

# 23 Pilots Still Due To Take 500 Drivers Test

## AAA Officials Look Ahead To Busy Days

Only 2 Newcomers Have Passed Test

By ART WRIGHT

With only two drivers having completed tests at the Indianapolis Speedway among the some 25 new pilots who must demonstrate their ability to drive in the fast company of the 500-mile classic, AAA officials today looked to busy days ahead.

It seemed to be the old, old story of the speed fraternity. Most everyone was waiting until the last minute to do the things necessary to get into the race.

Although the Contest Board of the American Automobile Association, national governing body of the speed sport, took over the track 11 days ago, only two drivers have taken their driver tests. New pilots are required to pass a test prior to qualification.

"Wild Bill" Cantrell, at the wheel of the Fagot Twin Coach Special, successfully passed his test yesterday. He went through the last 10 laps of his run at the required 115 miles per hour. Now he is free to ride "open throttle" on the two-and-one-half-mile course.

The only other driver who had completed his driver test was Anthony Granatelli, of Chicago, who demonstrated his ability for the AAA officials on May 1.

Dick Palmer, at the wheel of his own Palmer Special, had run all but seven of his 115 miles per hour laps to complete his test.

If all the new drivers entered made their appearance for driver tests, it would take all the track time available until Saturday's opening of qualifying time trials to get the AAA stamp of approval.

With far less than the 50 cars entered having shown up at the track today, there was much speculation as to how many actually would take time trials. Most guesses among the speed fraternity was that 50 cars would try to qualify. One of the veterans of the track guessed as high as 60 cars.

BILL HOLLAND, last year's second place winner, planned to fly back East in his private plane today after his second ride of the year in his Moore "Blue Crown Special." Bill was on the track for the first time yesterday, after a race at Trenton, N. J., on Sunday, and he said another ride today would put the car in shape for Saturday's qualifications.

Bill almost had to make an emergency landing in a cornfield near the Speedway yesterday coming down in his plane. He landed with an almost empty gasoline tank in the Speedway infield.

He was accompanied by Lee Wallard, one of the East's top drivers, who flew here with Holland Saturday. Wallard, anxious to find a car to drive in the May 31 classic, has several "hot" prospects.

TED HORN, national champion, telephoned "Cotton" Henning, boss-man of his eight-cylinder Maserati, that he would arrive here late tomorrow and would be ready for a trial run Thursday.

Horn is remaining in the East to attend the funeral of Fred Peters, one of the "grandest guys" of the speed fraternity, who died at Paterson, N. J., following an operation. "Pete" owned the car Walt Ader will drive and which was piloted last year by Joe Chitwood.

Those associated with "Pete" will bring the car here to compete in the race, despite the owner's death.

HORN'S MASERATI was on the track for the first time yesterday. George Connor, also of the Henning stable, was at the wheel. It was a warm-up demonstration devoid of peak speed, only to get the car ready for Horn's arrival.

ROSCOE DUNNING, one of the most experienced of the Speedway's veteran mechanics, greeted friends yesterday with an air of things-are-not-so-good. Mrs. Dunning fell the other day and broke a hip. She broke the knee of the same leg in a fall last year shortly after the "500."

ALTHOUGH Rex May's Bowes Seal Fast Special was engineless, Mechanic Pete Clark said the car would be ready for Saturday's first-day qualifications. "Or I'll be on my way to California," Pete said. Mays ran into trouble Saturday in a test run and it was necessary to dismantle the engine. Pete said he expected to have the car running by Thursday for pre-qualification tests.

ONE OF the "prettiest" cars in this year's field—the "Howard Keck Special" which Jimmy Jackson will drive—arrived yesterday. The unloading operation attracted the attention of all the "big names" still at the Speedway about 6 p. m. The four-cylinder Meyer-Drake engine creation is streamlined like an 8-cylinder Maserati. The owners are from



WORK UNDER HOOD—Gerald Brisko and Walt Myers tinker under the hood of the Frank Lynch Special, a Maserati that is scheduled to make a bid for a front position when qualification opens Saturday at the 500-Mile track. Gerald is the 24-year-old son of Frank Brisko, former driver. Myers of Indianapolis is a technical representative at Allison's. The car is the same Maserati Emil Andres drove to fourth place in 1946.

## Coaltown Drops From Preakness

Wright Colt Out—Barring Change

BALTIMORE, May 11 (UP)—

Trainer Jimmy Jones announced today that Coaltown, which finished second in the Kentucky Derby, is definitely out of Saturday's \$100,000 Preakness.

He said the decision was made in a telephone conversation to Churchill Downs shortly after midnight.

The on-again, off-again plans for Coaltown to appear in the Preakness are definitely off barring an unexpected change of plans, Jones said. He said any further change would be announced in Louisville. But he doubted there would be any change.

This was the third time that Coaltown has been declared out of the Preakness. A few days after Coaltown's stablemate—Citation—won the Derby, it was announced that Coaltown would not run here. Last Friday it was announced he would run. Yesterday owner Warren Wright said he would withdraw Coaltown if the threat of a railroad strike persisted, because he did not want the colt stranded somewhere en route. When the threatened strike was called off, it seemed certain Coaltown would be brought here. But Jones' announcement spiked that possibility.

Los Angeles, Cal. Jackson, formerly of Indianapolis, is from Whitewater, Cal.

MACK HELLINGS, one of the top midge-big car-motorcycle racers from the West Coast, expects to take his driver test by tomorrow in the new car of the Lou Moore stable. Mack ran into left-front-wheel trouble yesterday in his first test. His mount is a four-cylinder 220 cubic inch job, smaller than the Rose and Holland cars.

JOE LENCKI, of Chicago, ran a few "joy ride" laps with his six-cylinder "Speedway Cocktail Special" which Ronnie Householder will pilot. Lencki says the car will be on the line for qualifications Saturday.

His second car, a four-cylinder job, doesn't have a driver yet, although Joe is considering several bids, including that of Johnny Parsons, West Coast midge pilot. The car was to have been driven by Mike O'Halloran—but Mike is laid up with several broken ribs after a fan ran across the midge track at South Bend into Mike's path and plunged into the cockpit of the car O'Halloran was driving.

## Golf in a Stroke

By CLAUDE HARMON

Master of the Masters

THERE ARE as many stances in putting as there are golfers. The reason is the rule: Always be comfortable. And there is no better advice.



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backswing which naturally makes my follow-through long.

Notice that the blade of the club is close to the ground at all times.

CONCENTRATE on keeping wrists straight. There should not be the slightest break at impact as there is in the long swing. Strive for smoothness.

Let the club swing as a pendulum. Practice as much as possible. Putting is many times the difference between par, a birdie or an eagle.

Golf matches and tournaments are won on the greens.

## Beggs Given Release After Operation Fails

CHICAGO, May 11 (UP)—The

New York Giants said today they have given Joe Beggs, veteran pitcher, his unconditional release.

Beggs won three and lost three for the Giants last year after going to New York from Cincinnati in a trade for Babe Young.

The veteran right-hander underwent an elbow operation during the winter for removal of bone chips, but apparently never recovered his control. This was his tenth season in the majors.

## College Golf

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