

FIRST N. C. U. ROAD RACE

All wheels head for Leamington Spa for the 1952 Rally of the National Cyclists Union - only to flop out in Victoria Park, on arrival. Still, they're pouring in from all over the British Isles, so maybe they've got the bunk. It's a two-day event and thousands of Britain's twelve million cyclists and those with extra wheels are joining in to make it the usual big success.

Victoria Park is the rallying centre and if you know your ABC you know what NCU means!

In the Pump Room Gardens, the Mayor of Royal Leamington Spa (Councillor Harold Maden) opens proceedings. That's about the only formal part. From now on - as soon as they've got their second wind - there'll be an endless round of fun and entertainment. Here's a spot of Old Time Cinema.

Can-Can dancers would make good cyclists, wouldn't they? Look at that knee action! I suppose that's why they put them in the show! "Angels 1-5" sound familiar. Couldn't be a film, could it? Well, everybody else is advertising here, so why shouldn't we? Anyway, whenever two cyclists get together they discuss cycles and gadgets they haven't got!

Veronica Hurst, star of "Angels 1-5" takes part in the opening of the Old Time Cinema - and we can see what angels have to do with careless cyclists, tee! Her little piece over, Miss Hurst gives place to His Worship, who, with her help, officially declares the Old Time Cinema open. Must have looked like rain - look at them queuing to get in!

Meantime, riders from London in the first NCU Open Road massed start race near the finish at Leamington ... and here comes Maitland to storm across the line and win from a field of sixty which includes the Olympic Team.