

Agajanian Is The Recruiter

J. C. Agajanian, racing promoter and car owner, will be at the Indianapolis 500 for the 21st year with his famous No. 98 car and his Resistol hat. The two identify Agajanian with racing fans all over the nation.

J. C. will be identified with a new driver, however. Billy

Vukovich Jr., who built quite a reputation in local midget and sprint car events, will be testing Aggie's No. 98 at Indy.

Aggie has always been known as a developer of race drivers, rather than an innovator of cars and equipment. The list of men who have tooled Agajanian Specials around the brickyard looks like the Who's Who of racing. This group includes such greats as Parnelli Jones (winner 1963), Troy Ruttman (winner 1952) and Johnny Parsons (winner 1950).

Developing drivers, another one of Aggie's trademarks, is just as important to racing as the development of cars and equipment. He leaves the developing phase of the game to the Andy Granitellis and the Carrol Shelbys. These men invest millions of dollars and thousands of man hours in new types of equipment, and then hire the well known drivers to race them. But J. C. prefers to use the types of cars others have developed and proven, then beat the bushes and find one young

man who has the competitive drive and talent to make the big time.

This is all accomplished through a farm system in much the same manner as major league baseball. Agajanian Enterprises, which promotes racing events at places like Ascot Park and other locations in California, is Aggie's farm system. Of course all this work would be of little use if he did not have vast amounts of racing knowledge and a "seventh sense" to spot the Parnelli Jones or

Troy Ruttman competing at these local tracks.

After all the "xpurts" finish telling all about the turbo cars and the big name drivers, Mr. Auto Racing will also be at the 500 with a new rookie driver in Billy Vukovich Jr., who could steal the show.



BILLY VUKOVICH
Aggie's 1968 Driver



RONNIE DUMAN
Finished 23rd in '67



TROY RUTTMAN
Winner in 1952



LLOYD RUBY
Drove in 1960



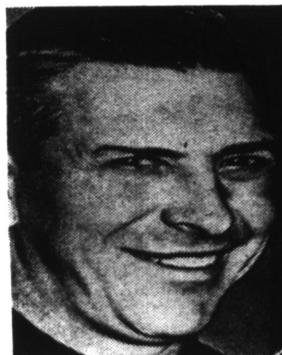
JOHNNY MANTZ
First Used in 1948



DUANE CARTER
Qualified in 1955



WALT FAULKNER
From 1950-51 Era



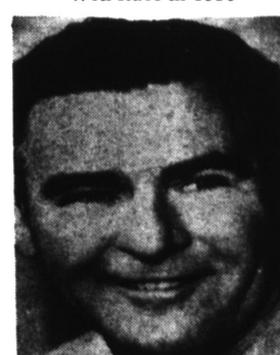
TONY BETTENHAUSEN
Two-Time National Champ



JOHNNY PARSONS
Won Race in 1950



PARNELLI JONES
1963 Winning ear



CHUCK STEVENSON
National Champion in 1952

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