

Valley Boat Industry Reviewed at Chamber Roundtable Luncheon

Quality not quantity is the basis on which boats are built and sold at the Tru-V Boat Works, just outside of Medford, according to owner Jim Allen.

Allen spoke at Jackson County Chamber of Commerce roundtable luncheon at the Jackson hotel Monday. He was invited to tell of his company's operations and any plans he might have for the future.

He said the company, which he runs with his son and one other employee, is a relatively new one, having started in 1957. It has produced and sold only a few boats up until now, according to Allen.

He plans to make and sell 40 boats next year, and is embarking on a program of slow expansion, he told the roundtable.

Original Idea
The Tru-V Boat Works, located about 12 miles north of Medford on Modoc rd., was started on an original idea of Allen's, the V-shaped hull.

This V-shaped hull, Allen said, allows the boat to move through the water with a minimum of ease without unnecessary bouncing or splashing.

He said he first thought of the idea back in 1929 but never gave serious thought to developing it until several years ago.

He and his son first started making boats with plywood, Allen said, but switched to fiber-glass construction last year when they discovered people preferred that material.

Not Nation-Wide
Although people like and

Unions Must File Election Reports

Washington—UPI—Federal provisions guaranteeing secret ballots and other democratic election practices in more than 50,000 national and local unions went into effect Monday under the new labor reform law.

The guarantees were invoked automatically 90 days after President Eisenhower signed the so-called Landrum-Griffin bill into law last Sept. 14.

Every union in the country with the exception of those made up entirely of government workers has to submit a detailed report to the Labor Department on its bylaws, officers and internal affairs.

HARRIMAN CITIES AID

Troy, N. Y.—UPI—Former New York Gov. Averell Harriman said Monday America's Allies may be tragically disillusioned unless President Eisenhower comes home from his 11-nation tour with vigorous and effective programs to aid underdeveloped nations.

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Large Majority of U.S. Families Said To Practice Some Form of Birth Control

Editor's note: This is the second of three background dispatches on the current controversy over birth control. It reports on the actual practices of American families, and on legal restrictions.

By LOUIS CASSELS
Washington—UPI—A large majority of American families practice some form of birth control.

That fact has long been obvious from the U.S. birth rate, which consistently remains far below the biological maximum. It has been confirmed by study conducted jointly by the University of Michigan research center and the Scripps foundation for population research.

The researchers interviewed 2,713 white married women between the ages of 18 and 39. Except for the fact that no Negroes were included, the women interviewed were a scientifically-selected sample of the nation's population, with all religious groups and economic brackets included in the right proportions.

The findings, recently published, show that 62 per cent of the women expressed "unqualified approval" of birth control, and an additional 12 per cent approved with some qualifications.

Includes All Faiths
The initial question was so worded that all forms of birth control—including the "rhythm method" approved by the Catholic Church—were included.

The researchers then asked about the methods of birth control used.

They found that standard contraceptive devices were used, occasionally or exclusively, by 89 per cent of the Protestants and 96 per cent of the Jews who practice birth control.

While the rhythm method was most widely used among Catholic wives, the research team said that a "very significant" percentage of Catholics acknowledged regular or occasional use of contraceptives. The number who admitted us-

ing methods condemned by their church constituted 30 per cent of all Catholic wives covered by the survey, and more than 50 per cent of the Catholic wives who had said they practiced some form of birth control.

Federal Law
Although few Americans realize it, there is a federal law, still on the books, which makes it a crime to import mail or transport in interstate commerce, "any article for the prevention of conception."

This law is called the Comstock Act in honor of Vice Crusader Anthony Comstock, who pushed it through Congress in 1873. Many states adopted "little Comstock acts" during the same period, banning the manufacture or sale of contraceptives or the dispensing of birth control advice.

Repeal All But Two
Enforcement of the federal law has been invalidated by a famous court decision rendered by Judge Learned Hand in 1936. All but two of the state laws have been repealed. Connecticut and Massachusetts still have anti-contracep-

Graham Unopposed To Birth Control

Washington—UPI—Evangelist Graham says he has no religious objection to birth control, but feels the federal government should not sponsor or promote it.

"I can find nothing in the Bible which would forbid birth control," he said Monday.

"I do believe that some form of birth control is necessary in Asia, Japan, Africa and other nations where population explosions are threatening," Graham said, "but I agree with President Eisenhower that it should not be a government project."

tion laws. The Massachusetts law permits druggists to sell appliances "for the prevention of disease" and the state officially closes its eyes to the fact that these appliances can also be used to prevent conception.

Connecticut Law
In Connecticut, however, the law forbids even the use of a contraceptive device. Dr. Alan F. Guttmacher, medical director of the Planned Par-

enthood Federation, commented recently that this law makes the citizens of Connecticut "the largest mass criminal population in America."

Several court cases are now pending to challenge the constitutionality of the Connecticut law, and one of them may reach the U. S. supreme court next year.

Next: Researchers seek new birth control methods.

THOR PARTIES DECLINE

New York—UPI—The office Christmas party is on the decline, the Commerce and Industry Association reported Monday. Of 897 firms queried, only 42.1 per cent are holding parties this year compared with 46 per cent in 1956.

DOGS GUARD ANIMALS

London—UPI—The Whipsnade Zoo today had two special guards for its wild animal cages. The zoo staff was augmented by a pair of Alsatian dogs acquired to protect the tigers and lions from night-time vandals who have been breaking down the zoo fences.

Thor Explodes on Trip Over Pacific

Vandenberg, AFB, Calif.—UPI—A Thor intermediate range ballistic missile blew up over the Pacific Ocean Monday several minutes after it was launched from this Central California coastal base.

The missile began wobbling shortly after it left the launching pad and then exploded from some undetermined cause, the Air Force said. It was far enough out over the ocean so that there was no danger from falling debris. A British Royal Air Force training crew launched the missile.

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DRAFT QUOTA LOWER

Washington—UPI—The Army called Monday for 6,000 draftees to be inducted in February, the lowest monthly quota since last June. There were 9,000 draftees requested for this month and 7,000 for January. The Army also announced that 7,500 college reserve officers would be called up during the year beginning May 1 for two years active duty. About 4,610 others will begin six months of training during the same period.

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