

Mountaineers Dominate 1948 The Ridge Conference Team

Wood County Wildlife Looks Ahead In 1949

Wood County Wildlife Conservation and Fishing Club officers to meet at their special meeting Tuesday evening at 8 P. M.

Officers were re-elected: President, G. G. Smith; Secretary, J. G. Smith; Treasurer, J. G. Smith.

Barney Anderson, Days of Honesty, and Roy Harbin on the club's board.

Members were: Johnson, Rabbit, Day, Wayne Smith, E. B. Queen and H. C. Queen.

Club members believe this proposal will provide better hunting and fishing.

Waynesville Eleven Lands Four Men On First Team

The Waynesville High Mountaineers, who won the Blue Ridge Conference championship and followed in with a post-season victory over Marion's Rippers in Canton's first annual Paper Bowl game, dominated the 1948 All-Blue Ridge Conference football team by placing four players on the first eleven. The honor teams for the past season, selected by a poll of conference coaches, have just been released by conference secretary C. C. Ponder.

The Asheville School Blues, runners-up to Waynesville for the loop title, placed three players on the first team and two members of the Hendersonville High Bears were similarly honored. The other two berths on the first eleven were awarded to gridsters from Canton High and Sand Hill High.

Players from seven conference schools were selected for the second team, and half a dozen other performers earned honorable mention. The All-Conference team, as chosen by the coaches, is as follows:

Ends: Burnette of Henderson-

ville and Anderson of Asheville School.

Tackles: Mergel of Asheville School and Owens of Waynesville.

Guards: Fisher of Canton and Howell of Waynesville.

Center: Price of Waynesville.

Backs: Harrison of Asheville School, Morgan of Hendersonville, Taylor of Sand Hill, and Lee of Waynesville.

The second All-Conference team honored the following players:

Ends: Phillips of Canton and Golding of Asheville School.

Tackles: Roberts of Ben Ligon and Stiles of Canton.

Guards: Pender of Hendersonville and Meach of Christ School.

Center: Avas of Canton.

Backs: Laver of Waynesville, Sprinkle of Marshall, Pender of Hendersonville, and Womack of Waynesville.

Honorable mention was given to Murray of Christ School, Robinson of Hendersonville, Taylor of Waynesville, Smith of Asheville School, Trumble of Christ School and Grimes of Hendersonville.

Former Race Driver Wants Indianapolis Auto Classic To Become International

—By THOMAS A. BOYNTON—

NEW YORK—Louis Pepi Meyer, one of the two American three-time winners of the 500-mile Indianapolis auto racing classic, hopes for the day when auto racing in the United States will be a major international sport.

However, the erstwhile speed demon who is now in the racing engine (Offenhauser) business, says differences in speedway and motor car regulations are keeping big-time racing in America "pretty much of an American affair."

"Racing rules will have to be made uniform here before foreign drivers are attracted to contests in the United States and American shores," he says. "With an international formula of rules, there could be a wide exchange of both cars and drivers."

Meyer, still young-looking, thrilled the Indianapolis crowds in 1928, 1933 and 1936, with high-powered averages of 99.48, 104.14 and 109.06 miles per hour, on the brick track.

294 Miles Per Hour
The former champion says he has no criticism to make of European motors. "Some are wonderful," he says. "Look at John B. Cobb's record speed of 394-miles-per-hour at Bonneville Flats, Utah, last year. Some engine there!" But, he says, most European engines are built to the requirements of European racing.

"These regulations hold down power. Until there is a change, and an international formula in all rules and regulations is set up, you can't have big international races."

The same view is shared by Robert Brayton of the American Automobile Association. "We want international drivers in the contests we sanction. But under present rules there is little here to interest them, except the Indianapolis classic. It is unreasonable to expect many of them to come over for just one big race," he says, adding:

"Of course, just now there is the fact that few Europeans could afford to race in America anyhow. But if rules were changed so engine sizes everywhere were standard there could be more important events in racing."

ter hunting for all Western North Carolina counties, as well as the immediate area bordering the National Forest location.

Thrills 200,000 Persons

The thrills that have become a tradition in Indianapolis since more than 200,000 persons watched the Indianapolis race last year, "That was a day of crowd thrills of any other single American sports event."

Brayton declares that 277,778 races in 1948 took in \$2,000,000 in admission, and prizes were awarded totaling \$1,377,000, not counting individual awards given to victors.

It is estimated there are now more than 1,700 American racing car owners, drivers and mechanics.

At Indianapolis last year, 77 cars tried out in the qualifying trials and 24 were entered. The race was won by Mauri Rose of South Bend, Ind.

Besides Indianapolis, other big races are held each year at Midway, Wis.; Aledo, Ill.; Houston, Tex.; Eau Claire, Wis.; Springfield, Ill.; and Du Quoin, Ill. All these are on dirt tracks. Another event is an annual dirt track race at Glen Falls, N. Y., where a country race was held in which several European cars were featured. In the west, a Southern California MG car club was reorganized last year and held an 80-mile race through mountainous terrain with the fast little British car.

Cross-Country Racing
Asked about the future of cross-country racing Brayton says, "I'd like Europe we have very little space for it in the United States. Most of our roadways are under police supervision and state law prohibiting speed. But 1948 is growing."

Brayton is a 1935 U. S. dirt track racing champion and has won throughout the country. In 1929 there were 297 such car races in America, and 444 such events in 1948.

Because tasteries are being used at Indianapolis each year, the AAA, which sanctions the race, is thinking mostly of safety these days. Before any car will be entered next year its vital parts, steering mechanism, wheels, axles and frame must pass a Marmon test.

This is an electronic test which magnetizes flaws in metal. "The bits of iron then are sucked over the car tested, and will cling to any flaws in the material as they appear."

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Yes, they are both Terry Moore. Left is the ex-star fielder—now coach—for the St. Louis Cardinals. Right is the co-star of a new film, "The Return of October". They're no relation.