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Southport

W. F. Allen, a newcomer to Southport, surprised everyone at the meeting a few weeks ago by winning eight events, with an M.G. Midget. These included:—

The straight mile for cars up to 1000 c.c.
The straight mile for cars up to 2000 c.c.
Three-mile event for cars up to 850 c.c.
Three-mile event for cars up to 1000 c.c.
Three-mile event for cars up to 1500 c.c.
Three-mile event for cars up to 2000 c.c.
Eleven-mile event for cars up to 850 c.c.
Eleven-mile event for cars up to 1500 c.c.

Australian Grand Prix

News by cable from the Melbourne Agents has come to hand to the effect that Thomson's K.3 Magnette put up fastest time in Australia's principal event, the Grand Prix, over a 200 miles course. The event is a handicap one and he gained second place. M.G. cars also gained third, fourth and sixth places.

World's Records

John Cobb and his équipe, with the Napier Railton, although they missed getting the world's 24-hour record which was really their aim, put up some extraordinarily good speeds before Dixon's crash, fortunately without serious results, terminated the attempt, securing in all five world records which are also International Class "A" records. They previously stood to the credit of the American, Pierce Arrow. The new speeds, yet to be confirmed, are:—

122.82 m.p.h. for 1000 kilos.
120.71 m.p.h. for 3000 kilos.
123.01 m.p.h. for six hours.
121.19 m.p.h. for twelve hours.

Meanwhile the standing start kilometre record,

WITHOUT (MUCH) COMMENT!

Extract from the *Daily Express Road Book of Great Britain*:—

"ABINGDON . . . A sleepy and very old-fashioned little market town situated prettily on the Thames and on the edge of the Vale of White Horse. The streets are distinctly quaint, while among special sights are the Abbey ruins, St. Helen's and St. Nicholas' Churches, Christ's Hospital and several old almshouses, and an ancient bridge."

(The italics are ours!—Editor, *The M.G. Magazine*.)

lowered at the end of last year by Cobb driving the Napier Railton at a speed of 88.5 m.p.h., has been captured by Reush on a three-litre Maserati at Monthléry on 26th March, who raised the speed of 88.52 to 88.87 m.p.h.

After a lapse of seven years, the One Hour Light Car record has been broken at Brooklands by R. T. Horton with a Jensen-bodied single-seater Magnette. George Eyston on a Bugatti was the previous holder, with a speed of 115.5 m.p.h. Horton's speed, subject to confirmation, is 117.03 m.p.h., with a fastest lap at

119.72 m.p.h. In addition, Horton broke six International and British records:—

50 kilos., 114.84 m.p.h.
50 miles, 115.85 m.p.h.
100 kilos., 116.32 m.p.h.
100 miles, 116.86 m.p.h.
200 kilos., 117.02 m.p.h.
1 hour, 117.03 m.p.h.

All these records in the International Class "G" were previously held by Henken Widengren's supercharged Amilcar.

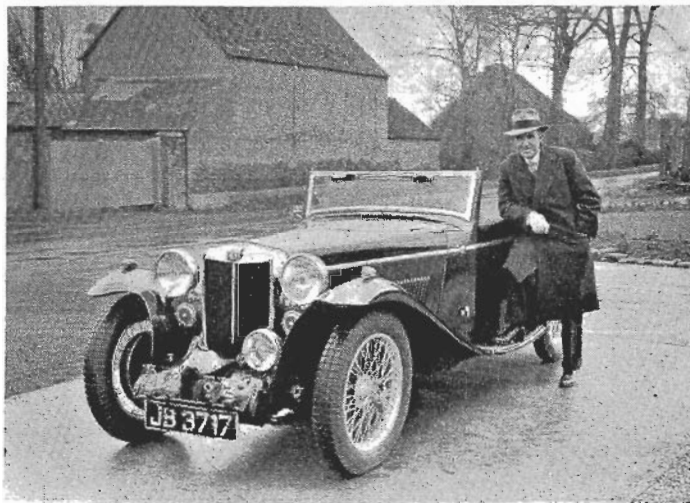
Horton also made an attempt on Class "H" records with his Midget, but weather conditions made it necessary to abandon the run.

World Land Speed Record

Sir Malcolm Campbell's Blue Bird is undergoing very considerable alterations; the only part being retained is the engine. The rebuilt car is to have twin rear wheels and an improved streamlined body. Sir Malcolm will attempt to attain a speed of 300 m.p.h., and the Salduro Salt Beds, Utah, have been suggested as a course with possibilities. A rumour is current to the effect that "Ab" Jenkins, the American holder of the world's 24 records, is making plans to attack Sir Malcolm's world speed record of 272 m.p.h.

"A-A" Echo

If the Marshal who kindly lent a wrist watch to F. M. Richardson, Balliol College, Oxford, will communicate with him, he will have his watch returned immediately. Mr. Richardson was unable to find the said Marshal at the conclusion of the Trial.



MR. CECIL KIMBER'S IDEAL CAR

A standard M.G. Magnette touring chassis fitted with a supercharger and a special all-weather body. It has a maximum speed of 94 m.p.h. and yet is perfectly normal to drive slowly and in traffic without any trace of oiling up troubles, usually associated with a "blown" engine. This car has been put in commission for the personal use of Mr. Cecil Kimber, of the M.G. Car Company, for experimental reasons, with the idea of developing the supercharged car for ordinary every-day use.

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