

Mobile Fishing Fraternity New Nomad of Sports

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Bourne, Mass.—UPI—The new nomad of the sports world is the mobile fishing fraternity, an expanding, dedicated band of shoreline gypsies who seldom stray in season from the sound of the surf.

There was a time when Daddy announced "I'm going fishing," the kids kissed him goodbye and Mom got ready for a long summer of mowing the lawn.

Today when Dad hears the striped bass are running, everybody in the family starts packing and damn the dandelions.

The fisher clan spend their winters building every conceivable comfort into an endless variety of vehicles known as beach buggies.

The strippers begin "hitting" for the surf fishermen along historic Cape Cod about the last weekend in April. In their "season," which often runs into November, multiplying numbers of surf fishermen are taking their families along in the sand riding buggies.

Stoves, foam rubber bunks, refrigerators, even curtains on the windows, make for the homey touch.

Patsy Diana of Framingham, Mass., president of the Suburban Sea and Surf club, typifies the dedication of the beach-bugger.

"Most of our members in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut take off the first weekend they hear the striped bass are hitting. After that, they spend every weekend and all their vacations living with the family in the beach buggies. That way, we can fish and not neglect our families."

"It really is an inexpensive vacation and the incurable surf fisherman gets in all the casting he wants. It's in our bylaws that we must comply with all local laws. For example, we never stop over in towns where you can't sleep on the beach."

Perhaps the strangest thing about beach buggies is the friendship of the postman parked next to the business tycoon who lives on his route. The bank president is liable to sleep 16 feet away from his most delinquent mortgagee.

At one time, beach buggy associations were made up of owners of the nearly extinct Model "A" and a few four-wheel drive Jeeps.

But a Worcester, Mass., resident named Bob Williams is credited with determining that relatively conventional two-wheel drive vehicles, with proper weight distribution, would plow through sandy areas.

Another Worcester man, newspaper outdoor sports editor, Frank Woolnes, formed the Massachusetts Beach Buggy association. Ted Mitten of Weymouth is president of the organization which numbers 1,500 members.

Today, the true do-it-yourself beach bugger hunts high and low for an old milk or bakery truck. Addition of a fourth forward speed and fitting out of the rear of the truck comes next.

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Each club gave a model meeting. A demonstration was given by Sharon Prowell on table setting and Nancy Brown gave one on how to thread a machine and the use of stitch regulator.

Miss Phyllis Kirkland, county 4-H agent, was present as well as 11 mothers, three leaders and one visitor, Mrs. Charlotte Tipton.

The refreshments were made by the cooking club members and were good. The members served and cleaned up.

Beth Krouse, Reporter

Infant Drowns in Bathtub at Home

Seattle—UPI—Howard Stanley Markey 11 months, drowned in the bathtub at his home here Wednesday while taking a bath with his 2-year-old brother James.

Mrs. James Markey said she left the youngsters alone for a few minutes to hang out some washing. When she returned she found Howard's face down in about six inches of water. Efforts to revive

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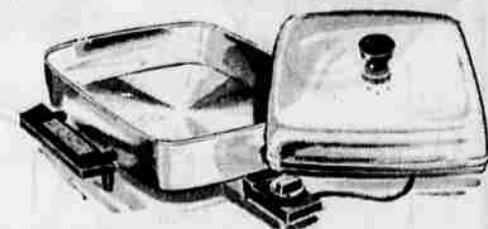
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