

MOTOR NEWS:

Crack riders roared away at Hawkestone Park, in the British leg of the International Moto-Cross Grand Prix. Seven countries were represented. They had to ride two races of twelve laps, round a mile-and-a-quarter course. Most of it hardly fit for a mule. Jeff Smith, B.S.A. Number 24. Don Rickman, Number 26, on a triumph-Metisse. Both well fancied.

A man to watch. Dave Curtis (23) Matchless. All competitors rode 500 cc. machines.

Everybody agrees that the roads are impossible these days. So why not take to the open country, moto-cross fashion? Or don't you see it that way? Jeff Smith was out in front, clear of the field, and was flagged home a good winner. The Daily Herald supported the Contest, and Mrs. Topham of Aintree, presented the Trophy.

A heat-wave casualty in the shape of a burning lorry was filmed by Pathe Cameraman returning from Hawkestone. Apparently the fire spread from the engine and soon had the truck enveloped. They phoned for the Fire Brigade, and in the meantime did the best they could. In this weather that wasn't very much. An attempt to bump it into the ditch failed. Traffic had to pass with the greatest care.

MOTOR NEWS (Contd)

At Rheims it was even hotter. Just about all the best Drivers in the world contested the European Grand Prix. Fifty laps of a circuit of about five miles; total distance 260 miles. Tony Brooks, Phil Hill and Gendebien, of Belgium led the Ferrari team; Stirling Moss drove a B.R.M. When they all settled down, the race was a struggle between B.R.M's, Coopers and Ferrari's, the Italian cars doing better than at any previous time this season. For the drivers it was a terrific endurance test in that blistering heat. Once the Manchester dentist Tony Brooks established himself in the lead he stayed there.

Trintignant had to push his Cooper to the pits. Among others out of it was Stirling Moss. Brooks won brilliantly. Average 127 miles an hour.

There was no heatwave off Sydney (It's winter Down Under) when Australia's new destroyer Vampire made her acceptance trials. An accident of a rare kind - rare because it happened to a helicopter, made a dramatic picture. The take-off was perfect. Then it was noticed that the whirlbird was losing height. She hit the sea snapping off the rotor blades and sank.

Now see the crash from another angle.

Pilot Stanwyck got out of the cockpit unharmed. Lucky man.