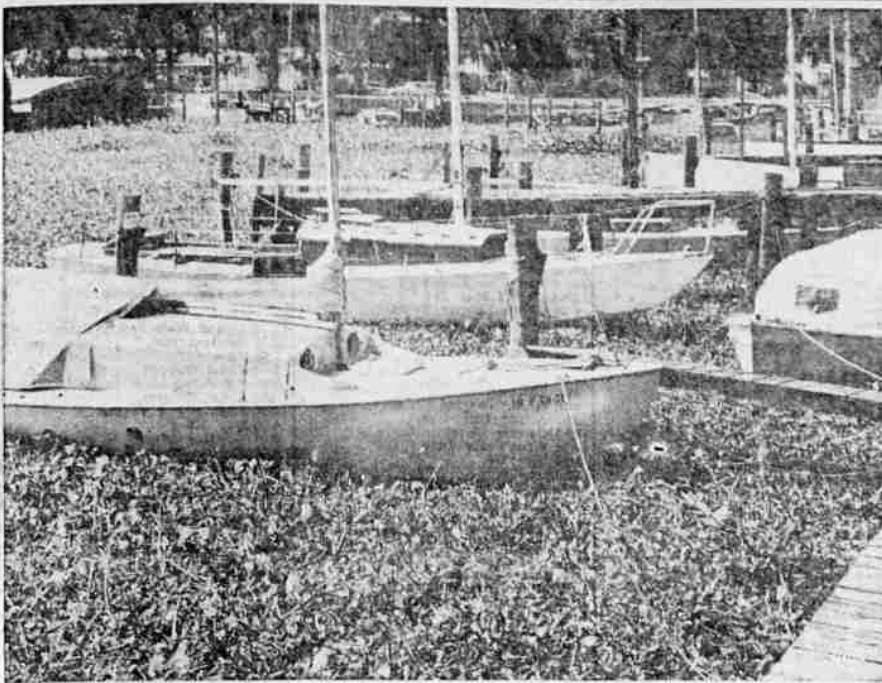




BEAUTIFUL, CHOKING HYACINTHS — These boats are tied up at the Marjorie Park Yacht Basin in Tampa, Fla., and that's where they're going to stay for awhile. The basin is clogged with floating hyacinths pushed in by easterly winds. The plants have jammed the waterways so tightly that only a few large boats are able to bull their way through.

Ad Tells Sad Story

PITTSBURGH (UPI)—The classified advertisement in a Pittsburgh newspaper said simply:

"16 colonies Honey Bees—Good condition. Sell part or all."

The telephone number listed at the end was that of Charles Spellman, 37, garage foreman for a baking company. The story behind the ad is the story of Spellman's life.

As a boy living on a farm near Harrisonburg, Va., Spellman was intrigued by the bees that gathered honey in the rich apple orchards which cover the country. He followed their "bee-line" to their combs.

In 1925, he left the rolling Virginia hills to come to Pittsburgh and take a job on the railroad. He met and married, Mary Keleno, a farm girl from Washington County, in 1927.

He continued to work in the city but both he and his wife were country lovers and they spent their spare time at the home of Mrs. Spellman's parents near Burrellstown.

On a summer day around 1929, Spellman spotted a swarm of bees, and, as he had as a boy in Virginia, trapped them with sugar water and a comb.

That swarm grew into as many as 30 colonies over the years.

"I gave the honey away to friends," Spellman recalls. "I was interested in the bees. They have personalities, just like people. Some are mild, gentle. Others, when you open them up, sting you, just like that."

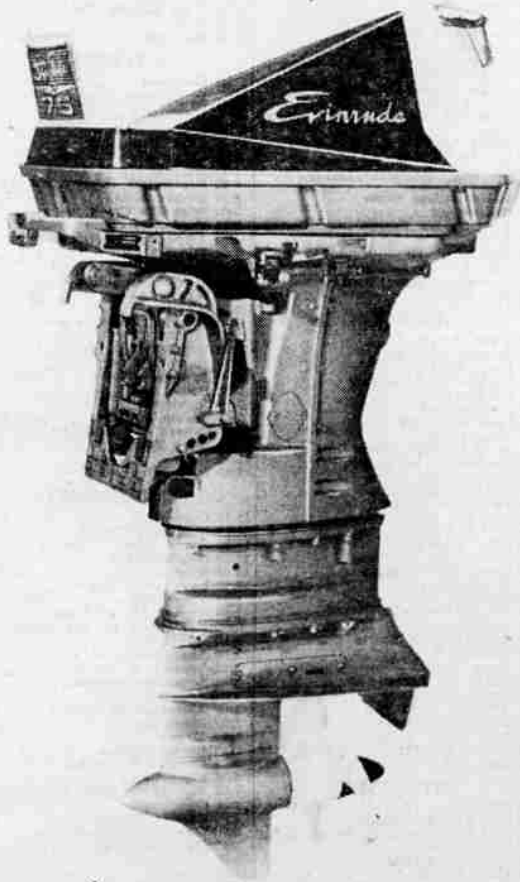
Spellman and his wife spent many happy hours with the bees. But last July 14, Mary died.

"I was broken up," Spellman said. "I still am, I'm trying to carry on. But there's nobody left down at the bees except my brother-in-law. He lives alone. Mary's parents are dead. Mary's dead."

"So I put up the bees for sale."

DECLINE IN MARRIAGES

NEW YORK (UPI) — The number of marriages in the United States last year declined by about four per cent to 1,456,000, according to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. This represented a rate of 8.4 per 1,000 population, the lowest since 1932. The biggest statewide drop, 45 per cent, was recorded in Indiana.



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Man Buried Standing Up

WASHINGTON, Ga. (UPI) — Capt. Abraham Simons, a wealthy Georgian who fought in the Revolutionary War, was buried six miles east of this town in a standing position with his rifle beside him "to fight the Devil."

Although Simons fought valiantly during the War of Independence, he also played another, quieter role in the history of Georgia. Shortly after his death, his widow was married to the Rev. Jesse

Mercer, who used Simons' large estate to found Mercer University in Macon.

Thus, Mercer, a Baptist school, was founded with money that was provided indirectly by a Jew.

NO RELIEF

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UPI) — Erie County Welfare Commissioner Paul F. Burke reported someone on the welfare rolls had sent in a \$10,000 donation—in phony money.

This Man Makes Crown

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UPI)—Richard Long has a head start on success. He makes crowns.

"Sometimes people don't believe me when I tell them what I do," he said. "I have to show them the catalog."

A former jeweler's benchman, Long teamed up three years ago with Harold Gilbert to buy a small crown-making company. Gilbert handles the sales and shipping. Long works at their shop after his regular job as a tool and diemaker.

Working by hand, with only a torch and a grinder and polisher as tools, he turns out more than 1,000 crowns, tiaras and scepters each year. The regal headwear, retailing from \$5 to \$50, graces beauty queens, lodge officials and actors.

Although he loses track of most of the crowns when they are sold, Long remembers that one of his most expensive models was bought by a housewife a year ago.

"She said she just wanted to wear it around the house," he said.

BEFORE AND AFTER

NEW YORK (UPI) — Three-fourths of the wives participating in a survey complained that their husbands had been far more gallant about taking them out to dinner before they were married.

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