



**JONES AND FRIEND . . .** Parnelli Jones, who will sit on the pole in the second row when the 33 top speedsters of the world roar away at Indianapolis next Monday is shown with his No. 98 in which he set a new straightaway speed of 205 mph in a practice run last week. The Jones racer was put together at Halibrand Engineering plant in Torrance before it was shipped to the Indiana track.  
(Press-Herald Photo)

## Parnelli, Offy Face Big Test

When the field roars away at the starter's flag next Monday morning in the 1966 running of the Indianapolis 500, Torrance's Parnelli Jones, will be out to annex the world's richest racing crown again for Ole Number 98.

And, he will be out to show the racing world that the long-dominant Offenhauser is not dead.

**JONES, WHO** will be sitting on the rail in the second row at the start, is driving one of 10 Offy-powered racers in this year's race, the balance of the field being pushed around the world-famous oval by Fords.

Following last year's Ford showing on the race circuits, many car builders switched to the new racing engines. Even Jones was tempted, he has admitted, but stayed with his Offy.

Jones' 1966 Offy is an umpteenth generation engine descending from a long line of engines first put together in the early 1920s by a mechanical genius named Harry Miller. The Miller engines became world famous on the race tracks in the next few years, and in 1932, shop fore-

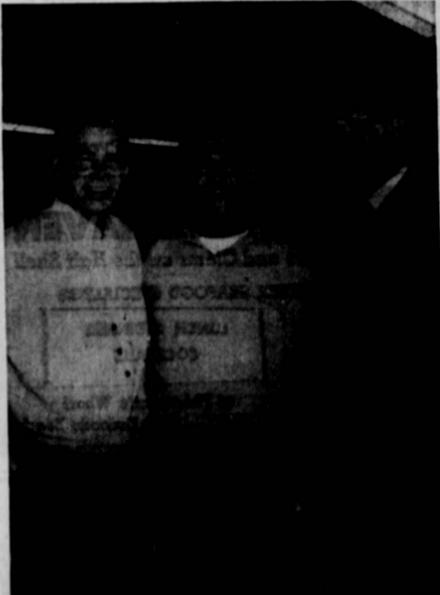
man Fred Offenhauser took over and continued the business of building Miller engines and parts.

**OFFENHAUSER** continued to build the engine which came to carry his name until he sold the business in 1946 to former racer Louis Meyer and his partner, Dale Drake who formed the Myer-Drake team which broke up only last year. Meyer is a three-time Indy winner.

Joining the firm as a young draftsman was Leo Goossen, who has been responsible for some 30 different engine designs through the years. The Offy engine went to the winner's circle 18 consecutive years — broken for the first time in 1965 by Ford. As a result Lou Meyer went over to Fords, Dale Drake continues with the Offy.

**THIS YEAR'S** Shrike Offenhauser which powers Parnelli's racer is a super-charged, 168 cu. in. engine which churns up 525 horsepower. It's still the basic Offy with a Rootes type positive blower.

It'll be on trial Monday morning. For its life.



**CHEERY SEND-OFF . . .** Parnelli Jones (left), who will race one of the few non-Ford entries in next Monday's 500-mile classic at Indianapolis, gets a word of luck from two of his Torrance friends, Tommy Zaharias (center) and Councilman George Vico, before leaving for the Indiana speedway and a campaign to notch another 500 win in his record.  
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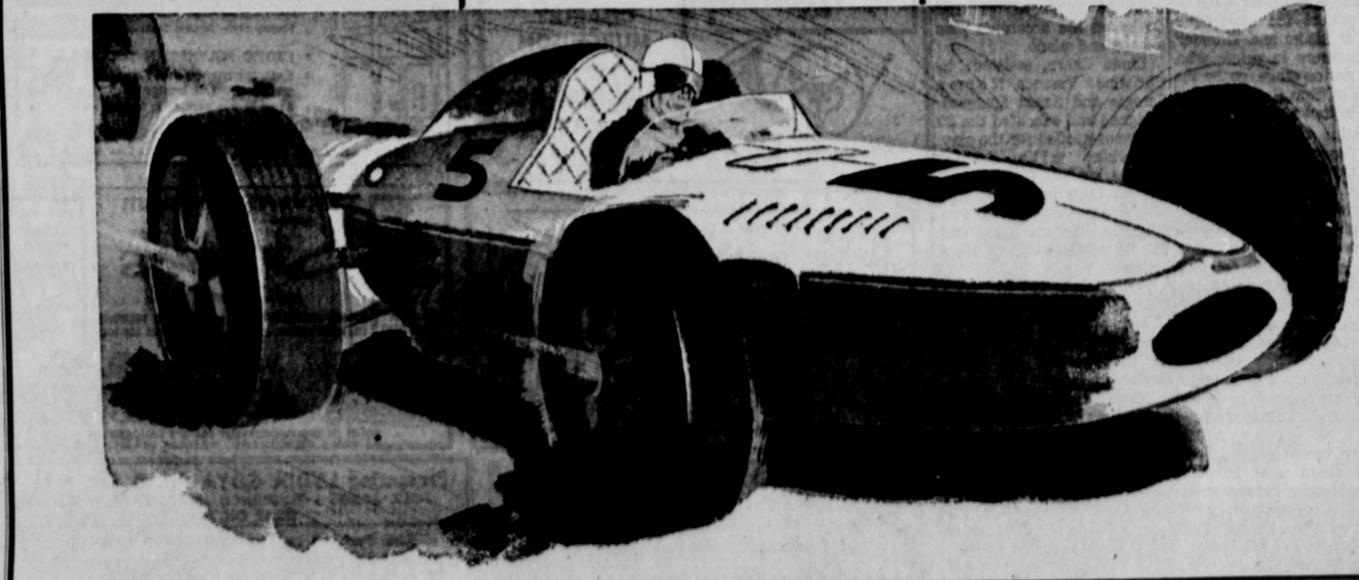
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