

Race Drivers' Wives Anxious to Help Mates

Mrs. Shaw Thinks She Could Speed Things Up in Pits.

BY HELEN LINDSAY

Just as every business executive's wife has a secret yearning to reorganize her husband's business, wives of Speedway drivers long to get behind the wheel of those can-can-ball-like vehicles in the 500-mile race.

"Do I ever see things that I'd do differently in the race? I should say I do!" says Mrs. Deacon Litz. "And I guess every other race driver's wife, although she believes her husband the most expert on the track, has the same feeling."

"It's not so much the driving that I want to help with," Mrs. Wilbur Shaw interrupts. "I want to get in the pits and speed up the work there. Every time Wilbur's car stops at the pits, I have to close my eyes to keep from screaming with nervousness. No matter how fast the men in the pits work, I always have a feeling that I could change the tires faster."

Feel Easier at Speedway

Both Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Litz have watched their husbands drive on dirt, board and brick tracks. And each confesses that she feels much more at ease during the 500-mile race.

"But that's not very much at ease," they admit.

"On dirt tracks you just keep your eyes on the cloud of dust which you hope conceals your husband safe and alive, and wait for it to clear to confirm your hopes," Mrs. Shaw says.

"You know that he has to drive often by guess—I remember on one dirt track, Wilbur judged the turns by the markings on the balloon in the center of the field. If the wind had shifted the balloon too much—well, let's not think about that. He probably wouldn't have made the turns."

Board Tracks Are Feared

Board tracks, which both women are happy to report are being torn up, call for many wifely qualms.

"The bottom of the car is filled with splinters of wood when the race is over," Mrs. Litz explains. "I have seen Deacon end a race on a board track with slivers of the track all over him. There's always the danger of one of them puncturing one of the tires, or injuring the driver."

Race drivers are just as business-like between races as men in any other business. They work long hours on their racers, and take little time off for entertainment.

Recalls Amusing Episode

If Wilbur Shaw wins the race this year, Mrs. Shaw hopes she'll be among the first to congratulate him. But she's not at all sure that that would be possible.

"Last year, when I realized that he would come in second, I gave down from my seat to the track, to get across and congratulate him," she says. "I proudly told the man at the gate that I was Mrs. Wilbur Shaw, and wanted to get across to see my husband. He just laughed."

"Lady, I've already let three Mrs. Wilbur Shaws over," he said, and do you think I could get by him? I could not—I had to wait till Wilbur came across the track after me."

Worries Over Daddy

There's only one member of the Litz family who will be absent from the track Memorial Day. That will be 10-year-old Jacqueline, who saw her second race last year.

"She still feels just as she did when she was 2 years old, and I took her to see her father race. She recognized him as his car went by our seats."

"Daddy, better be careful, Mamma, or he'll fall down," she said. I thought last year she might have gotten over her fears, and enjoy the race. But she still worries about him, and will stay at home. But I'll be there—hoping that he'll win, and being scared to death every minute."

Good to Eat

ONE of the very nicest casseroles I know of, which combines vegetables, cheese, sausage or bacon and potatoes, is the following recipe. It's an entire meal in itself and served with a spring greens salad and fresh fruit, such as strawberries or rhubarb, for dessert makes most delicious meal:

CHEESE BROCOLLI CASSEROLE FOR THREE

1 bunch brocolli
1/2 cup onions, sliced
1 1/2 tablespoons butter
1 1/2 tablespoons flour
1/2 cups milk
1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
1/2 teaspoon celery salt
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/2 cup cooked white potatoes, diced
1/2 cup grated American cheese
1 tablespoon bread crumbs
2 or 3 pork sausages or
3 slices bacon

Wash the brocolli and cut into individual flowerets.

Cook in boiling, salted water (to which a pinch of soda has been added) until tender. Tie the brocolli together just as you would asparagus and cook the bottom ends down in the water first, then the top. It will take about 15 minutes.

Sauté the onions, sliced, in the butter until a light yellow.

Blend the flour into the onions and add the milk gradually until the mixture thickens.

Season with Worcestershire, celery salt, salt and pepper.

Place the brocolli, diced potatoes and cheese, well combined, into a greased casserole.

Pour the onion sauce over them and mix lightly.

Sprinkle the bread crumbs on top and bake in a moderate oven about 25 minutes.

If you use the sausages, fry them nice and brown and cut them in slices and add to the mixture; if bacon, fry crisp and sprinkle it on top of the dish.

This is really something, lots of flavor and taste, attractive looking and filling at small expense.

LATEST FASHIONS FROM LOCAL SHOPS



BY MARJORIE BINFORD WOODS

Times Fashion Editor

OUT on the sunny side of the world, flowering orchards beckon from the highways and the urge to play in the open is irresistible. Summer fashions afield are divided into two parts—linen and cotton. These care-free young ladies in their V-Club Cabriolet have given their undivided attention to the first part—linen in tailored versions. Not the same fabric that they have worn since pinafore days but a newly treated uncrushable, unwrinkable linen, that will run the gamut of daytime activities in fine fettle.

The girl sitting high on her perch among the blossoms interprets the playtime mood in a two-piece navy linen with fitted vestee.

The neatest tricks of the season and may be found in local shops in a wide array of gay colors and exhilarating styles.

MISS ALICE KELLY

TO MARRY KANSAN

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick C. Kelly, 2126 N. New Jersey-st., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Alice Kelly, to Charles Jackson McGaugh, son of Mrs. Ruth Hendricks, Kansas City, Kans.

The wedding is to take place in SS. Peter and Paul Chapel, June 4.

ding and show a second suit, after North had passed.

South opened the king of spades, and, despite the strong spades showing in dummy, continued with the ace. Here East made the play that assured him the safety of his contract.

Instead of ruffing, as many players would do, he discarded his losing diamond, putting a loser on a loser. By making this play, he fulfilled his contract, eventually losing a trump trick.

The diamond discard could lose only in the extremely improbable event that North was void of either clubs or diamonds, a chance so remote as to be unworthy of consideration.

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MISS CHESEBROUGH HONORED AT PARTY

Miss Margaret Chesebrough, bride-to-be, was honor guest at the party given last night by Mrs. Ormel C. Chesebrough.

Miss Chesebrough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Chesebrough, is to be married to Emil Mertz.

A pink and blue satin parasol was suspended from the dining room chandelier from which hung pink and blue streamers forming a bower to hold the chromium gifts.

Guests included: Mrs. Emil H. Mertz, mother of the bride-to-be; Mesdames Alice B. Mooney, Essie Earl, Joseph Walpole, Hubert Mertz, Ernest Sharp, William McClellan, Francis McGlinchy, Jacob Herald, Jerry Camilla, John Gansman and Misses Elizabeth Lenahan, Geraldine Kuntz, Winifred O'Brien, Adelaide Wilhelm, Margaret Irwin, Dorothy Ann Scroggins, Carolyn Kord, Emma Bernhardt and Betty Lane.

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