

Bill James Places Ninth In Soap Box Derby Finals Saturday at Rouge Park

The air braced with technical talk last week Wednesday as the five vicinities of the Soap Box Derby were lunchon guests of the North Chevrolet company, local sponsors.

The five youngsters, who took part in the trial heats at the Rouge park included Paul Dremann, 12, of Franklin; Dick Kappeler, 11, of Birmingham; John Hobart, 12, of Lathrop; Charles Potter, 11, of Milford and Paul Brown, 12, of Royal Oak.

Arriving at the sales room Wednesday morning the boys and their cars were photographed and interviewed.

Paul Dremann is making his second bid as a Derby driver, having

competed unsuccessfully in 1947. His present car is made up partly of the material used in his first attempt, but "it's a lot better than the other because I'm older and have had more experience".

Paul, an eighth grade student at Barnum, worked about two and a half months to complete the car he used this year, which, with the drivers weighs in at about 246 pounds.

"Veteran" Driver Paul is running pretty close to the weight limit with his entry, which is 250 pounds overall weight, but feels he will be able to stay within the limits should he go on to the final in Akron, Ohio, on August 14. More or less the

hero of his gather, Paul was the center of many questions concerning the "track" at the Rouge, conditions under which the boys race, details of inspection and numerous other ideas which the rest of the boys wanted clear before their arrival.

Dick Kappeler, who did not get his entry in until quite late, pushed his car through in only two or three weeks. To make up for the lack of time he had to work on the car, he's stacking a lot of faith in the Rockefeller Center four-foot clover that he has on his steering wheel. Dick, along with John Hobart, is among the lightweights among the local entries, weighing in at only 190 pounds.

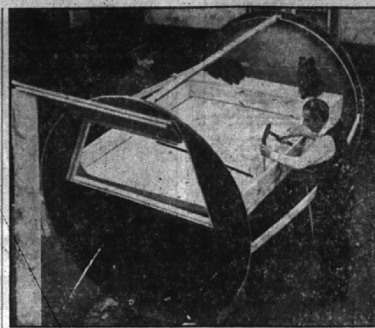
Special Brake John spent about five weeks on his car, and is quite proud of the toggle joint which he rigged for his brake. His engineer-father gave him the idea and instructions, but the special brake job is all John's work, as is every detail of every car entered. He reports that his toggle joint greatly increased the braking pressure with less foot pressure needed. He is figuring on the brake keeping him out of those spots which every driver knows can be delaying, costly and disappointing.

Charles Potter worked about six weeks on his red, white and blue, streamlined car. Like Paul Dremann, he too has built very near the weight limit, and has only four pounds leeway. His car has been clocked at some very good speeds and Charles feels he has a fair chance. The other boys all headed toward Charles and his KK4, when asked who was going to win. Each reply was the same, "Well, I hope I to, but I think he will." Charles, a true diplomat, merely smiled and said nothing.

Paul Brown, an eighth grade student at Oakridge school, is another first-year man in the derby. Like all the rest, he completed his car with no outside help. He too is in the 200 pound class.

During their interview and lunch, the boys talked over the merits of their cars and the various contest rules. They earnestly discussed the construction of their respective cars, which range from all wood, to one sheet metal body and another which has been completely covered with brilliant red oileth. They talked about whether or not springs under the seats were better, about bulkheads, and steering equipment.

Nagging Worries They discuss cables and turn-buckles; steering bars and assemblies; cable drums and axles. The merits of various materials were thoroughly gone over along with expressed worries. With all the hard hours of work, each has some little pet worry nagging at him. Each knows he has done his best, and so is fully aware of the little bugs which still remain. Like a dutiful, as the final hours slid away.



NEW WRINKLE IN TRAILERS—Her Kaminsky, right, of Berlin, puts the finishing touches on the barrel home with which he and two companions plan to tour Europe. The contrivance, sleeping three, will be pulled by ropes attached to the ends of the axle. Kaminsky has already traveled through Holland, Belgium, France and Spain by himself, using a one-man barrel.

Each began a doubt that his best was going to be good enough.

The rules which govern the boys are as strict as those laid down for any speed track. They are followed rigidly at trial heats as well as the big event in Akron. The drivers are divided into two age groups, with boys from 13 to 15 competing in Class A, and those from 11 to 12 in Class B. The same rules of construction govern both groups.

Each boy must construct his car entirely by himself, with only a limited amount of help through suggestions, only. The national committee allowed the purchase of authorized wheel and axle sets, as well as the steering wheel, cables and pulleys. All other parts must be made by the driver.

Equal Chance Cars are also limited as to width, height and road clearance. Wheels must be of a standard size, mounted in a standard style, and cannot be run on certain restricted types of lubrication. Each must be equipped with a friction brake. The amount of money which can be spent for materials is also limited, in order to give every boy, regardless of family income, an equal chance should his care to enter.

E. Fisher, president of North Chevrolet, and Dick Gray, who has had charge of derby arrangements in this area, were hosts at the luncheon Wednesday. Gray accompanied the boys to the Rouge park during their trial and final heats Friday and Saturday.

Participates in Navy Landings

William Ernest Kindley, NROTC midshipman attending the University of Michigan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kindley, 616 Kenesaw, is presently participating in the amphibious training exercises held at Little Creek, Va., for NROTC Midshipmen during July. The exercises will train approximately 2,100 student officers from 82 colleges throughout the United States. These officers can be entering the carrier year.

During these exercises, Kindley will receive training in the fundamentals of amphibious warfare. During his training ashore, he will attend lectures and take part in practical problems of amphibious warfare. He will see training films and witness demonstrations conducted by seasoned veterans of World War II.

Full-Scale Landing Afloat training for the future naval officers will acquaint them with the various types of amphibious ships and craft, and give them the experience of participating in amphibious landing operations. The climax will be a full-scale landing on the beaches at Camp Pendleton, Va.

This training coincides with that given to Marine Corps Reserves and U. S. Air Force Units.

Upon his graduation from college, Bill will embark on a two-year tour of active duty during which his capabilities as a naval officer will be observed. If he meets the requirements during this period and desires to do so, he will be given the opportunity to remain as an officer in the regular Navy.

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