



AT DINNER—Left to right: Don Hester, 1946 national amateur champion; Hans Ohrt of Beverly Hills, Sheriff Biscailuz and Norman Rockwell at Wheelmen's Dinner.

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BIKE RACERS OF OLD MEET

Tall Tales Are Retold At Wheelmen's Dinner

The whir of old-time bicycle tires resounded again, in memory, as the Wheelmen of America gathered last night at the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

Tall tales were told and stories of record-breaking achievements were reviewed as 100 or more bicycle enthusiasts of the last century traded reminiscences.

Bicycles, art and the Olympics were somewhat mixed up on the program. Dean Cromwell, coach of the American Olympic team, and Norman Rockwell, artist, were principal guests of honor.

Sheriff Eugene Biscailuz, who was a wheelman of some reknown himself, kept the tempo of the meeting at race speed. He kept presenting old-time racers whose names revived many memories of 50 years ago. Such well known figures in Los Angeles as Ralph Hamlin, Gregg Layne, Carl Lemoyne, Bert West, Marco Newmark, and Izzy Cohen, who beat Biscailuz in his first race; and Clarence Good and Tommy Morris were introduced.

Two notables who attended were Clyde (Vic) Forsythe, artist and Bill Magee of Pala, who participated in many endurance races, notably one from San Jacinto to San Diego in the late '90s.

The gathering lacked but one thing. Nobody had handle-bar mustachios any more.