

## Buying A Boat Presents Many Difficulties Today

A weather-hardened old boatman once defined a dilemma as "watching your mother-in-law run your new boat over a waterfall."

If you are buying a boat for the first time you are facing a somewhat less serious decision, but a tough one just the same. It will, in fact, represent a maze of compromises. Here are some things to consider.

### Do Not Sacrifice Quality

Take price. Experienced boat owners will tell you never to sacrifice quality for what appears to be low price. Low price without sufficient quality spells trouble later.

You'll find inboards cost more than outboards. Inboards, however, are much cheaper to operate. It's easier and less costly to service outboards and they are far easier to transport.

It won't take you long to learn that wood boats cost less than plastic on a model for model basis. But wood requires more care than plastic.

## Red Bluff To Welcome Cow Experts

RED BLUFF — Some of the West's leading authorities on cattle will have a part in the 19th annual Red Bluff Bull Sale February 4-6.

Selection of four groups for the work was announced by Charles F. Stover, chairman of the sale committee.

The sifting committee, which will decide which animals are of sufficient high quality for the sale, will be headed by Bill Owens, Red Bluff cattleman who runs about 1,200 Hereford cattle in California and Oregon.

Others include Frank Rue of Marysville, who also has large Angus holdings near Paskenta and Standish, and Drs. Joe Giambrotti and King Jarvis, Red Bluff veterinarians.

The judging and grading committee has as its head Reuben Albaugh, University of California livestock specialist; Harry Parker, San Luis Obispo; George Hunt, Millville and Harold Thurber, Bakersfield. All are nationally known among livestock breeders and have judged at some of the leading auctions throughout the country.

Breed consultants will be Fenton O'Connell of Gilroy, who has one of the largest and best herds of Angus in the West; T. B. Hawkins of Hollister, an extensive breeder of Shorthorns, and Dale Carithers of Mission San Jose, nationally known breeder of Herefords.

Loose pen lots of range bulls will be judged by Roy Carmichael of Tehama County; Cameron Cliff of Burns, Oregon, and Abner McKenzie of Tehama County.

Judging will start at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 3. It will be followed that evening at 7 o'clock by a dinner at the fairgrounds where the members of the four committees will meet with consignors and commercial cattlemen to discuss production and financing of beef cattle.

Among others who will assist are farm advisers Lin Maxwell of Red Bluff and Jesse Bequette of Redding; Les Berry, University of California range expert; Arch Bathurst, manager of the Dixon auction yard and assistant manager of the Farm Bureau Marketing Association of Stockton, and Clare Myers, manager of the Lassen Farm Loan Association of Red Bluff.

### Boats Designed for Different Uses

Boats serve multiple purposes but generally they are designed for a specific use and give their best performance when used accordingly. Here's another decision. Do you go for speed and the thrills of water skiing? If so you'll want a stripped down, planing type hull. If day cruising with the family is your intended use, you'll have to sacrifice some speed for a more solid hull with more accommodations. If you yearn for blue water "outside," better plan on a proven deep water design emphasizing safety and stability.

### Plastic or Wood?

Somewhere along the line you will have to make up your mind whether you want plastic or wood. In resolving this highly controversial question you're going to run into all kinds of claims and counterclaims. Be skeptical. Here are a few points to consider.

If you go for fancy fins, flaring hulls, you'll want plastic. This material will take on shapes that wood would never dream of. On the other hand, if you want a boat to look like a boat, you'll probably prefer wood.

### Alterations Easier with Wood

Will you want to make changes? After the initial thrill of your new boat wears off, chances are you will. If you would like to move a seat or add another, change the controls about to fit your fancy, or perhaps add a cabin — it's not impossible with plastic but it's a lot easier with wood.

Plastics require less maintenance than wood. But don't be led to believe that they require none at all. All boats need care. Plastics will have to be kept clean, waxed once or twice a year and protected from extreme heat or cold. If they are left in salt water, you'll have to give them a coat of anti-fouling paint once or twice a year, and at some point it will need a fresh coat of resin.

### Painting Required Periodically

Wood needs care, too. You'll want to give painted surfaces a light sanding and a fresh coat every two to four years. Varnished surfaces will need annual care — sanding lightly and a fresh coat. Anti-fouling paint is necessary with wood, too, if used in salt water.

If you are headed for rough water where your boat is in for a real pounding, better lean toward wood. Plastic is subject to fatigue from flexing if put to the test of continued rough treatment. Wood is not. The U.S. Coast Guard has recently gone to plywood for service on the nasty bars of the Oregon coast and the turbulent waters in the Great Lakes.

If noise bothers you, you'll find less of it in wood. Both wood and plastic are strong but they can be punctured. Repair costs are about a tossup. Comparable models weigh about the same so power requirements don't vary much.

You've got a lot of decisions to make. Whatever you decide is all right with us. Have fun. And what's more fun than boating?

### GHOSTLY MISTAKE

HAMILTON, Bermuda (UPI) — "Please be advised," said the paid ad in The Royal Gazette, a Hamilton newspaper, "that Mrs. Velma Burgess is very well and looking after her children in St. George's. Rumors of her passing away were erroneous." Mrs. Burgess, a 47-year-old housewife, had no idea how the report of her death got around, but said she took the ad to end the "nightmare." She said, "people even started touching and pinching me to make sure I was alive. Believe me, living the life of a ghost for seven days is no fun, no fun at all!"

## Photo Contest To Be Held

One of the attractions of the coming Range Society convention in Portland on February 2 through 5 will be a photo contest. Any member of the American Society of Range Management may participate. Entries may include either black and white or color slides, and may be on a variety of subjects, including individual range or ranch scenes, individual range animals and subjects on general range vegetation. George Roskie, a member of the U.S. Forest Service and chairman of the local arrangements committee, announced that the photo entries will be open for inspection to the general public in the Junior Ballroom of the Multnomah Hotel, from Tuesday evening, February 2, through Thursday evening, February 4.

Judging of the contest will be by the membership of the Range Society in attendance at the convention. One award will be presented to each sub-category. One Grand Champion award will be presented for the photograph judged to be the best of all entries. Recognition of contest winners will be made at the banquet Thursday evening.

Outstanding photographs on a variety of range subjects are expected. Many entries are expected from members of the society from the Pacific Northwest.

Another attraction which will be of interest not only to those attending the convention but to the general public will be displays on various subjects of interest to range managers. The displays are expected from nearly all of the western sections. They will also be displayed in the Junior Ballroom of the Multnomah Hotel. Frank Stanton, an employee of the Oregon State Game Commission and a member of the society, is arranging for these exhibits. "We are expecting some outstanding displays," Stanton said. "Members of the society are urged to submit entries and we invite everyone interested in outstanding photography to come and review them."

This annual convention of the American Society of Range Management in Portland is the first to be held in the Northwest since organization of the society in 1947. The Northwest host section is going all out in preparations to make this the best convention in the history of the society.

## Steam Iron Tips Given

The combination steam-dry iron is fast becoming a part of standard housekeeping equipment—an improvement over grandma's "combination" of elbow grease and a heavy sadiron.

The latest in a series of Pacific Northwest extension service bulletins on household equipment reports items to consider in buying a steam iron, type of water to use, correct methods of ironing and pressing, and suggests ways to extend iron life.

Dry ironing is recommended for crisp starched shirts and petticoats, but steaming is suggested for "touchups" on minimum care fabrics, new wrinkle resistant finishes, and washable woollens.

Copies of the bulletin, "Steam Irons," are available on request from county extension offices or the Oregon State College bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

## Farm Chemicals Usage Confab Slated For Feb. 11

Four hundred persons are expected to attend a one-day conference on use of agricultural chemicals at Oregon State College Thursday, February 11, under joint sponsorship of the college and the state department of agriculture. The session will open at 9:30 a.m. in the Home Economics Building.

The conference is an outgrowth of recent developments in the spray residue field and will attempt to bring present knowledge on the subject into focus for Oregon people.

Originally designed for ground and air applicators of farm sprays and dusts, the February 11 session has been expanded to include representatives of county courts, garden clubs, processors, chemical companies, county agents, and farm, labor and consumer organizations.

Anyone interested in using, selling or handling chemical pesticides is particularly urged to attend. F. E. Price, dean of agriculture at the college, and Frank McKennon, director of agriculture, will chairmen the morning and afternoon session, respectively.

Virgil Freed of the state college staff will keynote the session with an opening address on "The Importance of Chemicals to Agriculture."

Other speakers will discuss pesticides from the standpoints of industry, governmental regulations and public health.

State and federal laws relating to all agricultural chemicals, clearance under the federal regulations and labeling requirements will highlight the afternoon program.

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HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Vincent Price believes "escape" pictures, including mystery, action and horror films, are the most suitable kind of movies for teen-age audiences. He reasons that today's youth is living in a frantic world requiring healthy emotional outlets. He maintains that a good "escape" picture, whether it's a western, a mystery or a so-called shocker, provides that outlet.

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