

The Duke Blue Devils are short on experience, long on injuries, and generally look forward to the coming grid season with something less than anticipation. Sports Editor Ray Howe says in his roundup on today's sports pages.

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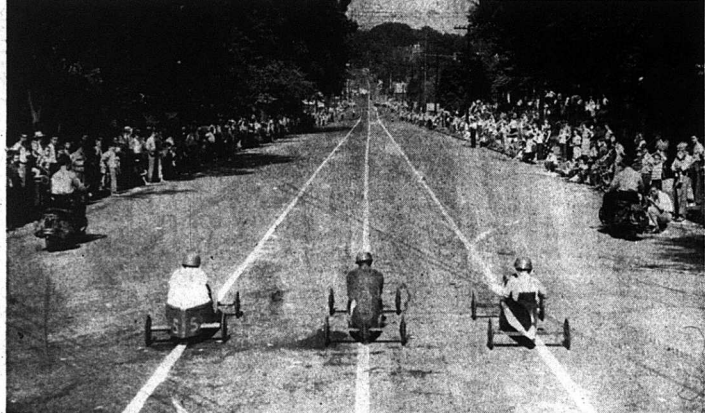
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HURRICANE SMASHES NEW TEST

Off To A Flying Start



Young speed demons who spent many weeks building their own racing cars in garages and backyards got their big thrills today as the Charlotte Soap Box Derby was run off before several thousand people

Sidelights Of The Big Occasion

Soapbox Derby A Colorful Spectacle

By RAY STALLINGS
Charlotte News Staff Writer
"Everyone please get off the course! Everyone please get off the course!"
The public address announcer's voice boomed over the Elizabeth Ave. speedway.
And the first class racers rolled from the ramp, heading for the finish line down past Central High.

The race was on! The long awaited day finally was here. Eager soap box drivers awaited their turn with more than a tinge of anticipation.
The course was lined with anxious parents, kids who wished they'd made a car, and folks who just came for the show.

And it was quite a show. The colorful racers spun down the course as if they had engines. One car, slipping along, got away from its youthful driver. Oldfied and spun completely around in the roadway. It crossed the finish mark rolling backward. Needless to say, the car was eliminated.

Policemen on motorcycles kept riding along the race course, having the pushing crowd step back on the crowded sidewalks.
The crowd would step back as the motorcycles passed, and then move back on the edge of the track as the cars rolled by at the whizzing cars.

The weather was perfect for both the racers and the spectators.
The bright sun glinted on the colorful paint of the cars. The racers were of all shapes and colors. Only the wheels were the same.
Slick, low slung cars built "right on the ground" competed with less streamlined, "hoop house" designs.

Nearly all the racers had names painted on their sleek sides. The Red Bird Special.

Booster Special, The Black-burner, Besidehomb, all good dynamic names. And a car named Turtle won its first heat by yards.

Yes, more fun than a country fair. Cheering crowds, a pop, cries of "stand back, the cars are about to roll!" all left fun and excitement to the big race day.

And now it's over 'til next year. Some of the boys who raced today will be back next

along Elizabeth Ave. This picture of three swift-moving little racers was made at the starting line as an elimination heat was held.

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Julian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Massi of 1912 Whitworth Ave. and sponsored by Domestic Laundry, edged out Red Hunter, eleven-year-old winner of Class B to win \$150 in cash and the Nicholas Dreyfus Trophy, in the thrilling climax of a Derby that was long delayed by the summer's polo ban.

The championship heat in which Julian won over Red took place shortly after 2 o'clock.

Approximately 5,000 persons watched the elimination heats during the morning hours, rested briefly for a twenty-minute period, and then saw the action-packed finals which determined the 1948 winner.

It was one of the largest crowds ever present for the Derby, an annual event sponsored by The Charlotte News and the City and Pyramid Chevrolet Co. open to boys eleven to fifteen years old.

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Critical Problems Meets Against Ominous Backdrop

By LOUIS NEVIN

PARIS — (AP) — The United Nations Assembly convened today for the first time on the European continent and named Australian Herbert V. Ewart to guide the session along a course beset by tension.

With the East-West cold war and the imminence of renewed shooting war in Palestine as an ominous backdrop, the 58 nations were urged by their temporary president, Juan A. Bramuglia of Argentina, to banish force from the world.

Bramuglia, carrying over Argentine, French and British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin and French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman met today on the Berlin situation.

Their envoys to Moscow arrived in Berlin by air on the way for consultations. The three envoys' top advisers on Germany, including the U. S. Military Governor, General Lucius D. Clay, were in almost constant session throughout the day.

They do not want any nation of the world to be excluded from the German situation.

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Island City Lashed By Winds Up To 140 MPH

Isolated Except By Radio Contact

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — Winds of 125 miles (estimated) and 140 miles in gusts smashed across Key West as a hurricane passed over the island city 175 miles south of Miami today.

The report of the storm's intensity was made by radio by the Navy to the Weather Bureau here. Communications to Key West were cut.

Hurricane very intense, the Navy stated, "instruments blown away, estimated winds 140 miles per hour."

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Truman, Dewey Busy Campaign Carried To Western States

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's "campaign to unite America" rolled today into the West, the region President Truman said faces GOP "sabotage."

Having unfolded the broad outlines of his "new era" Republican program in Los Angeles last night, the GOP nominee headed for Denver. There he was expected to give some of his promised "honest answers" to such questions as high-cost housing, farm side adjustment problems.

Dewey stressed his "faith in America" in his opening campaign address — faith that "our enterprise would prosper" and "our full production for the benefit of all our citizens" — faith that "we can have peace" in a "world in which tyranny is on the march."

The New York Governor said he does not "contend that on all our difficulties today have been brought about by the present national administration."

He added that "any fair-minded person would agree" that "the difficulties are merely the result of the administration's lack of judgment, or of failure to go out of control and they collided. The two cars careened and rolled over on top of each other in the street. The heat was run off again and David won a semi-final spot.

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Explaining Looms Wives Call Cops To End Poker Game

OKLAHOMA CITY — (AP) — The prime of a new adult education primer, "Good Workers Tomorrow," yesterday, Miss Margaret Tolbert, state supervisor announced.

The book, first of three to be prepared for an adult series, will have a 10,000-copy first edition.

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The FBI said it believed the robbers then took another car but there were local reports that they fled into a wood.

Score of highway patrolmen, with two-way radio, a helicopter from the Elizabeth City air station, the FBI and local officers joined in the search that extended over a wide area in a short time.

Columbia is a town of approximately 2,000 population. It is about twenty miles across Albemarle Sound from Elizabeth City, and 70 miles from Virginia Beach, Va. It is at Virginia Beach that

No One Injured, Robbers Flee

GETTING ALL SET for his big race, Henry Neil Castles made a complete inspection of his own this morning, tuned up his car for the fast heats of

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Fall Elections French Problem

PARIS — (AP) — Premier Henri Queuille may call a Cabinet meeting today to decide whether to do about local elections this fall.

The Communists jolted Queuille's moderate Government last night by coming out in favor of municipal elections.

Local elections for half of France's 3,023 general councilors were scheduled originally for mid-October. The General Assembly would several weeks ago to postpone them.

Streets Deserted Miami Is Battered Down For Hurricane

By E. V. W. JONES

MIAMI, Fla. — (AP) — Miami was under way today, its people were out and about, and the city was ed up as ominously increasing gales blew down almost directly over the city.

The ocean was churned to milked hush and dashing, tumbling breakers washed the fabled golden sands where millionaires and millionaires have basked in the winter sun.

Palm trees flung their fronds wildly into the air. Occasionally a frond or a coconut broke loose and whisked away. The Miami River, their lines led to each side of waterways.

The big passenger steamship Florida, which should have arrived in Havana today, rode with double moorings at her pier, steam up and all hands at their posts.

All traffic lights were removed from Miami streets, but they

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