



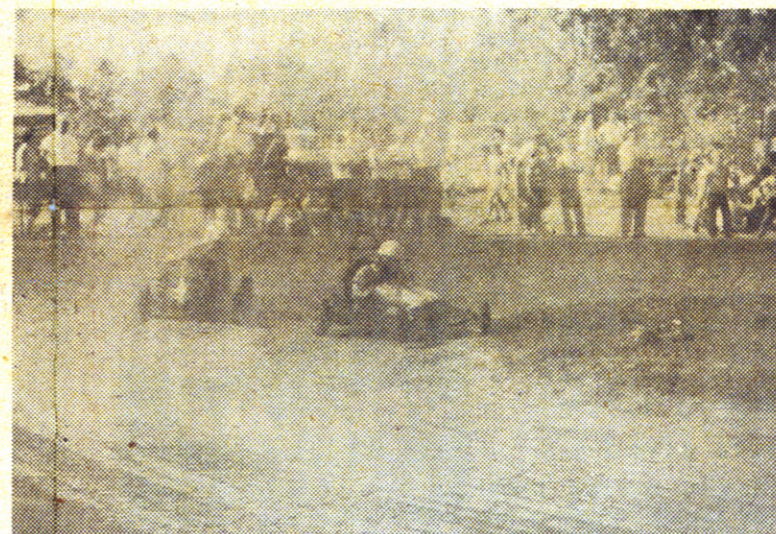
CARS, LACKING starters, require short, fast push to get the motor running. Dads, who double as mechanics and one-man cheering sections, prepare their proteges for an Australian pursuit race.



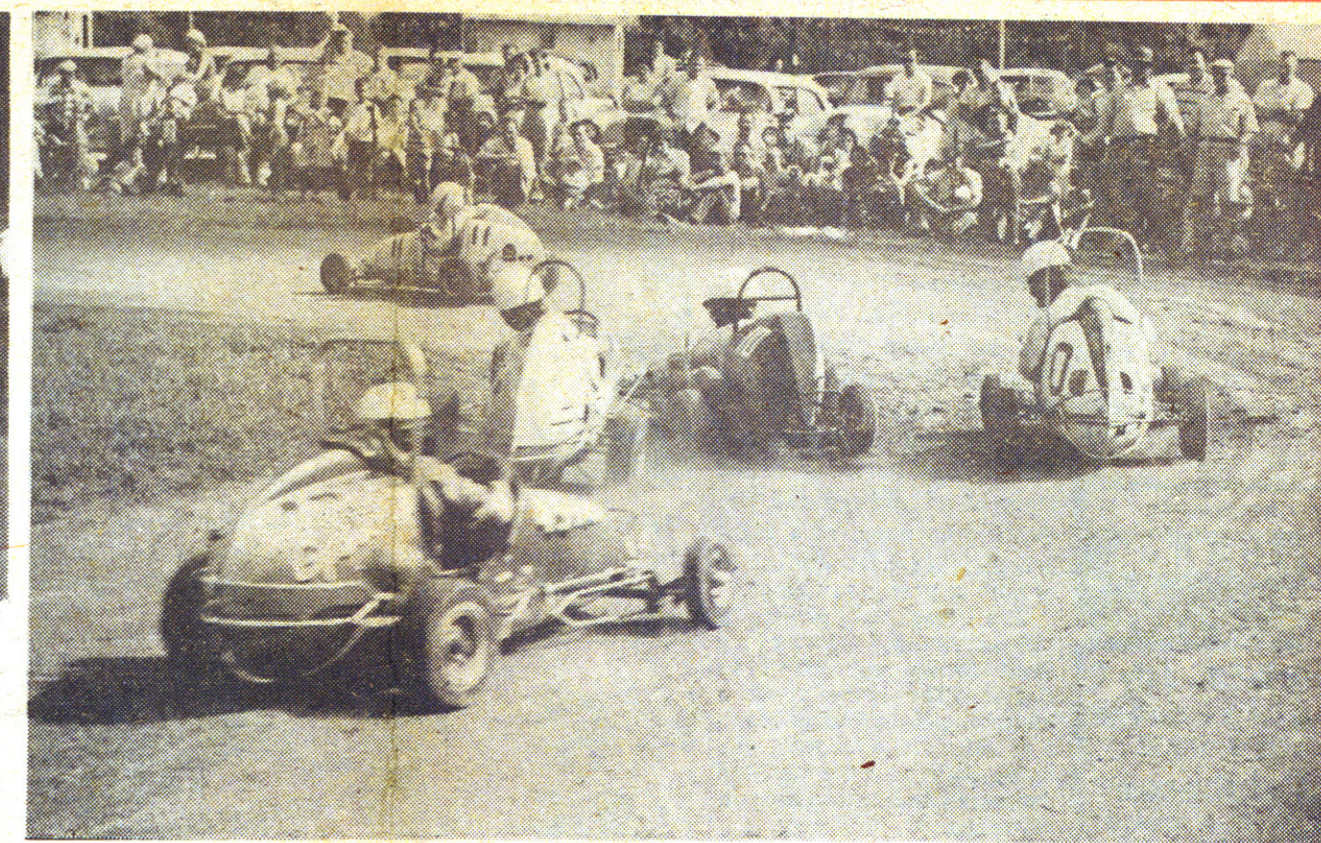
SPIN-OUTS ON TURNS occur frequently, but even the youngest drivers exhibit unusual skill in keeping speedy cars under control. The kids can hardly wait for Sundays to roll around so they can get into action each week.

Lollipop Derby

The United States doesn't have a corner on the automobile racing market, but it holds a peculiar fascination for a lot of Americans. Now the kids are doing it. The "Lollipop Derby" to be sponsored by the Buckeye Quarter Midget Racing Association Sunday, July 6, will offer thrills to racing fans who have not yet encountered this newest of sports. Piloted by youngsters 5 to 15 years old, the miniature speedsters will compete on the 1/20th-mile oval at 3600 E. Broad St., to help add money to the Council for Retarded Children building fund. There will be no admission charge to the races. Voluntary contributions collected will be turned over to the council to help educate mentally retarded youngsters excluded from public schools. The Mt. Vernon Ave. School formerly operated by the Council for Retarded Children burned in January and was condemned. Time trials begin at 1 p.m. The full race program starts at 2 p.m. The track is located just a short distance west of Town & Country Shopping Center.



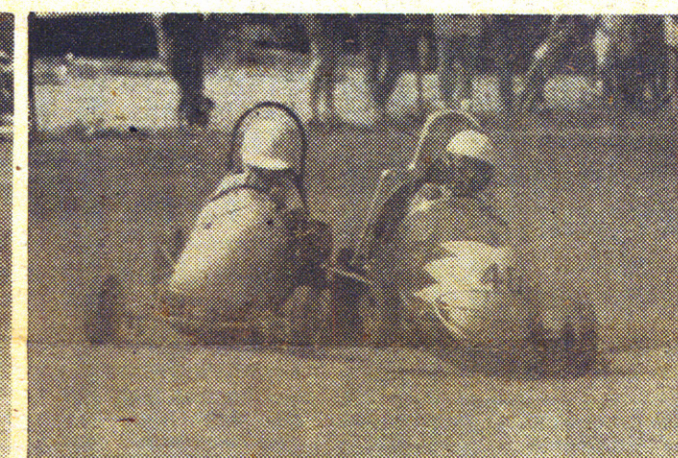
GASOLINE MOTORS are 2½ horsepower, four-cycle, and produce enough speed to cause plenty of dust. Drivers must use same safety equipment as is used in the Indianapolis 500.



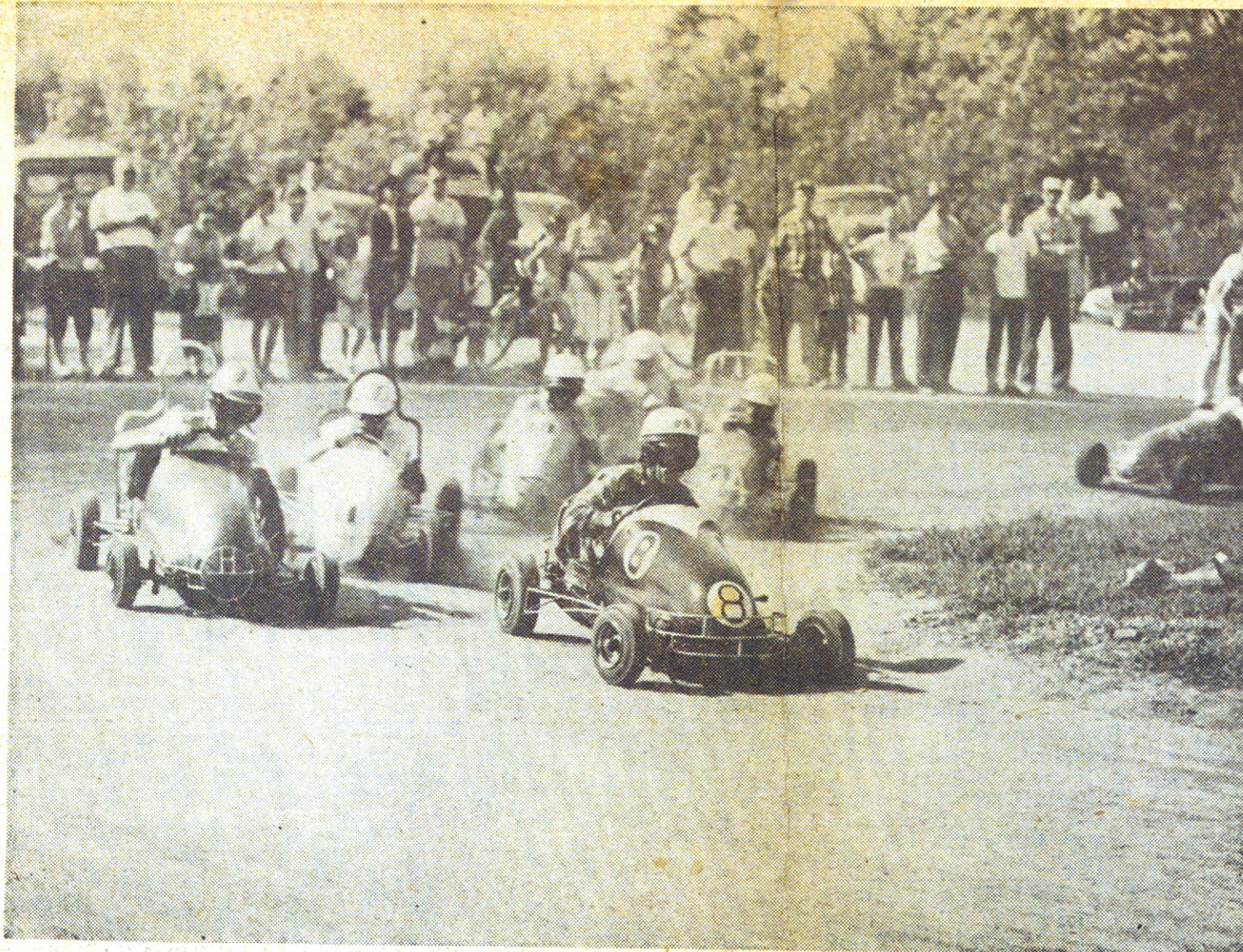
IT'S EVERY DRIVER for himself in the tight turns and each one asserts his right to cross the finish line first. Winners get trophies and all the honors befitting real kings of the raceways. Safety equipment includes goggles, helmets, belts and roll bars.



DRIVING SKILL matched with the desire to win makes fellows like Craig Gallagher (left) and Gary Hoberly hard to beat.



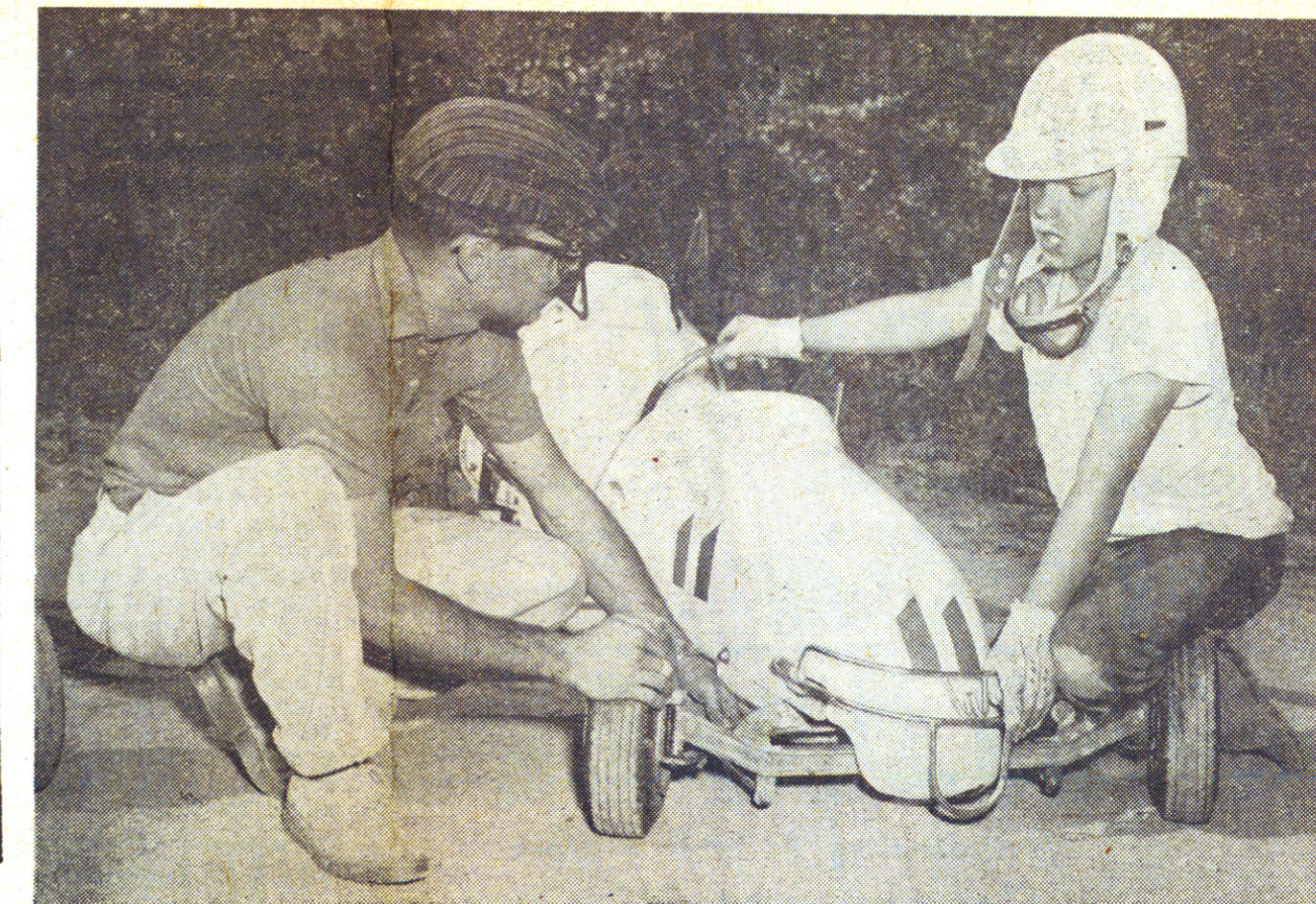
FREE RIDE on a passing maneuver has Marvin Barker's (40, right) rear wheel bouncing against the car of his startled opponent.



QUARTER-MIDGETS offer the same thrills and operate under the same rules which govern big car races. Leading the pack around the first turn is Mike Sharrow (8), age 13, who placed third in point standings last year. He lives at 2350 Bancroft St. Full race program will include a novice race for those drivers who have never raced before.



RACERS HAVE provided a wonderful opportunity for dads and sons to get together. Working as a team some have designed their own cars (two at left). Factory jobs are more popular, however, either completely assembled or in kits to test the ability of backyard mechanics. Costs range from \$325 to \$550 for the quarter-midgets.



TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Steve Junkerman, 662 S. Ashburton Rd., can attest to the risks of quarter-midget auto racing. He's trying to recap for his dad, Charles, the five-car pile-up which resulted in a bent axle. The Junkermans promise to have their rig in shape for the next "Lollipop Derby" Sunday, July 6.