



GRIM CHRISTMAS—Rita Netherby, 25, and her husband, William, 22, (right), of San Francisco, placed a pillow over their baby's crib to muffle the sound of his crying. They woke up Christmas morning to find the baby dead, apparently of suffocation.

Kefauver Tries Racer, Winds Up Home In Bed

Washington—(UPI)—Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.), the victim of a borrowed Christmas present, gamely celebrated the remainder of the Yuletide week end Saturday from a hospital bed.

The senator took a gay but disastrous ride in a young neighbor's new, flashy soap box racer. The result: Several

sprained ligaments in one of the senator's legs and an out-of-kilter senatorial kneecap.

The senator's 12-year-old son David started it all. Here—as a spokesman told it—is what happened:

David has a home-made soap box racer. He always considered that it was a pretty fine piece of equipment.

Eyes Bug Out

But Christmas Day he saw something that made his eyes bug out. His school chum and neighbor, John Harrell, drove up in a shiny factory-made model that had turned up under the Harrell Christmas tree.

After a few trial heats, David went home and announced he wanted to trade in his old heap for a new one. The senator said he wanted to see John's car before any decision was reached.

Then Kefauver decided to give John's racer a trial run himself.

Kefauver folded his 6-foot 3-inch frame into the little racer and shoved off with a laugh down a hill near his house in northwest Washington.

Senator's Grin Disappears

The racer picked up speed . . . the senator grinned. The racer picked up more speed . . . the senator continued to grin. The racer picked up more speed . . . the senator smiling reached for the brake. He couldn't find it. He stopped grinning. And he stuck out a foot.

The racer slowed, but the senatorial foot bent under it. The racer swerved and turned over.

Kefauver went back to his Christmas tree feeling a little shaken but otherwise all right. However, this morning his leg pained him. He checked in at Bethesda hospital.

The doctors put his leg in a cast and put him to bed until Sunday. They also told him he would have to keep the cast on three weeks.

The spokesman said Kefauver was in good spirits. But there's bad news for David: Nix on that racer.

Navy Reviewing Conscientious Objector's Case

Washington—(UPI)—The Navy is expected to rule this week on its review of the conviction of a Camp Pendleton Marine who declined to carry a rifle in service, the Marine Corps said yesterday.

A Corps spokesman said the case, involving Pvt. Peter H. Green, is now before the Navy's judge advocate general here for review.

Green was tried by a general court martial at the Marine Air Station, El Toro, Calif., last May and convicted of unauthorized absence from duty, wrongful possession of a liberty pass, 'malicious publication' of a statement about the Marine Corps, and disrespect toward an officer.

The court sentenced him to two years confinement, forfeiture of all pay and allowances for two years and a bad conduct discharge.

Last Aug. 11, a review of the case resulted in reduction of the sentence to one year's confinement and forfeiture of pay and allowances for one year, but the bad conduct discharge was not changed.

At his trial, Green insisted that he should not have to bear arms on grounds of conscientious objections, a Marine spokesman said.

The case was reviewed further by the Navy judge advocate general in San Francisco before being forwarded to Washington.

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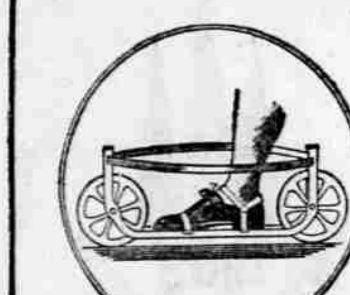
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