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**ALL AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY SCRAPBOOK (1949)**

The scrapbook contains newspaper clippings and photographs about the soap box derby held in Lynchburg, Virginia, on 17 July 1949. Sponsors of the derby included the Jaycees, the Cary Chevrolet dealership and the local newspapers.

**ALL AMERICAN SOAP BOX DERBY**

On 17 July 1949, Lynchburg held its first Soap Box Derby. The race was held on Rivermont Avenue and had over one hundred entrants. The winner was Penny OWEN (Ripley P. OWEN), son of William L. and Esther Mary OWEN, of Lynchburg. Penny OWEN went on to the national contest in Akron, Ohio, but lost in his first heat.

[All American Soap Box Derby Scrapbook, Mss., MS2072, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA; *Hill's Lynchburg City Directory, 1949* (Richmond: Hill Directory Co., 1949), p. 302; *The Crest*, Vol. 41, (Lynchburg: E. C. Glass High School, 1954), pp. 147, 187. Ripley P. Owen, graduate of E. C. Glass in 1954.]