



HOUSEWIVES RESCUED—Royal Marines came to the rescue of stranded housewives with a collapsible dinghy in a flooded street in Exmouth, England. Residents were still cleaning up the town following a previous flood when waters came back. The flood was touched off by more than eight inches of rain within a week, causing rivers to burst their banks and disrupt all power services. At least three persons died in the deluge which ravaged western Britain for the third time in 10 days. (UPI Telephoto)

Seven Out of Every 10 Fires In U.S. Said to Occur in Homes

New York — (UPI) — Every 35 seconds a fire breaks out somewhere in the United States. Nearly seven out of ten of these fires occur in homes. Fire in 1959 took 11,300 lives and caused property damage exceeding \$1 billion. This year the toll is even heavier.

Just statistics — fires that happened to someone else? Couldn't happen to you? Maybe, but it would pay every homeowner to call a family conference now for a real fire safety check.

The National Board of Fire Underwriters which compiles statistics on reported fires each year warns "if your house burns, chances are you are careless! Three out of every four home fires in 1959 were needless. Care could have avoided them."

Matches, Smoking Blamed
If past experience is any criterion, the board notes, nearly one-fourth of all fires in the next 12 months will be caused by matches and smoking. Another one-fifth will be the result of misuse of electrical equipment.

Each year throughout the country we observe one week as fire prevention week—October 9 to 15 this year. While fire prevention is a year-round job, this special week is a good time to take stock of your family's fire safety knowledge and practices.

Following are some of the board's suggestions to help you clear your home of fire hazards:

Around the house, check basement and attic, store room, garage and yard, throwing out old newspapers and magazines, old clothing, discarded furniture and any rubbish which may have collected. Any rubbish or clutter provides dangerous tinder if a fire should break out.

Use Metal Container
Keep an oil mop only in a metal container or a safe, well ventilated place where it cannot catch fire by spontaneous combustion. Throw away oil-soaked polishing rags or waste after using. Don't use gasoline, benzine or any flammable liquids for cleaning. Gasoline for lawn mower or outboard motor should be

kept only in approved metal containers in garage or outbuilding. Any paint or varnish should be kept in tightly closed containers.

Around the kitchen, keep range broiler free of grease accumulation which often is a starting place for fire; make sure curtains can not blow over stove burners.

Check for electrical hazards. Make sure only qualified electricians install electrical equipment or extend wiring. This is not a do-it-yourself field. Check all electrical appliances regularly for frayed or worn cords.

Provide sufficient electrical outlets to eliminate any need for multiple attachment plugs or long extension cords. Have special circuits installed for heavy duty appliances such as washing machines, refrigerators, ranges, etc. Use only 15 ampere fuses in fuse box on all regular household lighting circuits. Too large a fuse invites trouble. The purpose of a fuse is to blow if the circuit becomes overloaded.

Use extreme care if you use portable heaters of any

sort. Keep matches in metal boxes and out of the reach of small children.

Make sure smokers in your family observe the rules of smoking, extinguishing all matches, cigarette and cigar butts carefully before disposing of them; using ash trays (which should be plentiful throughout the house) and NEVER smoking in bed.

Make sure everyone in the family knows how to report a fire by telephone and have the proper number posted permanently beside the phone.

Make sure everyone knows the location of the fire alarm box nearest the house, and knows how to turn in an alarm.

Draw up alternate plans of escape from all parts of your home for your family and hold fire drills regularly. Make sure that house guests and baby sitters know what to do in case of fire emergency. Impress on everyone that in case of fire the first thing to do is get everyone out of the house—then call the fire department.

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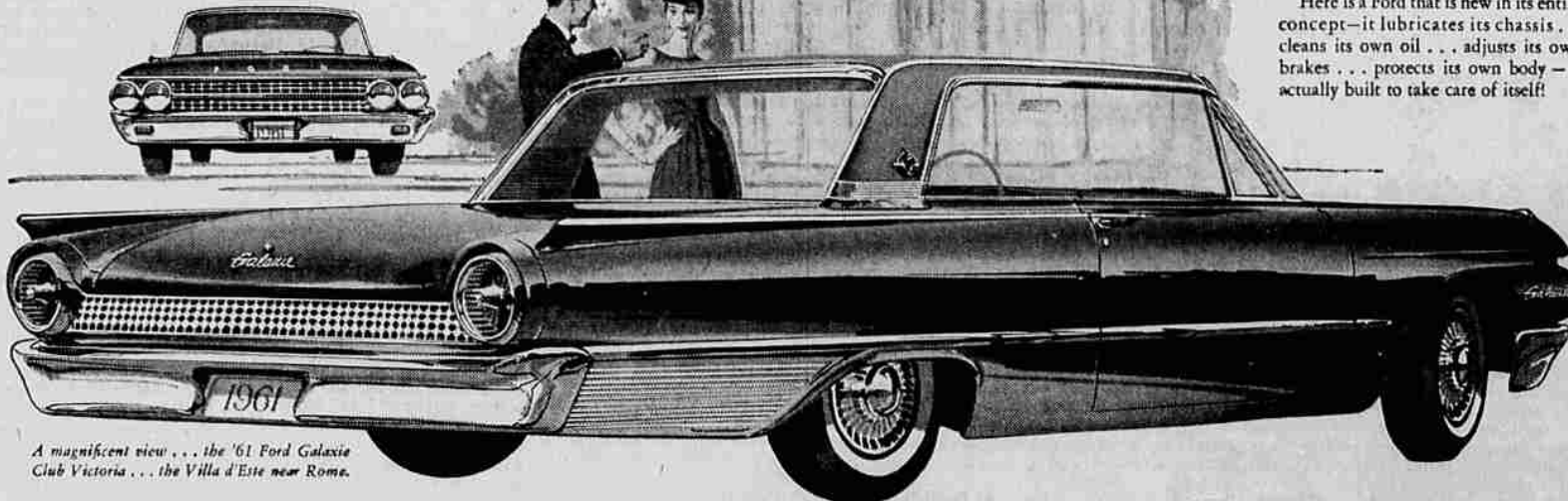
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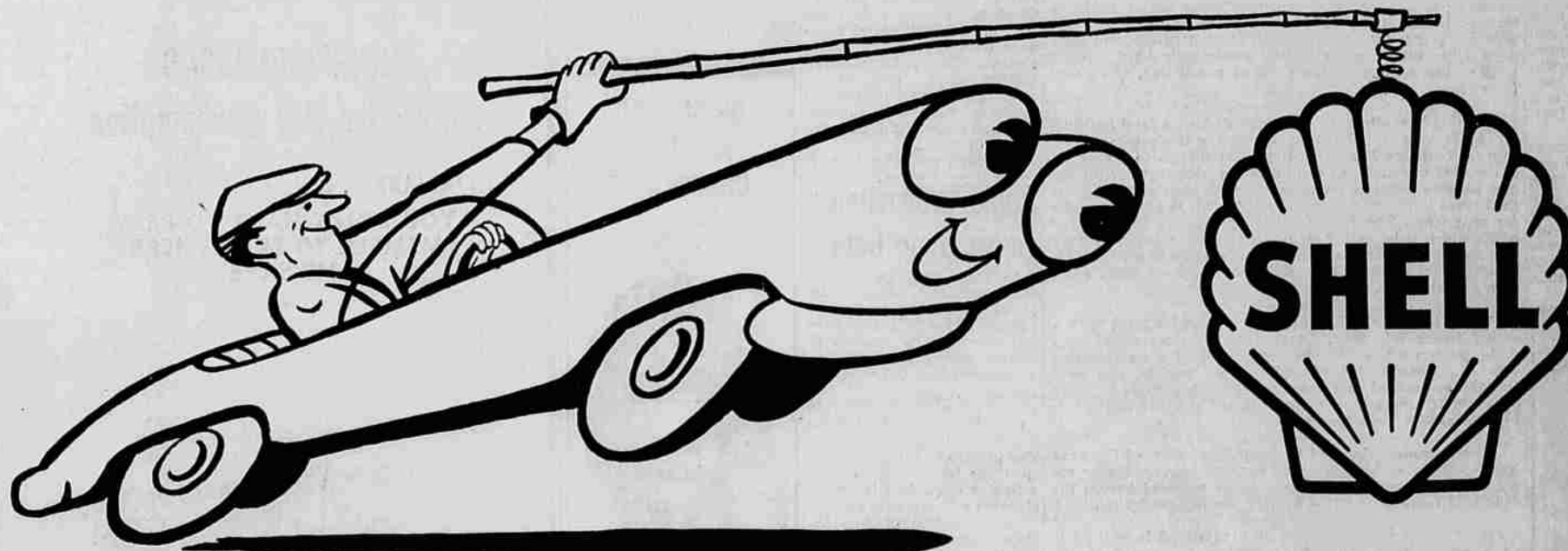
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Boys Arrested for Illegal Possession

Two juveniles, ages 18 and 19, were fined \$35 apiece in Medford's municipal court this morning after pleading guilty to charges of illegal possession of alcoholic beverages.

Police arrested Charles Dos McKinley, 19, of 124 Newton st., and David Champy McCollum, 18, of 764 West McAndrews rd., early Sunday morning, after the youths were found to have several bottles of beer in their car. Police had first stopped the car for expired tabs.

The youths told police they purchased the beer from "a man" on Front st. However, two girls who had been with the boys told police the beer was purchased at a local tavern by one of the boys himself.

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