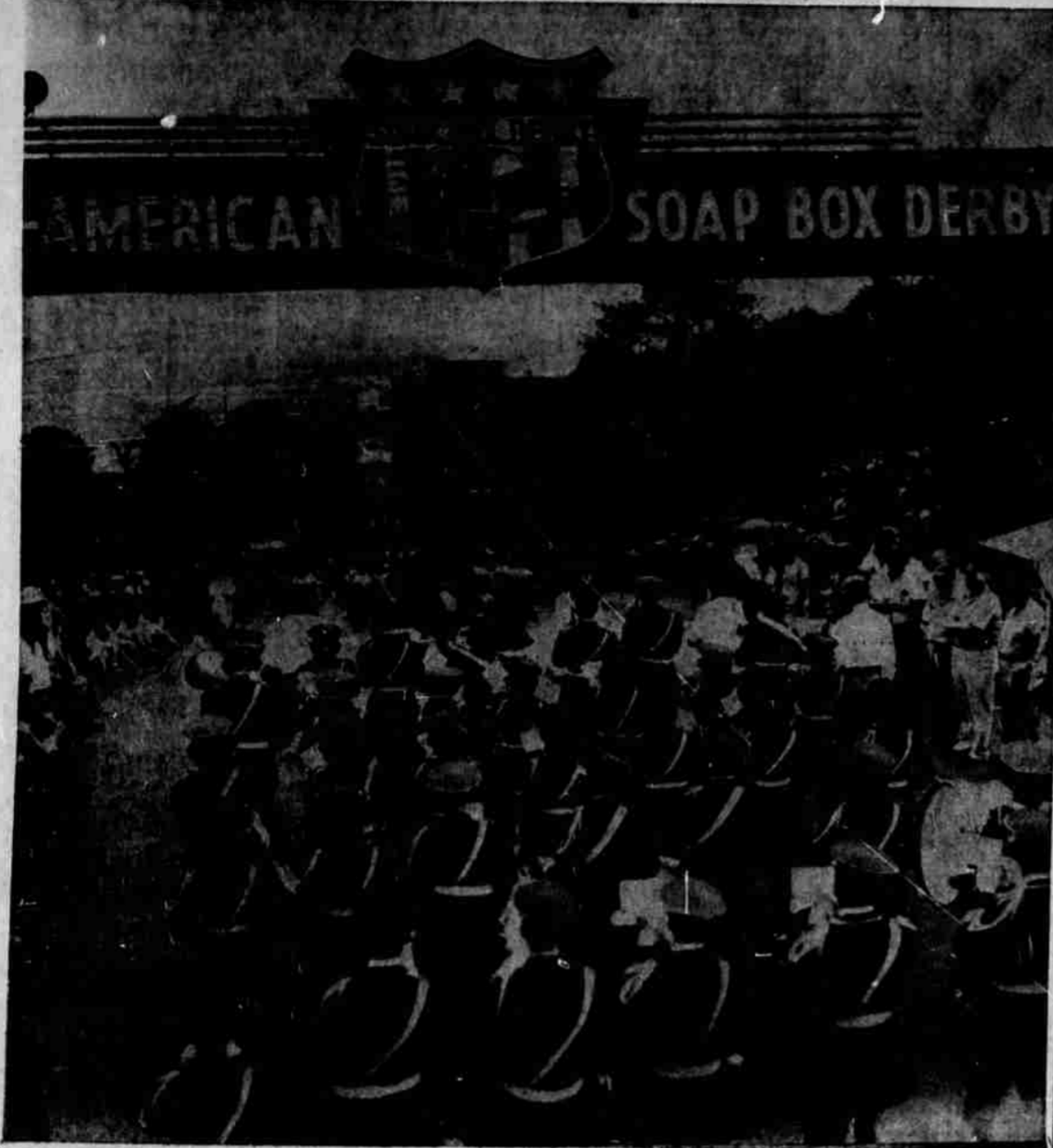


ALL-AMERICAN DERBY COURSE IN AKRON DURING RACES



All Akron Lends Hand To Honor Derby Champs

(Editor's Note: This is a brief summary of the impressions made by the city of Akron, Ohio, on Capital Journal representative Vic Fryer when he escorted Salem Derby Champion David Bell to Akron to compete in the All-American Soap Box Derby last Sunday. David's impressions of his trip and his stay in Akron will be presented in a later story.)

By VIC FEYER Akron, Ohio, is a city that should probably be renamed for at least a week out of each year as Soap Box Derby Town, for in that week the town is literally turned over lock, stock and barrel to the All-American Soap Box Derby and its sideline features.

Industry, civic groups and the city administration turn themselves over to putting the city in the service of some 150 Derby champions from all over America.

For the boys, probably the first initiation of Akron's pride in being the home of the All-American Soap Box Derby is being met at the city limits, depot or airport by a police escort and Derby convertible and given a siren-sounding ride to Derby headquarters at the Mayflower hotel.

There, and all through Akron, they see signs of greeting and welcome for the champs. Restaurant tables, store windows, taxis and automobiles bear Derby welcome cards, emblems and slogans. Waiters, bellboys and clerks wear pins emblazoned with the message "Welcome Champions." And every boy is personally greeted everywhere with "Hiya, Champ."

Not only do city police do everything in their power to help the Derbyists, their parents and escorts, but the county sheriff's office and state police also vie for opportunities to pay homage to the champs.

Industry commanders and captains place their names on a waiting list for an opportunity to act as waiters at the annual Saturday noon luncheon at Derbytown for the boys. Derbytown itself, normally a YMCA camp, is turned over completely to Derby through Sunday night and older YMCA boys are only too happy to be chosen as counselors for cabins of Derby boys.

Young men, too, join in the campaign to make the Derby the biggest event in the young champion's life. The Junior Chamber of Commerce turns out almost en masse to act as ushers for various events and help in other ways. Many young employes of General Motors plan their annual vacations to include Derby week so that they may drive one of the 20-some "Courtesy" cars provided by Chevrolet for the convenience of champions, visiting newsmen and dignitaries.

Local industry, particularly Firestone and B. F. Goodrich factories also join in the big event. Goodrich men take over the service pits at Derby Downs and work with the boys to get their bugs into shape for Sunday's big race. Both companies honor visiting newsmen with evening dinner parties and demonstrations of some of their products. Firestone conducts tours of its plant for newsmen.

Bus companies provide buses and drivers to transport Derbyists from Derbytown to Derby Downs, to town, to a nearby lake for boating and swimming and wherever else there is a call for the champions. They also provide free transportation for parents, sponsors and newsmen to the various places from their hotels.

These are a few of the examples of how Akron turns itself into "Soap Box Derby

Death Claims Theo. Mountain

Aumsville — Theodore C. Mountain, once principal of the former Aumsville high school, died at a Salem nursing home August 13. He had suffered a heart attack July 18.

Mountain was born September 25, 1875, at Cherrydale, Kan.

August 24, 1901, he was married to Lucena Belle Walker at Independence, Kan., who survives him.

In 1904 Mountain was graduated from Baker University at Baldwin, Kan. From that time until his retirement he had

Town" in August of each year in homage to the youth of America.

All in all, Akron is proud of being the home of the championship finals of America's greatest amateur sporting event and announces that it plans to turn out in force year after year to honor the cream of America's Soap Box Derby crop.

spent his time in the ministry and in teaching.

Coming to Oregon in 1924, Mountain moved to Aumsville in 1930, the year he became principal of the Aumsville high school, a position that he held until he retired in 1939.

Mountain was a member of the Masonic lodge and since his boyhood had been a member of the Methodist church.

Surviving besides the wife are a son, Robert Mountain in Portland; two daughters, Mrs. Thelma Lowe of North Hollywood, and Mrs. Muriel C. Lesley of Fort Lewis, Wash.; a brother, J. E. Mountain of Albany; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A son and a daughter preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be held at the Weddle Funeral Home at Stayton Sunday, August 16, at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Kenneth Abbott of the Stayton Methodist church officiating. Interment will be in the Aumsville cemetery.

In Great Britain, farmers can buy firecrackers set to explode at intervals to scare birds from their fields.

Cpl. Fox Reported Missing Nov., 1950

In Portland Thursday, the father of Cpl. Louis D. Fox, Jr., listed by the Communists as having died in a Red prison camp, told the United Press that his son was reported missing in action in November, 1950.

The senior Fox, who lives at 2500 NE Couch street, Portland, said that a few days after the corporal was captured the young soldier had written his grandmother, Mrs. Iva Vineyard of Dallas, Ore., that he was 10 miles from the Manchurian border.

Fox had made his home with his grandmother since the death of his mother when he was 10 years of age. He attended grade school in Dallas.

Chief Accountant at Willamette Named

David A. Lewis, formerly with Yergen and Meyer, certified public accountants of Portland, has been named chief accountant at Willamette, according to announcement by President G. Herbert Smith.

Lewis received his bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon in 1950 and is a navy

veteran. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Lewis are residents of Astoria and he is married to the former Jean Moe of Portland.

Feast of Assumption At Mt. Angel Aug. 15

Mt. Angel—The church holy day, the Feast of the Assumption, will be observed in St. Mary's Catholic church Saturday, Aug. 15.

The regular Sunday morning Mass schedule will prevail, with Masses scheduled at 5:30 o'clock, 8:30; 8:00; 9:30 and a High Mass at 10:30 o'clock a.m. With the new ruling permitting evening Masses, Mt. Angel will have its first evening mass scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 15, for those who can not attend mass in the morning.

LYLE W. NELSON TO GO EAST WITH NEWBURN

Eugene (L.P.)—Lyle M. Nelson, publicity director at the University of Oregon, submitted his resignation today.

Nelson, who has been on the University staff since his graduation in 1940, will become assistant to President Harry K. Newburn when Newburn

takes over as head of the Ford Foundation's radio and television center at Chicago.

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