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## Frontenac Wins at Uniontown

Race Marred by Death of Three in Accident—Winner Averages 102 M.P.H.

UNIONTOWN, PA., Dec. 2.—The first race meet on the local speedway to-day was marred by a sad accident in which three were killed. Hughie Hughes, driver of the Hoskins, and Frank Galvin and his mechanic, Gaston Weigel, were killed when Galvin's Premier swerved in front of the pits and side-swiped one-quarter of the press stand, where Hughes was standing. Hughes and Weigel were instantly killed and Galvin died later. That to-day's race was under the spell of a hoodoo is manifested in the fact that two others were killed a few days before the race when C. M. Heist and F. E. Bush were killed while in practice after they had been ordered off the track. The car struck the wall at the top of the speedway and went through. The accident was due to a crystallized axle.

That the accidents are not the fault of the new 1½-mile board speedway makes the death of five appear all the more under the spell of a hoodoo. The track was in good condition and fast.

Hughes in to-day's 112½-mile race was going at 91 m.p.h. when he pulled up on the Pugh car, which was going slowly, and in order to avoid hitting it Hughes ran his car through the guard rail and out into the field in the center of the track. He then went to the pits and was standing beside his car in front of the press stand, when Galvin's car, going nearly 100 m.p.h., suddenly, through some fault of the brake or wheel, swerved into him and the press stand.

Fully 21,000 people saw the races, the main event being won by Louis Chevrolet in a Frontenac, his time being 1:14:12 for 112½ miles, or 102 m.p.h.; Lewis, in a Premier, was second in 1:16:36½; De Palma, in a Mercedes, was third in 1:17:56 1-5, and Newgard, in a Crawford, fourth in 1:25. First prize was \$1,000, second \$700, third \$500 and fourth \$400.

The second race, a 54-mile event for dealers, was won by N. P. Fetterman in Peerless in 40:18. M. F. McCarthy in Murray second and H. L. Robinson in Haynes third.

Hughie Hughes, killed to-day, was an English racing driver. He came to the United States 10 years ago, and recently made his home here. Hughes is of the old school of automobile drivers. In 1904, in France, he drove a De Dietrich in the Gordon Bennett race. In 1911 he won the Savannah Trophy race in a Mercer. The same year saw him third in the Grand Prize race in an Ono. He won the Tacoma Potlach contest in 1914, driving a Maxwell. He also won several hillclimbs with the Allen-Kingstons. He took Christie's front-drive car and drove it 110 m.p.h. at Indianapolis. He was a member of the British Aviation Corps and was 31 years old.