

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—An automobile show is where people go to sit in Rolls Royces and buy Fords...

I wrote that line a long time ago. It isn't any better now except that it is probably more fitting.

Anyhow I drifted into the automobile show at the Grand Central palace Tuesday night and the picture didn't seem complete to me...

Somehow I have developed the feeling that the automobile show is like holding a automobile shows unless Henry Ford, Barney Oldfield and Mr. William H. Pickens are there.

I go back to the horse and buggy days when it was a grand thrill to ride in a carriage. I have not seen a horse and buggy since I can remember when the automobile first came into prominence, and even to this day I have not seen a horse and buggy talk about new fangled automobile gadgets, unless I mention Ford or Oldfield, or Mr. Pickens.

I suppose I can explain this feeling on the ground that Henry Ford is an automobile race driver and of course everybody knows the great fame that Oldfield and Mr. Pickens have.

As for Mr. Pickens, he just happens to be a man who has renamed the contraction the "Cooper Special."

Driving along Oldfield broke into the racing game through an attempt to make this car go. He was working for Cooper when he got into the mechanical difficulties by inserting a rubber into the gas tank and blowing himself into a hole.

With Oldfield sitting in the back seat, propped up on a cord, Cooper driving, the car was able to go as fast as fifty miles an hour on a straightaway course.

THIS performance attracted the attention of a young imaginative young promoter, Carl Fisher, creator of the present 500-mile course at Indianapolis, and what followed will be known as the beginning of the speed era of America. Fisher brought the combination into Detroit for an exhibition.

It was the first time in his life Oldfield had been in the time of 5:28, beating the several other awkward entries by more than half a mile. "Any who has seen it," the gentleman tells the story in present day words.

As a result of this performance, the "Cooper Special" was built and disengaged by Fisher because it was not around the time that another of my early sports page favorites came into existence.

Mr. Pickens decided he could do some good with this astonishing creation, so he went to Cooper and said, "One thing he didn't have any money, but he gave him \$100." Pickens later told me, "I've known Mr. Pickens for a long time. One thing he never runs out of is his word, or even words."

WHEN Mr. Pickens bought the car, he went out on his own. Oldfield meant nothing to him. Later they came together and in due time formed one of the most interesting sports combinations the world has ever known—maybe not the most important, but, I'll repeat, one of the most interesting.

It's a typical story how they finally got together. Mr. Pickens was in Salt Lake City, and the local champion was driving the car. Neither knew that the champion was doing any too well. Mr. Pickens, as usual, was the better man.

A grave problem confronted him. Here he was in the town's leading hotel and with no shoes. He had to buy a new pair of shoes. It was a simple matter to have them sent to the hotel. C. O. D. Mr. Pickens had a special way to enter their team, "Call Charlie." For full particulars drawings for the first couple of weeks of demand was refund and some mitigation was given.

Oldfield, amazed at Mr. Pickens' ingenuity, said he would be a good guy to bring along with himself to a commercial soldier of fortune. "And thus was born the Oldfield-Pickens combination. There are no more than six members in the group."

By this time the "Cooper Special" was speeded up to a world record. It was 5:26, and it was a world record.

Driving the car in the world's record for all the automobiles in the world, sneered Oldfield. Saying which, Oldfield and Mr. Pickens had a good time, the result of which, extending over a long stretch of time, had been exciting and novel, if not lucrative.

The last I heard of Mr. Pickens he had filed suit in bankruptcy, and Oldfield was way down in the market crash, more than \$900,000 in the market crash. But I hear that Henry Ford is still thumbing his nose at the wolf.

Grand American Shoot Planned

DAYTON, O., Jan. 14.—The 1933 Grand American Handicap trap-shooting tournament probably will be held at Chicago during the World's Fair.

Delegates from the various states will be asked to approve such a plan when they meet here in August. The executive committee of the American amateur Trap Shooting Association decided on such a program Wednesday. This year's Grand American will be held at Van Alen, O., Aug. 22 to 27 inclusive. The purse is \$10,000, the same as last year.

College Cage Scores

ARMY, 25; DUKE, 23; WASH. 25; PENNSYLVANIA, 21; Lehigh, 21; PRINCETON, 31; Cornell, 22; WISCONSIN, 20; UNION, 19; WESTERN RESERVE, 33; DENISON, 29; WILBERFORCE, 20; BROWN (W. Va.), 21; OHIO, 22; OHIO STATE, 32; CINCINNATI, 22; DEFENSE, 43; DARTMOUTH, 38; PENN, 36; KENT, 38; IOWA, 24; IOWA STATE TEACHERS, 32; COLUMBIA, 24; OLIVER, 23; KALAMAZOO, 17; WISCONSIN, 27; MICHIGAN, 18; WISCONSIN, 26; OKLAHOMA, 26; WASHBURN, 21; STATE, 20; BROWN, 18; MICHIGAN STATE, 22; PITTSBURGH, 21; OREGON, 33; GONZAGA, 31; DUKE, 20; BROWN, 16; CINCINNATI, 24; SYRACUSE, 22; FORDHAM, 16; VANDERBILT, 20; WISCONSIN, 35; WEDNESDAY H. S. NET SCORES, 22; DELAWARE, 11; WASH. (EAST CHICAGO), 22; WISCONSIN, 17; WASH. (EAST CHICAGO), 22; WISCONSIN, 20; CENTRAL (Ft. WAYNE), 18; WISCONSIN, 21; ST. MARY'S (HUNTINGTON), 21; DECATUR, 14; SCOTTSBURG, 22; SALEM, 21.

Wednesday Ring Results

AT SAN FRANCISCO—Madison, Dif. 158, Bellinger, 158, John Schwake, 224, Wm. G. Groves, 200, defeated Angus Snyder, 197, Kasas, 170; King Tui, 145, Minnesota, 140; Johnny Kiser, 128, St. Louis, 108; Johnny Howard, 125; Louis, 108, outpointed Howard Scott, 125; (10); Dan, 108, both featherweights. (8); Larry Fruitt, Indianapolis, won from Roy Logsdon, 125.

FITZSIMMONS HOLDOUT

By Times Special

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Big Fred Fitzsimmons, veteran right-handed pitcher, today joined Bill Terry and Mel Ott as Giant holdouts, wiring the New York Giants from Arcadia, Cal., that the contract offered him was unsatisfactory. Fitzsimmons formerly pitched for the Indianapolis A. A. club.

Johnny Vergez, third baseman,

was given a substantial raise by Charles Stonham when he learned Vergez was expecting an addition to his family. Vergez made good as a rookie last year.

ELEVEN QUINTETS BATTLE FOR COUNTY LAURELS

Four Share Top Berth

Southport, Warren, Decatur and Ben Davis Are Favorites.

Eleven Marion county high school quintets will battle for title honors in the fourteenth annual cage tourney opening at the Armory Friday morning. One of the closest struggles for the crown in history was predicted today. Four teams ranked at the top of the contenders, but upsets are expected.

Southport, with a quintet of six-foot veterans, including the same team which eliminated Technical from the sectional tournament last year, was picked as the top favorite to succeed Beech Grove as county champion.

Ben Davis, 1931 runnerup, was another leading choice of the dopesters. Decatur Central and Warren Central are other leaders. Indianapolis city schools are not included in the county association.

First round action opens Friday, with Ben Davis opposing Warren Central at 9 a. m. Castleton takes on Acton at 10 o'clock and Lawrence opens against Southport at 11 o'clock. Beech Grove gets under way at 1:30, taking on Oaklawn, and at 7 p. m. with the winner of the Ben Davis-Warren Central tussle.

Championship and consolation elimination games will continue through Friday night and all day Saturday. Saturday's sessions start at 9 a. m. and 1:30 and 7:30 p. m.

Danville Five Central Foe

Coach Harry Good is sending his Indiana Central Greyhounds through lengthy practice sessions behind closed doors this week in preparation for the encounter with Central Normal of Danville in the University Heights gym Friday night.

Special attention is being given to individual instruction and by Friday night Coach Good hopes to have his team in perfect mental and physical trim. Butler is the only Hoosier team holding a win over Danville in the last two years.

Basketball

ENTRIES CLOSE

Entries for the senior division of the west side sectional cage tourney were closed at noon today when eight teams completed their registration. The tournament will be held at the Dearborn hotel gymnasium. Dearborn teams are open for two junior classes, men's and women's, and for two senior classes, men's and women's, who wish to enter their team can enter for the first particular drawings for the first p. m. at Dearborn at 7 p. m.

ONE of the annual contenders

setting a fast pace in recent tussles.

Lock, husky back guard, is ranked as one of the state's outstanding postmen. Garrott, tall center, is showing rapid improvement at the pivot. McCarty, a reserve last year, and Cook are the regular forwards, with the former

regarded as a dangerous scoring threat by all rivals. Merrill and Milton, speedy dribblers and accurate basket snipers, divide the floor guard assignment.

Bausman piloted the Greencastle Tiger Cub to the runner-up position in the 1931 title tourney.

Frankfort Bids Again for Net Title



Milton

Cook

Locke

Merrill

Garrott

McCarty