



Exhaust Echoes



DEPALMA MAKES TWO RECORDS LABOR DAY

Veteran Racer Annexes Titles in Two Events at Speedway—Loses Feature Race to His Old Rival.

HE BEGAN RACING IN 1898

Famous Italian Driver Gained Many Laurels with Bicycle.

Ralph De Palma and Louis Chevrolet shared honors Labor Day at the Chicago Speedway, the former winning the twenty and fifty mile events and Chevrolet capturing the big race of the day and the lion's share of the money, whatever it figures out from the gate receipts.

Track records fell, too, for in the twenty-mile race the time was 11:02.07, as against 11:34 held by De Palma himself. De Palma also took the fifty-mile record in 28:00, whereas it had been held by Resta at 31:57, made a year ago yast June. De Palma; however, holds to his record of 55:50 for the hundred miles, but if he had not lost a lap it is sure this, too, would have fallen, for there was a great battle on between De Palma and Chevrolet.

Many persons who know Ralph De Palma as one of the star racing drivers are not aware that he made his first bid for newspaper publicity as a bicycle rider, as an amateur in 1898. After four successful seasons he turned professional and won a notable victory in a twelve-hour race at Rochester, N. Y. A year later he cast aside the leg-powered vehicle for its new motor-propelled brother, and as a motorcycle racer gained considerable success on eastern tracks. After four years with the two-wheeler he became inoculated with the automobile racing fever and since 1907 has been known the country over as a successful racer.

Formation of Carbon.

The market at the present time is flooded with auxiliary air and moisture injecting devices, some of which are good and some bad. The moisture injecting devices will in most cases prevent the formation of carbon on the cylinder walls, but they are not likely to remove carbon already formed, although this claim is made for them. The air devices are practically useless, unless the owner is absolutely certain that the air range of his carburetor is insufficient. If the adjustment already on the carburetor is capable of supplying more air an auxiliary air device is a waste of money.

Spark Plugs.

When the owner removes a spark plug and finds the porcelain insulator broken, the portion which has fallen off may have made its way down between the piston and the cylinder, where it will cause scoring of the metal. This possibility should be taken into consideration, though more often the broken piece will blow out with the exhaust.

Motor Events

September 9—Chicago Motor club cross-country run to Flint Lake, Ind.

September 11—Touring Club of America membership dinner, Chicago

September 12-14—Motor and Accessory Manufacturers' midsummer meeting, Atlantic City, N. J.

September 15—Speedway—Providence, R. I.

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September 16—Chicago Motor club cross-country run to Potawatamie park, St. Charles, Ill.

September 22-9—Ford accessory show—Chicago.

September 22—Speedway races, Chicago (tentative date); track race, Allentown, Pa.

September 22-29—National exposition for Ford accessories, Chicago.

September 28—Track—Trenton, N. J.

September 29—Speedway—New York, N. Y.

September 30—Speedway races,

AIRPLANE FACTORY HAS BEEN ASKED OF WILSON

Expert Urges National Legislators to Build Big Plant Here.

President Wilson has been asked to put through a \$10,000,000 appropriation for a federal warplane factory. The suggestion, from Frederick S. Blackall, vice-president and general manager of the Taft-Pierce Manufacturing company, has been forwarded also to members of Congress and the committee on national defense.

Mr. Blackall is of the opinion that there is no American airplane at present that can stand or has been able to stand, the test of battle in Europe. He urges the building of those types of planes that have stood the strain of the fierce battles abroad. "It is generally admitted," he said, "that if the European allies had thousands of airplanes where they now have hundreds, the war would be quickly won. Obviously there is no time to lose."

BARNEY OLDFIELD WILL PILOT PLANE FOR U. S.

Veteran Racer Expects to Battle Germans on Western Front.

When Barney Oldfield stepped out of his freak racing car at Maxwellton park in St. Louis after having broken every dirt track records from one to fifty miles, it probably marked his farewell effort at shattering automobile speed marks. His wife, who attends all of his speed performances, later confirmed the fact that Oldfield may never again have opportunity to hang up new records on a track speedway.

"Barney has enlisted in the aviation corps," said Mrs. Oldfield. "He enlisted at Los Angeles and expects to be called into service some time this fall. Just now he is working on an airplane motor, which he hopes to have available in the near future for government use."

FRANKLIN CAR IS EASY TO SELL, DEALER SAYS

Bridges Points Out Fine Qualities of Machine He Is Selling.

By C. E. Bridges.

A number of people have recently traded in their old electrics toward Franklin cars.

If those who have not made this change would talk with those who have they would trade, too.

With the electric the battery replacement and short range of travel and worry over not getting back are serious drawbacks.

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It is a curious fact that the person who owns an automobile almost invariably thinks some other kind than the one he has is a better car—except a person who owns a Franklin car, and he almost invariably thinks his car the best, for he knows other makes give their owners much more trouble and do not ride as easily or give half as much mileage for a gallon of gasoline or for a set of tires.

These are only a few of the reasons for the demand for the Franklin car. They're easy to sell and it's a pleasure to sell them, since each new owner speaks a good word to his friends for the Franklin.

Trask Visiting Here.

Leland Trask of Brooklyn, N. Y., is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Trask, 1045 Ashland avenue.

MEXICO PLANS TO HAVE FINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Construction Work Includes Road from Vera Cruz to Capital.

The Mexican government has committed itself to the policy of constructing at the earliest possible time a system of modern highways that shall connect all the principal cities and ports of the country. This movement was inaugurated several weeks ago by the department of communications and public works, following the outlining of the tentative plan for construction and improvement of the highways of the country. A meeting of good roads enthusiasts from different parts of the country was held in the City of Mexico and the organization of the National Highway Association of Mexico resulted.

It is also proposed to build a modern highway to run from the City of Mexico to Vera Cruz, following the ancient highway that was built by Cortez about 400 years ago. There are still remnants of other ancient highways which were built in the

days of the Conquistadores, and wherever it is possible these old camino reals, or main highways, will be rehabilitated and put to modern use. The import during the last two months of more than 5,000 motor cars is serving as a stimulus for the good roads movement.

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