

Comforts of Home In Remodeled Ship

Hong Kong — Capt. Chet Brown, an American pilot with Thai Airways, and his wife will have all the comforts of home when they set sail on a South Pacific cruise.

Brown has had a motor launch, resembling a motor fishing vessel (MFV) converted into a luxury yacht at a Hong Kong shipyard to fulfill a long-time dream of "owning a boat to live on."

The vessel has an automatic dishwasher, automatic laundry and dryer, a 14-foot deep-freeze, a 14-foot refrigerator, an automatic coffee-maker and a stove.

Each of the two staterooms has four bunks with air-foam mattresses. Each also has a private bathroom with tile walls and with hot and cold running water.

Except for the engine room, the boat will be air-conditioned. The main cabin, large as many living rooms ashore, is furnished just as in a house, and even has a hi-fi tape recorder installed.

Besides, a two-way radio, the vessel also has been equipped with depth sounders and an automatic pilot.

Renovation of the boat, the Nancy B, has taken 18 months.

Brown first wants to cruise the South Pacific to revisit places he saw during World War II. Then he is thinking of sailing to the United States via the Indian Ocean, East Africa and the Mediterranean.

Christmas Card Buying Above Two Billion Mark

This year marks the 52nd birthday of the American Christmas card. Back in 1875, Louis Prang, the noted lithographer and craftsman of Roxbury, Mass., hesitantly published the country's first Christmas cards—and wondered if anybody would buy them!

This year, more than two billion, four hundred million Christmas greetings will fly through the mails before Christmas Eve, an average of better than 50 cards per family. It will require nearly \$70 million worth of postage stamps to transport this tremendous flood of Christmas cheer through the mails.

The world's first Christmas card was designed in 1843 by John Calcott Horsley, R.A., painter and illustrator for Sir Henry Cole, the inaugural and first director of the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, England. In 1846, a thousand copies were lithographed, hand-colored and sold by Felix Summerly's Treasure House in Bond Street, an art shop which Cole had set up in order to improve the taste

NO ANTS

Montreal — Sidewalk superintendents were supplied with six peepholes on a construction job here. From top to bottom, they're labeled: "large," "medium," "small," "boys and girls," "doggies" and "cats."

Girl Scouts

Pins and Needles club
Officers of Girl Scout Troop 190 and the Pins and Needles 4-H Sewing club Nov. 18 received instruction from Mrs. Arthur Straus on how to conduct a meeting.

Officers of the Pins and Needles club conducted the meeting. During the club's Nov. 12 meeting the group held a demonstration on how to thread a sewing machine and start sewing with it. Colleen Franek, Mary Daniels, Carolyn Barnes and Virginia Chadd gave the demonstration.

The club is holding a contest on caring for clothes. One star is good for 1,000 points, it was announced during the Nov. 25 meeting. A visit was made to the Singer Sewing machine company where members made book markers.

The next Pins and Needles 4-H meeting is at the home of Carolyn Barnes on Dec. 9.
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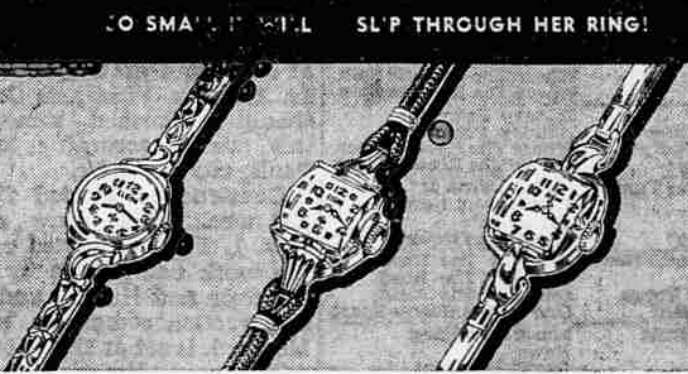
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