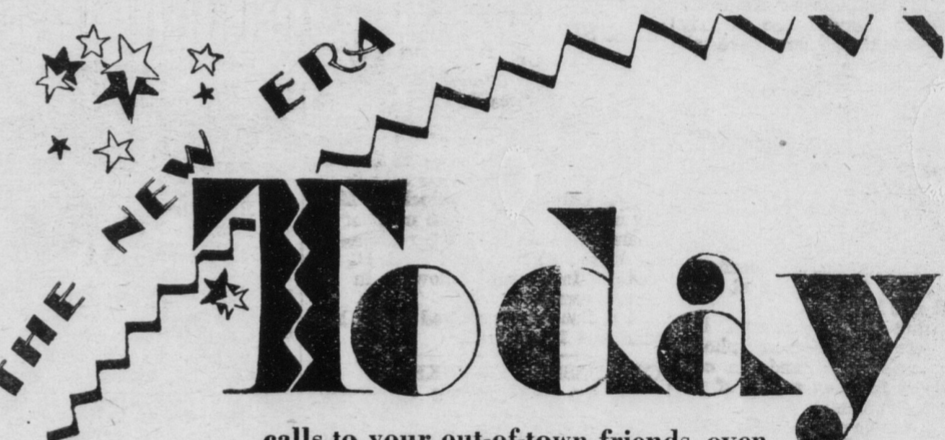
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