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Biggest Stock Car Race In History Set For Daytona

The 1961 racing season at Daytona International Speedway should be the greatest in the history of the world famous resort city.

Bill France, president of Daytona International Speedway and also head of the National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing (NASCAR) with headquarters in Daytona Beach anticipates the biggest crowd to ever attend a stock car race anywhere when the Nation's outstanding speed demons invade the famous two and a half mile high banked speedway for the third annual "Daytona 500" NASCAR late model stock car race Sunday, February 6.

Opening with SCCA national championship sports car races Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5, the annual winter program that includes the 13th Annual Safety and Performance trials and the winter stock car races continues through Sunday, February 26, being climaxed with the third annual 500-mile late model stock car race that features a parade of the 1961 model automobiles in competition for the first time of the year.

Other events during the Speed Weeks program in February will include the Grand Prix of the United States motorcycle races for the first such program at the speedway, climaxed with a 200-kilometer race Sunday, February 12, and the first racing event for the new Cannonball Grand National compact division race of NASCAR on Sunday, February 19.

The three major racing days for the world famous two and a half mile track are set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 24, 25 and 26, with the Friday program including two 100-mile Grand National races, a 50-mile modified type race and a 50-mile sportsman type race, all set for the two and a half mile high banked speedway.

The program for Saturday, February 25, includes the third annual 250-mile NASCAR modified - sportsman national championship race with a 25-mile consolation event for the late models.

The big "Daytona 500" on February 26 will be limited to a 60-car starting field. The two pole positions will be determined in a pair of 25-mile races Sunday, February 12, these being scheduled along with the motorcycle classic.

The two winners in these events also get the two pole position for the two 100-mile Grand Nationals on February 24. Then from the 100-mile Grand Nationals on Friday 24, first 20 finishers in each race in addition to the two pole position drivers will qualify for the 500-mile classic. The final 18 starters will be selected from the 25-mile consolation on Saturday, this being slated along with the 250-mile modified - sportsman championship race.

The Daytona track, opened in February of 1959, has been established as the world's fastest and also serves as a testing base for automobiles, tires, and all types of automobile accessories.

Other events on the schedule include Pure Oil economy runs at the track Monday and Tuesday, February 13 and 14, and NASCAR safety and performance trials February 15, 16 and 17.

For the lovers of drag races the speedway's long backstretch will be the center of

nightly activities from Friday, February 17, through Friday, February 24.

Midget races, directed by John Nelligan, are slated for Municipal Stadium for February 19, 23, 24 and 25, starting at 8:00 p. m.

Records at stake in the Daytona events will include the two-lap qualifying mark of 152.129 miles per hour set by Jack Smith with a 1960 Pontiac last summer, Smith's 100-mile record of 146.892 miles per hour and Lee Petty's 500-mile record of 135.521 miles per hour. Petty's record set in the sensational photo finish race in February of 1959.

Following the February activities, one of the top highlights of the summer activities at Daytona Beach will be the third annual "Daytona Firecracker 250" late model race, in which Jack Smith set a dazzling pace of 143.842 miles per hour last summer.

Claude W. Thompson

Funeral services for Claude W. Thompson, 73, were held Thursday afternoon at 3 P. M. at his home, 321 Salisbury St., Mocksville. Burial was in the Oakwood Cemetery in Statesville.

Mr. Thompson died at 7:15 a. m., Wednesday, at his home.

He was born Dec. 16, 1887 to William Graham and Albertine Sink Thompson in Rowan County. In 1910 he was married to Miss Mae Steele, who died in 1912. To this union was born a daughter, who died in infancy.

In 1914, he married Miss Sue Swicegood, who survives along with two daughters, Mrs. Leonard Caldwell of Lexington and Mrs. W. M. Ketchie, Jr. of Salisbury, and one adopted son, George; six grandchildren.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the First Methodist Church of Mocksville; the Mocksville Masonic Lodge and the Order of the Eastern Star.

He worked for the State Highway Department for 13 years before entering the service with U. S. Soil Conservation Service, retiring three years ago.

Local People

Mrs. Bessie Emerson has returned to the home of her son, Sam Emerson in Charlotte, after visiting another son, J. A. Emerson in Florida for several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kuhn are spending several weeks visiting relatives here. Mrs. Mattie Jordan will return to Ardsley, New York with them where she has been living for the past year.

Mrs. W. A. Ellis, Jr., has been sick this week at her home on Route 4, Mocksville.

Miss Margaret Skinner has been sick this week.

Sherman Shoaf is improving at his home on Watt St. after being sick for several weeks.

Graham Gobble is improving after being a patient at Davie Hospital.

Susie Jordan is doing nicely after undergoing a tonsillectomy at Rowan Hospital last week. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Jordan.

Bill Phelps attended the Bee Associational Meeting at Burgaw on December 11.

Duke Endowment Names Two Vice Chairmen

Election of Benjamin F. Few of Greer, South Carolina, and R. Grady Rankin of Gastonia, North Carolina, as the two Vice Chairmen of The Duke Endowment, was announced by the Endowment today. The posts had been held by Thomas L. Perkins and Norman A. Coker, who were named Chairman of Trustees and Honorary Chairman, respectively, last November.

Mr. Few, President from 1951 to 1959 of Liggett and Myers Tobacco Company, has been an Endowment Trustee since 1951; he also is head of the Endowment's recently-formed Committee on Educational Institutions. Mr. Rankin, prominent North Carolina industrialist and legislator, has been an Endowment Trustee since 1953.

A native of Greer, South Carolina and a graduate of Trinity College (now Duke University) at Durham, N. C., (B.A. 1915, M. A. 1916) Mr. Few was associated with the Liggett and Myers Tobacco Co. from 1916 until his retirement as President of the Company in 1959. He is a Director of the Duke Power Company and of the Chemical Bank New York Trust Company and a Trustee of the Bank for Savings in the City of New York. He has been a Trustee of Duke University since 1941 and a member of the Duke Executive Committee since June, 1960.

Mr. Rankin, a native of Belmont, North Carolina and an alumnus of the University of North Carolina, is well known both as a textile man and a state legislator. He organized Pinkney Mills in 1917, became Treasurer of Textiles Incorporated in 1931 and joined the Duke Power Company in 1934 as head of the Company's textile interests. He was President of Superior Yarn Mills (Duke Power Company subsidiary) from 1945 until his retirement in 1959. Between 1931 and 1953 Mr. Rankin also served as member of the North Carolina Senate for Gaston County. During this period he was for three terms a member of the State Budget Commission, for one term President Pro Tem of the Senate and for two terms Chairman of the Senate Finance Commission. He also served as Chairman of the State Education Commission (1945), member of the State Re-organization Commission (1953), member of the State Revenue Commission (1957) and Director of the North Carolina Development Commission.

Mr. Rankin is a Director of the Duke/Power Company, the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. and the Research Triangle of North Carolina and a Trustee of the Cole Foundation for retired Methodist Ministers. He makes his home at Gastonia, N. C.

The nation's third largest private philanthropic foundation, The Duke Endowment is a perpetual trust founded in 1924 by the late James B. Duke, tobacco and power magnate. It has as its principal beneficiaries Duke University, Davidson College, Furman University and Johnson C. Smith University, hospitals and orphanages in North and South Carolina, and rural churches and retired preachers in North Carolina. The Endowment is the controlling shareholder of the Duke Power Company, owning approximately 57 per cent of the Company's shares.

Davie Divides With E. Rowan

Davie High basketball teams returned to the conference wars last Friday night and divided a double header.

The Davie girls played a thriller with the East girls and emerged the winner with a 35-34 decision. Callie Bailey led the scoring for the Davie girls but the scoring was not the whole gist of the victory. Davie has one of the best set of guards in the conference and led by Pat Beck it is hard for an opponent to pierce the circle of guards to score. Linda Schladensky and Cathy Grimes played an excellent ball game with Cathy keeping Davie in the ball game in the first half with her rebounding and passes and then Linda taking over in the second half and doing the same thing. The amazing thing about both of these girls are that they are only freshmen. It will be interesting to note what these two will do by the time that they are seniors. The next home game for Davie will be Friday night when Troutman comes to Cooleemee. Troutman is supposed to have a good team so this should be interesting to watch.

Davie High boys came out on the short end of a 47-44 score with Rowan and this makes their record in the conference 1-3. Davie boys could not get their offense going Friday night as East Rowan continued to control both backboards they could not put the ball through the basket. Tomlinson led the scoring for Davie but he was in trouble most of the game with fouls and finally fouled out with about four minutes left in the game. Jim Grimes was next in line in the scoring with eleven points and most of these were made in the third quarter when Davie pulled up from a thirteen point deficit at half time to a four point handicap at the third quarter. Grimes Parker played a fine game on defense as he only played part of the last half. He took over the guarding of East's High scorer and held him on points after he had scored sixteen points in the first half. Parker was out with an injury the first part of the season but his return should help the team greatly. Davie plays Troutman Friday and Troutman is the team favored to take championship honors this year. We are looking for a good game and a large crowd to cheer our teams to victory.

Cooleemee Day will be held in Valdese on February 11th and Valdese Day at Cooleemee on February 18th. There will be 3 girl's games and 3 boys games. Anyone that can furnish transportation for these players, please notify Fred Pierce at the Recreation Center.

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Women from 18 to 31, who are high school graduates, may now enlist in the Women Marines for as little as two years, and in addition, may select the 120-day option. This new enlistment program enables the woman applicant to enlist now, but not leave home for training until after the holidays. The new Lady Leatherneck may choose any day within a four month period to leave home for her training.

Women Marines are now serving all over the United States, including Hawaii; they may also serve in Paris, London and Naples.

The colorful and historic uniforms are designed by the fashionable Mainboche, of New York.

Recreation Activity

BOWLING — Erwin Mills Mens Bowling team was defeated by Cone Mill Monday night, 3 games to 1. Alvin Shaver had a 3 game average of 148 to lead Erwin Mills.

Erwin Mills Women's team No. 1 split with Oestreicher winner, with 2 games each. Louise Scott led No. 1 with a three game average of 142. The teams score are as follows: Crawford 107, 129, 93, Einson 114, 139, 120, Jordan 126, 121, 116, Scott 171, 119, 136.

Erwin Mills Women's team No. 2 was defeated by Savings Supply 4 games to 0. The teams scores are as follows: Osborne 107, 94, 109, Bean 197, 131, Sales 108, 102, 126, Alexander 110, 72, Ratledge 78, 80.

BASKETBALL—Erwin Mills Womens Team defeated S.B.C. in the opening game 67 to 36, with Virginia Bean getting 41 points, Nell Bean 11, Daugherty 8 and Vick 5. In the second game Erwin Mills was defeated by J. C. Penny's 34 to 43. Virginia Bean had 17 points, Nell Bean 13, and Vick 4.

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DR. RICHARDS CHIEF OF STAFF OF DAVIE HOSPITAL



Dr. Ben L. Richards has been named Chief-of-Staff at the Davie County Hospital for 1961. Dr. Richards was elected at a meeting of the medical staff held on Tuesday, January 3. He succeeds Dr. Francis W. Slate, who served during the past year.

Dr. Ralph Gambrel was named vice-chief of staff and Dr. Bob Foster was named secretary.

Dr. Richards has been engaged in the general practice of medicine in Mocksville since October 15, 1959.

A native of Lake City, Michigan he received his M.D. from the College of Medical Evangelists in Los Angeles, California.

During World War II he served in the Medical Corps. He is a member of the Rowan-Davie Medical Society, the North Carolina Medical Society, the American Medical Association, and is a diplomat of the American National Board of Medical Examiners.

Owners of Old Steam Engines To Organize

North Carolina folks who own old-time stationary steam engines (not the railroad type) are planning to organize informally.

A meeting to establish the North Carolina Order of Iron Men will be held Friday night at the home of Bob Powell of the Center community.

Bob Brown of Asheville, who owns a 60-year-old engine, said this week there are 25 or more of the antique engines in North Carolina.

The stationary engine was once a common sight on the American landscape. It was used on farms, for example, to operate machinery in the days before the advent of the gasoline engine.

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Social Security News

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For further information regarding this new provision, get in touch with your social security office at 105 Corriher Avenue, Salisbury, North Carolina.

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Local People

Patients admitted at Davie Hospital January 2-9 included: Florence Watkins, Nettie Nail, Betty Wishon, Jesse Bell Dickson, Catherine Frye, Geneva Gregory, Ricky Lee Lineberry, Hayden Beck, and Graham Gobble all of Cooleemee, and Barbara Gaither, Ronald Dean Foster, Geraldine Spry and Irene Foster of Route 4, Mocksville.

Birth Announcements

Born at Davie County Hospital to: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lee Watkins, Cooleemee, January 3, a son. Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Nail, Cooleemee, January 4, a daughter. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rodden, Rt. 1, Woodleaf, a daughter, January 5.