

## CHEVROLET LOCAL MAN.

### Two Brothers, Noted Drivers, Also Indianapolis Residents.

Gaston Chevrolet became the idol of Indiana racing fans when he swept to victory in the eighth annual sweepstakes race at the Speedway here in May. For several years he has been a resident of Indianapolis and lived with his bride, Marguerite Guerrin Chevrolet, at his home, 649 Berkeley road. Two elder brothers, Louis and Arthur, both famous knights of the steering wheel, also live in this city. Louis is president of the Frontenac Motor Company and lives at 24 West Thirty-sixth street, while Arthur operates a garage at 719 North Illinois street and lives at 4327 Central avenue.

A sister, Mrs. Louis Franck, lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. He was married, Oct. 27, 1915, and was 28 years old.

Chevrolet was driving one of his brother's cars when the fatal accident occurred. It paralleled a similar crash prior to the 500-mile race here last spring when Arthur came near meeting death.

His wife was the only member of the family who accompanied the race driver to Los Angeles and witnessed the fatal accident. Louis was in Savannah, Ga., at the time of the crash and left this morning for Indianapolis.

When the bulletin telling of the accident reached Indianapolis Arthur Chevrolet was the only relative here. He knew nothing of his brother's death until word reached him through The Star.

The crowning event in Gaston's career was his victory in the race here May 31 in which he defeated the world's greatest drivers. Driving an Indianapolis built Munroe he covered the 500 miles in 5:38:32, averaging 88.55 miles an hour. Gaston, who is known as a "heavy foot" driver, handled his car in a sensational manner, making only two stops during the entire race. He stopped for oil, water and gas at the 250-mile post, but his gas supply was exhausted on the 197th lap, with three to go. However, he coasted to the pits and filled the tank in time to pass the flag 4 minutes and 19 seconds before Rene Thomas, who came in second in a French Ballot.

Chevrolet won \$20,000 for first place and \$1,300 in lap prize money, in addition to the numerous special prizes offered for various equipment.

Gaston made his debut in the racing game here in 1916. In 1917 he finished third in the Memorial day race at Cincinnati. He left the A. A. A. in 1918 to go with Oldfield, Cooper and Disbrow in exhibition driving on dirt tracks. He finished ninth in the 1919 Memorial day races here.

Gaston holds the world records for time from 100 miles up to 250 miles, made on the Sheepshead bay track in 1919.

John Bresnahan, Chevrolet's mechanic, who was probably fatally injured in the accident, rode with Gaston to victory here May 31. He is from Syracuse, N. Y.

Eddie O'Donnell, whose skidding caused the accident, is from Elizabeth, N. J. and is well known to local racing fans. He drove a Deussenberg in the 1919 and 1920 races here. He won the first big race of the 1916 season at Corona, the race in which the late Bob Burman met his fate. A broken arm received in a race at Kansas City soon afterward kept him out of the game until 1919.