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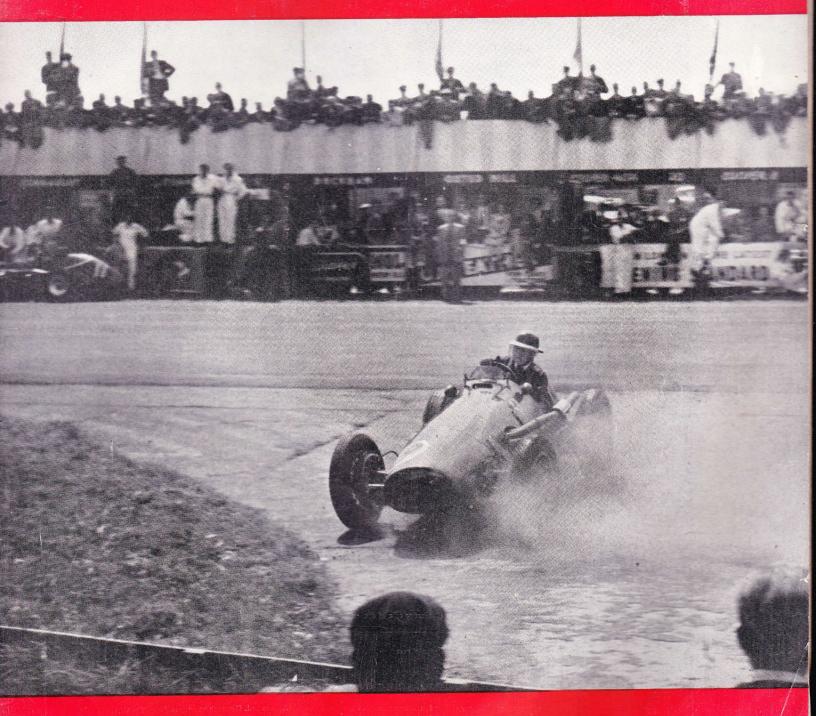
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### **EDITORIAL**

SCUDERIA FERRARI retains its present superiority in Grand Prix racing. Not only did Alberto Ascari win the 8th R.A.C. British G.P. at Silverstone last Saturday, but Giuseppe Farina, in the Thin Wall Special (a modified version of the 12-cylinder 4.5-litre F1 car) defeated two B.R.M.s, in the hands of Juan Manuel Fangio and Ken Wharton. However, in the 100 miles sports car race, British Aston Martins scored a decisive 1-2-3 victory from a field which included Jaguars, Cunninghams, a 4.1-litre Ferrari, and other very fast machinery. Naturally the F3 race produced another victory for British cars, for the entire entry was composed of home-based drivers. Nevertheless, it was a straight contest between swing-axles and the rest, with the former having to give best to a trio of Coopers led by Stirling Moss.

On the Continent, British cars did fairly well in the International Alpine Rally, gaining eight Coupes des Alpes. The successful makes were Jaguar, Sunbeam Alpine and Frazer-Nash. Miss Sheila Van Damm and Mrs. Anne Hall (Sunbeam Alpine), in winning the Coupe des Dames, became the first all-women crew ever to gain a Coupe des Alpes. Ian and Pat Appleyard (Jaguar) won the over 2,600 c.c. class and were highest-placed British car in the General Classification; this was Ian's fourth successive "coupe". One must give all credit to the marque Porsche; they won the team prize, finished 1-2-4 in the General Classification, and secured no less than six "coupes" from an original entry of nine

cars.

 $\mathbf{I}_{ ext{end}}^{ ext{T}}$  is a pity that the 24 Hours Race at Spa this weekend has caused a certain amount of ill-feeling. The Royal Automobile Club of Belgium believes that they have a grievance, and are accusing Jaguar, Aston Martin, Lancia and Gordini of failing to meet their terms of contract by withdrawing their official teams from the event. In point of fact, an official complaint has reached the Commission Sportive of the F.I.A., in which the R.A.C.B. demand the application of Article 69 of the Sporting Code; briefly this clause deals with penalties for non-starting in events for which a contract has been made, and can affect drivers' Competition Licences for the remainder of the season. AUTOSPORT feels that the Belgians may have no real case. So far as this magazine can ascertain, Jaguar never actually contracted to go; Aston Martin withdrew following a change of racing plans; Lancia's plans are unknown; Gordini's racing manager states that the concern decided not to go, and denies that engagement forms were completed. In the past, many cars have non-started through no fault of the entrants without organizers taking drastic measures. One wonders if the R.A.C.B. will be able to produce actual signed entry forms, without which no proceedings can be instigated!

#### OUR COVER PICTURE

OH, MR. HAWTHORN! For the fourth successive week the Rheims winner is featured on our cover. On this occasion the camera has caught him at the start of his spectacular spin with the Ferrari, during the British Grand Prix at Silverstone.

#### FORMULA 2 AT AIX-LES-BAINS

VILLORESI (works Ferrari) is amongst entries for the 5th Circuit International d'Aix-les-Bains, a Formula 2 race being held on Sunday next, 26th July, over the extremely twisting but picturesque course close to the Lac du Bourget. Two other Ferraris (Rosier and an unnamed driver) will be opposed by Behra, Trintignant and Schell (Gordinis), Baron de Graffenried (Maserati), Lance Macklin, Peter Collins and Yves Giraud-Cabantous (H.W.M.s), and Chiron and Bayol (Oscas). The race will be decided on the results of two 50-lap, 74½-mile heats.

#### SECOND CIRCUIT OF CAEN

Switching over from Formula 2 to sports car rulings this year is the Circuit of Caen, which takes place on 26th July. The race is to be for cars of Le Mans type, distance is 84 laps (186.4 miles) and the scene the 2.17-mile Circuit de la Prairie, in the heart of the famous "D-Day" Norman town.

#### SUPERCHARGERS BANNED IN LISBON JUBILEE G.P.

Use of superchargers is forbidden in the 169-mi'e sports car G.P. to be run over 50 laps of the 3.38 mile Monsanto circuit at Lisbon, Portugal, next Sunday, 26th July. The race will be divided into three capacity classes, for up to 1,100 c.c., up to 2,000 c.c., and over 2,000 c.c. cars. Peter Whitehead is a likely starter with an XK 120C Jaguar.

#### NEW CAR FOR MOSS

STIRLING MOSS will shortly have completed a new Cooper F2 car, modified to have a Wilson pre-selector gearbox mounted close to the rear axle. It is hoped to have the car ready in time for either next month's German G.P. at Nürburgring, or the Swiss G.P. at Berne. For the present, the Alta engine will be used.

KARL KLING is to drive a 3-litre Alfa Romeo in Mexico's Pan-American road race in November. Mercedes-Benz will not be running, despite rumours.

#### DRAMA IN THE AVUSRENNEN

John Cooper Wins F.3 Race with Record Car Despite Opening Lap Melee-Swaters (Ferrari) First in Formula 2 Event after dual with Rodney Nuckey (Cooper-Bristol)

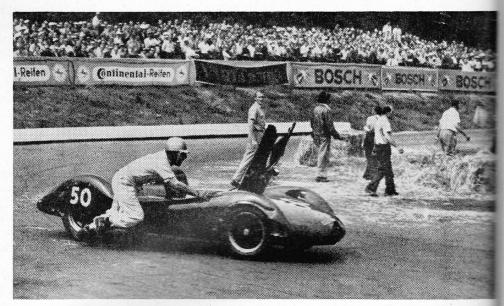
The success of the British 500 c.c. Coopers in the International Formula 3 race at the Avus track in the Western Zone of Berlin, on Sunday, 12th July, was not secured without much trial and tribulation. After knocking the lap record down from 3 mins. 26 secs. to 3 mins. 13 secs., and then to 3 mins. 7 secs. during practice, John Cooper in the aerodynamic car had high hopes for the race itself, only to be involved in a first lap mix-up, when André Loens (Kieft) ran into the back of Brandon's Cooper. A German-driven Cooper close behind swerved to miss and turned over without serious personal mishap, Swiss driver Jacob Keller dodged in his Gilera-engined Special, and John Cooper, coming up behind, took avoiding action, hit a wall, then struck Keller's car. Brandon retired, and Cooper, his engine stalled, restarted and

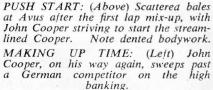
tore back into the race after a loss of

The very fast circuit with its high banked turns gave Cooper full opportunity to use the speed of his streamlined car. Attaining speeds of 130 m.p.h. down the straight, he reduced his practice lap record to 3 mins. 2 secs., rapidly gaining on Rodney Nuckey and the German driver Ahrens, both Cooper-mounted, who were fighting for the lead. John Cooper caught them six laps from the end, to run out a winner at 93.58 m.p.h., a speed which would have been much higher but for the initial five-car mêlée.

Ahrens spun round and dropped back to sixth place, Nuckey took second place, Kuhnke's Cooper was third, Loens's Kieft fourth and Adolf Lang (Cooper) fifth.

Alan Brown and Rodney Nuckey both





turned out with Cooper-Bristols for the Formula 2 event, and shared second best practice times to Jacques Swaters of Belgium in his 4-cylinder Ferrari. In the race, Nuckey was round first on the opening lap, followed closely by Swaters and Brown. The latter then made a sensational spurt into the lead, only to crash, whereupon Nuckey and Swaters waged a terrific "ding-dong", the yellow Ferrari eventually drawing away from the Cooper.

Then Nuckey broke a suspension wishbone and perforce slowed up, to be passed before the finish by a Veritas trio, Hans Klenk, Theo Helfrich and Hans Herrmann. The winning Ferrari averaged 117.6 m.p.h.

Stirling Moss and John Cutts (Sunbeam-Talbot "Alpine") during the 47.7 kiloms, timed test on the Circuit of the Dolomites.

This XVIme Rallye International des Alpes, organized by the Automobile Club of Marseilles and Provence from 10th-16th July, 1953, over a 2,000-mile course which included 31 of the highest mountain passes in France, Italy, Switzermountain passes in France, Italy, Switzer-land, Austria and Germany, was very much easier than anticipated. The dreaded Gavia Pass, which had proved so difficult in Liége-Rome-Liége, did not have the same terror for comparatively fresh crews and cars, and did little to

fresh crews and cars, and did little to penalize the better competitors.

A record number of 25 Coupes des Alpes, awarded for an unpenalized run, were won by competitors from seven nations; of these, six went to British crews, and two more to British cars driven by Continental drivers.



### XVIme RALLYE INTERNATIONAL DES ALPES

Challenge of the Mountains Decisively Defeated—Twenty-five Coupes des Alpes Awarded, Eight to British Cars—Striking Success by Sheila Van Damm/Anne Hall (Sunbeam-Talbot)-The Appleyards Collect Another "Coupe" for Jaguars

Ian and Pat Appleyard (Jaguar) won their fourth consecutive Coupe des Sheila Van Damm and Anne the first all-feminine équipe ever to win one of these coveted Rally awards.

one of these coveted Rally awards.

Porsche cars were used by crews filling three of the first four places in general classification, including the outright winners, Polensky/Schluter, the victors in the recent Rallye Travemünde. Of British makes, Sunbeam-Talbots with four Coupes des Alpes, and Jaguars, with three Coupes des Alpes, were the most successful. The coefficients used to establish the general classification did not favour a car above 2-litres cubic not favour a car above 2-litres cubic eapacity, and no British crew was ever placed higher than fifth in this classification.

#### FIRST STAGE

Marseilles to Cortina d'Ampezzo, 584 miles. 10th/11th July, 1953.

Of the 11 non-starters in a record entry of 113, the only British absentees of note were Len Potter (Panhard) and

# John Gott

Tommy Wisdom (Jaguar), who had unfortunately not fully recovered from the burns sustained at Le Mans.

The entry was of an extremely high quality, including the Ferraris of Herzet and Vegler, the 2,500 c.c. Lancia Gran Turismos of Count Lurani, Gatta and Fabrégas, several Type 1950 "Sprint" Alfa Romeos, the six new Sunbeam "Alpines" and Ian Appleyard in his new Jaguar, RUB 120.

Just before the start, however, there were strong rumours that the Gavia Pass, used in the Alpine for the first time, would be impossible even for cars of this quality. Such experienced drivers as Gatsonides (Ford Taunus) and Count Lurani, complained to the club officials who, however, were rightly convinced that their fears were exaggerated, and accordingly refused to alter the route.

The cars started from Marseilles at minute intervals from 9.30 p.m. onwards under a blaze of floodlights on the Vieux Port, where an enormous and knowledgeable crowd was assembled.

The first mountain hazard of this stage was the Col d'Izoard, which had to be climbed at dawn. Burgess and Juer climbed at dawn. Burgess and Juer (Aston Martin DB2) were, however, unlucky enough not even to reach this far, being eliminated at Gap by a broken front coil spring attachment. Wadsworth and Corbishley (Healey Silverstone), previous winners of a Coupe des Alpes were also put out early on by Alpes, were also put out early on by mechanical trouble.

On the descent from Mont Genèvre into Italy, Mrs. Tozzi-Condivi (Sunbeam-Talbot), was involved in an accident, which unfortunately resulted in her daughter and herself being detained in

hospital at Susa.

After a high-speed run along the Autostrada to Milan, the cars completed a timed test of a standing kilometre at Monza. Speeds returned for this were such lower than expected probably due. much lower than expected, probably due to a strong wind blowing down the main straight against the cars. The results of straight against the cars. The results of this test were to be vital in establishing the general classification, which was decided by applying a coefficient, varied according to cubic capacity, to the per-formances recorded in the five timed tests. Several drivers were severely handicapped by a momentary misfire in their engines. One of these was Alex von Falkenhausen (Frazer-Nash), the 1952 winner, whose time of 38 sccs. was sufficiently slow to prevent him from repeating his success of the previous

After a compulsory break at Monza, of which most crews took advantage and managed to sleep despite the torrid heat, the cars arrived at Male for the run into Cortina d'Ampezzo over the Mendola,



First in the General Classification, the 1½-litre Porsche of Polensky and Schluter seen on the Falzarego Pass.



Costalunga, Pordoi and Falzarego Passes. This section did not prove as difficult as last year, possibly because the cold and a fall of snow on the Pordoi Pass kept the tourist traffic off the narrow roads. Nevertheless, several crews who were delayed by a level crossing only just made the Cortina check in time. Count Lurani, for instance, clocked in with 30 secs. to spare. Mesdames Mitchell and Leavens (Ford Zephyr), who were held up at the same crossing, lacked the Lancia's speed and were 11 mins. late.

In all, 91 crews arrived at Cortina, of which 61 were unpenalized; this was a far higher proportion than in 1952.

When the results of the Monza test were calculated, it was seen that the Rally was being led by two feminine crews, Mesdames Pochon and Terray (Renault), and Mlle. Thirion and Mme. Renault), and Mlle. Thirion and Mme. Renaud (1,500 Porsche). Polensky and Schluter (Porsche) were already lying third, whilst the best British crew was the Le Mans Frazer-Nash of O'Hara Moore and John Gott, in 14th position.

Results of Monza Test (Standing kilometre) 750 e.c.: Schollemann (Panhard), 433/s secs. 1,000 e.c.: Parucci (Panhard), 422/s secs. 1,300 e.c.: Cavallini (Fiat) and Flower (M.G. TD). 424/s secs. 1,300 c.c.: Cavailini (Flay and 1, 2), 424/5 secs.
1,600 c.c.: Mile. Thirion (Porsche), 351/5 secs.
2,600 c.c.: Herzet (Ferrari), 334/5 secs.
2,600 c.c.: Vegler (Ferrari), 342/5 secs.
Unlimited: Appleyard (Jaguar), 323/5 secs. (B.T.D.).

#### SECOND STAGE

Circuit of the Dolomites. Cortina d'Ampezzo-Cortina d'Ampezzo. miles. 12th July, 1953.

The second stage was run over the Dolomite Circuit as a curtain-raiser to the seventh Coppa d'Oro della Dolomite, won at record speed by P. Marzotto (Ferrari). To compensate for roads closed to other traffic and carefully guarded by police, the average speeds were increased. Competitors started

Maurice Gatsonides ruefully views his battered Taunus, after it fell down 40 ft. during the ascent of the Gavia Pass.

immediately, with cold engines, on a timed climb of 47 km. (29 miles) over the Falzarego and Pordio Passes. best time was made by Hoerning (Jaguar), with 42 mins, 2 secs., but Polensky on the Porsche returned the fantastic time of 42 mins, 41 secs., which took him into a lead in general classification, which he never again loss. cation which he never again lost.

Although not so numerous as in 1952, when the roads were treacherous with icy rain, there were several accidents. Barker and Sleep (Sunbeam-Talbot) crashed on the descent of the Passo Rolle, the car being too badly damaged to continue, although the crew were un-hurt. Elliott and Wright were not so lucky when their Sunbeam-Talbot failed to negotiate a left-hand bend in Belluno and hurtled into a pile of straw bales. Both were injured but not long detained

Mechanical trouble was also rife. Gibson and Milne (M.G. TD) retired on

Ian and Pat Appleyard (Jaguar) in the Pordoi Pass, during the Circuit of the Dolomites test.

the Pordoi with engine trouble. Plateo retired his Lancia Aurelia for the same reason, and, in all, 12 competitors were eliminated before reaching Cortina. Of the 79 remaining competitors, 50 were still unpenalized, which was another record.

Results of Timed Test in Dolomites. 47.7 km. over Falzarego and Pordoi Passes

750 c.c.: Arnaud (Renault), 49 mins, 33 secs, 1,000 c.c.: Grosgogeat (Panhard), 47 mins, 55 secs, 1,300 c.c.: Rastit (Peugeot), 48 mins, 58 secs, 1,600 c.c.: Polensky (Porsche), 42 mins, 41 secs, 2,000 c.c.: Herzet (Ferrari), 44 mins, 8 secs, 2,600 c.c.: Gatta (Lancia), 44 mins, 15 secs, Unlimited; Hoerning (Jaguar), 42 mins, 2 secs, (B.T.D.) (B.T.D.)

When the coefficients of this test had been calculated, the ladies were found to have been displaced in general classification. Mme. Pochon lost 4 mins., due to trouble with the water pump of her Renault, and Mlle. Thirion, although still unpenalized, was having trouble with her transmission.

Polensky/Schluter were just leading Sauerwein/Castell, both in Porsches, and were being hotly pursued by Herzet/Bianchi (Ferrari). O'Hara Moore/John Gott (Frazer-Nash) were still the leading British crew, having improved their position to sixth place, whilst Ian Appleyard (Jaguar) was on the leader board for the first time in 10th position.

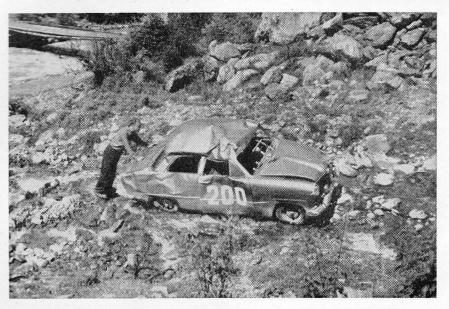
#### THIRD STAGE

Cortina d'Ampezzo-St. Moritz. miles. 13th July, 1953.

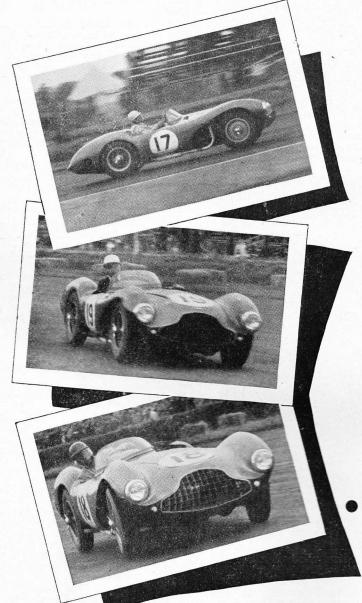
Although, with the exception of the climb over the Stelvio from Passo di Resia to the Swiss Frontier, this was reckoned to be an easy stage, several competitors were eliminated by accidents due to the wet roads. McKenzie and Simler, who had been gallantly motoring their Hillman Minx, were involved in an accident within 20 miles of leaving Cortina, and forced to retire. Needham and Dr. Kelliher (Sunbeam-Talbot), slid off the road near the same spot, and were also forced to retire.

On the twisting descent of the Gross-glockner, Grant-Norton (Jaguar) and Sutcliffe (Frazer-Nash) both came into violent contact with marker stones. The Jaguar's wheel was so badly damaged

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#### XVIme Rallye International des Alpes-

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that it could not continue further, but the Frazer-Nash was driven to Munich, where the steering and suspension were checked over, although this caused the car to be 4 mins. late out of the control.

The Munich control, at the entrance to the city, was superbly organized by the Bavarian Section of the A.D.A.C. Competitors were presented with club pennants and a packed lunch, and given every assistance. Gatsonides (Ford Taunus) made full use of this, for his engine was removed from the car, and a push rod replaced. Although he had made up much time just for such an eventuality, he was 26 mins. late at the Lermoos control.

Towards the end of the day there was a timed climb of 14 km. on the last section of the Stelvio Pass, where hairpins abounded. Best time was made by Appleyard (laguar), who, however, only managed to beat von Falkenhausen (Frazer-Nash) by a mere 4 secs.

#### FOURTH STAGE

St. Moritz-Val d'Isère. 374 miles. 15th July, 1953,

On Tuesday, 14th July, there was a compulsory rest day at St. Moritz. Several competitors took advantage of this to borrow cars and to try the Gavia Pass, whence they returned with horrifying tales of its hazards.

The officials, wisely appreciating the difficulty of passing on this narrow road, extended the interval between cars to 2 mins, but still declined to modify the route.

If the crews were refreshed by the excellent receptions arranged in St. Moritz, the cars were not so appreciative of being left in the open at approximately 6,000 feet for two nights and one day. The Frazer-Nash of O'Hara Moore and the Panhard of Parucci refused to start within the 5 mins. allowed, and the unfortunate crews, who were to complete the road section unpenalized, thereby received a penalty of 50 points, which



Coupe des Dames winners, Sheila van Damm and Anne Hall, pull their Sunbeam Alpine to the side of the road on the Falzarego to let the similar car of Leslie Johnson | John Humphrey past.

The Sunbeam Alpines, which had been going magnificently in team order, were headed by Stirling Moss, who was evidently intent on turning the tables on the veteran Murray-Frame, who had beaten him in 1952. This he succeeded

in doing.

Best Times in 14 km. Timed Climb on Stelvio Pass
750 c.c.: Fabre (Panhard). 20 mins. 501/s secs.
1,030 c.c.: Schwob d'Hericourt (Panhard). 20 mins.

351/s secs.
1,300 c.c.: Cavallini (Fiat), 20 mins, 9 secs.
1,600 c.c.: Polensky (Porsche), 17 mins, 162/s secs.
2,003 c.c.: Von Falkenhausen (Frazer-Nash), 16 mins, 523/s secs.
2,603 c.c.: Vegler (Ferrari), 16 mins, 553/s secs.
Unlimited: Appleyard (Jaguar), 16 mins, 482/s secs.

This test did not alter the position of the first three leaders in general classifi-cation, but as a result of their magnificent ascents, von Falkenhausen and Appleyard climbed to seventh and sixth places respectively. Seventy-three com-petitors were still running, of whom 41 were unpenalized, when the cars entered the parc fermé at St. Moritz.

was to cost them a Coupe des Alpes.

Mile. Thirion, whose car was still giving trouble, caused much amusement by orbiting in the park until her starting time came up, whereupon her co-driver seized the route card, sprinted alongside the car and fell panting into her seat.

The main hazard of the day was undoubtedly the Gavia Pass, but it was not to prove so terrifying as expected. Most of the experienced crews managed to complete this section without penalty, although it must be admitted that the clocks were approximately 2 mins in favour of the competitors. Several crews, including the Appleyards, were held up by a block on the pass for approximately 4 mins., yet managed to clock in on time.

Many cars, however, bore marks of violent collision with hard objects, and Gatsonides shot off the road and dropped some 40 feet on to the rocks by a stream. The crew were uninjured and

the battered Taunus later appeared at Cannes under its own power.

The ascent of the pass under maximum power and the descent under maximum braking caused several retirements, of which the most noteworthy were the Alfa Romeos of Damonte and Zweifel. Bill Banks, who had been going extremely well in the Bristol in which he had so nearly won the Tulip Rally, also had to retire at Edolo with rear axle

On the run along the Autostrada to Santhia, the Sunbeam Alpines, so far unpenalized and intact, lost Leslie Johnson, whose car had been without top gear for some time, and could no longer stand the strain of attempting to average 65½ m.p.h. in third gear.

The final stage of the section from Pre St. Didier to Val d'Isère included a timed climb of seven kilometres on the Petit St. Bernard, but despite this incentive, many crews only just arrived at the check in time.

During the day Mesdames Pochon and Bousquet retired their Renaults on the Gavia, where Mme. and Mlle. Hammersley lost much time with their Lancia

As a result, Mesdames Mitchell and Leavens brought their Ford Zephyr into second place in the Coupe des Dames behind the unpenalized Sunbeam Alpine of Sheila Van Damm.

The first three places in general classification remained unchanged, but Polensky, who had climbed the Petit St. Bernard, in almost 23 secs. less than any other car in his class, further widened between himself and his the gap Appleyard was still pursuers. leading British competitor.

Results of Timed Climb of 7 km. on Petit St. Bernard

750 c.c.: Stempert (Panhard), 9 mins, 27 secs, 1,000 c.c.; Schwob d'Hericourt (Panhard) and Gerakis (Panhard), tie at 9 mins, 44 secs, 1,300 c.c.; Cavallini (Fiat), 8 mins, 301/5 secs, 1,600 c.c.; Polensky (Porsche), 8 mins, 71 secs, 2,000 c.c.; Von Falkenhausen (Frazer-Nash), 8 mins, 92/te secs, 1,600 c.c.; Von Falkenhausen (Frazer-Nash), 9 mins, 92/te secs, 1,600 c.c.; Von Falkenhausen (Frazer-Nash), 9 mins, 9 mins,

92/5 secs, 2,600 e.c., Vegler (Ferrari), 8 mins, 21 secs, Unlimited: Hoerning (Jaguar), 7 mins, 58 secs, (B,T.D.).

#### FIFTH STAGE

Val d'Isère-Cannes. 359 miles. July, 1953.

When the 61 survivors left the parc fermé at Val d'Isère to tackle the final stage to Cannes over the Glandon, Croix de Fer, Galibier, Izoard, Vars and Allos Passes, it was obvious that only mech-anical trouble or accidents could upset the finishing order.

The team prizes were already in the custody of Porsches and Panhards, and with the exception of the unlimited class, which was almost a Jaguar preserve, no British class win was probable. To British class win was probable. offset this, British crews were holding first and second places for the Coupe des Dames Trophy, and British crews stood a chance of gaining eight Coupes des Alpes.

A matter of minor interest was whether or not von Falkenhausen (Frazer-Nash) could overhaul Appleyard (Jaguar) in the general classification and so take the honour of being the best placed entrant of a British car. This he failed to do by .408 point.

The number of potential Coupes des Alpes winners was reduced by the retirement of Peter Collins (Sunbeam Alpine),

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Following Le Mans and Rheims successes . . .

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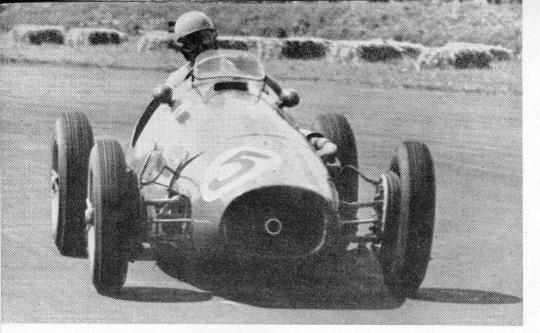
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one wonders how many fabulous tales were told to provide excuses for not being at the office. Mike Hawthorn turned up with a  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -litre Ferrari for the

Formule Libre race, in place of the " $4\frac{1}{2}$ " originally entered. He put in the quickest tour on the Thursday training, by clocking 1 min. 58 secs. in the wet.

SILVERS

Ascari Wins British Defeats B.R.M.s in in Formula 3 Event.



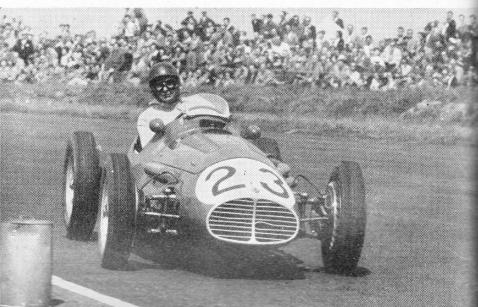
G.P. WINNER: (Above) Alberto Ascari at Woodcote with his Ferrari, RUNNER-UP: (Right) Juan Manuel Fangio (Maserati) at Copse Corner.

ALBERTO ASCARI proved at Silver-stone last Saturday that he is indeed a World Champion. He led the British Grand Prix in his Ferrari from start to finish, averaging 92.97 m.p.h., and heading Juan Manuel Fangio (Maserati) by one minute. Both Ascari and José Froilan Gonzalez (Maserati) established a new F2 lap record with 1 min. 50 secs. (95.79 m.p.h.). Mike Hawthorn (Ferrari) did a spectacular "gilhooley" in front of the pits, after coming unstuck at Woodcote. He revolved on to the grass, ran backwards, but managed to keep his engine running. Tony Rolt (Connaught) went out after 71 laps when in sixth place; young Jimmy Stewart (Cooper-Bristol) then moved up to this position, but unfortunately pranged his car at Copse Corner after a memorable drive. Bira's Connaught, in seventh position, was the highest-placed British car.

"Nino" Farina pulled off a surprise win with Tony Vandervell's Thin Wall Special Ferrari in the *Formule Libre* race, and became the first man to lap Silverstone during a race at over 100 m.p.h. Farina, driving with all his old mastery, kept both Fangio and Wharton (B.R.M.s) at bay.

Aston Martins had a most decisive victory in the sports car event, the new DB3S cars finishing 1-2-3, led by Reg Parnell. Only real challenger to the David Brown machines was Tony Rolt (C-type Jaguar), but he was eliminated with engine trouble after 21 laps.

Stirling Moss had almost a runaway win in the Formula 3 race, in which Coopers took the first three



places, with Eric Brandon and Stuart Lewis-Evans following Moss over the line. As the millions of televiewers saw, Charles Headland (Martin-Headland) left the road on the grandstand side, shot across the track in front of several cars, and finished up in the pits, amidst a shower of pieces of barricade.

SILVERSTONE on Saturday morning presents as gay a scene as any Continental grande épreuve. Thousands of cars make their way into the big parks, to join the vast caravan town which has sprung up overnight. From hundreds of Calor gas cookers come the appetizing odours of countless bacon and egg breakfasts. For British motor-racing folk are becoming more and more like their fellow-enthusiasts across the English Channel; the two big Silverstone meetings organized by the B.R.D.C. and the Daily Express have the proper carnival atmosphere—even to the extent of many sideshows, and the inevitable three-card trick men.

Naturally the practising periods attracted a large crowd of onlookers, and

Friday was dry; in the G.P. list, the lap record went for a Burton many times, Ascari finally finishing up with 1 min. 48 secs. (97.57 m.p.h.). Gonzalez and Hawthorn both did 1 min. 49 secs. Fangio and Farina 1 min. 50 secs. Fastest of the British drivers were Tony Rolt (Connaught) and Ken Wharton (Cooper-Bristol) with 1 min. 54 secs. Lance Macklin (H.W.M.) and Ken McAlpine (Connaught) accomplished 1 min. 57 secs.

Fangio just missed doing a "ton" lap with the B.R.M., his 1 min. 46 sees. being 99.41 m.p.h. Farina (Thin Wall) was only 1 sec. slower, and Wharton (B.R.M.) a couple of seconds. Reg Parnell (Aston Martin) was quickest of the sports car drivers with 1 min. 54 sees. Roy Salvadori (Aston Martin) and Phil Walters (Cunningham) were next with 1 min. 56 sees. Moss and Don Parker (Kieft) headed the F3 brigade with 2 mins. 3 sees., Brandon and David Clarke (Cooper) doing 2 min. 4 sees.

#### THE 500 c.c. RACE

So we come to race day. At 10.15 a.m. the 500s are let loose, and there is great activity on the part of B.B.C. TV technicians. Based on practice times, the starting grid is as follows:—

# TONE SATURDAY

Grand Prix for Ferrari-Farina (Thin Wall Special) Formule Libre—Stirling Moss (Cooper) Victorious and Reg Parnell (Aston Martin) in Sports Car Race

#### STARTING GRID

D. A. Clarke Brandon (Cooper) (Cooper) (Kieft) 2 m. 04 s. 2 m. 04 s. 2 m. 03 Parker Moss (Cooper) 2 m. 03 s. Lewis-Evans Brown Leston (Leston) 2 m. 06 s. (Cooper) 2 m, 05 s. (Cooper) 2 m. 05 s. Truman Fenning Coombs (Cooper) (Staride) (Staride) 2 m. 09 s. 2 m. 08 s. 2 m. 07 s. Headland (Martin-Headland) 2 m, 07 s. Wicken Sanderson Taylor (Staride) 2 m. 10 s. (Martin) 2 m. 09 s. (Cooper) 2 m. 11 s. Westcott Smith (Smith 500) 2 m. 11 s. Swan (Cooper) (Kieft) (Kieft) 2 m. 11 s. 2 m. 11 s. 2 m. 11 s. Moor (Wasp) 2 m. 12 s. Burgess Wood (Mackson) 2 m. 12 s. (Arnott) 2 m. 13 s. Grose Greenall T. J. Clarke Smith (Grose) (Cooper) (C.B.2)\* (Kent-Smith) 2 m. 18 s. 2 m. 16 s. 2 m. 14 s. 2 m. 13 s. Lones Symonds Bueb (Tiger Kitten) 2 m. 21 s. (Cooper) (Cooper) 2 m. 19 s. 2 m. 18 s. Gregory Bacon (Staride) (Cooper) 2 m. 32 s. 2 m. 22 s.

Kenneth Evans drops the flag; immediately Moss, Brandon, Clarke and Parker streak away, chased by Headland and Leston. The unlucky Alan Brown has his project sought to a strength whose his engine cough to a standstill, pushes it to the pits for a plug change, and sets off a long way behind the field. Parker's race doesn't last long, for he stops for good at Club Corner before completing

Moss pulling out a slight lead from Clarke and Brandon, and Headland trying hard to pass all of them. Leston is keeping in front of Fenning-but only just. Moss is rumoured to have a spot of nitromethane in his fuel, and his car is certainly motoring at a respectable pace. There is plenty of excitement on lap 2. Headland overdoes it at Woodcote, tears on to the grass and hits the small verge barriers for six, then careers across the track in front of the oncoming pack. The silver Martin-Headland spins into the pits area, collecting an unlucky reporter on the way, and scattering the pits marshals right and left. Mr. Headland is, of course, now out of the race.

Brandon manages to get past Clarke, but Moss is definitely getting well out in front. Wicken packs up at Copse with engine bothers, Greenall's engine fades out with presumed fuel starvation going up Abbey Curve, whilst Leston retires near Parker's abandoned car. Moss's second lap equals the existing F3 record

of 2 mins. 2 secs.

Brandon and Clarke are having a roper ding-dong, and now Stuart Lewis-Evans comes into the picture after a

HEY-STOP!: (Below) Whilst the oil flag is displayed, the black flag and appropriate number board are waved almost in Gonzalez's face, as marshals try to get him to stop to check a slowish start and seems to be firmly in fourth spot, ahead of Fenning and Coombs. Farther back, Sanderson and Truman are going at it hammer and tongs, whilst farther back still there is a most exciting dice between Burgess and Westcott, with Gray coming up to join Westcott, with Gray coming up to join the party.

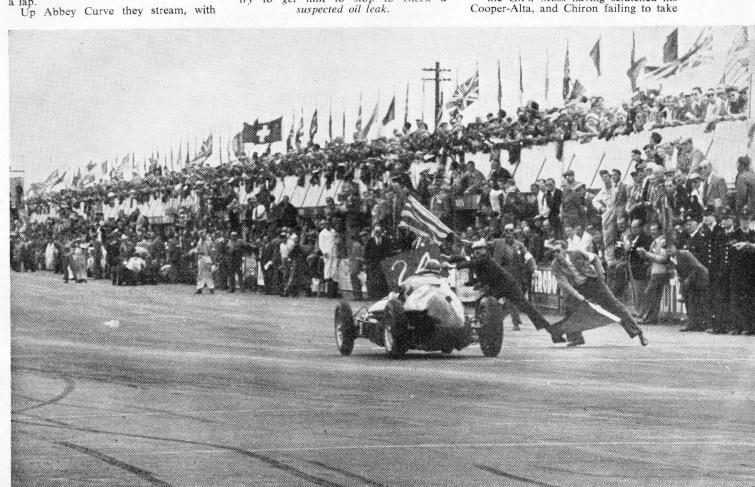
With five laps gone, Moss has piled up a 12 secs. lead over Brandon, who is a second in front of Clarke. Lewis-Evans is drawing closer and closer, and Coombs is a threat to Fenning. Truman has managed to sort himself out from Sanderson, who is getting the hang of his new Staride. Jack Moor retires with the Wasp, smoke pouring from a holed piston. Clarke pulls in on his sixth lap with oil pump trouble, and packs up after a fine drive. The Westcott-Burgess-Gray battle continues, although the Mackson's motor sounds a trifle ropey coming out of Woodcote. Clive Lones breaks a con. rod on Tiger Kitten.

Stirling eases up and holds his 12 secs. advantage, and Lewis-Evans goes all out to catch Brandon. Alan Brown is rocketing through the field after his initial delay, whilst Coombs has managed to overtake Fenning. Sanderson is now being challenged by the Kent-Smith, and Fenning is having to drive all he knows to keep Truman out of fifth place.

Moss canters home with 16 secs. over Brandon. Lewis-Evans equals the lap record on his final tour, finishing only 3 secs. behind Brandon. Coombs, in fourth place, leads the swing-axle fourth place, leads the swing-axle brigade, and Smith gains a well-merited seventh place in his "one-off" Kent-Smith, followed by Brown who picked up amazingly well after starting nearly a lap behind. Clarke's C.B.P.2 comes in 10th.

#### THE 8TH BRITISH GRAND PRIX

THERE are a couple of non-starters for the G.P., Moss having scratched his





START: Ascari, Villoresi and Farina (Ferraris) are seen in line ahead on the left; Lance Macklin (H.W.M.) is immediately behind Gonzalez (Maserati, No. 24), whilst Fangio (No. 23) is directly ahead of Marimon (Maserati) and Hawthorn (Ferrari).

up his entry with the Osca. Italian cars occupy the first two ranks on the grid, with Marimon's blue and yellow Maserati preventing an all-red turn-out. Ken Wharton and Tony Rolt share Row 3 with the Gordinis of Harry Schell and Maurice Trintignant. The line-up is:

#### R.A.C. BRITISH GRAND PRIX STARTING GRID

Wharton (Cooper-Bristol) 1 m. 54 s. 1 m. 52 s. 1 m. 52 s.

Whitehead McAlpine Macklin (Cooper-Alta) (Connaught) (H.W.M.)
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Crook Rosier Collins Behra (Cooper-Alta) (Ferrari) (H.W.M.) (Gordini) 2 m. 07 s. 2 m. 06 s. 2 m. 04 s.

Salvadori (Conwaught) Fairman de Graffenried (M.W.M.) (Maserati) 2 m. 32 s. 2 m. 09 s.

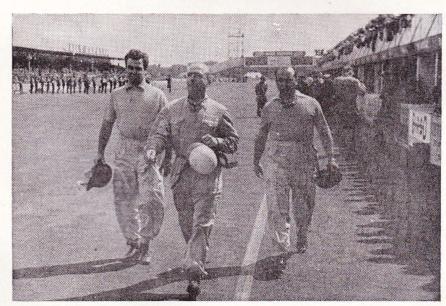
As the Union Jack is raised, the front rank creeps purposefully forward, and as it falls, Ascari gets away to a wonderful start, and is first into Copse Corner, with Villoresi, Macklin, Marimon, Fangio and Gonzalez in hot pursuit. McAlpine and Crook fail to move

off, and both retire. Ascari has the bit between his teeth, and is obviously determined to keep in front. He tears past the stands after the first lap one second ahead of Fangio, who has passed three cars and is being pressed by his team-mate Gonzalez. Close behind are Villoresi, Marimon, Hawthorn, Farina, Schell, Trintignant, Bonetto, Macklin and Rolt in that order.

Next time round, Gonzalez has moved in front of Fangio, and the two snarling Maseratis are chasing Ascari; but the World's Champion is actually increasing his lead. On his second lap he cracks the existing circuit record with 1 min. 51 secs., a speed which is equalled by Gonzalez on the next lap.

Hawthorn, in fifth place, has a few most terrifying moments as his Ferrari leaves the road coming out of Woodcote to start on his third lap, crashes into "Headland's barrier", almost overturns, but is skilfully held. The car shoots backwards, and Mike courageously keeps his foot down and the motor running, eventually joining the race only to stop a lap later to check over possible damage. Apparently a fuel pipe has fractured, and nearly a couple of minutes elapse before the Rheims winner gets back into circulation.

There is plenty of activity at the pits; Ken Wharton comes in with vanished oil pressure, Trintignant arrives with a broken exhaust pipe, whilst Schell has a rapid plug-change to try to cure a misfire. Pete Whitehead finds his brakes acting peculiar, and halts to have them fixed.



OFF TO WORK WE GO!: (Left to right) Onofre Marimon, Guseppe Farina and Juan Manuel Fangio, walking up to the starting grid.



WINNERS ALL: (Left to right) Nino Farina (Thin Wall Special), Formule Libre, Rcg Parnell (Aston Martin), sports cars, Stirling Moss (Cooper), Formula 3, Alberto Ascari (Ferrari), Grand Prix, and Ken Wharton (Cooper-Bristol), first all-British car and driver in the G.P.

Faster and faster goes Ascari. His fourth lap is covered in 1 min. 50 secs., but two tours later Gonzalez equals this. The Argentinian is giving the crowd plenty to shout about at the bends, but Ascari is making it all look so easy. Fangio seems content to hold third place ahead of Villoresi, and Marimon is out to catch Farina. Harry Schell packs up with ignition bothers, and Wharton calls in for more oil. De Graffenried stops with a rough-sounding engine, and has several plugs changed, losing about a minute.

With 10 laps on the board, Ascari leads Gonzalez by 6 secs., and Fangio has dropped back 11 secs. behind his

compatriot. Farther back, the inimitable Tony Rolt leads the British contingent, but the H.W.M.s of Macklin and Collins are travelling very well in company with Behra's Gordini. Salvadori has begun to pull up with his fuel-injection Connaught, but is not lapping quite so quickly as Rolt in the "carburetter car".

Ascari's brilliant driving has the Maserati folk worried. Pit signals are communicated to both Gonzalez and Fangio, but the Ferrari is still holding that 6 secs. lead. Whitehead comes in again for brake adjustment, but is soon away.

Then comes another spot of excite-

ment. As Gonzalez whistles past the stands a haze of oil appears from the tail of the Maserati, and the track becomes suspiciously shiny. Sure enough, he has laid quite a trail. Fangio's car slides viciously, and Villoresi has to do plenty of wheel-twirling to hold his Ferrari. Out comes the oil flag, and drivers immediately slow down out of Woodcote.

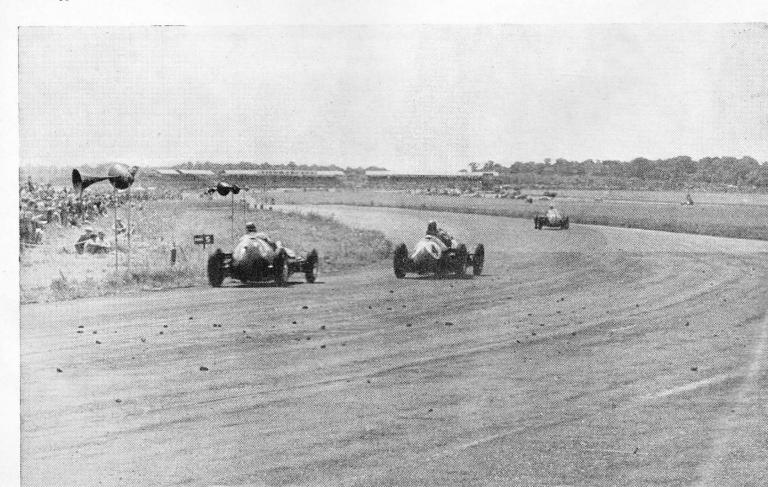
There is a hasty consultation and it is decided to bring in Gonzalez, "No. 24" is put on the board, and the black flag produced. The Argentinian shoots past, skidding on his own oil, but doesn't appear to see the flag. Next time round it is waved almost in his face, but does he ston? Does he what!

face, but does he stop? Does he what! The marshals are now becoming pretty frantic. Unless Gonzalez has gone completely blind, he must see the flag—and his number. Eventually he does pull up, and creates an almighty row in his pit, roaring that no ofl is being dropped from his car. Marshals intervene, but are shouldered off; a certain well-known journalist, attempting to act as interpreter, is pushed and nearly trips up on the pit counter. The "Prairie Bull" furiously hurls himself back into his car, and rejoins the race in fourth place.

Gonzalez's compulsory stop puts a different complexion on the whole race. Ascari now has something like 16 secs. lead over Fangio, and about 30 secs. over Villoresi. Farina and Marimon are a good three-quarters of a lap behind the leading Ferrari.

The pits are still busy. Trintignant goes out with a broken rear axle, de Graffenried has another plug-change, Bonetto also looks to the sparks depart-

ROCKY WAY: (Below) Loose stones on Chapel Curve troubled drivers in the G.P. Ascari (Ferrari) is being followed by Fairman (H.W.M.) and Gonzalez (Maserati) on the way to Stowe Corner.



Stewart's Connaught is retired with a persistent misfire. Salvadori's shirt tail is flapping in the breeze as he chases Rolt.

Although there is still a long, long way to go, Ascari's Ferrari sounds as if it can keep on for ever. Fangio is clearly outpaced, the Maserati nothing like as tidy as the "Prancing Horse" machines in the bends. Jean Behra retires with the sole surviving Gordini,

fuel pump trouble being diagnosed, H.W.M.s' run of bad luck continues when Lance Macklin's clutch disintegrates. John Heath's cars appear to be suffering from chronic clutch failure this season, which would seem to indicate that all is not well in this department of technology. De Graffenried has his accelerator pedal snap off at Stowe,

but manages to struggle to the pits only to retire. Hawthorn is gradually work-



MASERATI v. CONNAUGHT: (Above) Gonzalez and Salvadori at Woodcote, MASERATI v. FERRARI: (Right) Marimon has Farina right on his tail at Copse. Their duel was a feature of the G.P.

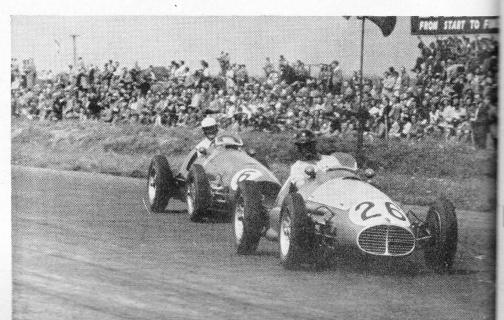
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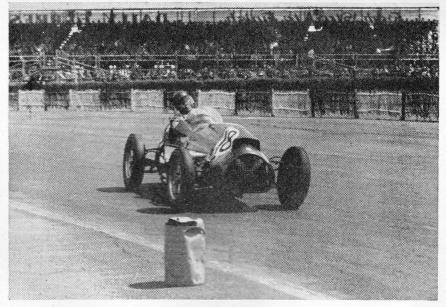
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Ecurie Ecosse's Jimmy Stewart is going extremely rapidly; the youngest driver in the race, in his very first Grand Prix, is not allowing himself to be overawed by the presence of the world's greatest drivers. Tony Rolt still circulates confidently, drawing away from the two H.W.M.s of Macklin and Collins. Salvadori has come well up, and Bira is going fine. Fairman's and Bira is going fine. Fairman's H.W.M. sounds a trifle ragged and is

H.W.M. sounds a trifle ragged and is well behind Brown's Cooper-Bristol.

After 20 laps, Ascari is 13 secs. ahead of Fangio, and has averaged 92.72 m.p.h. The race pattern is now more or less firm, with Villoresi, Gonzalez, Farina and Marimon in the next places, and it is only a matter of time before and it is only a matter of time before Ascari laps Marimon and Farina.





FLYING SCOTSMAN: Jimmy Stewart (Cooper-Bristol) of Ecurie Ecosse, whose enterprising driving delighted the crowd. He crashed when in sixth place, with about 10 laps to go!

ing his way towards appearing on the leader board.

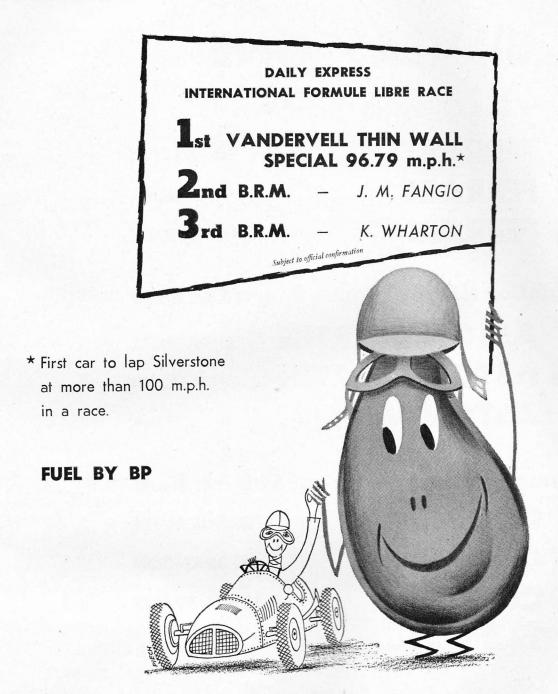
leader board.

After chasing Farina for nearly 40 laps, Marimon shoots in front of the Ferrari on his 43rd tour. Ascari has now lapped the entire field with the exception of Fangio and Villoresi, and after passing Gonzalez the fiery little Argentinian tries vainly to keep up with the Ferrari. At half-distance (45 laps), Ascari has the comfortable lead of 33 sees, over Fangio, who, in turn, is 28 secs. over Fangio, who, in turn, is 28 secs. in front of Villoresi. Salvadori is now a few lengths behind Rolt, leader

of the British cars.

Marimon is having his work cut out to stay in front of Farina, who is beginning to drive like the master he is. The young Argentinian winds away at his wheel coming through Woodcote, but Farina sits back, arms straight in front of him, merely biding his time. After more or less slip-streaming Marimon for a dozen laps, Farina makes to pass, and both cars hurtle past the stands bonnet to bonnet. Alan Brown comes in for mechanics to check his steering. Roy Salyadori discovers his Connaught to be all over the place, and packs up with a fractured radius arm, leaving Rolt completely on his own.

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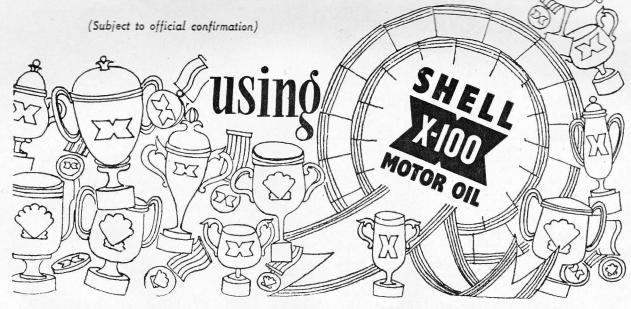
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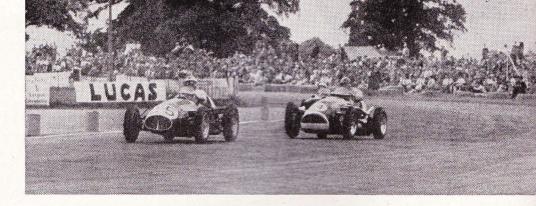
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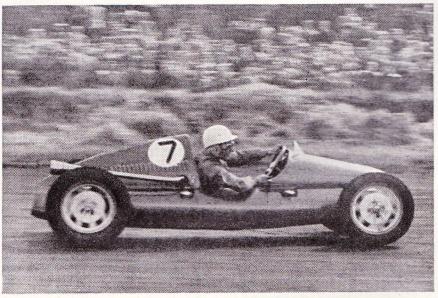
Shortly afterwards, Gonzalez refuels in just over 40 secs., with 55 laps on the score-board, and continues still firmly in fourth place.

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Meanwhile H.W.M.s' wretched luck persists. Fairman packs up with a use-

(Right) Bonetto (Maserati) about to be passed by Tony Rolt (Connaught) at Woodcote. Rolt drove a magnificent race until trouble intervened. (Below) Stirling Moss, winner of the 500 c.c. race, with his Cooper.





less clutch, whilst Collins stops at Chapel Curve with no compression. Farina pulls away from Marimon, who blows up near Copse Corner on his 64th lap, letting Hawthorn up into sixth place, with the gallant Rolt fifth and young Jimmy Stewart eighth. Shortly after Marimon's disappearance, Villoresi also fails to come round and is reported

to have broken his rear axle. Rolt stops to refuel, and Hawthorn moves up to fifth place.

The Ferrari pit now gives Farina the "faster" sign, and he responds by closing up rapidly on Gonzalez. A brief, but heavy, shower of rain makes the track slippery, and cars slither all over the place at Copse and Beckett's. With

less than 20 laps to go, Rolt's magnificent drive comes to an end at Beckett's when he pulls a half-shaft. This puts Stewart into sixth place, and the young Scotsman has the chance of being the first British driver of a British car to finish. The St. Andrew's Cross of Ecurie Ecosse is certainly flying high today. Farina successfully slips ahead of Gonzalez who is not at all happy on the successful in direct contests to Eangio

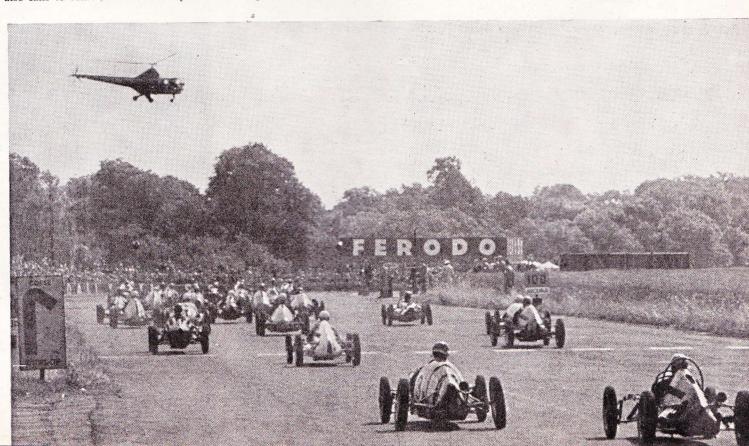
Farina success unly stips ahead of Gonzalez who is not at all happy on the wet track, in direct contrast to Fangio whose speed scarcely drops at all. With 15 laps to go, Ascari has the vast lead of 44 secs., and Fangio can do nothing about that. Bonetto, after his several pit stops, is in eighth place, and will shortly overtake Bira.

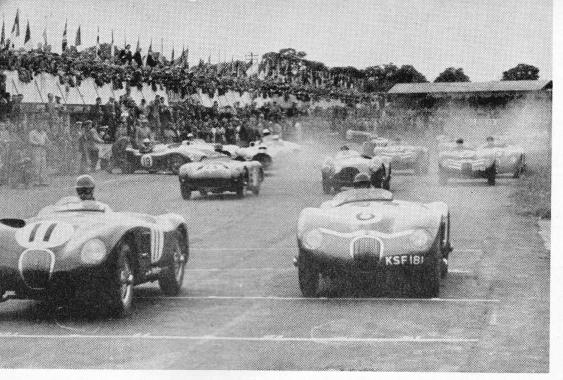
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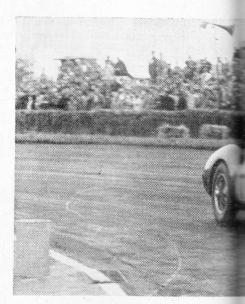
Alas and alack for Edinburgh's hopes. With 10 laps left to complete, Jimmy Stewart goes straight on at Copse Corner, and leaves the track abruptly, to finish up in a gully after knocking the "press" from a Daily Express sign. The car is too badly damaged to continue, and Jimmy walks back to the pits with sympathetic cheers from the crowd ringing in his ears. He has driven a courageous race and is most unlucky to come unstuck so near the end.

It is now practically all over bar the shouting. Ascari circulates as immaculately as ever; Fangio is perfectly con-

(Below) Whilst the "five-hundreds" stream into Copse Corner, a helicopter hovers overhead.







First appearance in a British event, the Cunningham driven by Briggs Cunningham at Copse Corner.

tent to hold his second place, whilst Farina steadily draws away from Gonzalez. Bonetto moves up to sixth place behind Hawthorn—but is many laps behind. Bira does a spectacular revolving act, but keeps his car on the road, and holds seventh place. There are only 10 cars left in the race, with Wharton, Whitehead and Rosier bringing up the rear.

Ascari finally receives the chequered flag, a full minute before Fangio appears. These two are the only drivers to complete the 90 laps, and are both a couple of laps ahead of Farina and Gonzalez. So it is Ferrari, Maserati, Ferrari, Maserati, Ferrari, Maserati, Connaught, Cooper-Bristol, Cooper-Alta, Ferrari. Bira arrives with the first British car, but Wharton collects the all-British award.

GREGOR GRANT.

#### THE SPORTS CAR RACE

The excitement and sounds of the Grand Prix having died down, Duncan Hamilton and Tony Rolt now bring out the Le Mans-winning XK 120C

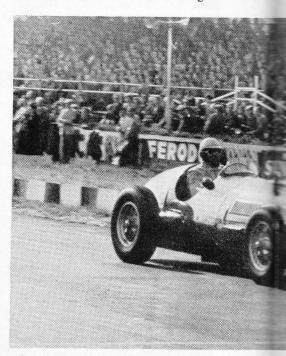
Jaguar for a lap of honour, the sleek green car and its blue-clad occupants gaining the hearty plaudits of the crowd for their performance in the great French road race. Soon the pits are bustling with activity as 21 sports cars are brought out for their 35-lap, 102-mile race. They are lined up, Le Mans fashion, with drivers on the grass verge opposite the pits, the order based on practice times, being as shown in the table on the opposite page. Tony Rolt is to drive the disc-braked Jaguar No. 11 instead of Duncan Hamilton, and Tony Crook takes Wharton's place in the de Dion back-end Frazer-Nash, Ken reserving his energies for the strenuous task of driving a B.R.M. in the subsequent Formule Libre race.

Ken Watkins (Allard) is a non-starter after a car-damaging inversion at Copse during practice; Oscar Moore (H.W.M.) and Hans Ruesch (Ferrari) do not appear either. There is still a 4.1-litre Ferrari in the race, however—one unfamiliar in American blue and white, to be handled by Bill Spear—so that, with two big Cunninghams, the purposeful Aston

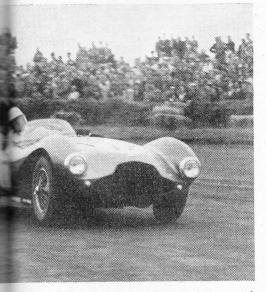
(Top, left) Start of the sports car race, with Tony Rolt and Ian Stewart (Jaguars), followed by George Abecassis (H.W.M.), Peter Collins (Aston Martin), Ninian Sanderson (Jaguar), Sir James Scott-Douglas (Jaguar), Briggs Cunningham (Cunningham) and so on. (Above) The winner, Reg Parnell, at Copse Corner in his DB3S Aston Martin.

Martin team, numerous Jaguars and Abecassis in the shapely sports H.W.M., plus a further Aston Martin/Frazer-Nash variety, a good race should be had by all.

Those two big men, Reg Parnell and Tony Rolt, both perform sprints of real "Moss" celerity when the flag falls, the Aston just beating the Jaguar to Copse, with Ian Stewart, Abecassis, Collins, Sanderson and Phil Walters forming a

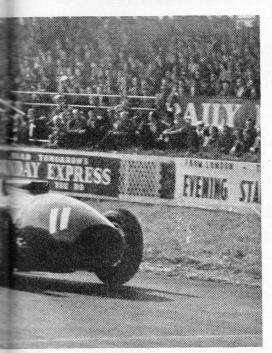


(Above) Farina flashes past the pits grandstands with the Thin Wall Special Ferrari, to win the Formule Libre race.



compact pursuit, the whole spectacle much appreciated by Villoresi, Marimon and Schell, gathered there to watch the race. Rolt clings grimly to Parnell, and for three laps Aston and Jaguar circulate with barely five yards between them, then Rolt, holding his braking to the last at Copse, whips past Parnell on the turn itself, Reg promptly tucking in close behind.

George Abecassis is going full steam in the H.W.M. too, passing Ian Stewart's Ecurie Ecosse Jaguar to hold fourth position on round 3, until a determined Phil Walters in one of the striking white and blue Cunninghams displaces him. Now compatriot Spear's Ferrari, its 12 cylinders singing a stirring song, moves up to fifth, and soon, alas, Walters does not come round at all, his gearbox having given out. A lap after this—the 8th—Tony Rolt, approaching Copse



(Right) Fangio and Wharton (B.R.M.s), followed by Richardson (R.R.A.) and Flockhart (E.R.A.) at Copse, during the Formule Libre event.

#### Line-up for the Sports Car Race

Corner very fast, slews momentarily outwards; Parnell sees his chance and is through the gap and into the lead like a flash, to the jubilation of the David Brown personnel when he comes round next time. Team-mates Collins and Salvadori are now third and fifth, the latter coming up very fast after a bad start.

Briggs Cunningham in the second of the Chrysler-engined cars now holds sixth place, but the American marque has no luck on this hard circuit, the Florida manufacturer himself retiring after 13 laps with suspected piston failure. Abecassis thereupon moves up one, but fortune is against him too, and the H.W.M. comes to a halt beyond Abbey Curve only a lap later, Ian Stewart inheriting his place.

The determined hunch of Reg Parnell in the DB3S suggests he is going to be very hard to pass a second time. Rolt, indeed, is dropping back now, and on the 21st lap the Jaguar pulls into the pits, to retire with a broken piston—bad luck after a fine drive. That makes Aston Martins 1-2-3 now—and Salvadori has nipped past Collins at Stowe Corner to snatch second place.

Meanwhile, Sir James Scott-Douglas's Ecurie Ecosse Jaguar is out with lack of oil pressure, and R. Dickson's DB3 Aston Martin is getting very hot, eventually to retire. The two Stewarts from the Scottish stable, Ian and Jimmy, now occupy fifth and sixth places behind Spear's Ferrari. Further back, H. A. Mitchell's Frazer-Nash, driven most spiritedly, heads many bigger cars, and comfortably leads Tony Crook's later wire-wheeled model, which burns rear tyre rubber on leaving every turn despite de Dion aid.

Spots of rain fall now and then, causing an anticipatory reaching for waterproofs by the thousands gathered

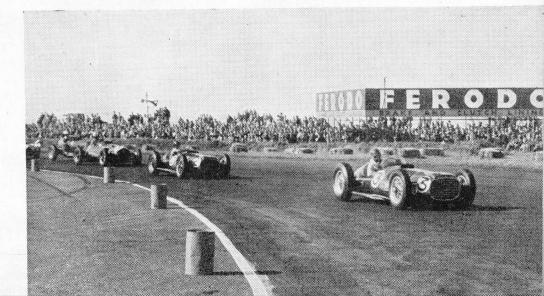
around the circuit, but the weather fortunately holds. Parnell continues to lap with high speed consistency, and not even the spirited "youngsters" of the same team, Salvadori and Collins, can do anything about him, even should John Wyer imperil a safe 1-2-3 by permitting them so to do. J. B. Swift's sixcarburetter C-type Jaguar calls in after 26 laps, and retires after 27.

And so the race runs out, the order of

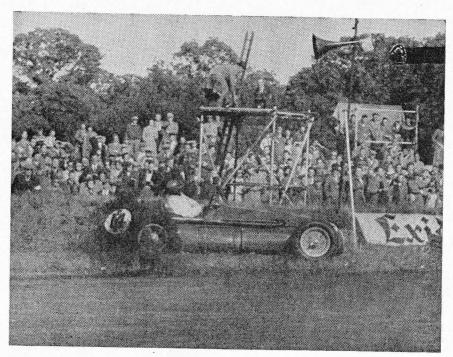
And so the race runs out, the order of the leaders remaining unchanged to the end. Reg Parnell beams as he takes the chequered flag, so does David Brown as his cars come home first, second and third, a fine demonstration of the potentialities of the latest competition Aston Martin. Bill Spear, of the U.S.A., is fourth after an expert drive in the Ferrari "4.1", Ian Stewart heads Jimmy ditto in the first of the Jaguars, Graham Whitehead (DB3) is next, followed in by Mitchell's Frazer-Nash, nicely ahead of two C-type Jaguars and Tony Crook, while P. Hazlehurst's Kieft-Bristol gets home a quiet 12th.

#### THE FORMULE LIBRE RACE

So to the Formule Libre race, last event of a strenuous day, but bearrich promise of excitement, with B.R.M. due to fight another round with Fate and the Ferraris. Fangio has given the joint Taruffi/Gonzalez 1952 circuit record a crack during practice, raising it to 99.41 m.p.h., but Farina and a very well prepared Thin Wall Special Ferrari are distinct thorns in Bourne's This formidable combination has turned in four laps at only one second slower than Fangio, without any of the apparent desperation of the latter's effort. The works-entered Ferrari to be driven by Mike Hawthorn turns out to be a 2½-litre as raced at Rouen, and not one of the old Formula 1 4½-litres as per entry. With four cars non-starting, the grid line-up is as follows:-



son, with the blue tail of Louis Rosier's car an irresistible bait, is making the most of his opportunity. On the sixth lap he is



(Above) Austen Nurse (H.W.M.) running out of road at Copse Corner in the Formule Libre race.
(Right) The Hon. Max Aitken presents Ascari with the Daily Express Grand Prix Trophy.

#### (Formule Libre Race) Starting Grid

Hawthorn (Ferrari) (B,R.M.) (Thin Wall) (B,R.M.) (1 m, 49 s. 1 m, 48 s. 1 m, 47 s. 1 m, 46 s.

A. G. Whitehead Richardson (E.R.A.) (R.R.A.) (E.R.A.) (E.R.A.) (E.R.A.) 1 m. 56 s. 1 m. 53 s.

Birrell Somervail Tuck Gould (E.R.A.) (Cooper) (Mascrati) (Cooper) 2 m. 5 s. 2 m. 3 s. 2 m. 2 s. 2 m. 1 s.

Richards Nurse Rosier (H.A.R.) (H.W.M.) (Ferrari) 2 m, 13 s. 2 m, 20 s. 2 m, 6 s.

Three minutes, and all cars on the line are silent, two minutes, and the silence is rent violently as the B.R.M.s are started up, the noise reaching—and thrilling-the crowds on the far side of the course. One minute . . . 30 seconds . . . and the raucous "whooping" rises to a veritable scream. The flag falls and Mike Hawthorn in the green "2½" and Farina dart ahead of Fangio and Wharton, the B.R.M.s' rear wheels blurs of smoke for yards beyond the line.

Down to Copse goes this earsplitting quartet in a stupendous rush, followed by a tight mass comprising Richardson, Rosier, Flockhart, Gould and White-head. Rosier nearly hits the marker drums in giving Flockhart room, but somehow they are all round safely. The howling war-song of the two B.R.M.s can clearly be heard from the stands as they burst through Beckett's and tear down Hangar Straight to Stowe-and now Farina has passed Hawthorn to lead the race.

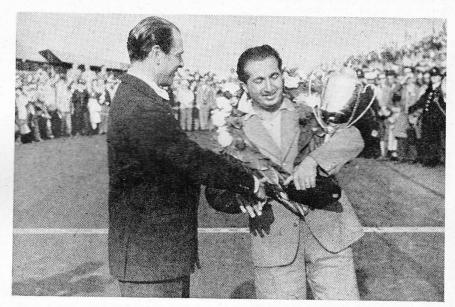
First lap order is Farina-Hawthorn-Fangio-Wharton, while Ron Flockhart in the 2-litre E.R.A. has moved up past Rosier and Richardson to take fifth place. Fangio shrieks past Hawthorn on round 2, but can make little impression on the flying Farina; a locking rear brake on the B.R.M. is no help, while

barely a length away, and Rosier, conscious of the green "home-build" so persistently in his mirror, is using all his car's considerable power to keep ahead. He staves Richardson off for another lap, then the R.R.A. spurts ahead to occupy a triumphant fith place.

Even lying sixth, Rosier is not left in peace for long, for soon Graham Whitehead in the blown E.R.A. begins to worry him, finally relegating the Frenchman to seventh position on the 12th lap. Meanwhile A. J. Nurse (H.W.M.)

worry him, finally relegating the Frenchman to seventh position on the 12th lap. Meanwhile A. J. Nurse (H.W.M.), blithely taking Copse Corner, finds himself revolving violently off the turn, to plough the field and scatter the bales, upon one of which he promptly sits to view the rest of the race in comfort, Alistair Birrell is in constant trouble with plugs on R1A E.R.A., while Horace Richards, a leisurely three laps in arrears of the leaders, stops to "water" his H.A.R.

Farina is obviously uncatchable, but Fangio never gives up trying and is drawing further and further away from Ken Wharton. At 13 laps, with four to go, the order is Farina-Fangio-



the punch of the Thin Wall's 12-cylinder Ferrari engine on exit from Silverstone's many bends more than counters any slight deficiency in speed along the straights.

Hawthorn's Ferrari goes out after four laps, official reason being given as overheating, although other sources added failing oil pressure. So B.R.M. are second and third, with Fangio drawing away from Wharton, and Flockhart now fourth. Farina certainly has his leaden boot on. After turning a third lap at 99.41 m.p.h.—a new record for Silverstone—he caps it on his fifth round with a 100.16 m.p.h., the first time the circuit has been lapped at "over the ton". This sets him no less than 9 secs. ahead of Fangio, with Wharton a further 8 secs. back.

Behind the leaders, Geoffrey Richardson is driving the race of his life in the 1,781 c.c. R.R.A., derivative of the late Percy Maclure's famous pre-war Riley: One doesn't see a 4½-litre Ferrari at Silverstone very often these days, and Richardson

Wharton - Flockhart - Richardson - Whitehead- Rosier, and thus it remains to the end. Out comes the flag, austerely acknowledged by Giuseppe Farina, a deserving winner in C. A. Vandervell's Thin Wall Special, after driving a cool, clever and stylish race. The B.R.M. drivers have worked far harder for their second and third places—and at least the Bourne cars finished the race. Flockhart is an unflurried fourth and Geoffrey Richardson a wonderful fifth, heading Whitehead, Rosier, two Cooper-Bristols, a Maserati and the H.A.R.

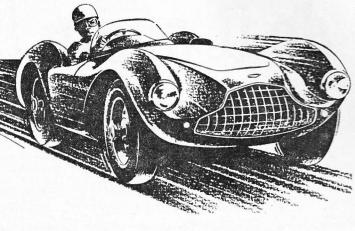
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(Results on page 119)

#### BOUQUET FOR THE MARSHALS

FLAG marshals at the British G.P. meeting are to be congratulated for their fine work, Ascari, Villoresi and Farina declared after the race. They considered them to be the best they have encountered anywhere in the world.





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#### RESULTS SILVERSTONE ALL THE

#### BRITISH G.P.

(90 laps)

1, A. Ascari (Ferrari), 2 hrs. 50 mins. 0 secs., 92.97 m.p.h.; 2, J. M. Fangio (Maserati), 2 hrs. 51 mins. 0 secs., 92.43 m.p.h.; 3, G. Farina (Ferrari), 2 hrs. 50 mins. 12 secs., 90.80 m.p.h. (88 laps); 4, J. F. Gonzalez (Maserati), 2 hrs. 50 mins. 58 secs. (88 laps); 5, J. M. Hawthorn (Ferrari), 2 hrs. 50 mins. 15 secs. (87 laps); 6, F. Bonetto (Maserati), 2 hrs. 50 mins. 16 secs. (82 laps); 7, B. Bira (Connaught), 2 hrs. 51 mins. 33 secs. (82 laps); 8, K. Wharton (Cooper-Bristol), 0 secs., 92.97 m.p.h.; 2, J. M. Fangio (Connaugnt), 2 nrs. 51 mins, 33 secs. (82 laps); 8, K. Wharton (Cooper-Bristol), 2 hrs. 50 mins. 43 secs. (80 laps); 9, P. N. Whitehead (Cooper-Alta), 2 hrs. 50 mins. 56 secs. (79 laps); 10, L. Rosier (Ferrari), 2 hrs. 50 mins. 27 secs. (78 laps) laps).

Fastest lap: Ascari (Ferrari) and Gonzalez (Maserati), 1 min. 50 secs., 95.79 m.p.h. (New Formula 2 lap record).

#### Winners' Equipment

Ascari and Farina (Ferraris), Fuel: Carburetters: Weber. Plugs: Champion. Pirelli, Brake Linings: Fren-do. Oil: Fuel Pump: Frimak. Ignition: Marelli. Absorbers: Houdaille. Wheels: Borrani. Fuel: Shell.
Tyres: Shell.
arelli. Shock

Fangio and Gonzalez (Maseratis). Fuel: Esso. Carburetters: Weber. Plugs: Lodge. Tyres: Pirelli. Brake Linings: Fren-do. Oil: Esso. Fuel Pump: Mona. Ignition: Aspirata. Shock Ab-sorbers: Houdaille. Wheels: Borrani.

#### FORMULE LIBRE (17 laps)

1, G. Farina (4½-litre Thin Wall Spl. 2, J. M. Fangio (1½-litre B.R.M. S), 31 mins. 2 secs., 96.20 m.p.h.; 3, K. Wharton (1½-litre B.R.M. S), 31 mins. 34 secs., 94.58 m.p.h.; 4, R. Flockhart (2-litre E.R.A. S), 32 mins. 8.6 secs.; 5, G. Richardson (1.7-litre R.R.A.), 31 mins. 39.6 secs.; (16 laps); 6, A. G. Whitehead (1½-litre E.R.A. S), 31 mins. 40.2 secs. (16 laps); 7, L. Rosier (4½-litre Ferrari), 32 mins. 12.8 secs. (16 laps); 8, H. H. Gould (2-litre Cooper-Bristol), 32 mins. 42.8 secs. (16 laps); 9, J. S. mins. 42.8 secs. (16 laps); 9, J. S. Somervail (2-litre Cooper-Bristol), 32 mins. 45.4 secs. (16 laps); 10, F. Tuck Somervall (2-fifte Cooper-Briston), 32 mins. 45.4 secs. (16 laps); 10, F. Tuck (1\frac{1}{2}-litre Maserati S), 31 mins. 56 secs. (15 laps); 11, H. A. Richards (2-litre H.A.R.), 32 mins. 28.4 secs. (13 laps).

Fastest lap: Farina (Thin Wall Spl. Ferrari), 1 min. 45.2 secs., 100.16 m.p.h. (New lap record).

#### Winners' Equipment

Farina (Thin Wall Spl, Ferrari). Fuel: B.P. Carburetters: Weber. Plugs: K.L.G. Tyres: Pirelli, Brake Linings: Ferodo. Oil: B.P. Energol, Fuel Pump: Pesco, Ignition: Scintilla, Shock Absorbers: Houdaille. Wheels: Borrani.

Fangio and Wharton (B.R.Ms.). Fuel: B.P. Fangio and Wharton (B.R.Ms.). Fuel: B.P. Carburetters: SU. Plugs: Lodge. Superchargers: Rolls-Royce. Tyres: Dunlop. Brake Linings: Ferodo. Oil: B.P. Energol. Fuel Pump: Pesco. Ignition: Lucas. Shock Absorbers: Lockheed. Wheels: Dunlop.

#### 500 C.C. RACE (15 laps)

1, S. Moss (Cooper), 31 mins. 5 secs., 84.74 m.p.h.; 2, E. Brandon (Cooper), 31 mins. 21 secs., 84.02 m.p.h.; 3, S. Lewis-Evans (Cooper), 31 mins. 24 secs., 83.89 m.p.h.; 4, J. Coombs (Staride), 32 mins. 9 secs.; 5, E. Fenning (Staride), 32 mins. 16 secs.; 6, D. Truman (Cooper), 32 mins. 17 secs.; 7, N. Sanderson (Staride), 32 mins. 34 secs.;

8, G. G. Smith (Kent-Smith), 32 mins. 8, G. G. Smith (Rent-Smith), 32 mins. 35 secs.; 9, A. Brown (Cooper), 32 mins. 53 secs.; 10, T. J. Clarke (C.B.P.2), 32 mins. 55 secs.; 11, J. F. Westcott (Kieft), 33 mins. 6 secs.; 12, I. Burgess (Mackson), 33 mins. 10 secs.; 13, D. H. R. Gray (Kieft), 33 mins. 15 secs.; 14, I. L. Bueb (Cooper), 31 mins. 15 secs.; 14, 1. L. Bueb (Cooper), 31 mins. 6 secs. (14 laps); 15, D. K. Swan (Cooper), 31 mins. 8 secs.; 16, F. H. Bacon (Cooper), 32 mins. 33 secs.; 17, G. H. Symonds (Cooper), 32 mins. 34 secs.

Fastest lap: Moss (Cooper) and S. Lewis-Evans (Cooper), 2 mins. 2 secs., 86.37 m.p.h.

#### Winners' Equipment

Moss (Cooper).
Plug: Lodge.
Ferodo. Oil: Shell. Fuel pump: A.C. Ignition:
Lucas, Shock absorbers: Girling. Wheels: Cooper.

Brandon (Cooper). Fuel: Shell. Carburetter: Amal/S.U. Plug: K.L.G. Tyres: Dunlop. Brake linings: Ferodo. Ignition: Lucas. Shock absorbers: Armstrong. Wheels: Cooper.

S. Lewis-Evans (Cooper). Fuel: Shell. Carburetter: Amal/S.U. Plug: Lodge. Tyres: Dunlop. Brake linings: Ferodo. Oil: Shell. Fuel pump: S.U. Ignition: B.T.H. Shock absorbers: Newton, Wheels: Cooper.

#### SPORTS CAR RACE

(35 laps)

1, R. Parnell (2,922 Aston Martin), 1 hr. 8 mins. 45 secs., 89.41 m.p.h.; 2, R. F. Salvadori (2,922 Aston Martin), 1 R. F. Salvadoli (2,722 Aston Martin), 1 hr. 9 mins. 11 secs., 88.84 m.p.h.; 3, P. J. Collins (2,922 Aston Martin), 1 hr. 9 mins. 12 secs., 88.82 m.p.h.; 4, W. C. Spear (4,101 Ferrari), 1 hr. 9 mins. 45 Spear (4,101 Ferrari), 1 hr. 9 mins. 45 secs.; 5, I. M. M. Stewart (3,442 Jaguar), 1 hr. 9 mins. 16 secs. (34 laps); 6, J. Stewart (3,442 Jaguar), 1 hr. 9 mins. 37 secs.; (34 laps); 7, A. G. Whitehead (2,922 Aston Martin), 1 hr. 9 mins. 38 secs. (34 laps); 8, H. A. Mitchell (1,971 Frazer-Nash), 1 hr. 8 mins. 46 secs (33 laps); 9, E. W. Holt (3,442 Jaguar), 1 hr. 9 mins. 27 secs. (33 laps); 10, T. A. D. Crook (1,971 Frazer-Nash), 1 hr. 9 mins. 28 secs. (33 laps); 11, N. Sanderson (3,442 Jaguar), 1 hr. 9 mins. 23 secs (32 laps); 12, P. Hazlehurst (1,971 Kieft-Bristol), 1 hr. 9 mins. 59 secs. (31 laps).

Fastest lap: R. Parnell (Aston Martin)

Fastest lap: R. Parnell (Aston Martin), 1 min. 55 secs., 91.63 m.p.h. (New sports car record).
Winners' Equipment

Parnell, Salvadori and Collins (Aston Martins).
Fuel: Shell. Carburetters: Weber. Plugs: K.L.G.
Tyres: Avon. Brake Linings: Mintex. Oil: Shell.
Fuel Pump: SU. Ignition: Lucas. Shock
Absorbers: Armstrong. Wheels: Borrani.

#### "AUTOSPORT" 500 c.c. CHAMPIONSHIP

THE Formula 3 race at Silverstone make the present positions in the AUTOSPORT £200 British 500 c.c. Drivers' Championship thus:

#### Leading Positions (up to 21st July)

(Subject to confirmation)

	Poi	ints
1.	Don Parker (Kieft)	48
	Les Leston (Cooper and	
	Leston Spl.)	26
3.	Stirling Moss (Cooper)	22
	Reg Bicknell (Staride)	21
5.	Don Truman (Cooper)	14
6.	R. K. Tyrell (Cooper)	13
	George Wicken (Cooper)	13
8.	Charles Headland (Headland-	
	Martin)	11
9.	Ken Smith (Smith)	8
	E. Fenning (Staride)	8
11.	G. G. Smith (Kent-Smith)	8
12.	R. A. R. Bell (Cooper)	3

#### TOMORROW AT SNETTERTON

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JULY 25TH—tomorrow—is the United States Air Force's day at Snetterton, near Thetford, Norfolk, when a special race meeting, which has drawn a very fine entry of sports and racing cars, is being put on for them by the Aston Martin Owners' Club. Eight races make Martin Owners' Club. Eight races make up the programme, preceded by two Half-hour Regularity Tests for Stock Touring and Sports Cars at 11.30 a.m. Race time table is: 1 p.m., Formula 3 Race (10 laps); 1.40 p.m., Over 2-litre Sports Car Race (15 laps); 2.30 p.m., U.S.A.F. Trophy Race for Formula 2 cars (15 laps); 3.30 p.m., Under 2-litre sports car race (15 laps); 4.30 p.m., Formule Libre Race (15 laps), and 5.30 p.m., U.S.A. Invitation Scratch Race p.m., U.S.A. Invitation Scratch Race (10 laps).

Included in an entry list notable for both quality and quantity are Ken Wharton (B.R.M., and Cooper-Bristol), Duncan Hamilton (Jaguar and H.W.M.), Bobbie Baird (4.1 and 2-litre Ferraris), Bob Gerard (Cooper-Bristol and Cooper 500), Ken McAlpine (Connaught), Roy Salvadori (Frazer-Nash), Peter Walker (Jaguar and Cooper-E.R.A.), Reg Parnell (Aston Martin and an unnamed entry), Tony Rolt (Connaught), G. N. Richard son (R.R.A.), Geo. Abecassis (H.W.M. sports), Jack Fairman (2-litre Turner), Tony Crook (Cooper-Bristol, Cooper-Alta and Bristol), and many well-known 500 c.c. exponents.

#### MASERATI SPORT WINS AT CASERTA

SERGIO MANTOVANI drove one of the new 2-litre sports Maseratis to victory at 81.6 m.p.h. in the recent Circuit of Caserta in Italy. This was the fourth running of this event, of which previous winners were Brunoni (Maserati) in 1928, Caflisch (Mercedes) in 1930, and Cabianca (Osca) in 1952.

Another Maserati in the hands of Another Maserati in the hands of Luigi Musso finished second, but the third "works" sponsored car, Giletti's, ran into trouble, spoiling prospects of a 1-2-3 win, finally getting home seventh. Franco Bordoni's 2-litre Gordini took the lead from Mantovani after five laps, but two rounds later liming to the second sec but two rounds later limped to its pit and retired with transmission troubles, Mantovani's run thereafter was unchallenged, and he won by over two minutes from his team-mate. Musitelli (Ferrari 2-litre) came home third.

#### CRYSTAL PALACE CAMERA CONTEST

OWING to extreme pressure on space and the overwhelming number of entries received, results of the Autosport Crystal Palace Camera Contest will not be published until next week.

#### XVIme Rallye International des Alpescontinued from page 104

who went out with rear axle trouble at Briançon, and of George Hartwell (Hartwell Sunbeam-Talbot coupé), damaged his steering when he struck a marker stone on the Croix de Fer. De Regibus (Renault) was delayed by transmission trouble when within 30 miles of Cannes, which also cost him his clean Hoerning (Jaguar) also retired as the result of an accident.

Mme. Hammersley overturned her Lancia Aurelia near Castellane, and so could not finish the course.

The 7 km. timed climb on the Col d'Izoard had but little effect on the final results, for the leaders in general classification were firmly established long

Results of Timed 7 km. Climb on Col d'Izoard

750 c.c.: Fabré (Panhard), 8 mins, 132/5 secs. 1,000 c.c.: Schwob d'Hericourt (Panhard), 9 mins,

42 secs. 1,300 c.c.: Cavallini (Fiat), 9 mins, 172/5 secs. 1,600 c.c.: Polensky (Porsche), 8 mins, 53/5 secs. 2,000 c.c.: Von Falkenhausen (Frazer-Nash), 8 mins.

2,609 c.c.: Vegler (Ferrari), 7 mins. 58 secs. Unlimited: Appleyard (Jaguar), 7 mins. 48<sup>3</sup>/<sub>5</sub> secs. (B.T.D.).

From 5 p.m. onwards the 54 surviving cars ran into Cannes where, in marked contrast to the earlier stages of the day's run, the sky was lowering and overcast.

Coupes des Alpés were gained by Moss, Murray-Frame, Fitch and Sheila Van Damm (Sunbeam Alpines), and by Ian and Pat Appleyard and Mr. and Mrs. Mansbridge (Jaguars). This latter was a very good effort, for they had been in trouble with a faulty carburetter for many miles. for many miles.

Amongst the penalized finishers, excellent performances were returned by Bennett and Galleford, and Slatter and Massey, the sole survivors of George Hartwell's independent Sunbeam-Talbot équipe. The former only lost 100 marks, incurred when held up in the Gavia, and the latter gallantly carried on after being involved in a serious accident in Austria, from which he was absolved of all blame by the Austrian police. Needham and Cramp also brought their Hillman Minx home, finishing 52nd and beating two more powerful sports cars.

To test the brakes, gears and steering, all cars had to undergo a sprint around a pylon. Some competitors, such as Herzet (Ferrari), merely went through the motions, but a keen battle for best time developed between the Jaguar of Appleyard, the Lancia of Count Lurani, the Alfa Romeo of Asso, the Frazer-Nashes of O'Hara Moore and Sutcliffe, and Flower's M.G. TD. The honour eventually went to the Jaguar with 28% secs., with the Lancia dividing the latter four cars, who tied at 30 secs.

The test certainly fulfilled its object, for many of the more battered cars took up some curious attitudes as the brakes went on.

Then, apart from the scrutineering, the XVIme Rallve des Alpes, which had seemed so difficult but had proved so easy, was over.

#### Results of Manœuvrability Test at Cannes

750 c.c.: A-naud (Renault). 324/5 secs.
1,000 c.c.: Gérakis (Panhard). 321/5 secs.
1,300 c.c.: Flower (M.G. TD). 30 secs.
1,600 c.c.: Mile. Thirion (Porsche). 304/5 secs.
2,000 c.c.: O'Hara Moore (Frazer-Nash). Sutcliffe (Frazer-Nash) and Asso (Alfa Romeo). 30 secs.
2,600 c.c.: Lu-ani (La-cia). 293/5 secs.
Unlimited: Appleyard (Jaguar). 283/5 secs.

#### Rally Gossip

It was generally agreed that the award of so many Coupes des Alpes, equivalent to almost half the total number won since the event was started, had tended to lower their value as a rally trophy.

The club officials were greatly per-turbed that a course which they had thought to be so difficult proved to be comparatively easy. It is probable that in 1954 the distances between controls will be shorter and the clocks not in favour of competitors. The average speeds are unlikely to be increased beyond a ceiling of 60 k.p.h. (37.3 m.p.h.).

Of the Sunbeam Alpine crews, Stirling Moss and John Cutts were consistently the fastest. John Fitch always drove with every possible light turned on, as he claimed this helped him to go faster.

The rule that competitors should not assist each other must have given spectators a false impression of the courtesy of rally drivers. Mlle, Thirion and Mme. Renaud had to push their Porsche unaided into the parc fermé at Cortina, whilst male competitors stood helplessly by.

Count Johnny Lurani said that as he was coming to the end of his competition career, he wanted a Coupe des Alpes as it was the finest rally trophy. Having won it, he does not intend to enter again as he feels the Rallye des Alpes is more dangerous than many of the races he has driven in.

It is probable that crash helmets will be compulsory for all crews in 1954. Their use this year would have prevented at least one serious head injury

On the subject of crashes, the stoutly built British saloons, if too heavy to climb uphill fast, were so strong that the crews were able to walk uninjured away from wrecks which could well have been used as an object lesson for local Road Safety Weeks.

Over 75 per cent, of the finishing cars bore marks of accidents. A notable exception was Ian Appleyard's RUB 120, whose white paintwork was as immaculate as at the start.

The dustiest finishing crew was probably Syd Henson and John Cooper (Jaguar), who only required a guitar to make up their own Nigger Minstrel

Proof of the official interest taken in the rally was afforded by the presence of the Minister of Education at a reception. M. G. Herpin, a veteran competitor, now a senior official in the Ministry of Tourisme, also followed the whole rally route and co-ordinated the efforts of the local authorities and of the police in making the roads as safe as possible for "rallyists" and other road users.

Up to 750 c.c.: 1, Stempert/Schwartz (Panhard)\*, 457.342, 2. Persoglio/Gatimel (Renault)\*, 434.775, 3. R. Fabré/J. Fabré (Panhard), 4, Roubaid/ Servicet (Renault).

750-1,000 c.c.: 1, d'Hericourt/Roquefort (Panhard)\* 448.2°0, 2. Chieusse/Mme. Chieusse (Panhard)\*, 440.314, 3. Gérakis/Gravier (Panhard), 4, Parucci/Martin (Panhard),

1,001-1,300 c.c.: 1. Poletti/Ciprlani (Simca)\* 431.842. 2. Cavallini/Cavallini (Fiat). 3. Rastit/Caubet (Peugeot). 4, Flower/Orfenalli (M.G.).

1.301-1,603 c.c.: 1. Polensky/Schluter (Porsche)\*, 506.779. 2, Sauerwein/Castell (Porsche)\*, 490.643. 3, Zeller/Wencher (Porsche)\*, 482.749. 4, Hoesch/Bossanyi (Porsche)\*, 476.488. 5, Buzto-Margriés/Slobet (Porsche)\*, 453.406. 6, Carolt/Blesa (Porsche)\*, 448.088.

1.600-2.000 c.c.: 1, Herzet/Bianchi (Ferrari)\*, 489.631. 2, Von Falkenhausen/Mme, von Falkenhausen (Frazer-Nash)\*, 481.782. 3, Asso/Borelly (Alfa Romeo)\*, 427.464, 4, O'Hara Moore/Gott (Frazer-Nash). 5, Mr. and Mrs. Sutcliffe (Frazer-Nash).

2,001-2,600 c.c.: 1. Gatta/Cottino (Lancia)\*, 470.471. 2, Lurani/Stambuy (Lancia)\*, 463.847. 3. Fabrégas/Anezteguia (Lancia)\*, 451.035 4, Moss/Cu.ts (Sunberm-Talbot)\*, 449.534, 5. Murray-Frame/Pearman (Sunbeam-Talbot)\*, 438.828, 6. Fitch/Miller (Sunbeam-Talbot), 434.324, 7, Miss Van Damm/Mrs, Hall (Sunbeam-Talbot), 426.742, 8, Bennett/Galleford (Sunbeam-Talbot), 9. Mrs. Mitche.l/Mrs, Leavens (Ford), 10, Lee/Dando (Sunbeam-Talbot), 11, Slater/Massey (Sunbeam-Talbot),

Over 2,600 c.c.; 1, Mr. and Mrs. Appleyard (Jaguar)\*, 482.190. 2. Fraikin/Gendebien (Jaguar)\*, 461.097. 3. Mr. and Mrs. Mansbridge (Jaguar)\*, 431.006. 4, Marion/Champel (Citroëi), 402.652. 5. Dalfiume/Baré (Citroën). 6. Borgeand/Conte (Jaguar). 7. Henson/Cooper (Jaguar). 8, Mattock/Worthington (Jaguar).
\* Coupe des Alpes winners.

Coupe des Dames: 1, Miss Sheila Van Damm/ Mrs. Anne Hall (Sunbeam-Talbot). 2. Mrs. Nancy Mitchell/Mrs. Leavens (Ford). 3, Mile. Thirion/ Mme. Renaud (Porsche).

Manufacturer's Team Prize: Porsche.

Tabulated Per	formance Starters		es of British Cars s Awards
Allard	1	0	0
Aston Martin	6	3	0
Bristol	1	ő	0
Ford	î	1	0
Frazer-Nash	3	3	1 Coupe des Alpes
Healey	1	0	1 Coupe des Aipes
Hillman Minx	2	1	0
Jaguar	15	6	3 Coupes des Alpes
Jowett	2	0	O aca Aipes
M.G.	2	1	0
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#### EUROPEAN TOURING CHAMPIONSHIP

FOLLOWING the results of the "Alpine" current leading positions in the European Touring Championship are as Follows: 1, Appleyard (Jaguar), 62; 2, Polensky (Porsche and Fiat), 40; 3, Grosgogeat (Panhard) and Seibert (Citroën), 38; 5, Damonte (Fiat), 26; 6, Gatsonides (Ford) and Van Zuylen (Lavalin), 20; 2 Imhaf (Alland) (Javelin), 20; 8, Imhof (Allard), Banks (Bristol), Adams (Sunbeam-Talbot), Scala (Lancia), Bennett (Jaguar) and Sauerwein (Porsche), 18.

#### SHELSLEY INTERNATIONAL MEETING

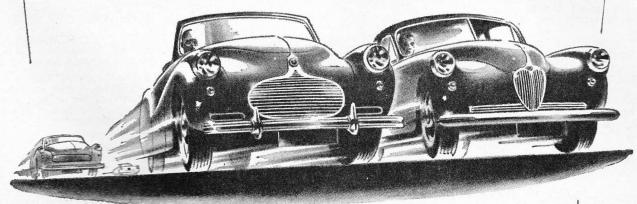
THE International Speed Hill-climb at Shelsley Walsh, organized by the Midland A.C., takes place on 29th August—entries closing on 10th August. Classes are as follow: Up to 500 c.c. (racing), 501-1,100 c.c.; 1,101-1,500 c.c.; 1,501-3,000 c.c.; over 3,000 c.c. (classes for both sports and racing cars). There will also be team events for both types. B.T.D. carries £100 and the Shelsley Challenge Trophy.

#### G.P. OF EUROPE FOR BARCELONA

THE A.V.D. having declined to designate their forthcoming German G.P. at Nürburgring the Grand Prix of Europe, Spain has agreed to accept the title for her Grande Epreuve, the Spanish G.P., which takes place at Barcelona on 25th October. The last time the European G.P. was held on Spanish soil was in 1926, at San Sebastian.

PRESSURE on space in this week's issue has compelled the holding-over of our regular features "Pit and Paddock", Correspondence and John Bolster's "Technical and Otherwise".

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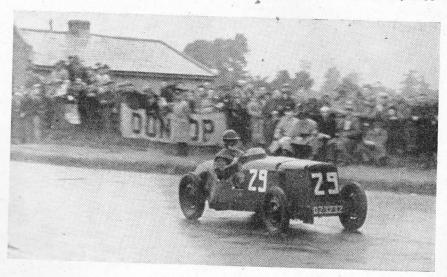


THE MASTERPIECE IN OILS

# LOOKING BACK AT LEINSTER

FREDDIE SMYTH'S £50 challenge to owners of modified Ford 10-engined specials, published earlier in the year in AUTOSPORT, brought "no takers", and his fine win on Saturday, 11th July, in the Leinster Trophy road race, justifies his confidence in the powers of his own Dagenham-based car. He won with a very comfortable margin from many fast machines, and on a very fair handicap.

On race day the rain was heavy and the tricky circuit rendered trickier than ever. Mike Hawthorn, a previous winner at Wicklow with the famous 1½-litre Riley, was over with his father to watch, with a special eye for the self-same



SO THAT'S A PREFECT!: (Above) The winning Ford, Freddie Smyth drenched to the skin but quite unconcerned.

IN OTHERS' FOOTSTEPS: (Left)
Donald Beauman in the ex-Hawthorn
Riley, determined not to let down the
standard of previous famous owners of
this fine car.

Rathnew, holding the C-type Jaguar fully broadside at something over 75 m.p.h. for the whole distance of a long bend and finally ending up within a few feet of the doorway of a public house, which was quickly cleared of the spectators who had been standing in same! In a flash Sir James engaged bottom gear and was away to enthusiastic applause.

As the roads dried in the latter stages

As the roads dried in the latter stages of the race, speeds rose, Baird really using the Ferrari in his efforts to catch leaders Smyth, Wilbert Todd and Don Beauman; on the last lap he was close behind the flying Riley coming through Rathnew, but was just unable to catch the young Londoner before the finish Rain or no rain, it was a truly fine race with some remarkably skilled driving be witnessed. Mike Hawthorn, cnjoyed a spell at the wheel of his od Riley before the race, presented awards at the Leinster M.C.'s dinner.



Riley, being raced by Donald Beauman. Within the first two laps, trouble struck hard, no fewer than 10 cars being eliminated. Marshall Watson (J.P.-Vincent) burst a tyre just above the Beehive and broke his front suspension; Anthony Coleman and C. O'Hara (M.G.s) went out with engine trouble, as did M. J. Higgins (Jaguar-engined Litzer Spl.). Lyall Collen (Leprechaun II) and N. O'D. Browne also gave up.

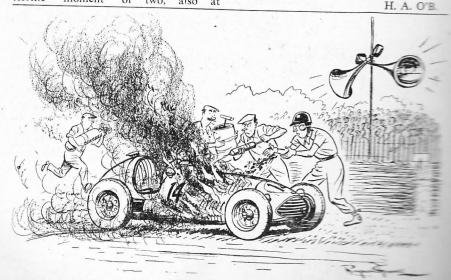
The second lap pile-up on the slippery downhill left-hander just after Ballynabarny eliminated Desmond Titterington, Lee Wee Chye, the Malayan driver (M.G.), Tom Lord (M.G.) and Charlie Norton (Jirano).

The Lovell-Butt blown single-seater M.G., driven by John Garvey (and not by Dicky Lovell-Butt himself, as our report stated last week), retired minus oil pressure after three laps. Redmond Gallagher's first outing in his newly-acquired 1½-litre sports Gordini lasted little longer, for a rear axle torque arm broke on the fourth round.

Bobbie Baird's drive in the 4.1-litre Ferrari was truly sensational, and on one lap, coming into Rathnew, he started what must have been one of the greatest skids in history. Tearing past Joe Kelly's Jupiter, he found a much slower car in his way and braked hard. The Ferrari went into a broadside which Baird held for about 50 yards, then the car swung round in the opposite direction and was again held, travelling sideways, for a

similar distance. Straightened out into a series of short slides, the Ferrari was still sliding when Baird forced it past another car on the deadly reverse camber bend through Rathnew village, and disappeared towards Wicklow with the loud pedal very firmly down.

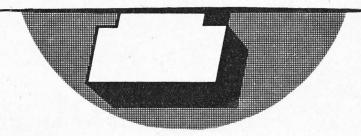
Sir James Scott-Douglas, too, had a terrific "moment" or two, also at



"We are waiting on the grid for No. 14 who has not yet complete warming up lap!"



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# NEWS FROM THE CLUBS

By Wilson Mc Comb

RACING circuits in Britain are so widely spaced that the problem of accommodation is one which concerns every active enthusiast, and the regular competitor in particular. All-day race meetings are now common, and practice periods must be fitted in on the previous day, but the addition of hotel bills to all the other expenses can make the cost of racing prohibitive.

No doubt the Winfield Joint Committee had this in mind when they arranged for caravans to be available over the week-end of their International meeting on 15th August. Competitors—or anyone else, for that matter—will be able to hire a caravan, complete with towing vehicle, for 30s. As the vans will be parked close to the racing circuit, with a supply of running water and all the usual "necessities", the charge seems very reasonable, and intending visitors would be well advised to contact Bryan Groom, of Hall Place, Galashiels, if they have not made other arrangements.

Another Scot—Ron Flockhart—has solved the problem in a different way, and at the same time provided himself with transport for his E.R.A. He purchased (for surprisingly little) a Glasgow Corporation 'bus, removed—and sold!—the seats, and partitioned off six or eight feet of the forward portion. This forms a comfortable living compartment with bunk, stove and water tank, while the E.R.A. lives with its tools and spares at the back, where folding bunks have also been fitted. This Scottish home-fromhome runs on economical diesel fuel, and can pack more miles into the hour than I dare to mention.

B.A.R.C. MEMBERS AT GOODWOOD

Tomorrow, 25th July, over 110 cars will be gathered at Goodwood to take part in the B.A.R.C. members' race meeting for sports cars. Starting at 2 p.m., a programme of four scratch races and six handicaps (one for saloens) will be run off. Entries include the Monkey Stable Kiest-M.G.s, Cliff Davis's Tojeiro and Cooper-M.G., H. A. Mitchell (Frazer-Nash), C. M. Clairmonte's new Clairmonte, Michael Head (Jaguar), Oscar Moore (H.W.M.), J. Goodhew (Darracq) and several "750" and 1,172 specialists.

#### LEICESTERSHIRE C.C. OUTING

CHILDREN from the Countesthorpe Cottage Homes will be treated to an outing by the Leicestershire C.C. on Sunday, 23rd August, the idea being that members should load their cars with a suitable quantity of small fry and undertake to feed and entertain them for the afternoon. Ken Towle (Granby 158) would like to hear from those who are prepared to take part.



QUEENSFERRY FOLK: Joyce Bulmer, Ken Wharton, George Boyle, Peter Bell, P. Cator and Ted Pope pose for Francis Penn at the Chester M.C.'s Queensferry sprint meeting on 20th June.

#### FALCON M.C. DRIVING TESTS

H. J. BONE and his Ford Special scored another success in the Falcon M.C.'s recent driving tests at Hunsdon aerodrome, setting the best aggregate time of 125 secs. A close second was J. Tucker Peake (Scarlet Runner), who actually recorded the best individual times on both runs in all save Test 4, where on both occasions he finished astride the starting line of Test 5.

#### RESULTS

Class A: 1, H. J. Bone; 2, J. Tucker-Peake. Class B: 1, M. J. Lawrence; 2, A. R. Wershat. Class C: B. Clarke. Class D: 1, E. S. Ridley; 2, H. E. Cox and B. H. Cox. Class E: J. C. Smith. Team Award: D. Watkin, L. Morris and B. Clarke.

#### A.C.O.C. POINT-TO-POINT

ALL members of recognized motoring clubs are invited to take part in the A.C. Owners' Club's Point-to-point on Sunday, 30th August. This event, in addition to providing about 120 miles of motoring in attractive surroundings west of Basingstoke, will also include something rather unusual for motoring enthusiasts—a visit to a memorial chapel to examine murals by Spencer. The only map required is 1 in. sheet 168; further information from B. H. Martin, 43 Camlet Way, Hadley Wood, Herts.

The club's Concours d'Elégance and Gymkhana at Grove Hall, Twyford, on Sunday, 12th July, attracted an entry of 17 and a good deal of rain. H. F. Day (1952 Buckland A.C.) won the Concours, with Lt. G. T. Risdon (1938 comp. two-seater) second, and Z. T. Marczewski (1938 coupé) third. Marczewski also won the award for the best-kept engine. In the Gymkhana, placings were: 1, Dr. L. E. L. Ridge (1949 saloon); 2, C. P. Blackmore-Reed (1950 saloon); 3, Lt. G. T. Risdon (1938 two-seater); 4, J. A. McCusker (1921 sports two-seater).

#### TAUNTON 8th ANNUAL RALLY

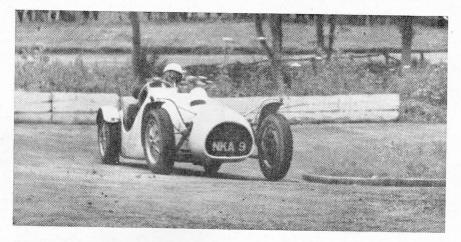
On Sunday, 12th July, the Annual Rally of the Taunton M.C. attracted an entry of 32 competitors. Starting from the Clarence Hotel, North Petherton, competitors had to cover a 50-mile course; incorporated were seven special tests and a regularity run. The lunch break was taken at the King's Arms, Smeatharp. Competitors were then faced with the regularity run. This consisted of two laps which had to be covered at a set average speed of 25 m.p.h. Best time in this test was made by John Olford (Morgan Plus 4) with an error of half a minute over the two laps. Dr. J. Spare (Morgan Plus 4) and Dr. P. Legat (Jowett Javelin) returned a time error of one minute for this test.

Five of the special tests then followed on the perimeter track of Smeatharp Aerodrome, and exceedingly good times were made by P. W. McNaughton (Sunbeam), who drove his much-modified 1926 sports two-seater car with great dash and skill. Good performances were also made by P. Purchase (Riley Special), Mrs. F. C. Mayne (Healey) and E. F. Greed (Morgan 4/4).

In the saloon car class, good times were made by N. H. Cordwent (Wolseley), R. Davis (Ford Zephyr) and G. W. Best (Ford Anglia), the latter driver fully demonstrating the capabilities of the smallest car in the rally.

Results were as follows:-

Rally Trophy: John Olford (Morgan Plus 4), 137.4 marks lost. Runner-up Cup: Dr. J. T. Spare (Morgan Plus 4), 147.4. Handicap Cup: E. F. Greed (Morgan 4/4), 149.3. Class A Award: N. P. W. Brittain (M.G.), 165.6. Class B Award: P. Purchase (Riley Spl.), 152.6. Class C Award: G. Best (Ford Anglia), 159.9. Class D Award: Mrs. Mayne (Healey), 152.6.



#### LEICESTERSHIRE DRIVING TESTS

Competitions in the Leicestershire C.C.'s Driving Test Meeting, at Great Dalby aerodrome, did their best to ignore the rain which fell throughout the afternoon of Sunday, 12th July. Eight tests were arranged, and it was interesting to note that drivers took things much more easily where concrete blocks were used as markers, but let themselves go among the more familiar (and less solid!) oil drums. Results of the meeting are: Alan Glover Trophy: W. B. Hercock (M.G.), 238.2 marks lost. First Class Award: L. H. Pole (Triumph), 253.4. Second Class Award: W. H. Green (Lancia), 259.4. Team Award: Pole, R. P. G. Sturgess and J. M. Easten.

#### CIRCUIT OF ULSTER

THE growing popularity of the North of Ireland M.C.'s annual Circuit of Ulster Rally is evidenced by the fact that 85 entries have been received for this year's event, to be held next Saturday, 25th July. There will be five starting points, viz., Londonderry, Belfast, Armagh, Kilrea and Omagh, the entire entry joining a common route at Ballygawley and proceeding via Enniskillen, Omagh, Draperstown, Portglenone, Ballymoney and Bushmills to Portrush, where the final driving tests will take place.

#### VETERAN C.C. HASTINGS RALLY

Results of the Veteran C.C.'s Hastings Rally and Speed Trials on Saturday, 11th July, are as follows:—

11th July, are as follows:—
Rally. Class A: 1, M. E. Davenport (1901 Progress); 2, A.C.M. Sir Alec Coryton (1902 de Dion Bouton); 3, Mrs. D. Shuttleworth (1902 Peugeot, driver L. Jackson). Class B: 1, W. G. Bond (1912 Scout); 2, J. C. S. Hill (1914 Morris Oxford); 3, C. R. Wilson (1914 Belsize). Speed Trials. Best Performance on Formula: H. J. Stephens (1898 Stephens). Best Time of the Day: S. E. Sears (1914 Sunbeam). Class 1: A.C.M. Sir Alec

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#### HORSHAM LULWORTH COVE TRIAL

A STOP-AND-RESTART test on a steep, loose-surfaced hill proved the downfall of many in the Horsham and D.M.C. and L.C.C.'s annual Lulworth Cove Trial, which was held on Sunday, 5th July. The 170-mile route included seventeen time checks and a braking test, and there were 37 entries (including motor-cycles). A breakfast stop was sited in the New Forest, and the finish control was at Lulworth.

#### Results

Midsummer Cup: E. G. Smith (A.R.M.), 4 mks. lost.

First Class Awards: M. R C. Quick (M.G Spl.), 7; T. Argent (Ford 8), 8; G. Robbins (Vauxhall), 12; and C. G. Carpenter (Ford Consul), 13. Second Class Awards: J. Fry (Morris 8), 17, and Miss A. L. Field (Citroën), 19.

#### SUNBEAM M.C.C. RALLY

REGS. are now available from R. G. V. Venables, Tilford, Farnham, Surrey, for the Sunbeam M.C.C.'s Veteran and Vintage Rally on Sunday, 6th September. This year, cars manufactured not later than 31st December, 1930, will be included in the entry. There is a special trophy for the driver whose own age, plus that of his vehicle, is the greatest; no ruling has been announced on the question of whether beards should be worn inside or outside duffle-coats.

#### THE LONDON RALLY

The London M.C.'s third London Rally will be held this year on 11th/12th September, with a 690-mile route and starting points at London, Leeds and Birmingham. The course will be of "cloverleaf" form, with three loops which may be used simultaneously by the whole entry; all competitors will cover the same route, but at different times. Competitors entering as novices will be started after the "experts", to avoid the possibility of baulking. There are classes for open and closed cars, sub-divided into capacity classes, and for specials. Fourteen separate types of award will be presented. Entries close on Saturday, 29th August, and the Secretary of the Rally is Mrs. Nina Imhof, Robin Hill, Coombe Hill Road, Kingston-on-Thames, Surrey.

SUPERMOTOR: Gillie Tyrer's BMW-Fiat Special, known as the "Supermotor", corners forcefully at Pardon during the Inter-Club Prescott meeting on 12th July. Last Saturday, Tyrer also drove at Redcar, taking first place in the onemile sprint.

#### EXCELLENT F3 ENTRY FOR DAVIDSTOW

THE "Silverstone of the West" they term the Cornwall M.R.A.'s airfield circuit at Davidstow, on Bodmin Moor, and advance entries already received for the 1st August meeting suggest a Formula 3 race of Silverstone quality. Don Parker (Kieft), Les Leston (Cooper or Leston Spl.), Alan Brown and Eric Brandon (Coopers), W. Nicholson (Kieft-B.S.A.), Don Truman and R. K. Tyrrell (Coopers) are all down to run, giving promise of a very keenly fought race. Two heats of 20 miles will precede the 40-mile Formula 3 final, while there will also be races for sports cars, the first event starting at 2.30 p.m.

It is to be hoped the energetic efforts of the organizers in getting motor racing on a firm footing in Cornwall will be rewarded by far better weather than that which marred their Whitsun event. Paddock and spectator amenities are constantly being improved, coach services have been "alerted", and adequate parking facilities laid on. Admission to the public enclosures will cost 5s. (under 14 half price). Practising starts at 10.30 a.m.

SOUTHSEA "AUTOSPORT" AND CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

On Saturday and Sunday, 11th/12th July, the Southsea M.C. held their "Autosport" and Concours d'Elégance, the former consisting of a series of driving tests at Serpentine Road, Southsea Common. Heavy rain made it appear probable that the Concours would be abandoned, but the use of a large drill hall was obtained by the club's President. A dance was held at the Portsmouth Aero Club on the Saturday, and the week-end's activities closed with a cocktail party at Southsea Rock Gardens.

Results

"Autosport" Portsmouth Corporation
Challenge Trophy: B. Croucher (Jowett
Jupiter). Southsea Trophy (Best Club
Member): D. Silverthorne (Ford Anglia).
Ladies' Cup: Mrs. P. Havard (Ford
Anglia). Up to 1,300 c.c. Open: 1, G. V.
Coles (M.G.); 2, G. N. Dear (M.G.).
Closed: 1, R. W. Faulkner (Ford); 2,
F. W. Vagg (Ford). Over 1,300 c.c.
Open: 1, Surg. Capt. Birt (Singer); 2,
D. E. Leighton (Marauder). Closed:
1, C. S. Dewey (Standard Vanguard):
2, R. W. Faulkner (Ford Zephyr).
Specials: 1, J. Erskine (E.M. Spl.); 2,
E. Watkin (Dellow).

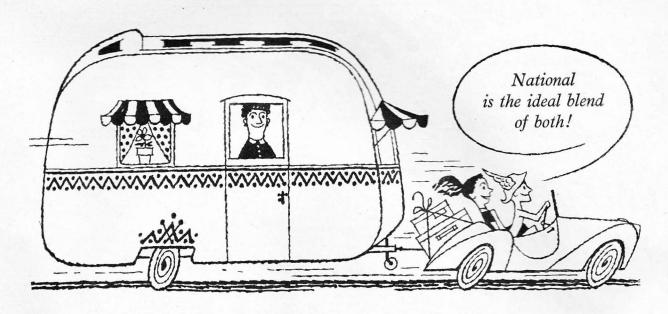
E. Watkin (Dellow).

Concours d'Elégance, Class A: C. Lewins (Wolseley-Siddeley 1906). Classes B and C: Raymond Way (1927 Roll-Royce). Class D: E. Hadley (Austin Class E: G. Sparshatt (Wolseley 6 Class F: Lt. A. G. Cochrane (Jagar XK 120). Class G: P. A. Barden (Roll-Royce). Classes H and J (Caravan M. A. Burgess (Bluebird). Special Mrs. Joy Hollings (Triumph Mayflogrand Prix d'Honneur: Raymond

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#### AUSTIN APPRENTICES' RALLY

In spite of torrential rain, there was keen competition in the Austin Apprentices' C.C.'s Night Rally on 11th/12th July, and three competitors gained an equal number of marks, so that the event was decided on tests staged at the start and finish. A treasure hunt, over a course of about 120 miles, was followed by a break for refreshment at Kenilworth and a 25 m.p.h. section to the finish for breakfast.

#### Results

Overall: 1, M. Sheehan (Ford Prefect); (Austin A40); 7, M. Sheehan (1914 Fictor), 2, I. Greening (Austin A40); 3, J. Adams (Austin A40). Tests: 1, S. Cracknell (H.P. Spl.); 2, W. Ridley (Ford Spl.); 3, M. Sheehan (Ford Prefect).

#### RHYL CORONATION RALLY

THE Rhyl and D.M.C.'s Coronation Rally on 11th/12th July, planned to coincide with the celebrations in connection with H.M. The Queen's visit to North Wales, was a great success. Before half of the 160-mile course had been covered, almost every competitor was behind schedule, and the results of the eliminating test en route were not needed in deciding the winner, A. Hugh Rutt (Jowett Javelin).

#### Results

Class 1: D. Martin (Morris 8), 20 pts. lost; 2, Mrs. N. Waterhouse (Triumph Mayflower). Class 2: 1, A. H. Rutt Mayflower). Class 2: 1, A. H. Rutt (Jowett Javelin), 1 pt. lost; 2, D. Beer (Standard Vanguard). Premier Award: A. H. Rutt. Team Award: Rutt, Martin and J. E. Thomas.

#### COMING ATTRACTIONS

July 25th. B.A.R.C. 13th Members' Meeting, Meeting, Goodwood, Chichester. Start, 2.0 p.m. Goodwood,

S.A.F. Trophy Med (A.M.O.C.), Snetterton, U.S.A.F. Meeting near Thetford, Norfolk. Start, 11.30

Bristol M.C. and L.C.C. Veteran Rally, Redcliffe Street, Bristol, 2.0 p.m.

Midland A.C. Hill-Climb, Shelsley Walsh, Worcestershire.

N.I.M.C. Annual Circuit of Ulster Rally. Start, 8.30 a.m.

July 25th/26th. 24-Hours Race (S), Spa, Belgium.

July 26th. Jubilee G.P. (S), Lisbon, Portugal.

Aosta-Grand St. Bernard Hill-Climb, Italy.

Circuit of Caen (S, T), France. Circuit of Senigallia, Italy.

Allard O.C. Driving Tests, Football Club Ground, Horley. Start, 11.0

Limerick M.C. Hill-Climb, Eire.

July 29th. Armagh and D.M.C. Trial, Northern Ireland.

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More News from the Clubs on page 132

#### CLUB FIXTURES

Bentley D.C.—Mectines: 25th July, White Horse, Chilgrove, Sussex, after Goodwood meeting; 26th July, Rock Inn, Chiddingstone. Kent, 7 p.m.: 28th July, Blacksmith's Arms, Thornwood Common, Nr. Epping, Essex, 8 p.m.

North London E.M.C.—Social Run, 25th July, Yew Tree Inn, Walkern, Nr. Stevenage.

A.N.E. and C.C.C.—Meeting. 25th July, Middlesbrough, and D.M.C. Headquarters, 6.30 p.m.

Alvis Register.-Meeting, 25th July, Bear Inn, Berkswell, 7.30 p.m.

Leicestershire C.C.—Social Run, 26th July, Lee Street Car Park, 8.45 a.m.

A.C.O.C.—Visit to Essex Police Driving School, 26th July, 2 p.m.

Cheltenham M.C.-Driving Tests, 26th July, Cold

Slad, 3 p.m.

"W.O." Club.—Social Evening, 26th July, White Hart Hotel, Whiteparish, Nr. Salisbury, Wilts, 7 p.m.

Welsh Counties C.C.—Meeting, 27th July, The Duke, Cowbridge, Glam.

Northampton and D.C.C.—Meeting, 28th July, Rose and Crown, Hartwell, 8 p.m.

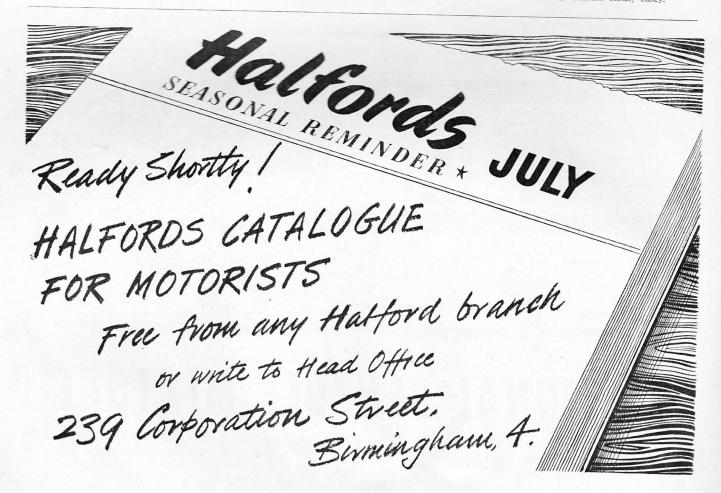
London M.C.—Quiz Match, 28th July, The Paviour's Arms, Page Street, S.W.I, 7.30 p.m.

Eastern Counties M.C.—Meeting, 28th July, Red Lion, Martlesham, Nr. Woodbridge.

750 M.C.—Midland Meeting, 29th July, Forest Hotel, Dorridge, Southern Meeting, The Bell, Brook, Nr. Cadnam. B.A.R.C. (S.W.).—Meeting, 29th July, Little Test-wood Country Club, Totton,

Chiltern C.C.—Meeting, 29th July, George Hotel, Beaconsfield, 7,30 p.m.

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News from the Clubs-continued

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Among the earlier machines were the 1905 two-cylinder from the Science Museum, another 10-h.p. twin and the 1907 Silver Ghost from Rolls-Royce, Ltd., and Stanley Sears's 1905 four-cylinder T.T. Replica. A fine display of privately owned Silver Ghosts included several examples with successful competition histories. Phantom I models were immensely dignified, and some of the Phantom IIs had a beauty which has never been surpassed.

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J. V. B.

#### WEST ESSEX SNETTERTON MEETING

Entries close on Monday, 27th July, for the West Essex C.C.'s next race meeting at Snetterton, on 1st August. This is a "closed" event, not National,

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To celebrate their coming-of-age in September, the West Hants and Dorset C.C. have produced a neat little 21st Anniversary Year Book. It includes a short history of the club, rules and a list of members, with photographs by Anthony Hollister.

#### **NITROMETHANE**

I INE 15, column two, of John Bolster's article on Nitromethane (10th July issue) should read "inert nitrogen" and not "inert hydrogen", which appeared owing to a slip of the pen.



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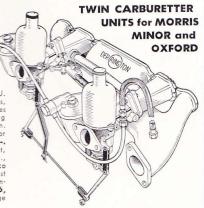
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