

Profiles In Sports
By: Red Schuyler

What Color-What Number ?

With the longest and richest stock car race in the world coming up this Sunday in Charlotte, the biggest question mark is the attendance. I am sure that everybody concerned agree that it will be another Ford Show, that a Ford will win and it will be factory backed. It is just a question of what color and what number the car will be.

From press releases received from Charlotte the race will pay in excess of \$110,000 in prize money with every one that enters and completes one lap guaranteed a minimum of \$600.00. This alone should assure a full starting field which is more than we have had this year at any major race. But will it attract fans such as needed to properly support financially such a race? A program of pre-race entertainment is planned that alone will be worth the price of admission. This is something that has been lacking at all the tracks this year with the exception of Bristol. For those of you that arrive early, you will be given the opportunity to see the World Champion "Golden Knights" skydivers from Fort Bragg, who will put on a show that you will long remember. Also on hand will be entertainment provided by the Fabulous Leighs, an aerial balancing act, plus the Brookland Cayce High School band from West Columbia, S. C., and the Charlotte Police Boys Drum and Bugle Corp.

The Charlotte 600 will always be remembered as the track that the late Fireball Roberts could never win on and also the track that he had his most serious accident before finally succumbing to injuries and burns as a result of an accident that happened early in the race last year. This should be the week that was and I predict that shortly after the race is over that certain people will go into a huddle and see what they can do to salvage what so far has been a dark year for Stock Car racing. I also predict that if the first prediction comes true and they should by chance modify the rules in order to entice Chrysler back into the fold that they will reject the offer. Now if the first prediction comes true and the second one does not, I'll predict that Chrysler will only be doing it for the benefit of the drivers that are now out of racing. If the first prediction does not come true then naturally the other predictions do not stand a chance of materializing, that this pre-

diction is premature and we will have to wait a while longer to see what happens.

The World 600 in 1964 attracted a total of 78,012 people to the practice sessions, time trials and the race itself. Charlotte Motor Speedway's big question mark now is how many will turn out this year to see the Ford Show? In all probability there will be some sleepless night this week for a few people.

With very little racing taking place since last Saturday a week ago at Darlington there's very little to report with the exception that "Junior" Johnson won the race Saturday night at Bowman Gray stadium in Winston-Salem, and also won the feature race at Hickory Speedway, Sunday afternoon. This should just about put him at the top in money earned this year. If he should win the World 600 Sunday, he will be well on his way to his best season in racing and in all probability will wind up as top money winner plus the championship for 1965. It looks like if you have Herb Nabb in your corner you do alright.

I paid a visit to the Double H Dragstrip in Blue Ridge Georgia, Saturday night for a very thrilling night of drag racing. The Red Demon made three runs on the strip and I am sure that everyone present got quite a thrill in seeing the jet powered car make its run. Actually its a jet engine mounted on four wheels and starts off slow but reaches a speed of about 200 miles per hour on a 1/4 mile strip.

On the first run the "Demon" reached a speed of about 190 mph and then the second run almost proved disastrous.

In making the second run, this young man, Bart Wilkinson, who by the way is one of the "coolest" drivers I have ever talked to, really did a good job of handling the Demon. The main chute failed to open and by the time the secondary was pulled Wilkinson was well on his way to being over the end of the track. By keeping a cool level head, he took the Demon onto the dirt safety apron and spun it out with just a little damage that was quickly repaired for the second run.

In the run for the money, the Stripteaser, the Thomas Oil Company's 1965 Falcon, with Howard Neal at the wheel was top man having outclassed all competition for the big money. Second place money went to Red Stanley, driving a Willys A Gaser and third place money went to Don Thomas, driving a Ramcharger Dodge.

Our hats are off to Bill and Geneva Hembree for bringing top flight drag racing into our area. These folks have gone all out to bring in different attractions in the way of entertainment and also sponsoring most of the radio broadcasts of NASCAR racing. It is my opinion that they deserve far more support in attendance than they are getting. I hope that in the upcoming events that more people will turn out for these events. If you missed being at the Double H, Saturday night, you really missed some excellent entertainment.

This Saturday night at the Double H Drag Strip in Blue Ridge will be another topdrag racing program with \$350.00 up for grabs in the Superstocks, A/FX and gasers, and trophies in other classes. Time trials at 6:00 P.M. and races at 8:00 P.M. Admission is only \$2.00 with children under twelve free.

Next week in this column, we will give you an on the scene report of the World 600.

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Rimco Adds Comfort For Employees

MURPHY - Peter J. McKeon, Rimco plant manager, announced this week that construction has been completed on a 75 x 80 foot addition to the plant to be used by employees as a cafeteria and lounge.

The new addition includes tables with seating arrangements, vending machines, with various soft drinks and snacks, and locker space.

"The additional comfort area provided for in our new wing, is a further step of our plans for improving benefits and working conditions at Rimco," Mr. McKeon said.



Employees take break and enjoy convenience of the new cafeteria-lounge just completed at Rimco Manufacturing Company. Left to right are Mrs. Effie Clayton, Mrs. Jean Penland and Mrs. Jean McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cooke of Erie Penn. and Hoyle Jr. Terry of Sandusky, Ohio were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hooper and Kevin. Mr. Cooke is a brother of Mrs. Hooper and it had been 19 years since they had seen each other.

Tony Cox and Pete Gernert attended the Stock Car races at Greenville Sunday.

Kent Laughter will return home Monday after completing three years of Marine Corp service.

Kevin Hooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hooper placed fourth in the walking horse competition of Juvenile class (ages 18 and under) with Moon-gloves Walk-Away at the annual Horse Show held at the Copper Basin Saturday night.

S. Sgt. James G. Wheeler and family who have been stationed at Wright Patterson A.F.B., Dayton, Ohio left this week enroute to Fort Beals, California after spending a month with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wheeler.



KIDS RIDE FIRE TRUCK - The Methodist Kindergarten class of Murphy were treated to a ride on the Murphy fire truck Friday May 14, by Chief of Police Blain Stalcup. The class was taken on a ride through town and by the Scout office for a photo to be made. This is an annual event for members of Mrs. Kate Evan's class.



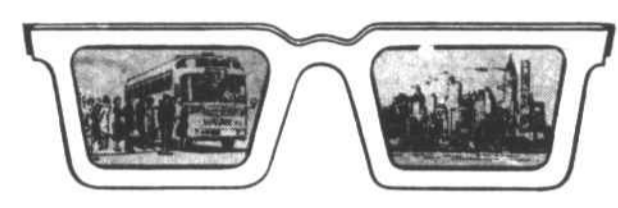
Catch 'em Big

T. C. and Johnny Beaver show a 7 Pound 14 ounce Large mouth Bass that Johnny caught Saturday afternoon in Valley River Near the Southern Railway Bridge. A night Crawler was the bait.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reeves are spending three weeks in Columbus, Ga. While there Mr. Reeves will be a judge in the Regional Sharp Shooting Matches at Fort Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hartman attended the Home Coming of Wesleyan College at Athens, Tenn. recently. Mrs. Hartman is an alumni of the college.

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Children 11 to 14 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. We regret we cannot accommodate children under 11 years of age.

All visitors will be transported to and from the mill in special Buses. We suggest comfortable shoes and clothing be worn.

