



Enterprising KF Youngsters Build Booming Car Circuit

Three youngsters have started a business that is booming these days out on a corner of Garden Street and Washburn Way.

It is the Lewis midget auto enterprise, which provides midget auto rides for midgets. The three partners are Robert Lewis, 13, and his two cousins, Marge Lewis, 14, and Ken Lewis, 13.

It all started some time ago when Robert was paging through a Popular Science magazine. He noticed some instructions on how to construct a midget auto and decided to try it.

His cousins weren't to be outdone, so work began on three vehicles. They assembled their machines at night in the Lewis Manufacturing Company plant, which is operated by the two fathers, who gave them some help occasionally.

The autos were completed within three months in time for the Fourth of July parade. However, the proud owners still had to pay for them. The cost was about \$350 apiece.

Robert worked for his father, Fred Lewis, 615 Washburn Way, for awhile at the plant, and then

conceived the idea of using his auto to pay for itself.

His two cousins, the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Lewis of Malin, were brought into the corporation as partners. They laid out a track on the Lewis property on Washburn Way and opened for business about three weeks ago.

They set a charge of one cent for each time around the oval. Neighborhood kids soon heard of the Lewis venture and flocked to the lot. Now there are usually about 20 youngsters lined up at a time waiting for their turns behind the wheel.

Most of them take at least 10 spins around the track, although Dorothy Lewis, Robert's 15-year-old sister who helps out in the business, recalled one boy who went around 150 times.

The Lewis partners open the gates at about 10 a. m. and usually run the cars until dark. The autos have three-horsepower motors with a belt-drive and clutch that disengages the drive-wheel.

Top speed isn't much more than five or ten miles an hour, which is fast enough for most of the youthful drivers. Some of them land in the ditch or run into the log barriers. It doesn't seem to bother the cars much, however. They are of solid metal construction with bumpers on front and back.

The track has seen some heavy use since the opening day. The partners figure that youthful riders have taken about 6,500 trips around the oval so far.

Yes, business is good at the Lewis midget auto track.

Grinding Machine Kills Boy, 14

BOONSBORO, Md. — It was supper time and there was no sign of young Jonathan Carney Harrell on the farm.

Then it was remembered the 4-year-old youngster had been playing at noon near the barn where his father was grinding corn stocks into silage.

They looked in the silo. There they found the remains of Jonathan.

It wasn't until later that state trooper Clyde Tucker said the boy's 7-year-old sister told how it happened. She and the boy were sitting on the end of a wagon used to haul the stalks to a conveyor belt which carries them to a grinding machine. The pieces then are fed through a four-inch pipe into the silo and stored for cattle fodder.

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MIDGET AUTO RIDES for midgets is the attraction out on Washburn Way at Garden Avenue. Two youths round a curve on the track as Dorothy Lewis watches in Picture 1. Don Hoyal, left, and Robert Tribitt show Andy Lee Silani how to operate the vehicle in Picture 2. Robert Lewis places a belt on the auto which he built (3), and then gives Rudy Johnson a shove to get him started (4).

US Business Outlook For Rest Of '55 Reported Good

By WALTER BREEDE Jr.

NEW YORK (AP) — Business should be good right through to the end of 1955. But in many lines the cost of doing business will be higher.

That's how things shaped up this week as sales and production picked along at record summer levels.

Except in the flood-ravaged areas of the Northeast, optimism was the keynote. The National Industrial Conference Board, after polling 131 manufacturers, came up with these findings: Most manufacturers think business during the rest of 1955 will be as good or better than in the record first half. Many look for gains in production, profits and employment.

Optimism was reflected in the behavior of the stock market which snapped back smartly after a summer slump.

In Washington, prospects of a balanced federal budget spurred talk of possible tax cuts. Treasury Secretary Humphrey said Americans are enjoying "new peaks of prosperity" and "if ever there was a time when our budget should be balanced, it is now."

Meanwhile relief for the Northeast's flood-damaged transport and industry got top billing. With flood devastation estimated officially at \$1,600,000,000, a huge reconstruction effort was in prospect.

Price boosts made news this week. Raw copper prices moved

up again, this time to 43 cents — the second increase in eight days. Other items going higher included sheets, overalls, industrial chemicals, farm tractors, golf clubs. Short supplies and high prices for crude rubber (now selling at about 45 cents a pound) brought demands for tighter controls on rubber futures speculation.

Living costs headed upward. Biggest Gainers: Food (especially fresh fruits which suffered frost damage earlier in the year), doctor bills, haircuts.

Factory take-home pay, while down a bit from May and June, set a new July record, averaging not quite \$70 a week for a worker with three tax-deductible dependents. Farmers' income was down 4 per cent from a year ago.

ANCIENT POTTERY

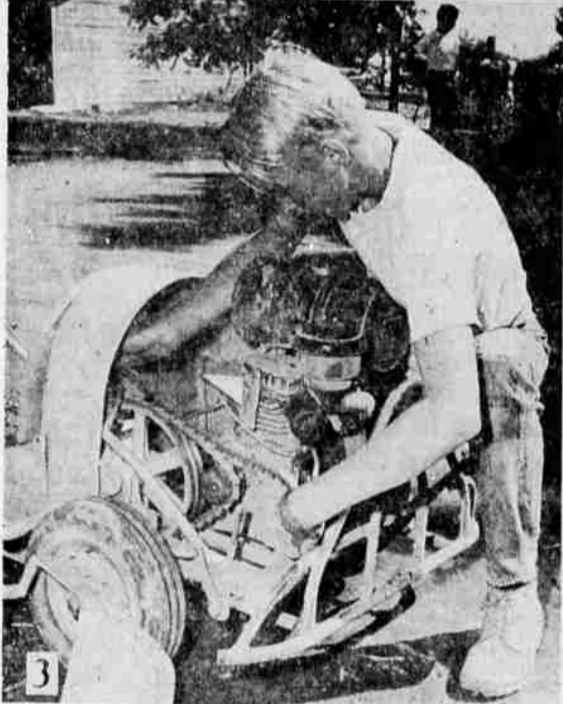
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School Medical Aid Attacked

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The patients will be treated at the new University of Oregon Medical School teaching hospital, to be opened soon. At present the commission does not pay for patients treated at Doernbecher Hospital which is operated by the medical school and which will be a part of the new teaching hospital.

Mrs. Lea Howard Mason, welfare administrator, said that the Legislature had made no provision

Nida Boy Regains Consciousness

Twelve-year-old Charles Nida, who has been unconscious for 21 days following a bicycle-car accident, has regained consciousness.

Undergoing surgery at Klamath Valley Hospital, physicians report he is slowly improving.

Visitors are not yet permitted to visit the boy who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Nida, 4542 Douglas Avenue.

The accident occurred August 6 at Douglas and Granite streets.

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Over The Garden Gate

MERRILL

By Mary Lou Swisher

Lost River Garden Club met the afternoon of August 23, at the home of Mrs. James Hammond with Mrs. Glen Haskins co-hostess.

Lucille West sent a gift since she was unable to attend. The winner each time will bring a gift limited to one dollar to the next meeting. This will be carried out at each meeting, the gift pertaining to gardening.

Mrs. Hugh O'Connor presented \$3 to the club for winning second prize at the Five Club Garden show August 10.

A horticulture paper on daffodils written by Lucille West was read by Mary Francis Hammond.

Dorothy Holmquist of Klamath Falls was a guest.

The next meeting will be September 27 at the home of Mrs. Dale Moore with Mrs. W. R. Pothringham co-hostess. The topic will be alides on chrysanthemums.

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