

## Coast Guard Says Make Certain Of Equipment

Make certain that the life preservers you buy for your boat will keep you safely afloat when it's needed: see that it bears the approval stamp of the United States Coast Guard.

A federal law specifically states that a motorboat operator must have approved life-preservers, cushions, or rings on his boat—one for every person aboard—however, non-approved equipment is sold at many stores as there is no federal law to prevent such sales.

This often results in needless and expensive duplication on a boat. If the owner outfits his

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craft with non-approved equipment he still will be required to equip his boat with the required number of approved life-saving devices when operating his boat on federal navigable waters.

To be approved by the Coast Guard life-saving devices must undergo extensive tests. Factories where they are made must be inspected at unannounced intervals to insure that specifications are maintained. Because of this extreme care that is given in supervision of the manufacture of approved equipment the superior quality of equipment such as buoyant cushions are usually easily recognized even without looking for the approval stamp they bear.

In addition the buoyant material in an approved cushion is known to be safe, while in the non-approved it is questionable.

This is important and something to be kept in mind when outfitting your boat or checking over its equipment. In the rush for emergency at sea there is no time to make sure the life preserver or cushion you grab is safe. This should be determined when you make the purchase.

The American Legion Auxiliary will gather at the home of Mrs. Ethel Olsen on Thursday, May 21 at 2 p.m. Gold Star Mother, Hazel Hendry will be honored at this meeting.

## Resident Nursery Inspector Serves South Oregon Area

This area now has its first year-around resident nursery inspector with assignment of James R. Roaf to this field, effective immediately, according to announcement from the state department of agriculture at Salem. Roaf is making his headquarters in Roseburg at the branch office of the secretary of state. He will be responsible for work under the Oregon nurserymen's law in Josephine, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Douglas, southern Lane, Curry and Coos counties.

For nearly nine years he has worked out of Portland for the department's division of plant industry which administers the nursery law. In that time he has handled bulb, florist and nursery stock in this territory. It will be some time before Roaf contacts the entire list, but as time permits he will visit each licensee.

What does his work entail? Fundamentally, it is to help growers keep out of trouble relating to plant pest and diseases, which means cooperation with them to be sure that the state nursery shipping permits live up to the claim that "this stock is to the best of our belief free from dangerous pests and diseases."

Also, he will be interested in the licensing provisions of the nursery law and in any new pests and diseases. The latter is important in connection with the department's plant pest and disease survey program. No change is contemplated in the present methods of handling terminal inspection of plants coming into the area via common carriers.

Roaf a graduate of Oregon State College with major studies in entomology, is married.

### RETURN FROM TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Stephant have just left nearly sixteen thousand miles of motor travel behind them, having been as far south as Mexico City and to the eastern seaboard. Lloyd says he believes the Mardi Gras, at New Orleans, could learn quite a bit

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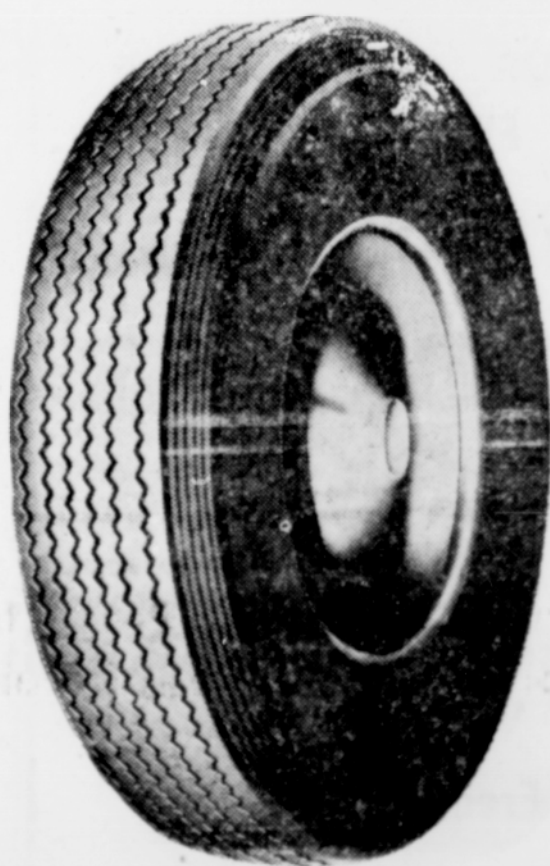
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