

Chevrolet Makes Fast Time in Auto Classic at Tacoma; Mulford Grabs First Event

**Thousands Throng Tacoma Speedway to Witness
Big Races; Fast Time Is Made; No Accidents Mar
the Day**

Forty thousand fans fringed the track at the Tacoma speedway on the Fourth of July to enjoy the fastest automobile racing ever seen in the West. Some idea of the speed attained may be gleaned from the fact that in the ninth lap of the first race, a 20-mile sprint, Louis Chevrolet tore off two miles in 1 minute and 9 seconds, a speed of 106 miles an hour. In fact, Chevrolet was very much in evidence yesterday. He won two races. Time and again he tore past the yelling grandstand at more than 100 miles an hour.

Ralph Mulford won the first event of the day in spite of Chevrolet's turning up the fastest time of the meet. Not an accident marred perfect sport on a perfect track. The nearest thing to an accident occurred when Eddie Hearne struck a pop bottle thrown onto the track by

It was a gala day for the United States army, too. Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, American ace of aces, was given a tremendous ovation when he rolled past the grandstand in an automobile with Maj. Gen. William H. Johnston, commander of Camp Lewis, and officials of the speedway.

More than 10,000 automobiles were parked within the track. It required four hours' time to evacuate the last machine when the races ended. a foolish fan. The pop bottle crashed into a thousand pieces when Hearne's machine struck it. Deputy sheriffs promptly apprehended the offender and threw him out of the grandstand.

In winning the second and third races Chevrolet drew down \$3,500 in prize money. Mulford enriched himself to the tune of \$2,300; Hearne, \$2,100; Durant, \$2,000; Resta, \$900.