

# HOOVER LAUDS RED CROSS FOR MERCY DEEDS

'Most Beautiful Flower of American Spirit,' He Says.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—President Herbert Hoover Thursday night praised the American Red Cross as "one of the most beautiful flowers of the American spirit and the American democracy."

Speaking on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the organization, Mr. Hoover said "it represents our people in their most generous, unselfish and spontaneously warm-hearted character."

Women, he said, provided the Red Cross with its purpose, adding that "through the loftiest of all spiritual qualities—charity—it has become the guardian of the people from suffering in times of disaster."

Without going into the controversy that raged around the organization in the last session of congress, the President traced its origin and development in the last half century.

He said it represented the people "in the most effective exercise of their powers of organization and self-government. Supported wholly by the voluntary gifts of the people, it is managed by the voluntary service of high-minded private citizens."

Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes also praised the Red Cross, which, he said, "represents the united voluntary effort of the American people in the ministry of mercy."

## STATE AUTO OWNERS GROW 9,048 IN YEAR

Hoosier Motor Club Statistics Show Car for Every 3.7 Persons.

Whenever you see four persons riding in an automobile hereafter, make note of the fact that three-fourths of one of those motorists should be occupying space in another vehicle.

Either that is the case, or some one is in danger of a ticket for parking or is paying garage rent uselessly.

For in Indiana in this year there are 875,763 motor vehicles registered, a gain of 9,048 over 1930, or one auto to each 3.7 persons.

The figures are those of Frank Hatfield, president of the Hoosier Motor Club.

# A SPEEDY FAMILY

'Pop' Stapp Holds Clock on 'Babe'



Looking over the stopwatch after a fast lap around the Indianapolis Motor Speedway track are (left to right) Arch B. Stapp, father of the popular "Babe"; Elbert E. (Babe) Stapp, one of America's headiest drivers; and Harry C. (Cotton) Henning, owner and mechanic of the flashy Rigling & Henning Duesenberg.

By NORMAN E. ISAACS

"That first turn is always the toughest for me!"

Those are the words of the father of a race driver and probably are the emotions of every parent of a speed pilot.

"You know," says Arch B. Stapp, father of Elbert E. (Babe) Stapp, one of the headiest drivers in the nation, "the boys always are jammed up on that first turn—whether it's on a California dirt track or this great Indianapolis Speedway. The kids are always trying to get in there first. After that first turn, I always lean back and sigh with relief."

The elder Stapp—"Pop" to every driver and mechanic at the speedway's famous "Gasoline Alley"—grinned as he thought of the old days.

"It's funny, but I used to own a string of race horses down in San Antonio, Tex., years and years ago. I always did like speed. But when the boys got to growing up and driving race cars, those horses just got too darned slow for me."

And now it seems there is another driver, or at least a would-be driver, in the family—Bill.

But Babe has put his foot down on the proposition, despite the fact he's the "baby" of the family. "One driver is enough in this

family," was Babe's edict, and so Indianapolis may never see Bill Stapp pilot a race car.

"Well," says Pop, "maybe that's right. Bill's a good driver and he wants to drive, but Babe, at that, gives the whole family enough thrills."

"Babe will get his break one of these days—he was born to be a racer—when he was 6 years old he wanted a bike and nothing but a racing bike would suit him."

"Later on he said he wanted a new bike to be a Western Union boy. He got himself a racing bike, and he turned telegraph messenger. He didn't do much delivering, though. He was always rigging up bike races between the boys."

"I'm crazy about this racing game and as long as Babe's racing, I'm going to be here keeping time on him with a stopwatch."

And Pop clicked the watch as Babe hurtled down the stretch, bound for another practice lap before taking the flashy Duesenberg into its garage so that Harry C. (Cotton) Henning, its owner and mechanic, could put a few finishing touches on it.

Boston Mayor Visits London

LONDON, May 22.—Mayor James M. Curley of Boston was in London today, after a tour of Ireland.

# U. S. MAY TURN LEADER IN NEXT ARMS PARLEY

Dismal Reports Brought From Abroad May Change Hoover 'Back Seat' Plans.

By JOSEPH H. BAIRD

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, May 22.—President Herbert Hoover's intensive interest in disarmament, it was indicated in high quarters today, may cause the United States to assume the role of a spirited leader at the Geneva world conference next February.

This reported shift in purpose—surprising because administration spokesmen previously had said the United States would take a "back seat" at the conference—is coincident with the return of Senator Dwight Morrow (Rep., N. J.) from Europe, where he has made an informal but thorough review of disarmament prospects.

Although Morrow has remained silent reports persist that he brought home a dismal report, indicating the need of American efforts to help Europe from a mire of antagonism.

## FAKE FOG MAY HIDE CITIES IN TIME OF WAR

New Device Likely to Prove Useful in Defense Against Air Raids.

By United Press

PARIS, May 22.—Experiments in the use of artificial fog as a protection in war time were reported successful today.

The experiments were conducted at Tourcoing—textile city where, incidentally, upward of 100,000 workers are at present on strike in the mills.

Great tanks emitted a thick fog-like gas which hung low over the city, defying a moderate wind.

Marshal Henri Petain was among the high army officers who observed the experiments. It was believed the hiding of cities in this "fog" in time of war would prove useful against air raids.

Trades Conference Is Held

By United Press

ST. LOUIS, May 22.—Importance of foreign trade to the development of the Mississippi valley was stressed today at the fifth annual Central Mississippi valley foreign trades conference.

# Held in Fraud



Louis S. Gottlieb

Chicago and Indianapolis police today said a year's search of two continents was ended with the arrest of Louis S. Gottlieb, former Chicago attorney, who has been residing at 728 South Illinois street. He is wanted on a charge of swindling Chicago Jews of \$200,000.

# DENY TOSCANINI HELD PRISONER

Italy Also Says Passport Has Not Been Withdrawn.

By United Press

ROME, May 22.—Arturo Toscanini, conductor of the New York Philharmonic Symphony orchestra, is neither a prisoner nor subject to special watching in his home at Milan, it was asserted officially on Thursday night.

Reports that Toscanini's passport had been withdrawn also were denied in official sources. Toscanini went to his home in Milan after a recent incident at Bologna, when he was pummeled by Fascists, angry because he would not open a concert with the royal anthem or the Fascist hymn.

## TWO INJURED IN CRASH

Two were injured, and Granville Powers, 39, of 2177 Second avenue, Mars Hill, was arrested on charges of failure to have a driver's license and reckless driving, in an accident Thursday in the 2100 block South Harding street. James Powers, 15, was cut on the face, and Mrs. Otis Weaver, 1392 Main street, Mars Hill, riding with her husband, was cut on the head.

# FIDDLER, 81, VICTOR OVER COMPETITOR, 80

Washington Octogenarians' Feud Is Settled After Contest.

By United Press

PULLMAN, Wash., May 22.—Refusing to admit that there was any fiddler better than he, Burton J. Davis, 81-year-old Idaho man, ac-

cepted a challenge and won a fiddling contest from J. W. Parr, 80, of Pullman.

The "feud" was the result of a challenge which originated when Sam Breeze, a farmer, bet that Parr could outplay any old-timer entered in radio competition. Friends of Davis urged him to enter the contest, and he won the majority vote of the judges.

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