## SOCIETY GATHERS AT THE SPEEDWAY

By GEORGE W. STOUT.

7 ELL DRESSED men. prettily gowned women, many with the trappings and insignia of the motor car cult, and many others in the fluff and white, the straw and serge of summer-but all alike consumed by lively interest in the fortunes and fates of racing cars and favorite drivers, made the big grandstand at the speedway a colorful and attractive place on opening The immense stretches of seats were filled, forward and back. The long row of boxes held hundreds of parties whose heavy cars were parked like many batteries, to the north of the grandstand,

Many Indiana cities were represented in the grandstand boxes. Indianapolis society leaders were there in costumes apropriate to the greatest motoring event of the year. Visitors from other states, in road outlits showing the veteranizing process of travel and the distinction, of the grand road tour.

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men lounged from group to group. Frung women hailed each other sweetly across the spaces. Men of many raties met and mingled.

In the club boxes gathered the select and chosen ones under the banners of their favorite and chosen cars. But, while select, the club box crowds were far away from the tape where hirdfought finishes were to be seen. So there was small envy for the exclusives.

Lew Shank, Republican nominee for mayor, was one of the deeply interested spectators, and stood up most of the afternoon to watch the racers.

J. Wood Wilson, of Marion, who may be a candidate for Republican state chair, man, was there with a box party.

Thomas Taggart, Democratic national committeeman from Indiana, was in a bex, with Crawford Fairbanks, of Terre Haute, and others.

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The crowd enjoyed itself. The people showed that they could easily be induced to like motor car contests. They liked the idea of a race every lap. They cheered the driver who fought against crippling odds. They shouted praise for the calm and intent master of his machine who ran steady rounds for more than 110 miles without checking his speed. liked the way he snapped records as he came to them and left those records broken on the wayside.

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The people realized, as they looked but on the rushing scene, to note the darting cars, the milling throngs at gateways: the massing of cars and the immense stretches of the huge track, that a big .. idea was being worked out on a grand scale. The ideal weather and the charms of novelty, sensation, thrill and sunshine, combined to make the thousands happy.

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The crowd stayed on and on and on while the care trundled and grunted round and round for the \$1,000 Presto-Lite trophy. There was little realisation, in the stalls where laughter and beauty had places, that the 250-mile race was one to try the souls of drivers and the panting vitals of machines. It was all a matter of speed and the best car win, for the people in the high-set boxes.

There were shade, compartaive luxury, pop, ice cream cones and peanuts for the languidly contemplative populace. The grind and heat and dust of the course reached them not.

There was plenty of good humor and light talk, and sometimes soft hand-claps and shrill, small cheers for the grim, same fighters on the broiling track.

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## WIDOW ASKS \$10,000 FOR HUSBAND'S DEATH

Margaret M. Brooks, administratrix of the estate of her husband. James Brooks, has filed suit against the dianapolis Rubber company for \$10,000 damages because of his death. alleges that Mr. Brooks was in the omploy of the Brooks Engineering company and had gone to the plant of the rubber company to take measurements for the installation of a heating plant. The comphaint says that while he was lying on the floor looking down an elevator shaft that an operator, whom she alleges was escales, allowed the elevater to etrips Brooks killing him instantly.

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