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ports from Rockingham, a crowd in excess of 50,000 is expected to watch Ford and Chrysler battle in the inaug-ural leach Blossom 500 mile stock car race at North Carol-

newest track on the "Leadfoot" Curtis Turner no sed outSouthCarolina's "Golden Boy" Cale Yarborough,

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Yacherough, who halfs from Emmonsville boath Carolina is only 15 years of familiaving for quite a few years has only been to the victory circle one time. That occurring June 27 1965 in a 100 mile race staged

"Fireball" Roberts than any

Liter, and I predict that it will be soon. I would say possible that with a little lack, barr me an accident or a maltin ition of his car that he will win the manufural Leach Blo

After being a bridesmand in his list two siper specifical races, Cale believes he's ready for victory. There are many reasons why stock races are lost, and Yarborough has one for each of las second place timishes.

the American 500, and that Even though he has wononly race would have been more if one race, Yarborough has the gas cap hadn't been left off my car once which resul-

Daytona 500 well, I conductive asked for anything to copower in that one, I don't believe the borsepower advantage that Chrysler emoyed it Daytona will be an overwhel Hutcher on, currently the factor at Rockingham Other out. and that's why I think my victory chances are excellent. The Fords and Chrysler products will be pretty well equal

lack in horsepower. Besides Yarborough, there will be 43 other drivers think ind that they can sun too. In my opinion there are only 12 drivers of the forty-tour that will start that have a chance of winning. Name them, OK

Darel Derringer (driving the Richard Fetty Car), DavidFe ars or, I ad Goldsmith, Ned Jarrett, Bobby Issae, Leroy Varbrough, Sam McQuage, Fred Lorenzen, Curtis Tur her, Marvin i auch, and Dick

Other notes and quotes from

many many vall Mr. Lucky of stock car racing has some thing extra going for him in Sunday's Feach Blossom 500 mle race.

When N. C. Motor Speed-way stayed its first race last October, the first two cars to arrive for inspection were the tilenn Wood's Fords driven by Curtis Turner and Marvin Faunch, Turner and Panch fini-

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shed first and third in the in augural American 500.

man's bride by pagan law!

The early birds this week were the Fords of Lorenzen and Hutcherson, beating all other factory cars through the inspection sheds Monday at NASCAR's newest speedway.

Lorenzen, stock car rac ing's most successful chauffer with more than \$250,000 won since he joined Holman - Moody in 1961, crinned when informed of the history behind the early bird and then cracked, "sounds like I have a very good chance of filling out my flush."

He was referring to the fact that a win at N. C. Motor Speedway would make him the only driver in history to score victories at all of the South's super speedways. Lorenzen was the first to score a grand slam with wins at Charlotte, Darlington, Atlanta, and Day-tona, But Junior Johnson made it a two man club.

Johnson is retired now, and Lorenzen would like nothing better than to confirm what many racing tans already think...that he is in a class at the very top all is himself.

Lorenzen, incidentally, never led a lap of the first race at N. C. Speedway.

The Rambler, previously entered by Larry Hess has been withdrawn.Hess, says its not ready to race. This could have made history because it would have been the first race in which all four American manufacturers would have been represented General Motors, Ford, Chrysler and American Motors.

A Rambler has never competed in an American Stock car race, It's predecessor, Nash, did record one victory on NASCAR's Grand National circuit in 1951, Buck Baker, the grand old man of racing and three time winner of the Darlington Southern 500 was

The next race on the circuit will be staged at the best most beautiful track Bristol Tenn, Sunday March 20. This will be a 250 mile race around a 1/2 mile track. Then they move on to Atlanta International Raceway for the 7th annual 500 milerace. This could have been a busy month for the Grand National drivers. Races that were wiped out due to weather conditions were the 10 mile race scheduled for Spartanburg last Saturday afternoon and the 150 mile race scheduled for the A sheville - Weaverville track on Sunday, With two weeks elapsed since the Daytona 500, the drivers will be well rested and the cars in A-l Shape.

Point standings and money winners so far are: David Pearson, \$14,610 and 7,882 points, Ned Jarrett \$5,495 and 6,952, Richard Petty, \$21,350 and 6,734 points and Cale Yarborough \$9,490 and 6,176

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Bats And Butterflies

Life can be a real drag, but it has its moments. A couple of them came to me this week to convince me that it's more fun to be alive and suffering than stone cold dead in the

The other night I took three busloads of students to see a play, "Murder in the Ca-thedral," in a neighboring town. I won't even mention what a nightmare such an excursion is for the man in charge of a hundred-odd lively teenagers.

We arrived in best clothes and best manners, ready for an evening of culture. The house lights dimmed; the stark set was revealed; the chorus came on with its brooding note of doom and death. You could have heard a feather drop as a thousand youngsters sat enthralled.

Suddenly a ripple of sound went through the theatre. The ripple rapidly became a wave The chorus, in the best show tradition, bravely pressed on, its chant almost lost in the The ghost swelling titter. the old opera house had taken

He had assumed the form of a large bat. The noise and lights had frightened him out of his eyrie among the rafters And he put on a display of aerobatics that stole the show

He swooped and swirled over audience and actors. He flickered through the shadows, in ever-descending cir cles that had all the girls clutching their hair. He peeled off and dive-bombed the chorus, making it duck collectively and frantically

He disappeared intermit-tently, but, a born scene-steal-er, was right on cue for his entries. Thomas Beckett, Archbishop of Canterbury, intoned. "For a little time the hungry hawk will only soar and hover, circling lower

And there was Mr. Bat, whistling around the actor's ears. The chorus wailed, "I have heard fluting in the night-time ... have seen scaly wings slanting over." And guess who was fluting around gaily on his scaly wings, right past their noses.

All in all, a diverting evening in the theatre. I won't speak for the players, but the kids and the bat loved it.

My second reviving experi-ence was not with a bat, but a butterfly. I think that term best describes my 14-year-old She flits. She can't quite de cide whether she's going to be a writer, a folk singer, a concert pianist or a basketball

Last Saturday, I took her to the city, to compete in the world's biggest music festival. Competition is rough. Her teacher and her mother had both told her she hadn't a chance, "Because you haven't worked hard enough."

She was pretty jittery Teeth chattering, great ner-vous yawns, four trips to the bathroom in 20 minutes. My heart bled for her In her first class there were

12 competitors. Guess who was last. It was for students 20 and under. They were all good. Even though I've been to a hundred festivals, and am pretty worldly, my spirits sank, for her sake

The bell clanged. She went on stage. And as I sat, turning while holding my purple breath through a Bach pre-lude and fugue, she played li'.e a tiger. Second place we ake.

We tottered out of the audi torium in a daze, leapt into a cab, rushed to meet her Mom and hurled her words back in her face.

The kid repeated twice during the afternoon, and we arrived home after a 12-hour day and a 200-mile trip, stag-

gering with exhaustion but flushed with triumph. Of hats and butterflies. I guess, is the essence of life.

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