

## THE LATE SYDNEY A. CRABTREE

It is with the greatest regret that we have to record the death of Sydney A. Crabtree.

Crabtree achieved fame both as a motorcycle and a car racer, and it was whilst taking part in this year's Lightweight Motorcycle Tourist Trophy Race in the Isle of Man that he met with an accident in which he sustained fatal injuries.

Although only thirty-one years of age, Crabtree had been a competitor in the T.T. Races ever since 1922 and was successful in winning the Lightweight Race in 1929.

As a rider in Continental events he was consistently successful, having won no fewer than twelve Grands Prix.

In car racing he was well-known as a driver of M.G.

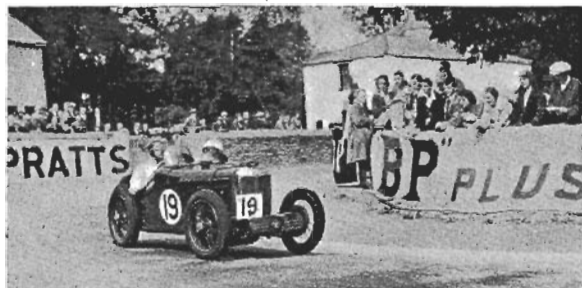
Midgets and finished third in the Belfast T.T. in 1931 with C. J. P. Dodson as his mechanic. He finished fifth in the B.R.D.C. 500 Miles Race the same year.

Crabtree was largely responsible for the suggestion to use the Douglas "Round the Houses" course over which the Mannin Moar and Mannin Beg Races are run.

Other races in which he drove M.G.s with his usual brilliance were the Phoenix Park Race in 1931 and the International T.T. Races over the Ards Circuit in 1932 and 1933.

Recently, on the death of his father, Crabtree assumed control of the family's successful motorcycle business in Warrington.

To his many friends and to his relations we offer our sincere sympathy. He will be greatly missed by his fellow-speedmen, among whom he was immensely popular.



*The late S. A. Crabtree rounding Dukes Road Corner in last year's Mannin Beg Race in the Isle of Man.*