



Stuart Hamblen Devotes Time to Horse Breeding

Stuart Hamblen, one-time Evangelist, candidate for President on the Prohibition ticket, TV personality and writer of hit tunes, including "This Old House" has decided to retire to his two Thoroughbred ranches as a full-time breeder and trainer.

One Hamblen ranch boasts perhaps the most expensive pasture in the world, located as it is on ten acres on Hollywood's Mulholland Drive amidst luxury estates. Another Hamblen ranch in Arcadia was the inspiration for his latest popular song "The

Freeway is Coming Through." It seems that the state required a portion of the Arcadia ranch for the Freeway. "I didn't fight too hard," Hamblen says. "I gave \$17,000 for the whole spread in 1947 and the state is giving me \$240,000 for the back third of it."

Hamblen is no newcomer to thoroughbred racing. He once raced a good stakes winner in California named El Lobo who met death on the highway near the Arcadia ranch when some Halloween pranksters let him out of his paddock.

Stock Cars End Year of Racing

A 70-car field headed by Ron Hornaday of San Fernando, Oren Prosser of Redlands, and Frank Deiny of Los Angeles will invade Gardena's Ascot Park this afternoon for a 100-lap PRA open competition super-stock car racing championship.

Racing starts at 2 p.m., preceded by qualifying runs at 12 noon.

The final stock car race of 1966 will pit the best drivers from Saugus, Bakersfield, San Bernardino, El Cajon, Whiteman, and Santa Maria on Ascot's lightning fast half-mile clay circuit.

Heading the field will be Hornaday two time NASCAR Pacific Coast late model champion, driving a Ford. Hornaday won the last big Open Competition race at Ascot, in August.

Prosser, 1964 Pacific Racing Association title holder will wheel a Ford in the day's nine event program, while Deiny, 1966 PRA driving champ handles a Chevrolet at the 183rd. St. and So. Vermont oval.

Other top drivers entered

include, Walt Price of San Fernando, former PRA champion; Jim Cook of Norwalk, 1966 NASCAR Super-Stock champ; Don Noel of Arleta, 1965 CAR title holder; and Ray Johnstone of Redlands, 1966 NASCAR track champion at Whiteman.

Eddie Gray of Gardena, three time NASCAR Pacific Coast champ; Jerry Johnson of Torrance; Conny Burdett of Pacoima; "Sad" Sam Stanley of Saugus; "Wild" Bill Foster of Newhall; Chuck Becker Jr. and Bob Nott of San Bernardino; Art Hendricks of Montebello; Tom Roa of Compton; Frank James of Bakersfield; Jack Potter of Canoga Park; Vallie Engelauf of Riverside; and Bobo Cotton are also aboard.

Besides the 100 lap feature other racing includes a 25 lap semi-main, four 10 lap heat races and a 6 lap trophy dash.

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