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SPEEDWAY FANS

They Keep . . . On Coming . . .



Since 1911, steel parades of autos have lined all routes leading to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on race day. Styles change but the order of fans does not. Picture of left shows fans arriving in grounds for the



1923 '500'. Picture of right, looking west on 16th Street from the Big Four overpass, shows the contemporary generation waiting to the track.

5 Radio Stations Broadcast '500'

By CHARLES BROCKMAN
WIRE Sports Director
It is hard to imagine a subject so detailed and complete that a score broadcast of the race should last for four hours and not have time to tell the whole story. That is the challenge that the Indianapolis 500 Mile Race presents to the members of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Network. For the fifth straight year, five Indianapolis radio stations pool their resources to broadcast the race coast-to-coast. From start to finish, from the past lap to the checkered flag, the race and the world will hear the story of the 41st Annual International Sweepstakes, the 500 Mile Race.

The radio broadcast revolves around the central control point located in the newly-constructed Control Tower, which replaces the traditional, though weather-beaten, Pagoda. Facilities that would rival those of most studios are set up in the control tower to enable the producer to call for hand-outs of anything throughout the day. From the control point, the running of the race is reported, including the standings by 10-lap periods, cars out of the race, and the progress of the race. The group of broadcasters can watch, pick up news from any section of the field.

Pre-Race Festival Fulfills Dream

By RUTH ELLEN BANTA
Southerners, racing horses, bands and beautiful parades, through cheering crowds in downtown Indianapolis yesterday to fulfill a long-time dream—a gala pre-race festival for spectators and host Indianapolis racegoers.



Two Indianapolis beauties lend their charms to one of the colorful floats in the gala "500 Festival" Parade. It is easy to see why the show giant fish is blurring his trumpet as Charlotte Ciferhacker (left) and Barbara Hyde.

Overhead, Air Force and National Guard planes buzzed in patterns. A television concert from the Scottish Rite Coliseum and rock concert at University Park and the War Memorial Plaza set a pre-parade march tempo for the audience.

Paced by Indiana and Purdue university bands and bands of high schools and fraternities, the parade included bagpipers and Anselmi bands the parade was highlighted by the floats.

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