



Soapbox and chug derby races, St. Paul, Minnesota

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The material in the next three pages was taken from the March issue of the Sports Sports cester Magazine. This information is to show that we in ST. PAUL are far ahead in starting the children on the right track and in inaugurating a new sport in helping the children.

Antelle Yarusso.

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On Brunson Hill--- Everyone 'Wins' At Annual Chug Derby

FIRST OVER THE LINE to win in the three classes of the ninth annual Columbian Chug Derby on Brunson hill were these three racers. Dennis Tuccitto, 10, center, of 499 Woodward, won in Class A with the four-wheeler in the picture. Angelo Rulli, 11, left, of 695 Preble, was the winner in Class B and Ralph Curella, 13, right, of 485 Hopkins, Class C. — Staff Photo.

The ninth annual Columbian Chug Derby was run down Brunson hill Friday night with some 70 assorted boys on an equal number of assorted chugs having the time of their lives.

There were three official winners—youngsters who scooted down the hill to get over the finish line first—but actually everyone on hand for the strictly neighborhood event was a winner.

The fathers got more exercise than any other one group, although the small brothers and sisters who had to jump back from the edge of the runway at the height of the racing managed to keep busy, too.

The fathers hoisted the chugs up to the starting platform. They helped drag them up the hill. They stood along the side of the street to keep the fans in line. They announced the pairings. They flagged down the winners.

Some of them had collected the variety of wheels used on the boy-made chugs from junk stores, second hand stores and other odd places and matched them up in sets.

The ribbon winners were Dennis Tuccitto, 10, of 499 Woodward, who took the honors in the fast A class; Angelo Rulli, 11, of 695 Preble, Class B winner, and Ralph Curella, 13, of 485 Hopkins, Class C.

The Columbian club sponsors the project for the entertainment of the boys, and it is growing in size each year. Boys make, paint and drive the chugs. After the race there was a party. Gentile Yarusso was general chairman.



CHUG DERBY CONTESTANTS are busy this week getting ready for the Columbian club races Aug. 12 and 13. Thursday these five East-siders readied their equipment at 499 Woodward. From left-front around the clock are Larry Nagle, 14, of 475 Hopkins, selecting a set of wheels as his brother, Dennis, 13, fastens a seat to his chug. Dennis Tuccitto, 10, of 499 Woodward supplies power for a chug maned by Ralph Curella, 13, of 485 Hopkins, while Ronald Williams, 8, of 513 Payne, lends a hand attaching a wheel to the Nagle chug. — Staff Photo.

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Columbian Contest-- Chug Derby Set

The Columbian club's eighth annual chug derby will be run Aug. 13 and 14 on "Brunson Speedway," Gentile Yarusso, chairman, said Saturday.

Last year, 66 boys, 8 to 14 years old raced homemade chugs down the hill. Yarusso expects even more entrants this year and an attendance of about 1,000.

The derby is open to sons of Columbian club members or boys who live in the area bounded by Rice, Case, Arcade and E. Seventh. Their chugs must be handmade and rope-steered.

Chugs will be graded into three speed classes in a run-off at 6 p. m. Aug. 12 at the speedway. The course runs on Brunson from Hopkins to North. Club members and St. Paul police will supervise the track.

The race is a memorial to Louis Cucchiarelli, first boy from the Payne ave. neighborhood to compete in the Soap Box derby. He died of injuries in World War II.

Yarusso will be assisted by Nicholas Cucchiarelli, assistant chairman; Tony Cucchiarelli and Louis Bell, race starters; Rocco Costello, Pat Cucchiarelli, Joseph Skipon, Remulo Mondo, Mario Rennelli and Perry Cucchiarelli, scorers; John Policano, judge; Archie Bifulk, announcer; Victor Tedesco, assistant announcer, and Phil Del Fiocco, Albert Tinucci and Frank Cotroneo, in charge of the first aid station.

Application blanks may be obtained at Morrisette's store, Payne and Hopkins, or Korman's store, Burr and Minnehaha.

9th Chug Derby Slated Tonight

More than 80 homemade racing cars will skim down Brunson hill, on the East Side, tonight in the ninth annual running of the Columbian club chug derby.

The race down the 1½-block course, from North to Patridge, will begin at 6 p. m. Gentile Yarusso, chairman, said contestants should check in about a half hour earlier.

Competition will be run in three classes, according to speeds. Classification of 79 cars was made in trial runs Thursday night. Yarusso said he expects to have about five or six additional entries for tonight's finals and will try to classify them before the main event.

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by *Paul Light*

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IT'S LONG BEEN COMMON GOSSIP THAT BOYS WILL be boys. . . .

And that includes most grown men, too.

Last week the Columbian society sponsored a chug derby for small fry. Preliminaries were run down Brunson's Hill.

But before a wheel turned, the youngsters were lectured on safe driving. Any casualties and their mothers might bar the annual chug race next year, understand?

Seventy little heads nodded.

They'd be careful, honest. . . .

And they were. When the races ended, not one boy had been injured.

But the evening wasn't over.

Two race officials, Joe Skipon, 365 Bates, and Russell Francone, 470 Hopkins, remembered when they too were kids and raced chugs.

Nostalgia led to a small wager.

In borrowed chugs they hunched forward over the starting line. The race was on.

It was by far the most exciting race of the evening, according to small fry who witnessed the awesome crash halfway down the hill.

The chugs collided, hurling both drivers out onto the hard pavement where they skidded to a skinned and bruised stop.

To a boy, the youngsters solemnly promised Joe and Russell their mothers wouldn't hear a word of this. . . .

Joe's and Russell's mothers, that is.

**75 Race Thursday
In Chug Derby Test**

Some 75 young racers face elimination tests at 6 p. m. Thursday on the Brunson hill in the East Side's annual Columbian club chug derby.

After Thursday's tests, some of the home-made chugs will be eliminated and winners classified according to speeds. The finals will be held at 6 p. m. Friday.

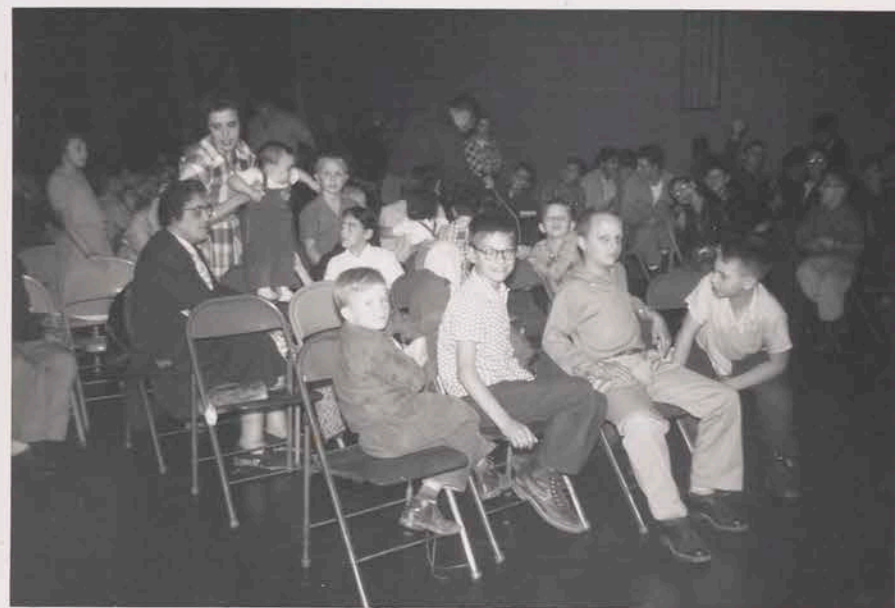
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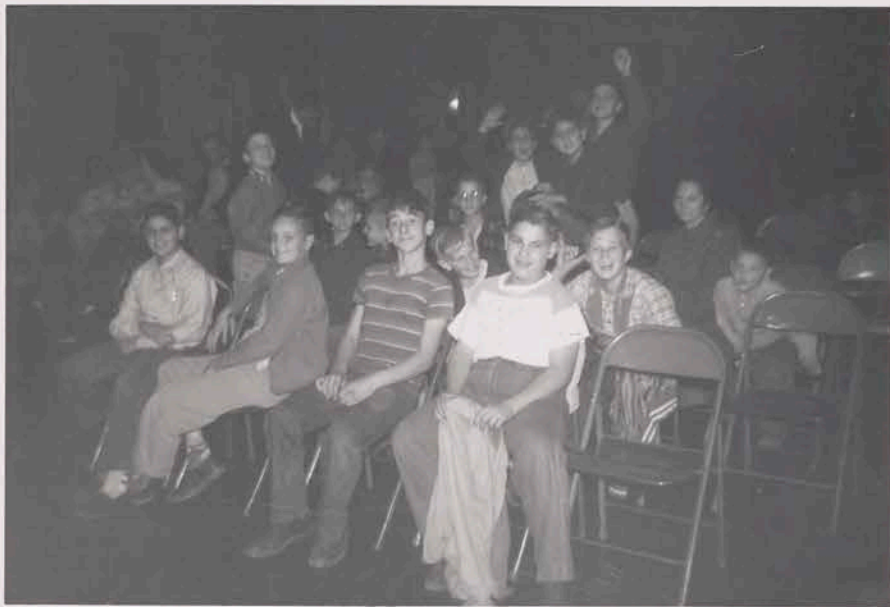


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A young man walks from the Eiffel tower, lagging behind an elderly pair, apparently his or her parents. The youth seizes his moment—he kisses rapturously her hand, her wrist, her arm, her shoulder, all in rapid-fire fashion, something like a small boy eating his way up a long ear of corn.

Along the Seine on an afternoon, a blonde sits in the lap of her mustached amour. She emerges for air after a prolonged kiss, her eyes so dazed she doesn't see a camera fan taking their picture a dozen feet away.

It is said that an attractive woman can't sit a half hour in some of Paris' beautiful parks without at least one offer of tea or drink companionship.

"The usual approach is, 'Madame, do you have the time?'" said an American girl. "It is a little ridiculous, because a large, prominent clock faces almost every park."

Whether this emphasis on love makes the French girl attractive or whether her attractiveness ignites all the love-making is a problem for the

Smart dressing often appears to include wriggling into a dress two sizes too small, à la Monroe. The wiggle technique is not all in many cases—Miss Elysees often has the wiggle locomotion as well. And her shoes almost always are heel-less.

Fashions differ for her escort. With \$18 or \$20 champagne obligatory in name Paris nightclubs, he definitely must be well-heeled.

31 Youths In Soapbox Derby

An entry list of 31 St. Paul youths will vie in the first annual soapbox derby sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, with the races starting at 1 p. m. Saturday on the Cedar st. hill in front of the Capitol.

The winner will go to Akron, Ohio, Aug. 7 to compete in the All-American soapbox derby at Derby Downs Aug. 12. Top national prize is a \$5,000 scholarship. William Shannon is general chairman for St. Paul Jaycees and Tom Klein director.

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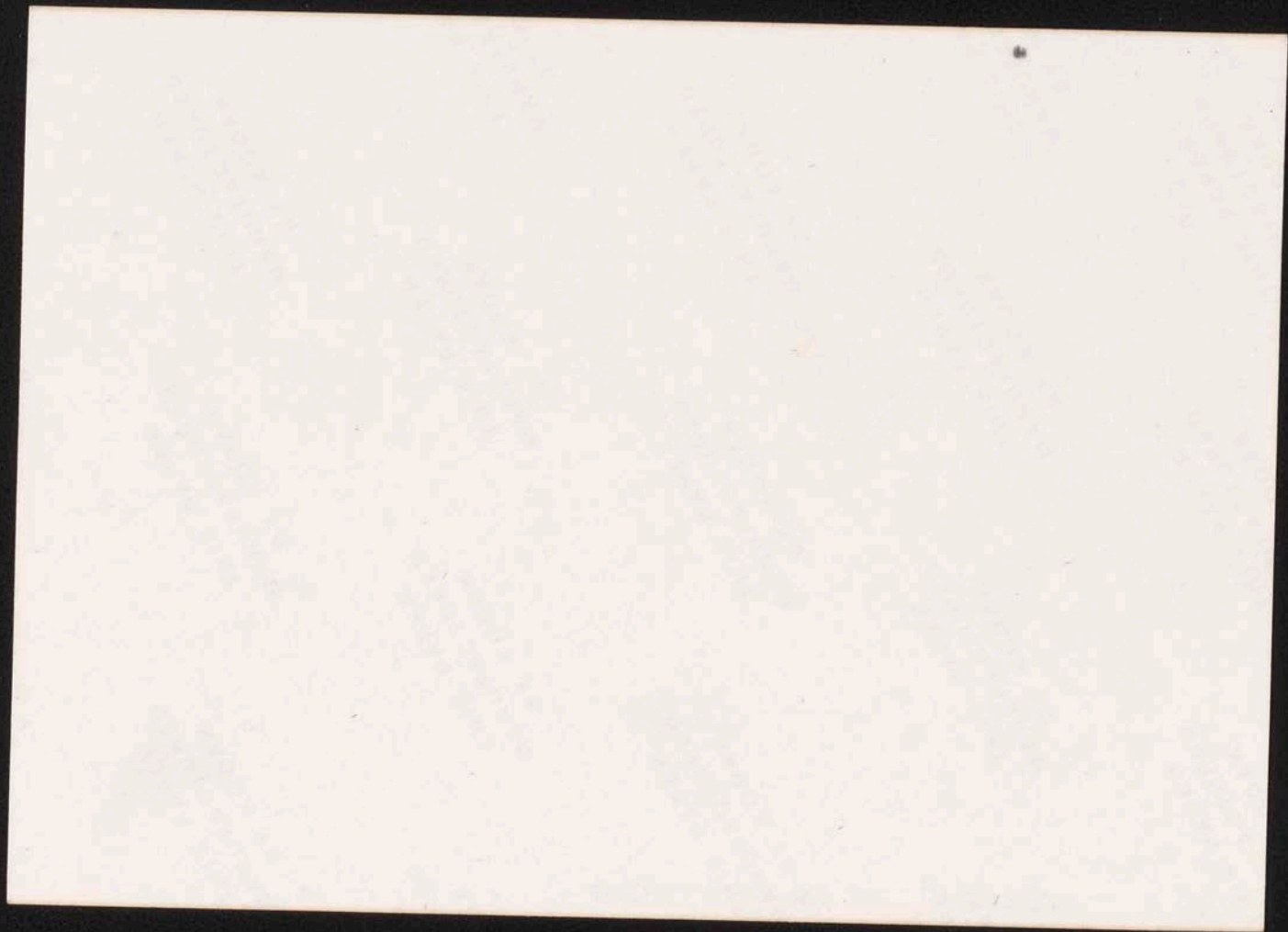
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Chug Derby Friday

The eighth annual "Chug derby" will be run Friday night on the Bruson st. hill, Brunson and Hopkins.

Rumlo Mundo, president of the Columbian club of St. Ambrose church, sponsor of the derby, said classification races will be run Thursday at 6:30 p. m. to determine A, B and C classes for the Friday finals, also at 6:30 p. m.

The races are for boys from the Valley, Wilder and O'Brien playgrounds or those living in an area bounded by Case, Rice, Payne and E. Seventh. Prizes will go to the winners and a party will follow in the St. Ambrose church club-rooms.

The Chug derby is a memorial

to Louis Cucchiarelle, East Side World War II veteran who died of war wounds.

Registration for entrants, Mundo said, must be in by Thursday evening at one of three East Side groceries: Morrisette's at Hopkins and Payne; Korman's at Burr and Minnehaha, or Hill's at Collins and Desoto.

LITTLE SQUIRTS DERBY AUGUST 28TH

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party for all the boys will take place immediately after the race.

A ceremony will take place before the races. The Chug Derby is a memorial to Louis Cucchiorella, the first boy who ever entered a soap-box derby from the neighborhood. He passed away a few years back, from injuries suffered in the last war, where he served on a destroyer.

ELIGIBILITY, any boy 8 years old to 14 years old, may enter the derby if he lives in the area described.

Frank Cotroneo will be in charge of the First Aid Dept.

Frank Paloney, assisted by Pat Cucchiorella, John Policano, Mark Caprilla and Mike Denzeo will be in charge of all traffic and patrolling of the speedway. About fifteen hundred people are expected to witness the spectacle.

Last year 82 boys entered the derby. A same number of boys are entered so far.

Entry blanks can be gotten at Russo's Barber Shop at 497 Payne Ave. and E. 7th St.

IMPORTANT: Boys must be at Brunson Street Speedway at 6:00 P. M. on Friday, Aug. 26th to be classified. Races will then be held on Sunday, Aug. 28th at 2:00 P. M.

Chugs must not be changed in anyway, after being classified. All chugs must have door

springs attached from the foot rest to the front steering apparatus.

A chug is now placed in the window of the Russo Barber Shop for display. The steering apparatus must be constructed exactly as seen on the chug on display. The only other thing demanded is that the chug be safely built. A chug may weigh as much and be as long as the boy wishes, however the axles must not be more than 36 inches wide nor less than 30 inches wide.

The event is free and everyone is invited to attend. This is the tenth annual Chug Derby.

Boys must have application blanks signed by parents and returned to Russo's Barber Shop, 497 Payne Ave.

The last day to register is the evening of the classification night, Aug. 26th at 6 P. M.

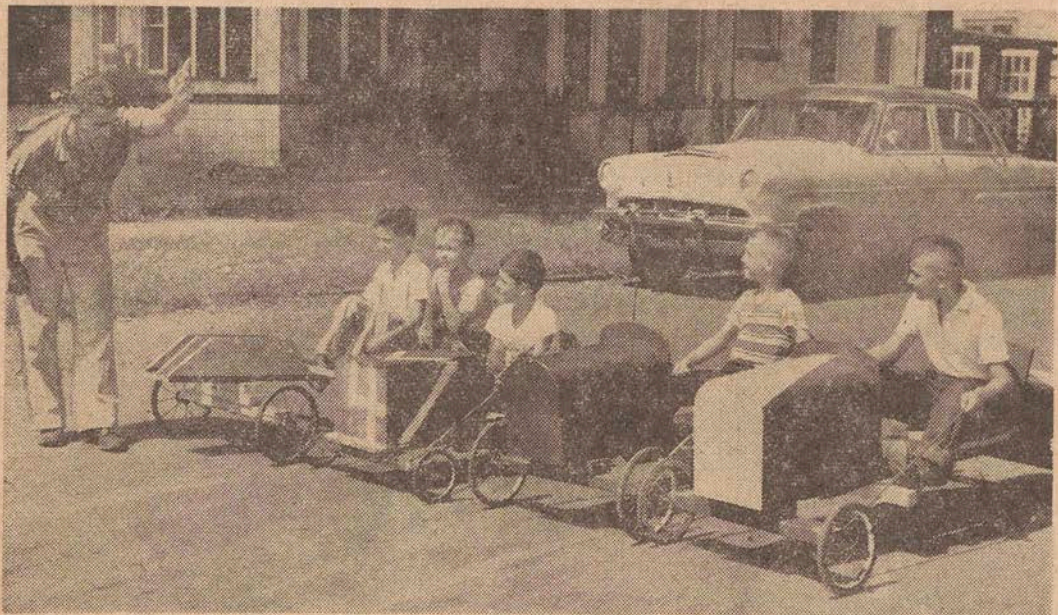
In charge of party arrangements are: Mrs. Corrado Tuccito, assisted by Mrs. Perry Cucchiorella, Mrs. Joseph Chenoweth, Mrs. Pat Cucchiorella, Mrs. Ralph Curula, Mrs. Joseph Skipon, Mrs. John Policano, Mrs. Elmer Johnson and H. T. Peterson.



NO JET PILOT is Ted Schroepfer, 11, upper left, of 765 Burr, but he's just as proud of his rope-steered "chug" which placed him first in class B at the annual chug derby Friday. Class A of the derby, sponsored by the Columbian club of St. Ambrose Catholic church, was won by Gentile Yarusso Jr., 12, of 485 Patridge. Anthony Frascione, 12, left in photo at right, of 665 Otsego, is congratulated for taking first place in Class C by Eugene Frascione, 521 North. The derby with 49 entries was held on Brunson lake. Photo.

Wednesday, August 17, 1955

Prepare For Derby



Payne ave. district youngsters are getting ready for the annual Chug Derby down Brunson st. hill. Classification runs will be Aug. 26 and the derby two days later. Starting a trial spin, with Ralph Kinney of 127 Thirteenth ave. S.,

South St. Paul, acting as starter, are Joseph Chenoweth of 563 Payne, David Lee Wagner of 479 Hopkins, Phillip Destasio of 514 Hopkins, Victor Frascione of 506 Pittit and Joseph Frascione of 470 Hopkins. The derby is open to youngsters 8 through 14.—Staff Photo.

Chug Derby Victor Crosses Finish Line



Champion in the Class C division of the Little Squirts Chug Derby is 11-year-old Frank Controneo, flashing across the finish line (left) ahead of 12-year-old Dean Renstrom. A total of 94 boys raced homemade "chugs" Sunday in the annual neighborhood event.—Staff Photo.

3 Chug Winners Crowned At Derby

Three winners were crowned in the Little Squirts' chug derby run off at Bronson and Hopkins Sunday under the sponsorship of the community and the lower Payne avenue merchants.

Dennis Tuccitto, 14, of 116 E. First, South St. Paul, captured the Class A chug title. Class B honors went to Ricky Sharrer, 13, of 475 Hopkins, and the Class C champion is Frank Controneo, 11, of 742 E. Jessamine.

Chug Derby Set At Bronson, Hopkins

Preliminary runs of the Little Squirts Chug Derby will be held at 6 p. m. today at Bronson and Hopkins, officials said.

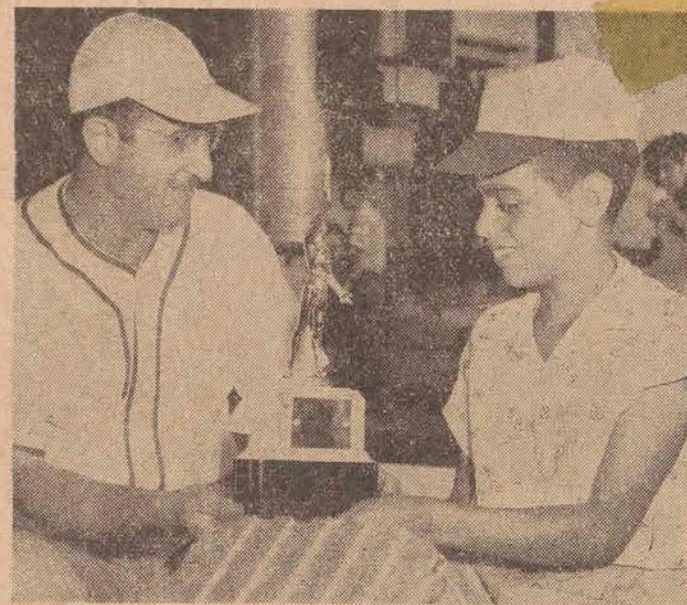
The ninth running of the derby which is expected to draw more than 90 vehicles is limited to youths from 8 to 14 years old.

Final running will be held at 2 p. m. Sunday and safety precautions have been taken to protect riders and observers.

Gentile Yarusso is chairman of the race, and Nickolas Cucchiarella, assistant chairman. The event is sponsored by area merchants.



CHUG RACE STARTING POINT was the top of the hill at Bronson and Hopkins Sunday when 94 boys on home-made chug cars raced in the Little Squirts Chug derby, an annual event in the neighborhood. Racers, spectators, judges and officials gathered at the starting line. All the way down the hill fans lined the runway to watch the race.—Staff Photo.



CHUG TROPHY FOR C CLASS was won by Frank Cotroneo, 11, of 742 E. Jessamine, who receives it from Archie Bifulk, 1731 E. Hoyt, assistant chairman of the Little Squirts Chug Derby.—Staff Photo.

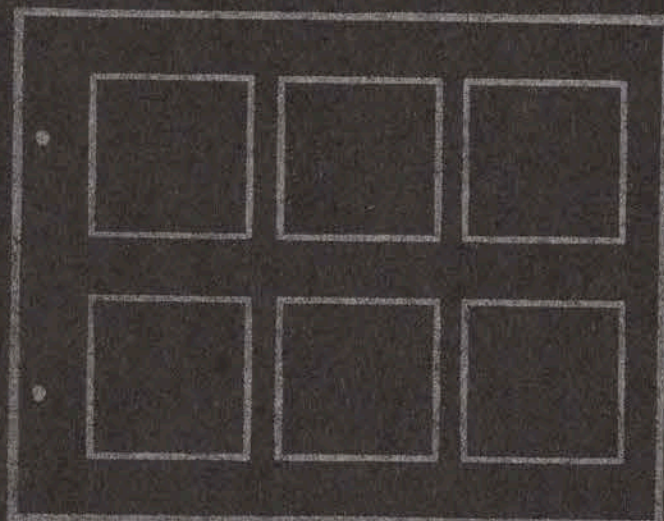
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Payne Chug Derby Slated Aug. 28

The annual Little Squirts Chug derby sponsored by merchants and residents of the Payne ave. area will be held at 2 p. m. Aug. 28 on the Brunson hill between Hopkins and North, it was announced today.

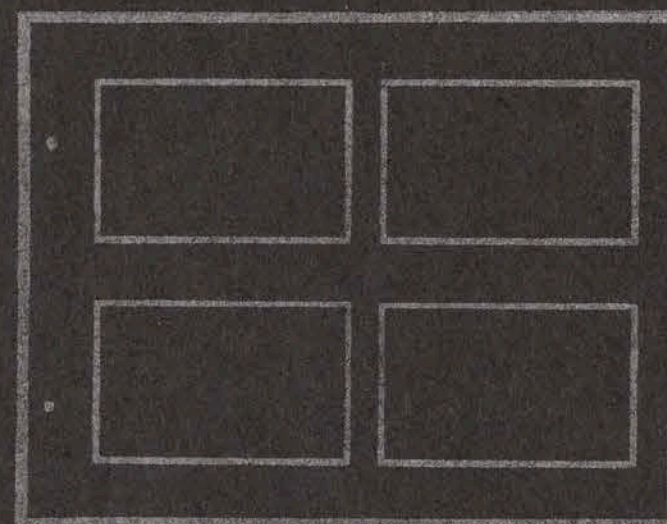
The event will be open only to youngsters who build their own racing chugs. Wheels and spare parts as well as application blanks may be obtained at the Joseph Russo barber shop at 497 Payne.

This year's race will feature four divisions, with trophies and prizes going to winners in each class.

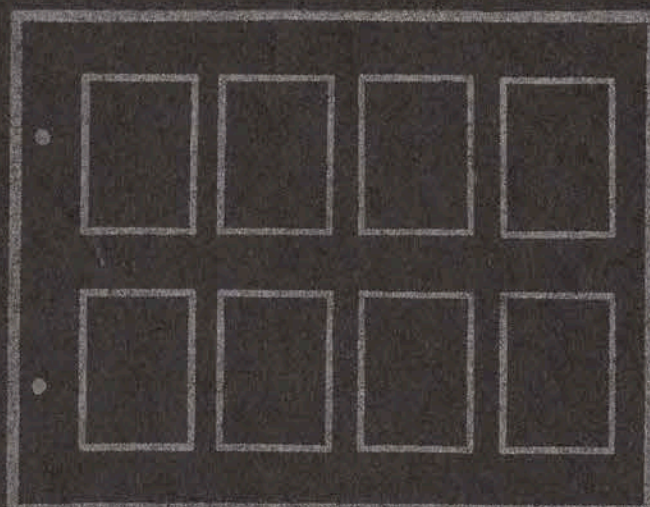


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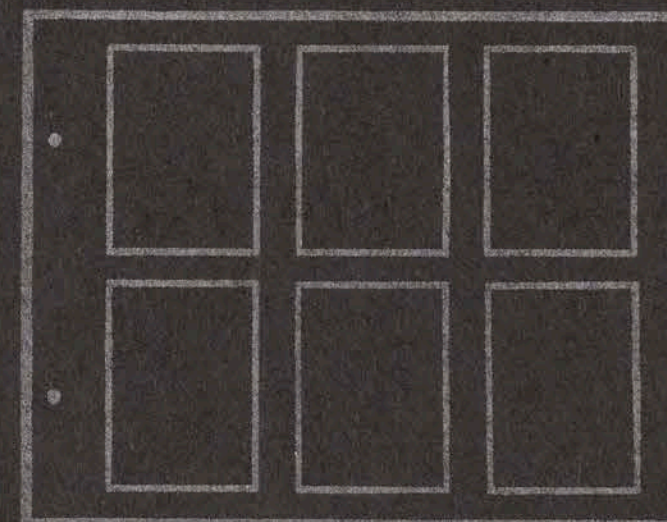
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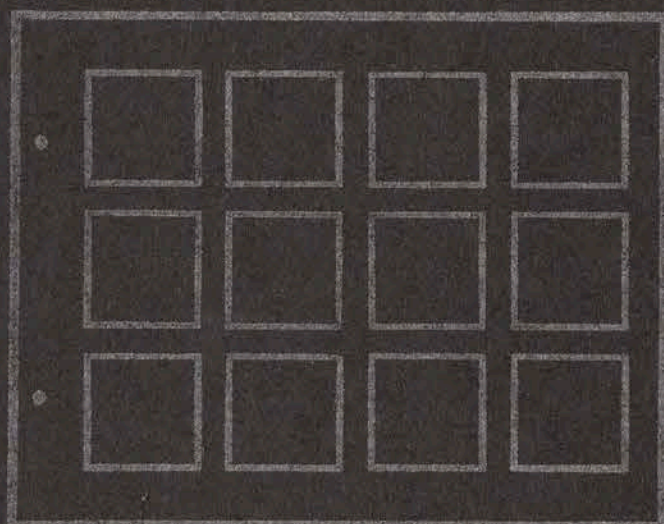
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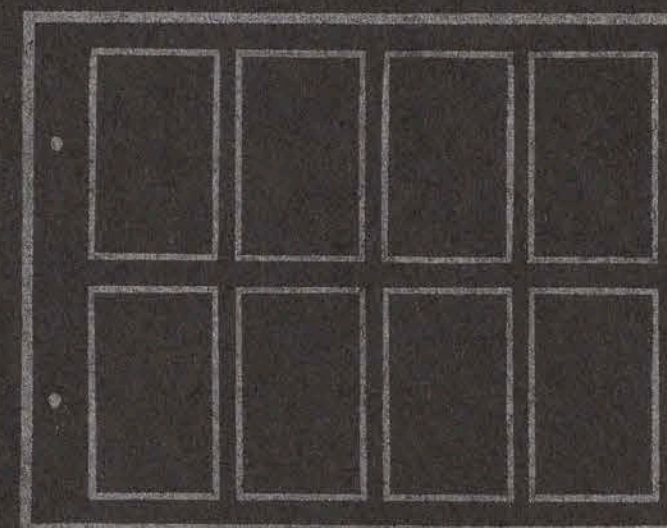


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