

Red's Racetrack Rambles

Well racing fans, the knell has just about sounded for this year's racing season. This coming Saturday just about wraps things up, although we have heard a little pit-chatter about wanting to have one more race. However, if this does materialize — we are sure that everyone will get to know about it.

This past Saturday night was another beautiful night for the races, and in turn — the races were all that anyone could ask for.

The Hooligan Feature, and, as far as that goes, the other two features, were just as exciting and the headline describing the outcome of the races might very well read: "Allentown Trio — Cleans House!"

Yep, despite what other write-ups may have appeared in other papers, all three of the winners have their home address listed as Allentown, N. Y. And, on several occasions, we have called both Bill and Herby Layfield at their home address — so we know that they do live there. Then too, Fran Slocum's brother Howie Jr., told us that Fran's address is in Allentown — so that should settle any arguments!

In the Hooligan Feature, Howie Slocum, No. 8 ball, jumped out to an early lead, closely followed by brother Fran, No. 3, with the brothers holding those positions for many laps. In the meantime, Jerry Updyke, No. 81, worked his way up towards the front, with Skeet Crane, No. U/P, not too far behind him. Then, two or three cars spun out on the No. 4 turn right in front of Jerry so he had to throw his car into a skid and drive into the infield and wait until he could pull out into traffic. After the cars had made another lap and one of the drivers was still sitting out in the middle of the No. 4 turn, the race was stopped and the track cleared. However, at the re-start, Jerry was a lap behind and as we recall, Fran had passed Howie so that he was out in the lead by this time — but Skeet wasn't too many cars in back when the green flag was thrown. Thus during the closing laps of the race, U/P was right in back of Jerry, who, in turn, was just about riding Fran's bumper, and that's the way they crossed the finish line despite the desperate efforts that Skeet made to try and get by Jerry — and finally made it on the inside coming out of the No. 4 turn on the last lap — but not close enough to get by Fran.

In the Sportsman Feature, Herb Layfield, No. 48, jumped out to an early lead and held it throughout the entire race although once Chuck Wright, No. 66, worked his way up thru the pack, he sure gave Herby a run for his money. However, Chuck, has had a different engine in his machine the last two or three weeks — and it just doesn't have as much stuff — and without that extra little bit of "go-power" — it means the difference between 1st and 2nd place unless the lead car driver makes one little slip.

In the Modern Feature, there was plenty of excitement with quite a few cars from Olean in the line-up, and of course these drivers weren't use to the track — so, there were more than the usual amount of spin-outs, etc.

At any rate, there were around 24 cars in the line up for the start

of the Modern Feature, and strangely enough, they managed to get thru quite a few laps before there was a big enough mix-up to stop the races and call for a re-start. Bill Layfield No. 121, pulled out into an early lead and Basil Shutt, No. 13, had a rough time working his way up thru the pack so that when the race was stopped in the 17th for a wreck — Basil was still a few cars in back of Bill — although in 2nd place. Then, at the re-start, instead of having these lapped cars between — Basil started right in back of Bill, and was the battle royal ever on then! In fact, Basil managed to get by Bill on the No. 2 turn with only one or two laps to go — only to have Bill dive down under him between the No. 3 and No. 4 turn and pull up even with him on the inside down the home-stretch. Going thru the No. 1 and No. 2 turn Bill had the advantage on the inside and as the two cars brushed each other, Basil had to ease off a little to keep control of his car and this gave Bill the extra car length lead that he needed to stay in the No. 1 slot and cross the finish line a few feet ahead of Basil.

For a brief re-cap of the evening's racing results: In the Hooligan Class — E. Davis, No. 49, won the 1st heat; Skeet Crane, No. U/P, took the 2nd; Jerry Carlton, No. 78, the 3rd; and Carl Ferrond, No. C-6, the "Consy". In the Feature, Fran Slocum, No. 3 was 1st; Skeet Crane, No. U/P, was 2nd; Jerry Updyke, No. 81, 3rd; Mike Bayer, No. 48X, 4th; and Henry Duval, No. 678, 5th.

In the Sportsman Class — Herb Layfield, No. 48, won the 1st heat; Hugh Smith, No. 55, took the 2nd; and Roger Bacon, No. 79, the "Consy". In the Feature, Herb Layfield, No. 48, was 1st; Chuck Wright, No. 66, 2nd; Bob English No. 66X, 3rd; Larry Eccleston, No. 363, 4th; and Hugh Smith, No. 55, 5th.

In the Modern Class — Bob Gee, No. 28, won the 1st heat; Pete Kent, No. 27, took the 2nd; Dick Karnoski, No. 55X, the "Consy". In the Feature, Bill Layfield, No. 121, was 1st; Basil Shutt, No. 13, 2nd; Bob Gee, No. 28, 3rd; Pete Kent, No. 27, 4th; and Irv Hall, No. 31, 5th. We also recall that "Little Joe" Tomes, No. 1(13), won a heat as we shook hands with him and took his picture — so we don't know what or where that race came into the picture.

Well folks, that wraps it up for now so-o-o, see you at the 100-Lap Open Invitational this coming Saturday?

Extension Plans Tractor Courses

If you are 14 or 15 years old and interested in being employed on a farm where tractor driving is required, there is an opportunity to do so — but on one condition.

You must take a 10-hour course in tractor operation and maintenance and then pass written and practical tests.

Cooperative Extension is planning to offer 4-H farm tractor and machinery safety programs during the coming months through out the state.

Operating, driving, or riding on a tractor over 20 horsepower is denied 14-or-15-year-old youths unless they have completed training in the safe use of tractors, according to Prof. Edward O. Eaton, extension agricultural engineer at the N. Y. State College of Agri-

culture, Cornell University. The move allowing the hiring of those youth only after completion of such training was taken recently by the U. S. Department of Labor.

Those who are interested in taking the tractor operation and maintenance program should apply directly to the Extension 4-H agent in each county. The agent will schedule one or more courses within the county, depending on the demand for the training course.

Upon satisfactory completion of written and driving tests, successful candidates will be awarded a tractor operator's certificate.

Prospective tractor operators, however, are not allowed to perform certain hazardous jobs that involve the operation of many types of farm machinery until further training is completed, and additional courses are taken at the county level.

Machinery considered hazardous include the self-unloading wagon, rotary tiller, earth moving or trenching equipment, power-driven combine, field baler, hay conditioner, corn picker, forage harvester, or vegetable harvester. Also listed are power-driven stationary baler, thresher, huller, feed grinder, chopper, silo filler, chop drier, post hole digger, and post driver.

For further information, contact the county Extension 4-H agent or write to the Department of Agricultural Engineering, Riley Robb Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y. 14850.

Competition Set For Regents Scholarships

Applications are now being taken for 1969 Regents scholarships for the professional study of medicine, dentistry, and osteopathy. Competition for the awards will be held in major cities thru out the State on October 21, 1968, with October 11 set as the deadline for applications.

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Applicants must:

- (1) be New York State legal residents;
- (2) be United States citizens;
- (3) have completed prior to the effective date of the scholarship award the courses of study required for admission to the professional study of medicine, dentistry, or osteopathy;
- (4) be in full-time attendance at an approved preprofessional college during the college year of the competition;
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