

Happy Youngster



Norman Chamberlain, 11, of Mooresville, charged with rape, was charged with rape.

News Story Brings Results

Soap Box Racer Is Returned To Owner

All's well in the Chamberlain household today, for Norman's Soap Box Racer is home again. The gravity-powered vehicle disappeared shortly after winning an elimination heat in Thursday's Derby while its driver was racing the car. It had crashed against the curb after crossing the finish line.

Norman and his father inquired in vain as to its whereabouts. Someone said they saw a boy load it on a car and drive away. Norman was heartbroken. His father and mother felt badly too for they had seen him work with loving care for three months, creating the car.

Norman came into The News yesterday. A sympathetic audience heard his story. Several had seen the boy carried on a stretcher after he had been taken to the hospital. A news story was written telling Norman's tale of woe.

Last night the phone rang at Norman's home. It was another boy who had been at the race. This boy hadn't raced. He had watched and longed for a car like those which whizzed down the track amid the roar of the crowd. He was told that none wanted the damaged racer. He gratefully pushed it away.

The boy said he didn't know that Norman wanted it. He was told that Norman was waiting for Norman. He was told that Norman was waiting for Norman. He was told that Norman was waiting for Norman.

"It was all a case of mistaken identity," Norman told a News reporter this morning. "Last night Mr. Miller gave my family and me over to get it. It sure looked good to see it again."

Economic Crisis

Sash In British Army Funds Seen

LONDON—(AP)—Authoritative sources said today that Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery would curtail his Far Eastern tour immediately and return to Britain to direct planning the nation's armed forces in view of the economic crisis.

Montgomery, chief of the British Imperial General Staff, was to have gone to Tokyo to visit Gen. Douglas MacArthur on Aug. 5. He left Britain June 21 and has spent most of his time in Australia and New Zealand.

Whitcomb sources said Montgomery was returning on his own initiative because of the increasingly serious view taken in high Government quarters of the industrial and financial crisis stemming in part from the rapid dwindling of the American dollar.

The acute need for greater production stressed last week-end by leaders of all major political parties will mean that British armed forces will have to be cut and that the Government will have to be on hand to advise the Government what can be done to end, endangering Britain's defense position.

STATEMENT EXPECTED

The War Office, expected to issue a statement later today on Montgomery's unexpected return, announced that the return of men and women in the British Army, Navy and Air Force on June 26 was 1,227,000.

Reduction of this figure has long been urged by left wing Labor Party members and by the British Government's policy, but the Government, backed solidly by the conservative, has delayed the step in view of the world situation.

Today's indication that the return of men and women came amid such other "crisis" news as a fall in prices on

Seven Escape In Rutherford Jailbreak
GETS NEW AUTO

2 Arrested On Suspicion Of Aiding Prisoners

Wide Search For Fugitives Begun

RUTHERFORD—Sheriff's officers today arrested Ben Cooper of Rutherford and C. B. Gussey of Spindale, suspected of assisting seven prisoners to escape from the Rutherford County Jail early this morning.

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Note To President Landed Contract
Kaiser Says FDR Overruled Admirals

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Henry J. Kaiser testified today that he sent a brief note to the late President Roosevelt and got a wartime contract to build small aircraft carriers after top Navy officials previously had rejected his offer.

The wartime industrialist told the Senate War Investigating Committee of this incident after saying "I don't recollect" when asked whether he went to the White House in connection with the contract to build cargo-carrying air-liners.

The Committee is seeking facts regarding some \$40,000,000 worth of airplane contracts awarded to Kaiser and Howard Hughes, aircraft designer and film producer.

SENATOR Ferguson, Republican, Michigan, questioned Kaiser on this.

TELLS STORY

On the "baby flatrons"—small aircraft carriers—Kaiser told the committee.

He talked with the late Marvin McIntyre, secretary to the late President, on the day after the aircraft carrier.

McIntyre was "very available" and when the Navy rejected Kaiser's plans "by a vote of sixteen to twelve," McIntyre reported to him.

"At the time I had seen the President only once," Kaiser went on. "The hell have you been doing?" Kaiser said that Kaiser wrote a "little letter of about four paragraphs" to the President.

Baxter Says Civic Hall Is City's Biggest Need

Plans Definite Action Soon

By TOM FESHERMAN

Mayor H. H. Baxter, back at his desk after a vacation trip to Eastern cities, declared today that Charlotte's No. 1 need is an auditorium and civic center and that he plans "some definite action within the next several weeks" to obtain such a building.

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20 Killed In Ship Blast

BREIT, France—(AP)—Officials reported twenty dead and at least 47 injured in this port today from the explosion of a German U-boat. The U-boat was hit by a British ship, the H.M.S. T. G. L. The U-boat was hit by a British ship, the H.M.S. T. G. L. The U-boat was hit by a British ship, the H.M.S. T. G. L.

Dutch Army Claims Gains

BATAVIA—(AP)—Dutch military authorities, basing extending their hold on the rich resources of Java.

The Netherlands Army meanwhile said its casualties had reached 40,000. It said that the Dutch military had captured 10,000 Japanese soldiers in Dutch service.

Ford Strike Notice Filed

DETROIT—(AP)—The CIO United Auto Workers Ford council obtained permission to strike against the Ford Motor Co. by Aug. 4 in a resolution on file today with the union's executive board.

While negotiations with the Ford concern on a new contract continued, UAW-CIO Ford Director Richard T. Leonard announced he would ask an "immediate" meeting of the board to consider the action taken yesterday by the National Ford Council, a group made up of representatives of all Ford local unions.

Gift Group To Act

Leaders here and over the Southeast in the movement for construction of a \$1,000,000 Merchandise Mart at Charlotte expect the Southern Gift Association will become late this week the sixth organization of traveling salesmen to endorse the proposal.

The salesmen of gift merchandise will open their three-day showing Thursday in Hotel Charlotte. Call G. Phillips of Charlotte, executive secretary of the Fashion Exhibitors Association, will present details of the plan to build Mart project to the gift salesmen at their business meeting, which will probably be held Friday evening.

Vegetarians In Race

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Democratic Party today in effect was asked to move over and make room for the vegetarian movement. The party's platform committee today announced they would nominate candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

State Dept. To Expand Russian Broadcasts; Others Are Slashed

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Expansion of American official broadcasts to Soviet Russia was ordered today by the State Department as it cut back other programs because of reduced funds allocated by Congress.

Officials said beginning tonight a new 30-minute "Voice of America" program of news in the Russian language and music will be beamed to the Moscow area. A similar program of news, music and features which started last week will be expanded to 30 minutes.

Meat-Eating Politicians Challenged

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Weather

Partly cloudy and rather hot today. High about 84, low about 64. Breeze from the south.