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#### Abstract

The cyclists have gone now. Residents of Roosevel Drive, East Franklin Street, and Davie Circle will have soft whir of narrow tires and the blurred flash of shiny spokes. Jim Hotelling and Larry Layden have gone away to school. They leave behind them neighbors some of whom are convinced that the two boys sleep and eat on thei greyhound-lean bicycles, wheeling fast in ghostly silence around and around Davie Circle, darting with suprisingly effortless speed up and down Strowd Hill.

The two boys, the sons of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Hotel ling and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Layden, of East Franldin Street and Davie Circle, did manage to spend some of their summer not hunched over the bars of their bicycles. But not much.


They have sports bicycles, which is the two-wheel equivalent of a sports car. The difference between a
sports bicycle and a racing bicycle is about the same as sports bicycle and a racing bicycle is about the same as
the difference between a stock sports car and a competithe difference between a stock sports car and a con
tion sports car. Both do some surprising things.
The Layden-Hotelling bicycling enterprise is not simply a matter of proudly coasting down Strowd Hill no handed, or pumping off into the hills for a camping trip. They are dedicated to speed and technique on two
wheels. The sport is as engrossing and as technical as horse-racing or football.
According to Jim Hotelling, who became bike-smitten about two years ago, competition bicycling goes someSports bicyclists can have ordinary three-speed gears, but the dedicated have as many as ten. Ten gears are attached to a bicycle with two pedal sprockets, three rear axle sprockets, and a "derailer," a little mechan-
ism which permits switching the bicycle chain from ism which permits switching the bicycle chain from sprocket to sprocket in any one of ten different combina-
tions of front and rear sprockets.

The number of teeth on the sprocket is important. Power, and therefore speed potentialities can be juggled There is a mathematical ratio of front to rear sprocket teeth that the layman bogs down in quickly.
For competition, it is best to have your bicycle frame made for you, to fit, like a suit. The idea is to make the frame large enough so that the leg is almost completely extended when its pedal reaches the lowest point. The best bicycle frames are made of what is known as Reynols ssl double-butted thbular pieces, the tubes inum is used, but only in alloy. It is not strong enough by itself.
On real competition bikes, a little lever will remov a wheel in an instant. In a race, a flat tire can be repaired very fast by slipping off the wheel, pulling of the narrow tire (some are as light as four ounces) slipping on a spare (they have no inner tubes), pumping it up, putting the wheel back on, and riding away The tires are glued to the rims with a glue that remains
constantly tacky, so that it can be used for several successive tire changes.
The potential speed of a sports or racing bicycle is appalling, considering the vehicle. The trick is to have the wind broken in front of the rider; removal of wind resistance practically puts the rider in a vacuum. The words bicycle speed record was set in France a coupl He reach ago by a man with a gigantic pedal sprocket. hreak mounted on the rear of a Mercedes Benz 300 SL. Jim Hotelling has tried a little road speed himself, but will not say where or when or how fast he went or how he managed it.
One of the dedicated bicyclist's tricks on the road is to get behind a trailer truck. The truck breaks the a while, even at 60 miles an hour ("That's very hard. You can only keep that up for a couple of miles"). The police don't like this practice, and truck drivers like it even less. It looks highly dangerous. Actually, it is not as dangerous as it looks because a bicycle has only a stop a great deal faster even if the truck driver has to floor his brakes.
Jim Hotelling and Larry Layden went to Washington this summer and pedaled around the elipse in front of the White House with other sporting bicyclists. But they did not compete. They may compete next summer Meanwhile, residents of the east end of Tows will have to do without their regular view of two bicyclists bent double and swishing past at what appears to be breakneck speed. Other boys in the Franklin Street Davie Circle neighborhood have begun to equip their bikes for this kind of riding, but the Hotelling-Layden enterprise is still far ahead of them. It's wonderful conditioning for track, they say.

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