



Three pretty misses from Mentor dream of racing in a derby closed to sugar and spice. In her brother's car is Rhoda Haas, 10. Her friends are Alana Dahling, 7, left, and Irene Adams, 8.

## Derby Winner Beats Overweight, Jinx

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Also very determined was a 10-year-old Parma boy who broke his left leg two months ago sliding into second base in a ball game.

Mike Frastaci, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Frastaci, 6002 Ridgewood Avenue, put down his crutches and raced with his leg in a cast. But he lost in the elimination heat.

Among the throng cheering the racers were their sisters. Derby rules bar girls from racing. But there are no rules preventing

sugar and spice from trying out the racers after their brothers have lost.

**THE LOSERS TENT**, where racers were claimed after each heat, saw throngs of little girls sitting in the cars.

Last night all the contestants, and their parents, were guests of honor at a banquet at Hotel Sheraton-Cleveland.

DeRigo, as champion, was awarded a \$500 savings bond, a complete movie camera outfit and a trip to Akron for the national derby. As Class A winner,

he won a stereo record player, as did Bill Miller, Class B winner.

All the contestants in the derby were given trophies for participating. Special trophies and prizes went to winners of the 91 heats.

Manners Restaurants gave \$500 worth of certificates good at the chain's drive-ins for the participants. McDonald's Restaurants awarded a like amount of certificates.

Gary Malycke, 11504 Hempstead Road, Garfield Heights, who won several heats, was awarded the Joseph J. Jakubic American Legion Post trophy for the best designed and constructed car. The choice was made Saturday.

DeRigo will compete as the Cleveland area champion in the All-American Soap Box Derby in Akron on Aug. 7. The nine top winners will split a \$30,000 scholarship prize. The national grand winner will receive a scholarship award of \$7,500.

**ALSO RACING** yesterday, but in the annual Oil Can Derby for radio and television personalities, were the sports directors of Channels 3, 5, and 8. Paul Wilcox of Channel 5 won.

Derby Day had started off with a speech by Mayor Ralph S. Locher that welcomed the race as a family activity. A parade of several hundred baton twirlers, led by marching units of veterans organizations, passed for review of the derby racers.

## Family of 7 Bicycles Here From Chicago

By NAN BARNHOUSE

The bicycling Theodore Pelikan family of Chicago has two adults, five children and some new blisters.

The pedaling Pelikans pumped their way into the yard at 2195 Bunts Road, Lakewood, at 5:40 yesterday afternoon after a trip of nearly 400 miles from the Windy City.

The Rev. Mr. Pelikan, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Chicago, was out in front. He was followed by his wife, Betty, and their children, Ted, 13, Anne, 12, Lynne, 11, Ruth, 9, and Sylvia, 8.

On hand to greet the adventurous family were Mrs. Pelikan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Prok. Others in a large family clan were there, too.

They joined friends and neighbors in inspecting the seven bikes loaded with gear.

**THE HANDSOME** 40-year-old pastor and his family left their home in suburban Lincolnwood, Ill. last Monday morning.

Mrs. Pelikan, who is 36, said: "We left at 3:30 a.m. so the neighbors wouldn't see us."

By leaving early, they also missed Chicago's morning rush-hour traffic, the Rev. Mr. Pelikan said.

They logged 392 miles, he said.

Good fortune traveled with the close-knit, fun-loving family.

Their only mishaps were three flat tires, a lost chain guard, a broken spoke, and two lost carrying baskets.

The only injuries were Mrs. Pelikan's sunburned back, which last night bore some blisters.



The bicycling Pelikan family is, from left, Sylvia, Ruth, Lynne, Anne, Theodore Jr., Mrs. Betty Pelikan and the Rev. Theodore Pelikan.

**IT WAS THE FIRST** long-distance trip taken on the family bicycles. They decided to travel open-air when they knew their Volkswagen would be uncomfortably crowded with the entire family, they said.

The Lutheran minister said the week-long trip for the family of seven cost \$130.

They stayed in motels every night but two, when they used their sleeping

bags in orchards. They generally ate in restaurants, but occasionally bought sandwich ingredients and made their own.

**THE FIRST THING** the family did after a happy exchange of hugs and kisses with relatives was to tie into a super-size meal at the Proks. Fried chicken

and homemade cake disappeared in a hurry.

"And we're not done yet," the Rev. Mr. Pelikan laughed.

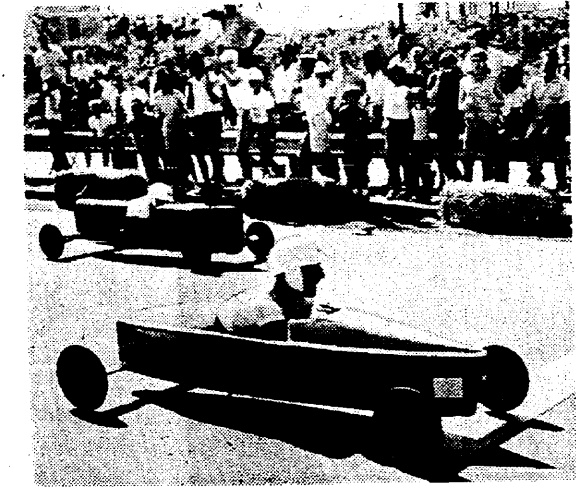
The family chimed in agreeing the trip was fun. The only touchy times, according to the father, were when fatigue and hunger set in.

"When I announced we

would stop for supper, there always was a sudden burst of energy, 'though,' he said.

The Rev. Mr. Pelikan said they had not decided how they would return home.

They are thinking about both train and boat, a youngster said, and not bicycling.



Tom DeRigo, Class A winner, rolls over finish line to become champion. Bill Miller, Class B winner, is 1/4 lengths behind.

**7th-Grader Wins Youngstown Derby**

**Plain Dealer Special**

**YOUNGSTOWN**—Roy M. Shook Jr., a seventh grade student, won the Greater Youngstown Soap Box Derby here yesterday afternoon.

Shook, the champion in the group B division, defeated Tommy Woods of Canfield, the Group A champion.

More than 60 youngsters completed in the derby sponsored by area Chevrolet dealers and the Youngstown Jaycees. Shook will compete in Akron Aug. 7.

## 163 Derby Boys Competed in Races

It took 91 races to get a champion in the 163-boy field in the Greater Cleveland Soap Box Derby. Winners of the individual heats were:

**ROUND 1 (Class B)**

Otto Liske, 2601 Timberline Drive, Willoughby; Pat Humphrey, 239 Eastern Heights, Elyria; Richard Pond, 23445 Marion Road, North Olmsted; Paul Zoller, 15212 Munn Road, Newburg; Tim Garity, 19625 Newton Ave., Euclid; Peter Sabau, 22540 Laramie Drive, Rocky River; Paul Stubich, 10345 State Road, North Royalton; Thomas Vinning, 19254 Howe Drive, Strongsville; William Miller, 24929 E. Oakland Road, Bay Village; Michael Howarth, 3612 Parkway Boulevard, Willoughby; David Moore, 3322 W. 155th Street, David Gard, 7591 Fiernee Street, Elyria; Fay Lemon, 21111 Sycamore Drive, Shaker Heights; Mark Buesel, 1163 Murray Ridge Road, Elyria; Kenneth Trize, 2542 Bissett Road, Westlake; Lou Levand, 1273 Croden Road, Leuhurst; Paul Johnson, 19825 Sawyer Road, Chesterland; Hal Larikuan, 3680 Winter Lane, Brookly; Gregory Gronowski, 6947 Harbin Drive, Brook Park; Paul Hartman, 2976 Wagar Road, Rocky River; Mike Bognar, 26564 Lake Road, Bay Village; Curtis Franklin, 12495 Imperial Avenue S.E., Parma; Mike Mares, 5702 Forest Avenue, Parma; Mark Stojkov, 5711 Forest Avenue, Parma; Roy Moore, 3322 W. 155th Street, Dale McCorkle, 6294 Stratford Drive, Parma Heights; Robert Devecki, 8270 Fairmount Road, Newby; Roger Le Mond, 2105 Carabell Avenue, Lakewood; Chris Burton, 3959 Brainerd Road, Orange; Ben Sponteler, 1383 Ciel Avenue, Lakewood; Bill Darroch, 3 Showndasse, Willoughby; Gary Malycke, 11504 Hempstead Road, Garfield Heights; Sean McCorkle, 6294 Stratford Drive, Parma Heights; Ken Baker, 10314 Cedar Road, Chesterland; Henry Fervanje, 11302 Nelson Avenue S.E.; Mark Farren, 4813 Grantwood Drive, Parma; Chris Holiek, 22500 Sycamore Road, Fairview Park; Tom De Rigo, 7616 Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg Heights; Roland Pesck, 3547 W. 69th Street; Gary Holodnak, 3710 Kenmore Avenue, Parma; Gary McIntyre, 12617 Imperial Avenue S.E., Parma.

**ROUND 2 (Class B)**

Pat Humphrey, Richard Pond, Peter Sabau, William Moore, David Garity, Mark Bognar, Paul Johnson, Gregory Gronowski, Mike Bognar.

**(Class A)**

Walt Liske, Larry Bute, Ron-ald Harrod, Thomas Erker, Rich Humphrey, Roy Moore, Roger Le Mond, Bill Darroch, Gary Malycke, Ken Baker, Tom De Rigo, Gary McIntyre.

**ROUND 3 (Class B)**

Richard Pond, William Miller, Gregory Gronowski.

**(Class A)**

Larry Bute, Ronald Harrod, Rich Humphrey, Bill Darroch, Gary Malycke, Tom De Rigo.

**ROUND 4 (Class A)**

Larry Bute, Rich Humphrey, Tom De Rigo.

**CLASS B CHAMPION**  
William Miller.

**CLASS A CHAMPION**  
Tom De Rigo.

**CHAMPION**  
Tom De Rigo.



Michael Frastaci, 10, of 6002 Ridgewood Avenue, Parma, would not let a broken left leg stop him from being a derby racer.

## Akron Boy Wins Derby on 4th Try

**Plain Dealer Bureau**

**AKRON**—After three unsuccessful outings, 14-year-old Jim Frisby is Akron's 1965 Soap Box Derby champion and says it feels "great."

He missed being champion last year by less than an inch in a photo-finish final heat. But this year he seemed to win easily, posting the fastest time of the day with 27.73 seconds in the final and winning heat.

Jim's victory over 388 other Akron area boys makes him host for the 28th running of the All-American Derby here Aug. 7 at Derby Downs. He will be trying to win the city's fourth world championship. The last was won in 1949. Akron is the only Ohio city since the Derby began in 1934 to sponsor a world champion.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Frisby, of 1605 Wiltshire Road, Jim began building his blue racer at the end of January. He has won a \$500 scholarship, \$600 in savings bonds and a trophy. First prize for the All-American champion is a \$7,500 scholarship from Chevrolet.

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