



Group of Century Road Club Association members at one of their club races.

## C. R. C. A. Have Very Active Year

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AS was expected, the affiliation of the Long Island and New York divisions of the Century Road Club Association and the large increased membership of the New York division has resulted in making 1924 one of the best of its 25 years as an incorporated bicycle club, both in road races and social activities.

With an average list of about 175 members in good standing and 34 life members to date, the club, along with a number of its members who made personal donations, has been able to offer a very large number of trophies for various competitions which were held during the past year, and as a club had its members "on-the-go" for the entire year. No doubt the readers of the *MOTORCYCLE & BICYCLE ILLUSTRATED* are well acquainted with the activities of this club, as they were published from week to week.

### Heil Wins Olympic Trial

The first competition of 1924 was that for the Mitchell silver cup for the first C. R. C. A. rider to finish in the Olympic trial at Paterson, N. J. Rheinlander Heil, Jr., won the event and cup. Joe Tilgner ran sixth and Peter Mascheroni, tenth.

The writer won the club's annual 3-mile record handicap, May 18, over the Pelham Parkway, New York, against 100 competitors. John Viana was second; Peter Mascheroni, third; William Edwards, seventh; Joe Moccio, ninth. Jack Fried, Louis Werner,

Louis Maltese, Bert Marquard, Jack Silver and Walter Caldwell, were others to finish. Marquard and Caldwell won first and second time prizes, respectively, and John Swolfs was fifth fastest. Association members won the five-man team prize with 24 points against 48 for the North Hudson Wheelmen's team. The writer also won the trophy offered by John Viana, Joe Moccio and Herman Bonifar in memory of their friend, Ralph Lesch.

### Colors to the Front

C. R. C. A. colors were again carried home first when Heil won the I. A. G. A. 15-mile race on June 15. Heil also won the second leg on the *Corriere d'America* trophy to be contested by all clubs. John Swolfs won in 1923 and another win will give the cup to the C. R. C. A. Al Henken, the writer, Louis Maltese and Joe Moccio also placed. Walter Caldwell finished a close second to Eugene Aickelin for the time honors.

Bert Marquard won the Bronx County Wheelmen's 50-mile road race on November 9, making a clean C. R. C. A. sweep in open races. Peter Mascheroni was second; John Viana, sixth, and Louis Maltese, tenth. The writer also won the Wollenschlager trophy, offered annually to club rider scoring most number of points in open road races in the Metropolitan District. Haller had seven points to five for Heil, Marquard, Mascheroni and Viana.

Team races proved popular during the year and C. R. C. A. members placed high in most of them. Walter Caldwell and Harry Hoglander ran second and Bert Marquard and John Swolfs, fifth, in the C. R. C. A. two-hour team race at Pershing Field, May 4. In the Bay View Wheelmen's annual two-hour race at Weequahic Park, Newark, the writer and R. Heil finished fourth and Bert Marquard and Peter Mascheroni, tenth. In the C. R. C. A. team race at Greenpoint, L. I., open for members, Heil and George Liegme, 77 points, and Bert Marquard and George Hergert, 59 points, finished a lap ahead of the field. In this competition, Heil carried off the honors with ten points. Bert Marquard had nine; Harry Hoglander, six, and five each for George Liegme, John Swolfs, Walter Caldwell and the writer.

### Colors Again to Front

Riders of the C. R. C. A. carried off the major share of the honors in the flat floor races. Walter Caldwell won the two-mile championship of the Metropolitan District. Harry Hoglander annexed the mile title. Others to score in races were Charles Garin, Jr., Walter Caldwell and Bert Marquard, Louis Werner, Walter Fried, John Swolfs, Peter Mascheroni and Joe Caldwell. Marquard carried off the trophy for indoor competition with 20 points.

Marquard captured the honors in

all the way, and sprint, yet lacked a finish. He did not try long sprints, but seemed to concentrate the whole of his effort into a jump which left him fading away in the straight when he lost many a race because the others who were lengths behind when he jumped, ranged alongside and past him again. He went to Europe for the winter and raced with considerable success, so it is reported, in Paris, and earned a good deal there and as a consequence is considered a vastly improved man now he is back in Melbourne.

Willie Spencer had great difficulty in striking form in Melbourne last year, but seems to have been more fortunate this year and is already riding well, he and Leslie Hammond having won a team match with Fitzgerald and Jimmy Beer, who is touted as a very likely champion in the future, and also carried off a five-mile scratch or open race, in which Hammond was second, and Archie Haddow, third, in 1:48-2/5. Walter Coppins, one of our Olympic men, who became a professional, met Leslie Hammond, winner of many pro. championships, in a match and beat him, and also won a three-quarter-mile handicap from 45 yards in 1:26. The local paced king, Hubert Opperman, also road champion of Australasia, won a match with Joe

Scrusse, a little sprinter from this state, who should be well suited by the motor paced game as he can hang on, is game and determined, and is a smart pedaler. In a half-mile match, Fitzgerald beat Willie Spencer in straight heats. At another meeting, Opperman beat R. W. Ford, another road rider and holder of the 50-mile road record for Australia, while Jim Nagel, who, for the purposes of the London six-day race, was an Australian, but is now touted as from France, beat Scrusse in paced races, and Les Hammond won the five-mile from Harris Horder's brother, Horace, and Jimmy Beer in 11:21.

Jackie Clark and Harris Horder both arrived in Sydney. Clarke, whom I have not seen for about four years, looks well and is very sprightly in his movements, and I believe he intends trying another comeback at Lynam's carnival in Melbourne.

At a motorcycle meeting in Melbourne, Frank Corry, the Australian cyclist, who has spent most of the past dozen years in the United States, met Bill Smith, the Western Australian, in a motor-paced race on the track, and beat him in straight heats of five miles each. Corry won the first heat by 15 yards in 7:58, but in the second, Smith retired when he punctured and left Corry to finish alone.

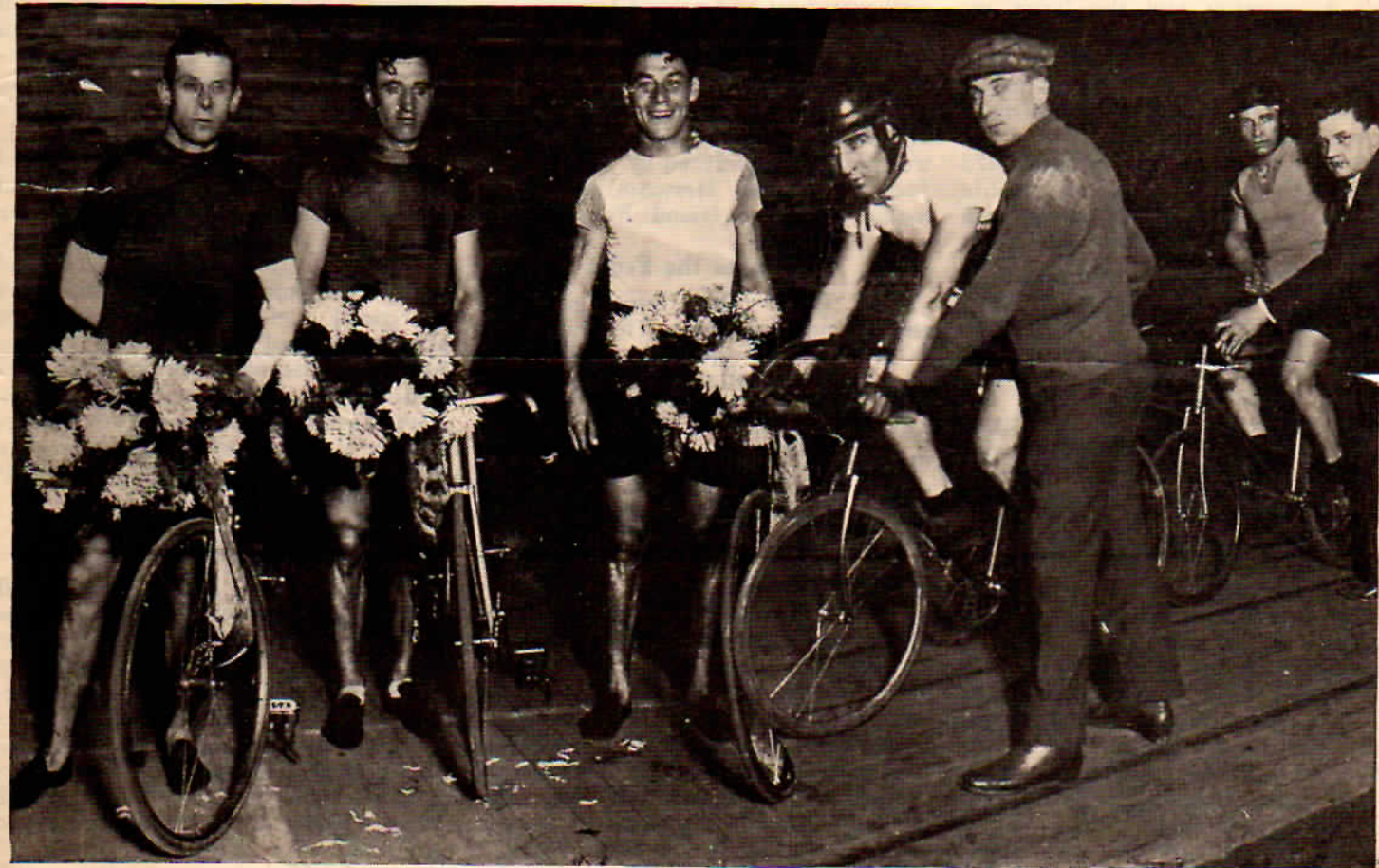
### SUMMIT WHEELMEN CONVENE

THE last regular meeting of the Summit Wheelmen, of Bellefontaine, Ohio, was held on Tuesday evening, December 30. At the final gathering in '24 the members discussed the plans for the season of 1925, which the members believe will be the best in the club's history. Thirty-two members made up the roster in 1924 and the members are going to try and make it 50 or more this year.

This club is certainly entitled to much praise for the boosting they give to the pastime. They try to develop riders and were successful in 1923 when they sent Samuel Dowell to Chicago, where he annexed the Junior A. B. L. championship.

### RACING IN BERLIN

AT the Sport Palace, Berlin, Dec. 21, Max Hahn won the sprint feature from Charles Jaeger, America, and Hoffman. Willie Lorenz won an international match from Palmiro Mori, Italy, and Joe Van Bever, Belgium. Tietz and Kruptak accounted for a 75 kilometer team race. They scored 31 points to 29 for Gus Lang and Charles Jaeger. Rutt and Bauer had 26 points; Carli and Minoretta, 21. Tietz and Kruptak lapped the field at eight kilometers.



Racing scenes in Europe. Left, the American team that beat the German team at Berlin. Left to right, Fred Weber, Gus Lang and Charley Jaeger; right, Victor Linart and Jules Miquel starting in a paced race.