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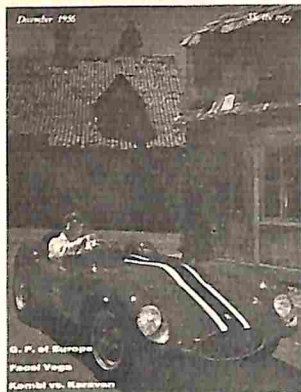


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The closest Photographer Carlyle Blackwell could come to a red sleigh for St. Nick is this 3.5-litre Ferrari. The scene is a quiet village at Christmas Eve (on 20th Century Fox's back lot), but if the kiddies are still awake, it's not the sound of sleigh bells they'll be hearing as midnight strikes.

Monza '500'

It looks as though the Mountain is going to Mohammed. Duane Carter, Competition Director for the United States Auto Club (AAA's racing replacement in the U.S.) met with the F.I.A. in Paris to discuss plans for sending the top ten Indianapolis boys to challenge Europe's ten best at Monza's 2.5 mile banked speedway in 1957. In this year's Monza race (see report p. 21), Stirling Moss won with an average speed only a few mph less than Indy's best times, and he was negotiating the road section of the course as well as the speedway—so next year's little get-together should really be something to see. To cement relations, F.I.A. has again placed the Indy 500 on their International Championship calendar—*noblesse oblige*.

The Old Order Changeth

Henry Ford's autocratic rule over his company precluded membership in the American Automobile Manufacturers' Association. The last vestige of this rule recently disappeared when Ford Motor Co. finally joined up.

Trouble at the Glen

As a consequence of all the hoop-de-doo over this year's Watkins Glen races (see report, p. 26), the Sports Car Club of America has banned to its members "until further notice" all sports car races held at the Glen or by the W. G. Grand Prix Corporation. Too bad, but there it is. Let's see, when it comes to major U.S. road courses, that leaves Road America and . . . ?

Lament for Packard

Scuttlebutt from Detroit and South Bend is now in agreement that the 1957 Packard will be a face-lifted Studebaker President with a Packard-like grille. Studebaker isn't admitting anything yet except that the fate of Packard's extensive V-8 engine and ultra-matic tooling is still not settled. Since the cars will be built in South Bend, it seems that the rumors are most likely true. It wouldn't be possible to move all this machinery to Indiana and have it operating for a January announcement date.

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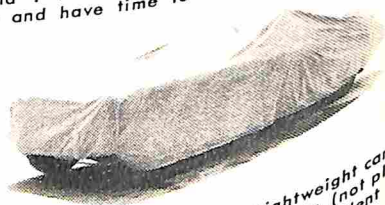
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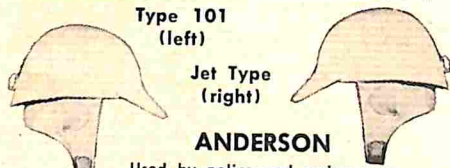
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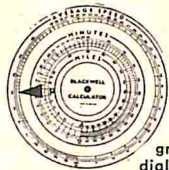
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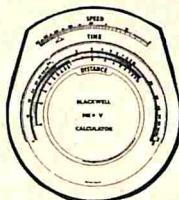
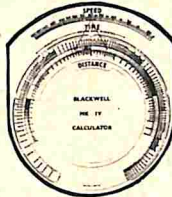
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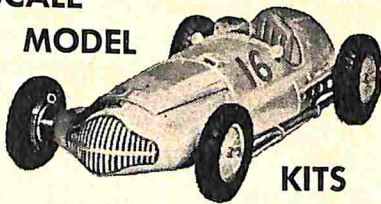
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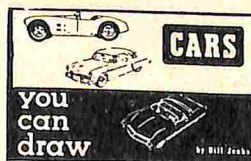
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