

2-44P701
51/58.

CYCLE-CROCKS RALLY IN RAIN:

A Veteran and Vintage Rally they call this - and rightly so, for every machine here saw the light of day many many years ago. They've all gathered at California-in-England (which isn't far from Wokingham in Berkshire) to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Sunbeam Motor Cycle Club,. Number 1 is a 55 year old Deschamps.

Despite their years - and the incessant downpour - the veterans move off for a run round the neighbourhood. Number 11 is a 1913 Premier. Number 2, a 1909 Minerva. A helping hand, and a 1914 Rover is away. The Rally's not for bikes only: vintage cars, like this 1912 Belsize, take part too.

A water-splash enroute, finishes the job the rain started hours ago,. Soaked but still full of go, the old-timers struggle on.

No smoking please! Dangers lurk at every corner for the veterans. Here's a 54 year old Peugeot that's nearly out for a duck.

Spraying, spunking, spouting, the boys of the old brigade show they have plenty of life still left in 'em.
