

THE RACING COUNT

The Life of Louis Zborowski of Higham

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On 19th October 1924 the villagers of Bridge were stunned to hear of the death of one of their most prominent residents. Count Louis Zborowski, legendary racing driver and one of the most colourful characters of his generation, had been competing in the Italian Grand Prix at Monza. His supercharged Mercedes left the track and hit a tree. He was four months short of his 30th birthday.

The Zborowski family's connection with Bridge began many years earlier. Louis' father, Count Eliot Zborowski, a Polish aristocrat, became a naturalized British subject. He married an American millionairess, granddaughter of wealthy John Jacob Astor the First. Her family owned much property in Manhattan and elsewhere. The Zborowskis had a family seat at Burton Lazars, Leicestershire, and a London house. Louis Vorow was born on 20th February 1895.