

Derby Cars Roll At Hawthorne Track

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The cars for the '56 Soap Derby line up behind the ramp to wait for the starting gun.

Five-Year Vets Slight Favorites

By CHARLES KURALT
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About 130 tiny cars sped down the Hawthorne Lane Ext. raceway this afternoon in Charlotte's 11th post-war Soap Derby.

First Class B heats, for youngsters 11 and 12 years old, began shortly after 1 p.m.

The Class B winner met the Class A 13-15 year olds, Champ at 4:30 p.m. for the city's Soap Derby crown.

Favorite favorites were two-out-of-town youngsters, Lafayette Whitley of Statesville and Webster Jones of Greenville, S. C.

Both are racing for their fifth and final year and both have come close to winning the Charlotte championship in years past.

Lafayette's car, named "Fuzz," was his four previous cars have been, was the object of much attention as he gave his wheels last minute adjustments.

Webster was making his last attempt in an extremely unorthodox, aluminum-covered car with a very short wheel base. He explained that he built his cars "like all the others every year. I thought I might as well try something different."

One youngster was eliminated in the pre-race trial heats this morning.

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Abortion Death Sentence Given

NEW YORK (AP)—Leo Pijan, 46, who performed a fatal abortion on 20-year-old Jacqueline Smith and disposed of her dismembered body in garbage cans, was sentenced today to 7½ to 20 years in prison.

His co-defendant, Thomas G. Daniel, 25, Miss Smith's boy friend, was sentenced yesterday to 7½ to 15 years in prison.

Pijan interrupted his trial to plead guilty to first degree manslaughter and testified for the prosecution. Daniel, a clothing salesman formerly of Warren, Ohio, continued on trial and was convicted.

At his sentencing General Sessions Judge Mitchell D. Schweitzer held Daniel responsible for Miss Smith's pregnancy and for inducing her to undergo an abortion to be performed by Pijan, a male nurse.

Pijan testified the abortion was performed on Miss Smith of Lebanon, Pa., in Daniel's apartment last Christmas Eve. He said when she died the two men dismembered her body, wrapped the pieces in Christmas wrapping paper and strewn them in trash baskets in upper Manhattan. No trace of the body was ever found.

Our Weather

Considerable cloudiness and continued sultry with scattered thunder showers today and tonight. Tomorrow, clearing and cooler.

Low this morning—69
Low tomorrow morning—70
High yesterday—96
High today—96
High tomorrow—95

Sunrise today 5:10 a.m., sunset today 7:42 p.m.

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Favored Lafayette Whitley Rests.

Jury Indicts Six Men In Drag Race Ruckus

COLUMBUS, N. C. — (AP)—A Polk County grand jury has indicted six participants in a drag racing ruckus with inciting a riot, a felony punishable by a maximum of 10 years in prison.

The jury recommended that the cases be prosecuted "to the letter of the law."

Sheriff Loyd E. Westbrook said he is preparing warrants for other members of the crowd of 50 to 75 men that rushed the three lawmen and had to be held off at gunpoint. Westbrook said the new warrants also will charge inciting a riot.

The sheriff was slightly injured in a scuffle with one of the men. He said the crowd also attempted to overturn a patrol car occupied by the three officers.

The incident occurred when the officers went to the rural Mill Springs section early Sunday to break up a drag race on a public road.

A drag race is one in which two or more cars try to attain the highest rate of speed from a standing start.

The six defendants are Joe Jolly, Mill Springs; Joe Waldrop, Landrum, S. C.; Charles F. Mathis, Tryon; James Bridgeman, Tryon; Arthur Moore, Mill Springs; and Clifford Blackwell, Mill Springs, Rt. 1.

They had been freed from the county jail under bonds of \$500 on charges ranging from drunkenness to resisting arrest and interfering with an officer.

Judge Zeb V. Nettles ordered capias issued for the men and set bonds of \$2,500 for each. Solicitor G. O. Risings said the cases probably will be tried during the August term of court here.

Harry Had The Answers

But Cops Not Happy About Texan's Small Arsenal

CHICAGO (AP)—A 26-year-old Texan was held by police for questioning today in connection with a small arsenal they found in his car.

Detectives said Harry Owens had a ready explanation for the weapons and burglary tools. They had stopped to question him yesterday when they noticed he was wearing a suit which was too tight for him.

Owens, who is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 200 pounds, explained: "Got it from an uncle and it's the first time I had it on. I'll change it in the car."

Detective William Hanhardt and two other detectives went to the car with Owens. But instead of another suit they found a .44 caliber revolver with 100 bullets, a tear gas gun with three shells, 11 daggers, three switch-blade knives, lock picking tools, and

a lock puller.

"My hobby is shooting," Owens told the detectives when asked to explain the revolver and bullets.

"I throw daggers and knives to amuse myself," he replied when asked to explain the lock picking tools.

"I studied locksmithing," was Owens' reply when asked about the lock picking tools.

"And how about the tear gas gun?" asked Hanhardt.

Owens' reply: "I like to watch people die." The detectives took Owens to a station where he was held on an open charge. He told them he had been a medical secretary in a Dallas hospital and had been in Chicago only three weeks.

29 Bypass Tops Highway Program

New Proposal Laid Before Steelworkers

Efforts Made To Head Off Strike

By JAMES DEVLIN

NEW YORK (AP)—The nation's big three steel firms today laid a new contract proposal before the United Steelworkers union in an effort to head off an industry-wide strike at midnight Saturday.

There was no immediate information as to what the new proposal contained, but it was believed to call for a three-year contract with an hourly pay increase of 10 cents an hour for the first year.

A previous industry proposal, calling for a five-year contract with a 7½ cent hourly pay boost for the first year, had been rejected by the union as unsatisfactory.

Negotiators for the three major steel firms and the union displayed great amiability as they went into today's session, at which the new terms were suggested.

The negotiators smilingly posed together for photographs.

Earlier one of the firms had announced it would start banking furnaces tonight at Gary, Ind., and tomorrow in the Pittsburgh area against the possibility of a strike.

Other major producers expected to follow suit in the move, described as a purely precautionary one to prevent cooling damage to the furnaces.

The new offer was presented in written form and after a 45-minute morning session the talks were recessed until 2 p.m.

It was understood the companies first had broached the idea informally at yesterday's session, but then drew it up in writing during the night.

It also was believed that in the informal talks yesterday the company negotiators might have given indications that the union might be willing to make concessions along with the steel producers in hopes of staving off a costly strike.

The agreement which expires Saturday midnight was for two years.

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Planes Check Crash Report

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (AP)—Military search parties who sped to nearby Pritchards Island to check on a reported plane crash today said the wreckage they found was about five years old.

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You Gotta Be Practical

Councilmen Get Lesson: Everybody Wants A Job

By JULIAN SCHERER
Charlotte News Staff Writer

Councilman Claude Albea presented a practical chapter in the life of a politician today.

In essence he told the world: Everyone wants a job.

Mayor Pro Tem Jim Smith, in a pre-City Council session, brought in a letter from Police Chief Frank Littlejohn reporting the appointment of Capt. L. E. McKee as a supplement to a constable.

Chief Littlejohn in his note said: "It is my information that the Charlotte City Council has the authority to appoint such a constable."

He also noted that there are presently five magistrates and one constable in Charlotte township which is not sufficient to take care of numerous cases arising in these magistrates' courts.

Mr. Smith moved for the appointment of the supplementary constable—also seconding Mr. McKee—if legal.

Councilman Steve Dellinger, however, said: "Wait a minute, I'm for that if it's legal but not naming any man. I've got a man of my own."

Councilman Ed Wilkinson added: "Me, too."

TUT, TUT, MEN: YOU GOT THE WRONG 'DECK'

The Declaration of Independence indeed?

You'd never believe it but it happened at City Council meeting today.

Item No. 12 on the business agenda today read: "Recommend that Wednesday, July 4th, be designated as a holiday for city employees, in observance of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence."

City fathers take note. That's ANOTHER Declaration of Independence you're talking about.

THE Declaration is—as any good Mecklenburg should know—the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

It was then that Mr. Albea injected his philosophical point of view.

"I don't have one (a candidate), but I can find one right quick."

(P.S. Mr. Albea stopped the discussion cold. No action was taken.)

What's Inside

People Must Learn How To Live With Radiation

TO THE OLD SAW about "death and taxes," add a third item that's figured to be not as all our lives in this atomic age. That's radiation. Now that's it's here, read what to do for maximum safety on Page 3-A.

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THIS WIDE-EYED youngster is Rickie Beban, 8, of San Francisco, and it will be a long time before he tries to hold a snake again. When this picture was made, he'd just been treated for a snake bite wound by Pat Brown, a hospital steward. Rickie had the 16-inch nonpoisonous garter snake in a jar and tried to pick it out when the reptile bit him on the finger. He was taken to the hospital where Brown treated the wound and then tried to teach the youngster how to hold the snake. (AP Wirephoto.)

Evening Prayer

In this day when it is so easy to compromise, help us, O God, to try in the highest and best that we know.

We desire an ever-enlarging vision to the right and a constantly challenging experience of noble living. May faith and faithfulness be joined together in our hearts and lives. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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