

WHAT I WON AND WHAT I DID WITH IT

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When I was little, everybody loved Howdy-Doody time. Even though I was little, I thought this was a phony show. (Did not know what phony was but knew that I did not like it.) I found a little lamb named “Lambchop” (Shari Lewis) and a buck-toothed dragon and his bald headed friend (reminded me of my dad) and their humans Kukla, Fran, and Ollie. I also liked a local show called the Fred and Faye Show. Soupy Sales reminded me a lot of Fred.

When I was about eight years old, my mom took me to Lakeside Shopping Center, specifically Denver Dry Goods to see Fred and Faye live. While I was watching their show especially for the kids that were there, my mom went shopping. There was singing and dancing, ice cream and cake and a lot of fun.

Fast forward to about a month later when UPS made a delivery to my house. My mom accepted the large package, not sure what had been delivered since she did not order anything. The box contained a red “go-kart”. When assembled, it looked much like the cars they ran at Indianapolis (I learned about those later in life), except this was a pedal cart.

My mom said she was proud of me (I didn’t know what I did), but why didn’t I tell her I had entered a singing contest at the Fred and Faye show, and that I had won 1st prize? I said, “I don’t know,” and played with the go kart from that point on until I physically outgrew it.

I did not remember entering the contest (probably did not know what a contest was) or what I sang, only that I had a lot of fun and because I won the contest, had a lot more fun with the go kart.