

PROGRESS Or STAGNATION!

An Editorial

"Red's" Racetrack Rambles

Hello again, racing fans! Well the weather over the week-end sure tried to make a fool of us as far as Saturday night's races were concerned anyway.

It started raining around our home stamping grounds early in the evening so we figured more than likely it was widespread since the weatherman in Wellsville had predicted showers. However, on just a sort of hunch, we finally decided to take a drive to Olean to at least "sit up with a few sick friends at the track" and maybe try to console them a little.

The further we drove towards Olean, the harder it rained so that by the time we hit Ceres it was really coming down—and was still raining when we hit Westons Mills. However by the time we reached the Olean General, it had stopped and by the time that we arrived at the track we found that we had already missed two of the amateur heats. Seems it rained there a little earlier, and since the Officials had been to Perry the preceding Sunday and saw how effective their music was over there, must have born a leaf from their book—and it worked.

A shower halted one of the "B" heats, but soon passed over, and with the cars driving around the track, soon had it in shape so that it could be restarted and the rest of the races were able to be completed.

With 68 cars on hand altogether, Olean Speedway had it's largest field of cars to date and the evenings races were highlighted by the awarding of trophies to Jack Kemp and Bud Phearsdorf, owner and driver respectively of the winning No. 47 in the Super "B" Modified feature.

The amateurs put on a thrilling chilling and spilling series of races with Howie Slocum coming home with both trophies as owner and driver of the winning car in the Amateur Feature.

The evening's program was marred when Fran Pezzimenti of Allegany and Bill Felton of Hamburg tangled on the second turn. Felton's car went high in the air on its nose and then flipped over on top of the Hale Special, driving the transmission back so that it pinned Pezzimenti's foot in the wreck which resulted in sending him to the hospital. Latest reports on his condition are that he was released from the hospital with a badly injured foot—but we doubt if it will keep him out of the racing game very long.

Bud Phearsdorf of Allegany drove a superb race—sometimes wheel-to-wheel but finally edged out Frank Chapman of Waverly, N. Y., so that when the checkered flag was dropped on the 35th lap—it was the end of the race—officially.

However, for Phearsdorf's crew, it was actually only the beginning as Frank Chapman, second place winner, lodged an official protest which made it necessary to tear down both engines. Anytime an official protest is made, in this case, Chapman protested Phearsdorf, the protester has to post \$40 and have his engine torn down also. If the protested car is legal—the owner collects the money; if it is illegal—he loses the race as well as his winning purse. The driver that lodges the protest is also subject to the same treatment if his car is found illegal when it is torn down.

Hundreds of people gathered around the cars and waited until the wee hours of the morning to find out the results and after careful "miking", much discussion, etc., it was found that both engines were legal, so "Bud" annexed another \$40 on top of the \$360 purse he won.

Complete results are: For the Amateurs—Heat No. 1 went to Howie Slocum in his 4X; No. 2 went to 2X, Art Johnson; with Houghtaling in No. 96 taking the "Consy" and Slocum winning the feature.

In the Super "B" Modifieds: Heat No. 1 was won by Bill Light in No. 172; No. 2 was taken by Norm DaBolt in No. 31; No. 3 was won by Bill Terrisi in No. 3; and Cliff Norton, who has had hard luck twisting off axles this season, won the "Consy". In the feature, "Bud" Phearsdorf took the

No. 1 slot; Frank Chapman in his No. 111 took second; Pepper Martin in No. 1X took 3rd and Cliff Pierce in No. 16 took 4th.

In other racing action—Sunday turned out to be a beautiful day so that there was an overflowing crowd at the Perry Raceway with plenty of action and thrills.

Yours truly managed to capture one of the amateurs as he rolled over between the 3rd and 4th turns, but at the time the picture was snapped wasn't sure just what position the car was in when it was shot. Later developments (heavily showed that the car was on its side on the initial part of its roll-over, so must be that new "Rolley" is working A-O K.

The Amateurs really outdid themselves putting on a good show and during the feature it looked more like a demolition derby than a race as at least 6 to 8 cars piled up around the track. In fact, standing out in the middle of the track, we couldn't help but think back to our Army days when they used to have Obstacle Courses—and that's what we would have called this race by the time that it was over as it was truly an "Obstacle Race" with smashed or stalled cars in many locations around the track.

In the Super "B" class, Art Clark really ate them up with that bomb-shell of his powered by that roaring Dodge "Slant-Six" and after winning the feature, we asked him what he thought of Chrysler products now. Art smiled and said that he was a GM fan himself, but that when he couldn't beat them—he just had to join them!

In the Modern Class—"Pete" Tingle really gave it the old "College Try" pushing his "Olds" a little too much in an effort to pass "Art" and spun out several times on the turns but still managed to stay in the race and finish in the money.

Winning results were: Amateurs—1st Heat, Ken Heywood No. 10X; 2nd Heat Don Jetter, No. 17; 3rd Heat 13 (driver unknown); "Consy", 6-pack (ditto); Feature, Don Jetter No. 17.

Super "B": 1st Heat, Herm Fitzpatrick No. 5; 2nd, Art Clark, No. 7; Feature, ditto.

Moderns: 1st Heat, Corky Hewitt, No. 2-T; 2nd Dick Flaig, No. 33; Feature Art Clark No. 7.

We understand that the Boys over in Perry are really going to have a Big-card over the Memorial Day week-end judging from the Ad that appears in this week's issue of the News.

This week-end really opens up the complete racing circuit as Angelica opens up Friday night for Amateurs and Moderns and the Sportsman's Raceway in Mills (near Ulysses) opens up Saturday night and will run both Wednesday and Saturday nights thereafter.

Speaking of the Mills track reminds us that we were visiting with Gaylord Miller, owner of the track, the other night when he came over to pick up the programs that we printed for him (36 pages each—no less), and he told us that he had headed over to Olean last Saturday night and got as far as Ceres. But, since, it was raining on and-off that far, and really coming down there—he turned around and went back home.

During our conversation we asked him about the picnic possibilities over at their track where they have a nice small artificial lake and he told us that if any of the folks wanted to hold a picnic there before attending the races either Wednesday or Saturday night—to come right along.

Well folks—time to knock it off—press time! See you at the races!

Turning Back The Pages of Andover History (Taken from the Files of The Andover News)

40 YEARS AGO

May 18, 1924 J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

William Dean, 73, died at his farm home on South Hill, May 10th. His wife, four sons and two daughters survive.

Plans are being made by the Chamber of Commerce to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Town of Andover.

J. L. Williams will serve as Trial Juror at the May Term of County Court.

P. E. Caple of Elm Valley has purchased the O. E. Allen Store in Hornell and will conduct the business in the future.

W. N. Rice, George Carr, Ames Rogers, J. Harvey Backus, Walter Perry, Floyd Slosom and C. C. Backus attended a meeting of Union Encampment at Wellsville Monday evening.

E. D. Baker has been appointed delegate to the National Hardware Dealers Association Convention in San Francisco from the New York State Association with all expenses paid. He leaves June 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holmes and daughters and Mrs. Grant Sherwood motored to Perry Sunday visiting relatives in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McGill were week-end guests of relatives in Eldred, Pa. His mother returning home with them for a visit.

30 YEARS AGO

May 11, 1934 J. H. Backus & Son, Publishers

A May Day Party held Saturday night in the Baptist Church was in celebration of the arrival of the sixth hundredth baby in which Mrs. Hattie Eggleston (Mother Eggleston as she is popularly known) was the nurse in attendance.

Mrs. Eggleston has welcomed babies to this world in the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Colorado, California, North Dakota and in the Canal Zone without the loss of a mother's life.

A white frost Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Inskip and family of Kenmore were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thorne.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildred Ham and children were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns.

Mrs. Arling Baker and Mrs. John Common were dinner guests of Miss Carolyn Hincer at Elmira Friday.

Mayor E. A. Mullen was a business visitor in Northumberland, Pa., Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Oakes of the Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, passed Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Oakes.

Mrs. Arling Baker, Miss Minnie Clair, Mrs. J. L. Williams and B. A. Clair motored to Angelica Tuesday where the ladies attended a meeting of the Past and Present Matron's and Patron's Association.



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