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Reid Huntley Winner In Charlotte Soap Box Derby

SENATE PROBES N. C. PRIMARY SPENDING

Jim Lowder Runner-Up Second Time

Fourth Year Pays For New Champion

By MARY CURRY
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Reid Huntley, racing on the same wheels he has used for the past three years, won the Charlotte Soap Box Derby yesterday.

Second youngest of the three Huntley boys whose names have been on the list each year but never before as champions, Reid swept under the finish-line flag more than a yard ahead of Jimmy Lowder, 12, of New London.

This was Lowder a second year as runner-up in the finals. Last year he was defeated by Max Evans in the championship heat. Now a veteran, Jimmy promises to be the pace-setter for next year.

Reid's brilliant red racer ran away with more honors when he marked up the fastest heat of the race, 36.17 seconds, and then went back to win the special Southern Radio competition among the three boys sponsored by Southern Radio Corp.

Reid and his racer, which he purposely built 22 pounds under the limit of 350, will board an Eastern Air Lines Constellation in August for Akron, Ohio where they will represent Charlotte in the national Soap Box Derby finals.

HAS THREE TO GO

Second-time runner-up, Jimmy Lowder, who was sponsored by Lowe's Paints Plant, as has been the case of Reid Huntley, is the son of James D. Lowder. Jimmy entered the race for the first time last year, and is still eligible for three more races.

Yesterday marked a triumph for the entire Huntley family in addition to achieving the dreams of Reid, himself.

The Huntley tribe is full of veteran racers. Bill raced for three years before passing the age limit. Reid was racing for his second time yesterday, and Betts, raced for his third time this year.

COMPOSITE CAR

Knowing that this was his last year, Reid read everything he could get his hands on regarding Akron and local champions and as last year's champion in Akron had done, he built his car as a composite of all the champion racers.

He had planned for the car and himself to weigh in at exactly thirteen pounds under the 350-pound limit. Last week he caught a bad cold and lost nine pounds which had him worried yesterday because he was afraid he might be too light. The night before the race he said he went to bed at 7:30, finally got to sleep at 2 A. M., then woke up again at 5 A. M., still worrying about his weight.

Running on 1948 wheels which he has carefully cleaned, oiled and wrapped in felt after races for the past two years, Reid put only three hours on the wheels for the race this year.

32 HOURS ON WHEELS

In '48 he ran up twenty hours on them before the race and '49 he put ten more on them in addition to the race itself, which, added to the three this year, gave the championship discs a total of 33 hours.

Immediately preceeding the championship race, Parks Reinhardt, sponsored by the National Guard, defeated Curt Rogers, U. S. Army Recruiting, and Jimmy Grooms, U. S. Naval Reserve, for the title in the Armed Services bout between boys sponsored by various service units. Winning time for this race was 36.22.

Prizes were awarded immediately following the final race in the Central High School auditorium by Thomas L. Robinson, publisher of

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Once Over Lightly
By THE OLD SHAVER

I sort of get the jitters when an undertaker starts to being a regular customer. . . . They say the Hollywood stars are strange people, I thought it was the insurance salesman.

REID HUNTLEY LEADS JIMMY LOWDER TO FINISH LINE IN 1950 SOAP BOX DERBY

(More Derby pictures on Page 16-A and Page 1, Section 2)

With a lead of slightly more than a yard, Reid Huntley sweeps close to the finish and the 1950 championship in the Charlotte Soap Box Derby. This final beat Class B champion, Jimmy Lowder of New London, was the fastest of the day. His time was :36.17. For the runner up and Class B champion, Jimmy Lowder, it made the third year in succession that he had lost out in the finals.

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio

After sweeping across the finish line to win the 1950 Charlotte Soap Box Derby, Reid Huntley flashes a champion's grin. This was the new champion's fourth year as a Derby starter. The next stop for him will be Akron, Ohio where he will compete for the national championship in August.

News Staff Photo by Tom Franklin Studio

Three Wounded In Enka Strike

MORRISTOWN, Tenn. — (AP) — Three men were wounded by gunfire at the American Enka Corp. today and two hours later a barrage of gunfire shattered windows in the strike-harassed rayon-producing plant.

Gunfire erupted at 7 A. M. during a change of shifts at the plant, scene of recurrent disorders since the CIO Textile Workers Union Local 1084 went on strike March 20 in support of a wage increase and other benefits.

Three men were felled in this firing.

The rattle of gunfire was heard again shortly after 9 A. M. when plant officials said, bullets apparently were fired from a highway leading to the main gate. Windows were shattered by those slugs but no one was injured.

The official said at the time of the second outbreak about 60 to 75 men were milling around the gate armed with rifles, shotguns and pistols.

PATROLMEN MOVE

The State Highway Patrol immediately sent 70 heavily armed patrolmen with gas bombs speeding to the trouble center.

In Nashville, the State Adjutant General's Office said a number of high National Guard officers in East Tennessee had been alerted for possible strike duty. They were told to stand by.

Senate Candidates Stay On The Road

RALEIGH — (AP)—The two contenders for the Democratic Senatorial nomination stayed on the road today to continue their last-stage personal appeal to voters.

Senator Frank Graham remained in Eastern North Carolina, with Wayne, Greene, Wilson, Edgecombe, and Nash counties on his visiting schedule for the day.

Willis Smith, Graham's opponent in the runoff primary on Saturday, planned to visit Thomasville and Sanford following a 6 A. M. radio speech to farmers. He will make a state-wide radio address tonight.

Both were busy on the campaign trail yesterday. Smith spent most of the day in Rowan County. With a 40-car motorcade in tow, he started his trip at Kannapolis and wound up at Yadkin about two hours later, after having made seven talks.

Smith also made a television appearance at Greensboro last night. Prior to the broadcast, he predicted:

"A FAIR COUNT"

"If we get a fair count, and if there isn't some other kind of a mixup, I'll win by a good majority Saturday."

He did not enlarge on the statement, which he made to a group of well-wishers—including a Negro minister—who had gathered in his Greensboro campaign headquarters for a brief rally.

In his broadcast, he attacked "Socialism, dictatorships, and bossrule," and accused Senator Graham of "changing his mind" about issues during the campaign.

In talks to supporters on his tour, Graham declared he wants the Federal budget balanced, "but I'm not one of those who says let's balance it tomorrow."

"If we cut too deeply," he added, "we will undermine the Marshall Plan and the recovery program and set back the world."

Graham also spoke again of his racial views.

"I do not believe that it would be wise to end segregation in our public schools," he said. "I think it would work a hardship on both races. It just doesn't make sense to propose such a program as that."

Smith told the farmers of North Carolina in an early morning speech at Greensboro today that he wants to go to the Senate to cast his vote against "the crackpot Brannon Plan" and "join with members of Congress from our

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Senate Speeds Draft Debate

By EDWIN B. HAAKINSON
WASHINGTON—(AP)—Stripped of a controversial segregation amendment, a Senate bill to extend the draft law was put on a speed-up schedule today in an effort to beat a Friday midnight deadline.

That's when the present Selective Service Law expires.

Democratic Leader Lucas of Illinois called the Senators to work an hour early in an attempt to settle the issue on time. It still seemed likely that Congress would be forced to pass a stop-gap bill to keep the act in effect beyond tomorrow.

The extension bill had several obstacles to hurdle before it could be sent to the White House. Among them were:

BILL'S OBSTACLES

1. A promise by Senator Russell (D-Ga) to revive and modify his proposal—beaten last night on a 42 to 39 vote—to permit servicemen to join units of their own race if they so desire.

2. A Republican move to give Congress "iriger control" over actual drafting or inductions, as provided in a House-passed measure. The Senate Bill would retain this authority in the hands of President Truman.

3. Chairman Vinson (D-Ga) of the House Armed Services Committee told a reporter the House will insist on its version of the draft extender—thus raising the prospect of further delay in final passage of the bill.

Among the differences between the version passed by the House and that being considered by the Senate is one involving the length of the draft extension—two years as approved by the House, three years in the Senate bill.

Lucas told the Senate late yes-

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Bill, Betts And John All Shared In Victory

By TOM FESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Seven-year-old John Huntley had an important role in his big brother Reid's winning of the Soap Box Derby yesterday.

He assisted the flies when they bothered the Champ during the days of building the red, slender racing car.

"He was also the errand boy," Mrs. W. B. Huntley said. "He'd get nails and hammer for Reid, and for Betts."

The whole Huntley family devoted much time to the Derby preparations, short of helping in actual construction of Reid's and Betts' cars. And all were on hand, except Bill, when Reid won the crown yesterday afternoon.

BETTS SATISFIED

Betts, thirteen-year-old who was in his third Derby, grinned as broadly as Reid when Reid's car wheeled down Elizabeth Ave. ahead of Jimmy Lowder, the runner-up.

"I've got another year to race," Betts said.

The Huntleys have been in the Derby for years. They have come close to the championship before, but never quite made it until shortly after 3:30 P. M. yesterday, with the sun blazing and a large crowd on hand at the race course.

Bill, who is now seventeen, raced four times, was defeated in the semi-finals in 1948.

Reid himself has been in four Derbies, In 1947 he was eliminated in his first heat. In 1948 and 1949 he went to the finals in Class "B", and "A" respectively.

This time, said the champion just after he'd been congratulated, he started early and planned well.

"I sent off to Akron to get plans

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Winner Financed Car By Carrying Papers

Fifteen - year - old Soap Box Derby Champion Reid Huntley not only didn't need help in building his hot-rodded car; he did his own financing.

Supplies were bought with money earned by Reid on his Charlotte News delivery route.

"Reid is thrifty," his mother, Mrs. W. B. Huntley, said. "But he isn't stingy. He's bought a typewriter, football equipment, and many things with the money he's earned on his News route.

"And besides all that, he has saved over $300."

Theater Ceiling Falls; 30 Hurt

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—(AP)—Thirty persons were injured last night when the ceiling over the balcony of the Sequoia Theater collapsed and showered ten tons of ornamental plaster on spectators.

Fifteen were injured enough to need hospitalization, but only one was in serious condition early today.

Mrs. Vangie Case, 34, of Redwood City, was still unconscious in Palo Alto Hospital several hours after the accident. She either jumped or fell from the upstairs loge seats in front of the balcony. She was not in the area where the plaster fell. No one was certain in the confusion which followed the crash.

Her husband, Dr. Robert Case, a staff member of the Palo Alto Hospital, said her injuries consisted of a possible concussion, possible internal injuries and a broken finger. First report that her legs were broken in the 30-foot drop to the main floor were not borne out by hospital examination.

Six other persons were taken to the Palo Alto Hospital and eight to the San Mateo Community Hospital. None of the injuries, besides those of Mrs. Case, was considered serious.

The accident occurred about 15 minutes before midnight, when most of the patrons had already left.

Truman Says U. S. Can't Afford 70 Air Groups Now

WASHINGTON —(AP)— President Truman said today the nation can't afford a 70-group Air Force at this time.

He made the news conference statement in commenting on a Congressional proposal to boost the Air Force to that strength. It now has about 48 groups.

Mr. Truman hammered on the theme that this country should tie the armed forces which are within its budget capacity. He said it doesn't make any difference how many air groups are authorized — the question is how many the budget will allow.

The President's discussion with the newsmen also ranged into the field of domestic politics, foreign affairs and defense matters.

SEES TAFT DEFEAT

On politics, the President said sharply that if he were voting he'd vote for Taft or Ferguson. Lausche is a Democrat and the President was asked whether he would comment on the governor's "indecision." He said no.

On foreign affairs, Mr. Truman said Charles P. Spofford, a New York lawyer, will get the important job as Secretary of State's deputy on the North Atlantic Treaty Council. The appointment of deputies by the twelve treaty allies will provide full time machinery for building up the joint defenses of North America and Western Europe.

Mr. Truman walked into the news conference with a smile and a wave of his hand. He said he had no special announcements but would answer questions. The first dealt with Lausche's statement.

The Chief Executive was then asked whether Gov. J. Strom Thurmond of South carolina and Fielding Wright of Mississippi, leaders in the States Rights movement of 1948, had turned down or had not received invitations to today's White House luncheon for some of the Governors who wound up their annual conference today at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Mr. Truman replied that they were not invited. He said he had only invited Democrats.

Far East Diplomat Answers McCarthy

Service Says He Opposed Red China

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Career Diplomat John S. Service, accused by Senator McCarthy of aiding Chinese Communists, declared today that on the contrary he had done all he could to resist "the domination" of China by Communism."

The veteran foreign service officer was before a public session of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee which is investigating the contentions of McCarthy, Wisconsin Republican, that the State Department harbors Communists and Red sympathizers.

The Senators had first planned to hear him behind closed doors, but Service asked for a public hearing.

A thin wiry man, Service leaned forward in the witness chair and told the Senators it just is not true that he was a "collaborator with Communists," as McCarthy charged.

He also declared that he was "innocent of the charges" placed against him in the 1945 Amerasia secret documents case.

That case involved the discovery of hundreds of confidential Federal papers in the New York headquarters of the now-defunct Amerasia magazine.

Service and five others were arrested in the episode and charged with conspiracy to obtain illegal possession of the Government documents. A grand jury refused to indict Service and he was returned to duty in the State Department.

Only two of the others were prosecuted. Philip Jaffe, editor of the magazine, was fined $2,500 and Emmanuel Largen, a State Department employee, was fined $500.

Some Republicans in Congress have charged there was a "cover up" on the case and "bungling" of the prosecution.

The Senate committee is looking into the Amerasia case as part of its general investigation of McCarthy's Communists-in-Government charges.

Service told the committee today:

When I was arrested by the FBI on June 6, 1945, I told the arresting officer and the interrogating agents that I was innocent of the charges, that I was mystified by the arrest, and that I wished to do what I could to help solve the matter. That has been and still is my attitude."

Service testified in the big caucus room of the Senate office building. Since the decision to hear him in public was made only at the last minute, there was only a handful of spectators in the chamber when he took the stand. By contrast, the committee's previous public hearings had drawn standing-room-only crowds.

McCarthy sat behind the com-

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Candidates Say They Are Ready

Reported Heavy Spending Eyed

FROM AP DISPATCHES

An Iowa Senator said today that Senate investigators will check numerous complaints of "alleged huge expenditures" in North Carolina's Senatorial primary race.

His announcement brought quick replies from the campaign headquarters of the two principals in the N. C. Senatorial primary run-off that they would welcome and co-operate with any investigation.

Senator Gillette (D-Iowa) said the complaints involve campaigning not only in North Carolina, but also in Florida, Pennsylvania and Illinois and other undesignated states.

POLICES ELECTIONS

Gillette is chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Privileges and Elections, which has the duty of policing this year's election of 36 Senators.

From Senator Frank P. Graham's headquarters came this statement by Jeff D. Johnson, Graham's State campaign manager:

"We have heard of no complaints involving the Graham campaign and we will be glad to co-operate fully in any investigation they might make."

MR. STATEMENT

State Senator John Redman, another Graham campaigner, said Willis Smith, who is opposing Graham in the runoff, was unfounded as far as Willis Smith's campaign is concerned. This headquarters has refused to hide and will welcome any sort of investigation the Senate cares to make."

In a statement, Gillette said his group "is willing and ready to investigate and report on any specific complaints on matters which come within its jurisdiction."

Details on the complaints already made were not disclosed although Gillette said his group has received numerous complaints in the past and by personal report, of the alleged huge expenditures of money in connection with nominating primaries or conventions in the office of United States Senator in several states."

Graham, who led Smith in the first primary May 27 by more than 50,000 votes, reported last week that he spent $11,000 in the initial primary.

In his preliminary report on spending during the runoff primary, Graham reported expenditures of $1,886.

Smith supporters, in releasing the following figures, said they covered all expenses for the first primary and the preliminary expenditures for the second primary. Total expenses, it said, thus far have amounted to $13,307.85.

Of this amount, his headquarters said, $11,419.50 were contributions.

State law allows candidates to spend $12,000 in the first primary and $6,000 in the runoff.

The committee does not want to anticipate contested elections, nor encourage these contests," Gillette said. "But it feels that it would be derelict in its duty if it failed to take some action to develop the facts relative to the expenditures of such sums in any of the several jurisdictions for the nomination to a seat in the United States Senate."

NOTES REPORTS

Gillette noted that newspaper reports filed with the committee on the recent Republican primary in Pennsylvania listed "expenditures of between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000 in the Senatorial contest have been reported by the candidates to proper state authorities."

Gov. James Duff won the Pennsylvania GOP Senatorial nomination in a bitter battle with Rep. Kunkel (R-Pa).

In Illinois, Senate Democratic Leader Lucas was renominated without a contest. He is opposed by former Rep. Everett Dirksen, Republican.

In Florida, Senator Pepper was beaten in the Democratic primary by Rep. Smathers.

Gillette said there is some ques-

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