

House Trailers Declared Fine for Purpose But Offer No Replacement for a House

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Louisville, Ky. (UPI) — They used to be known as house trailers, and people who lived in them were referred to as "tin can tourists," or worse. In the years since World War II, however, the brightly painted or silver-sided homes-on-wheels have acquired size, comfort, even luxury, and a degree of dignity.

The old term "trailers," is fading out in favor of "mobile homes," and more than three million Americans live in them—including the Thomases: my wife and I and our two small children.

What led us, and has led so many American families, to live in a home that can be whisked off to far-away places at a moment's notice? What are the economic and social facts of trailer life? What is it really like living in a home 8 to 10 feet wide and 35 to 60 feet in length?

Convenient Life
We have owned three trailers, starting with smaller models and progressing to one of the larger ones. We have found the life fascinating, convenient, in some respects economical—and crowded.

We started trailer life shortly after we married, between our sophomore and junior years in college in 1954. Both of us had previously spent all our lives in big roomy houses, and we found the idea of the compact little mobile homes a fascinating novelty.

We rented a 28-foot one-

bedroom trailer that offered the two of us, as college students, a great deal of comfort. Except for one thing, it got awfully hot. Window fans didn't help much—they just circulated the hot air.

Even so, after three months,

Backing Accidents Number 4,092

When your car is in reverse, your eyes should be, too, Chief of Police Charles P. Champlin of Medford said today.

Chief Champlin said many drivers fail to check behind them before backing up and as a result the state last year added 4,092 accidents to its record that could otherwise have been prevented. Almost all such accidents occurred within cities. Medford accounted for 103 backing accidents on public property.

While only one of the accidents in the state attributed to backing actions resulted in a fatality, 83 produced injuries of some type and 4,008 resulted in property damage, the chief reported.

In addition, 31 pedestrian-motor vehicle accidents involved cars which were backing up when the accident occurred, Chief Champlin said.

He added that it would take little extra time to turn around and check carefully before putting the car in motion.

we were sold on trailer life. In the fall, returning to school, we bought our first mobile home—a 30-foot, one-bedroom model which, although offering little compared with today's plush models, still was pretty nice. It had wall-to-wall carpeting in both the living room and bedroom. We lived in it for two years.

During those two years, we watched the sides of the trailer gradually close in on us. We watched our closets get smaller and smaller, and our storage space—ample at first—shrink and shrink until it was bulging. Then David arrived.

Things really began to crowd in on us. Extra clothes came along, and a lot of other things.

We moved in a basement, which took a big piece out of the living room. Later, the basement had to go in favor of an apartment-size baby bed, and before long a high chair which took still more room even though it folded up.

In Each Others Way
The time came when we were constantly in each other's way, and something had to give.

Unwilling to abandon the advantages that trailer living offered us, we began to search for a larger trailer in our price range, and found it in a new 37-foot, two-bedroom model.

This offered dream home design, decoration, roominess and storage space. It had a full-size "island type" bed in the back bedroom, a three-quarter bed on the bottom and single bunk above in the other bedroom, and the couch could be made into a double bed if needed, making sleeping space for seven altogether.

Three large clothes closets offered ample wardrobe space, and there was plenty of storage for linens. The bath had both tub and shower. The trailer was air conditioned and had furnace-type heating through vents in the floor.

It was luxury indeed for us. Then, I was graduated from college, commissioned in the Army and ordered to active duty in Maryland. Our home was about to become truly mobile, and we were about to discover some of the facts of trailer life.

I feared the trailer was too heavy for our station wagon to pull over the Appalachian Mountains, so we hired a mover to tow it the 750 miles—at 25 cents a mile.

Bought Pickup Truck
This seemed pretty expensive, and we decided that if we were going to keep on living in a trailer, we might as well have something to tow it with. So we bought a half-ton pickup truck, which we thought would do the job. As it turned out later, the half-ton was too light to do much towing either.

This I found out after completing my Army hitch and heading back across the mountains with that four-ton monster behind me. Inexperienced at the job, it was a tough haul but we finally made it . . . and I swore I would never undertake to move a mobile home anywhere again.

Now we have two children, and once more the walls are beginning to move in a little day by day. Room is more and

more a thing to be desired. We think now we are ready to settle down and find a home, but with the type of house we need for a growing family, it may be a long time before we get out of our trailer.

Ideal for Purpose
My wife and I have concluded that mobile home is ideal for its purpose. For those who must travel in their work from time to time, for military personnel, for those not ready to settle down, and for the retired couple, it offers convenience and luxury not otherwise available at the price.

There is one major problem anyone contemplating life in a mobile home must consider—a growing shortage of suitable places to put your trailer.

A spokesman for the Mobile Home Manufacturers Association says mobile homes are being sold at more than twice the rate that spaces are being provided for them. The inevitable result has been the placing of many fine costly mobile homes in makeshift, inadequate and sometimes un-

Combination
A mobile home costs just about what you want to pay for it and how much you want in it. Many homes in the \$5,000 class offer air conditioning, furnace heat, full-size bathtub and shower, built-in ovens and other features. Wall-to-wall carpeting is almost standard.

If the buyer aspires to enter the \$10,000 class, he can get built-in washer-dryer combinations, split level living and in some cases even fireplaces in the living room. Some trailers are double-decked.

You can enjoy gracious living on wheels. A mobile home has everything a house has to offer—except room, storage space and permanence.

It is no replacement for a house—but it can be a home.

Alaskan Traveler To Show Slides at Talks
The local chapter of Izaak Walton League of America will sponsor a series of three talks at the Girls Community club Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Speaker will be Herb Kenaga, Alaskan traveler and photographer, who will show slides of Alaska. The program will start at 8 p.m. and preceding each program will be an hour of stereophonic music recordings.

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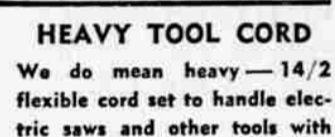
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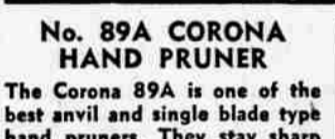
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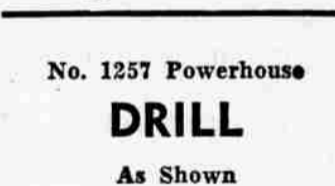
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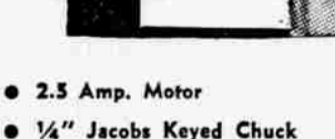
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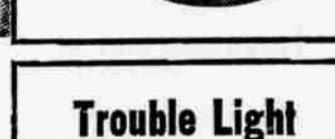
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San Quentin, Calif.—Mrs. Louise Gschwend, 55, who was held hostage on a fishing pier for six hours by two escaped convicts.

"I hope they don't take it out on the boys. They were good boys. I'm sure they didn't intend to harm me."

New York—Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen Williams, on his qualifications for the Democratic presidential nomination, which he may or may not seek:

"I have been governor of a large state longer than any man ever has before. I don't say that's the only qualification, of course, but you do have the opportunity to get a good deal of experience."

Washington—Harry Bridges, West Coast longshore leader, on why he invoked the Fifth amendment on a question—Is he a Communist?—he had previously answered, negatively, under oath:

"There have been one or more attempts to frame me on this same issue. I think this committee is trying to start another court case."

New York—Arthur Godfrey, telling his television audience about his expected surgery for a chest tumor:

"Keep your fingers crossed. I have three good omens. I feel good; my weight hasn't gone down, and my appetite's good."

Katmandu, Nepal—Thote, 27, a Tibetan refugee who said he had been about to join the Communist party when the revolt broke out in his country:

"Every Tibetan is a prisoner. The whole country now has been turned into a vast prison."

Washington—Comptroller General Joseph Campbell, accusing the Navy of withholding information from government auditors:

"We do not know and have no way of determining what material has been deleted unless we are permitted to review the entire report."

Wall Street Chatter
New York—(UPI)—Investors Research Company "fully expects this week's rise to be the beginning of a great upsurge in stock values," with groups such as aluminum, automation, electrical equipment, airline, office equipment, steel, drug and building materials remaining in the vanguard.

E. F. Hutton & Company's Joseph E. Granville says recent softness in coppers is expected to be temporary, and as the bull market approaches its more dynamic and final phase, it is likely to be topped off by a sharp unswing in the metals, principally copper.

L. O. Heeper of W. E. Hutton & Co. feels Norfolk & Western should be able to earn around \$9.50 a share this year, and perhaps \$11 in 1960.

Livestock raising is an important industry in Paraguay. . . Says weakness in American seating provides an opportunity to make trading purchases in light of anticipated \$3.50 to \$3.75 a share probable for the year's earnings.

Hayden Stone's General Technical Survey says Standard Oil of Indiana is in a position to move above 60, with improvement in crude reserve position, re-entry into foreign field and increased production of crude and natural gas auguring well for earnings . . . says sales and earnings of New York Air Brake should rebound sharply in 1959, with increase in quarterly dividend anticipated.

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