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Parking Poses Problem Solution Close at Hand

By Cathy Sulak

Increased enrollment, construction and rainy weather are some of the reasons why student parking spaces on campus have been hard to come by lately. Students have been warned that parking their cars in places other than the designated student parking lots will result in a fine, yet when they are five minutes late for class or have been searching unsuccessfully for a permitted parking space parking fines do not seem so important.

Part of the problem results when students overlook half empty lots on the back side of the campus.

"There most definitely is a parking problem," said Director of Student Services Don Bynum. "There must be a problem somewhere since so many students are parking illegally".

About 100 cars were illegally parked on campus during a count taken at one time Monday.

Bynum said the parking problem is not so much a result of limited parking space, but a lack of communication.

"There is enough parking space for the number of cars on campus," said Bynum. "The problem is that many students don't know about the lots, or would rather park somewhere where they don't have to walk a few extra steps to class."

The Cameron House parking lot, which is located on the north end of the campus, provides convenient access to the Applied Science, Administration-Classroom, Fine Arts, Library and Health Careers buildings.

When the count of illegally parked cars was conducted Monday morning, the lot was little more than half full. Another lot located across the street from the Health Careers Building is seldom full.

Bynum said another reason for the overabundance of cars and shortage of spaces could be attributed to the rainy weather that has overshadowed the area for the past few weeks. Students living in nearby apartments and homes who would normally walk or ride bicycles to class have been driving their cars instead.

Also, the first weeks of each semester students are unfamiliar with the campus and drive alone to school.



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Bynum said the car pool board first sponsored by the Student Activities office last semester would again be placed in the Student Center to help students commuting from the same areas to arrange car pools.

Last fall, because of the various construction projects on campus, campus motor vehicle regulations were waived to permit on the street parking. This fall, however, with most of the construction projects completed, the rules are once again being enforced.

With enrollment up over last semester, a growing student body also contributes to the parking problem.

One solution to the present parking problem should be arrived at in the next month when construction of the addition to the Student Center will be completed. The present faculty parking lot behind the Faculty Office Building and the Health Careers Building will then become a designated student parking area.

Faculty parking space will occupy the lot just adjacent to the Faculty Office Building.

Yesterday Director of Administrative Services Mel Post passed a proposal immediately opening the faculty parking lot behind the HPE Building to student parking.

Post said that with that move and the completion of construction on campus 133 more parking spaces will be available to students.

At present, said Bynum, the solution to the entire parking problem is the Cameron House parking lot and students' willingness to form carpools and "walk a few extra steps" to class each day.

With the alternative of being five minutes late for class because they could not find a "good" parking space, students may find those "few extra steps" to be the best solution of all.



Photo by Jim Munson

PARKING SOLUTIONS—

The Cameron House parking lot and the faculty parking lot behind the HPE Building, which is now open to student parking, are two answers to students' parking woes.



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Analysis

Ford Rekindles Amnesty Issue

By Cathy Sulak

Some members of Gerald Ford's Kitchen Cabinet thought he was going too far, and many Nixon holdovers on the White House staff were dead set against it.

Amnesty--perhaps the last unresolved major issue of American involvement in Vietnam--was suddenly moved from a category of being "politically unmentionable" to one of active congressional scrutiny.

Amnesty for draft dodgers and deserters has been brought once again to a white heat.

Gen. Alexander Haig argued against limited amnesty on both ideological and pragmatic grounds; he offered to bet Presidential counselor Robert Hartmann that Ford would be booed by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) at their national convention Aug. 19.

The VFW rejected the amnesty proposal (without boing), and spokesmen for the 50,000 draft dodgers and deserters were initially disapproving. But many other people thought Ford had taken a useful and compassionate first step toward binding up the wounds of Vietnam.

Ford, who rejected amnesty as vice-president, abruptly reversed the policy of his predecessor, Nixon, and reopened the issue when he said:

"All of us who served in one war or another know very well that all wars are the glory and the agony of the young. In my judgement, these young Americans should have a second chance to contribute their fair share to rebuilding of peace among ourselves and with all nations."

If the President has his way, tens of thousands of draft evaders and deserters now living in exile or in prison might expect some form of leniency, enabling the exiled youths to return without fear of a prison sentence--whether or not Congress acts on any of the dozen amnesty bills now before it.

Conditional amnesty under Ford would include a period of forced civilian service for many if not most of the 44,538 young men now charged with evading the draft or deserting the armed forces. This includes

some 8,100 youths already convicted, many of them currently serving time in federal prisons. It could mean a few years of work in the Peace Corps, Vista or other public services.

Hopes for unconditional amnesty, however, seem dead. President Ford made it clear that he opposes any blanket pardon and that the youths must "earn" any amnesty that is granted.

Former President Nixon took a firm stance against amnesty stating that "amnesty means forgiveness. We cannot provide forgiveness for them... the price is a criminal penalty for disobeying the laws of the United States."

Whether Congress acts now or later, amnesty is an issue that will not really go away. The sheer numbers of the issue they represent have decided that.

"I cannot agree with Mr. Ford on the amnesty question," said Cong. W. R. (Bob) Poage, chairman of the House Agriculture Committee who spoke out against Ford's proposal to grant amnesty to draft evaders and deserters. "The draft evaders and deserters were aware they were violating the law, and I think they should be prosecuted according to the law."

However, Poage claimed he has no desire to be punitive or vindictive toward the draft dodgers.

"If the amnesty question was never brought up," he said, "draft dodgers and deserters probably would have been able to re-enter the country, and no one would have done anything about it. Now, everyone is watching closer than ever."

Among official voices advocating conditional amnesty is that of Robert Froehke, who was one of the Nixon Administration's Army Secretaries while the Vietnam War was going on. He told Congress that leniency for wartime draft dodgers could help mend "the heartbreaks and wounds left by the war."

Ohio Sen. Robert Taft Jr. has also urged a conditional amnesty bill. He has authored legislation calling for an amnesty review board, with offenders having either

two years alternative service, or two years in the military.

The goal, White House officials say, will not be to humiliate the exiles. "Nobody will have to say he's sorry," suggested one member of Ford's inner circle. "All he will have to say is that he did break the law."

However, for some exiles, like Gerry Condon, a former Green Beret who now lives in Toronto, anything less than unconditional amnesty is "totally unacceptable". Many of the exiles have built new lives in Canada or Sweden.

For others, the moral issue is the key. As Kit Rigg, a deserter who lives in Vancouver, Canada, put it, "Ford's kind of punitive approach means we should admit we did something wrong--and we didn't. We did something right. We had a higher duty not to participate in the Vietnam War."

But Ford's proposal may yet appeal to many exiles and the people at home as well. Many supporters of amnesty feel that Ford has begun to make homecomings possible.

"Ford's proposal builds a bridge, even if it is not heavy enough yet for truck traffic," said Taft.

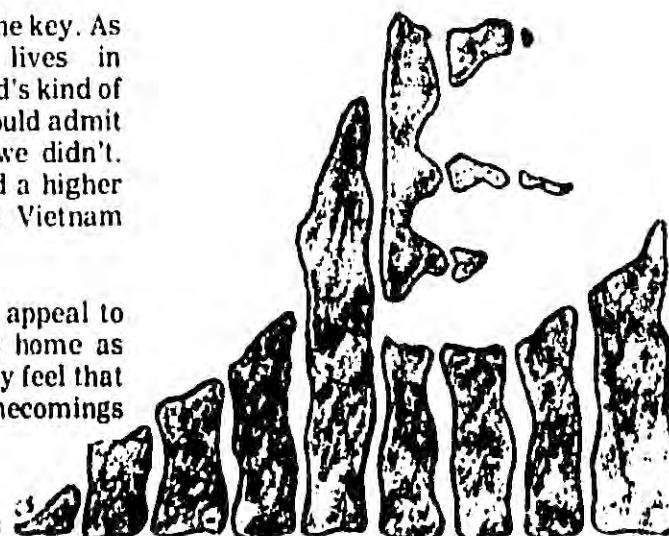


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Editorial

Murder Rate High In 'Little Chicago'

By Carolyn Dodson

Some parts of Waco like to be called "little Detroit", but perhaps a better name for this city would be "Little Chicago, 1930s style."

Waco has finally gained national prominence--by having the second highest murder rate in the United States (and the repeated "honor" of having the highest murder rate in Texas).

Forget New York.
Forget Dallas and Houston.

Only Atlanta, Ga. eased past Waco's 21.6 murders per 100,000 with two tenths of a body more per 100,000.

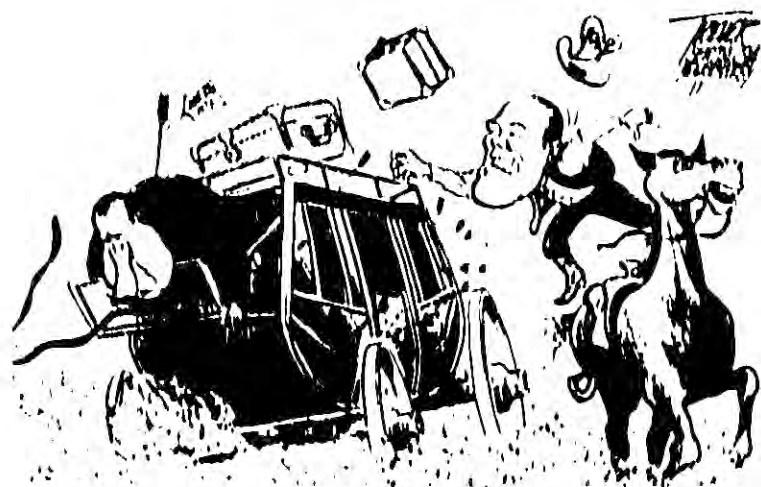
Police departments in Dallas and other cities have undergone shakeups and scandals repeatedly over the years and still managed to do one job--protect human life. Yet, in Waco the murder rate has almost doubled from 1972 to 1973. No one seems to be "up in arms". No one is beating on the police chief's door demanding results. If any pressure is being applied, it is not being done publicly, at least.

Wacoans must not let this threat continue. City and county residents who can ban together to keep a correctional institution out of North Waco, citizens who can squeeze out federal money to pay for a downtown mall, leaders in business and industry that can run our city and county can surely become concerned about 32 people who are dead because of violence in our neighborhoods during 1973.

A city cannot grow without public confidence in police and the general safety of the town. Someone, whether in or out of the police agencies in McLennan County, must take the initiative; must study other cities who have dropped their murder-crime rates, must hire experts to find our weaknesses; must study the problem using local citizens who themselves are threatened by this void in protection.

Apparently whatever has been done did not work. Now the local people must complain loudly and continuously until murder is no longer our number one industry.

Survey



Nixon Pardon Provokes Protests

THE HONEYMOON IS OVER! President Gerald Ford's month-long courtship with Congress was shattered Monday when his surprise unconditional pardon for Richard M. Nixon provoked widespread protests.

It was also announced last night that Ford is considering pardoning all of Nixon's Watergate conspirators, 50 in number, some of whom have already served their terms in prison to pay for their charges.

"Ford knows full well that by doing this he's blown his honeymoon up," said one close Ford associate on Capitol Hill.

A random survey conducted on campus

yesterday shows that 70 percent of the 103 students questioned feel the same way. "Just because Nixon was President doesn't make him any better than anyone else," was the students' general reply. "If I had done what he did, they wouldn't let me off the hook".

The other 21 per cent of the students felt Ford was justified in pardoning Nixon.

"Nixon's been through enough hell already," said one student. "This way he'll be left alone, and Congress can concentrate on more important issues."

Of the 103 students questioned, 64 classified themselves as Democrats, 32 as Republicans and two as Independents.

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Work with Children

Deaf Camp Influences Student



Photo by Jim Munson

Miss Cindy Mellgren and Dr. Ann Garrett play with children at the Child Care Center.

By Gail Windham

To awaken each morning to a world totally devoid of sound is hard to imagine for most people, but to the 200 children who attended Camp La Junta this summer, silence will surround most of them for a lifetime.

This has had a profound effect on the life of sophomore Miss Cindy Mellgren, who worked as a counselor with deaf and hard of hearing children for two weeks this summer at Camp La Junta.

"I always wanted to specialize in the field of handicapped children. It (the camp) gave me the incentive to want to open a day care center for deaf children," said Miss Mellgren, whose major is child care and development.

She attended a training session one week before the children arrived, to prepare herself especially in communicating with the deaf. Some of the children at the camp could read lips, but Miss Mellgren learned sign language to communicate also.

"I like the way they express themselves, they really get excited about the world," said Miss Mellgren.

Miss Mellgren supervised a cabin of four girls. She was also in charge of arts and crafts. The children, ages seven to 12, took part in hiking, swimming, tennis, horseback riding, scuba diving, marksmanship and motor bike riding.

This is the third year Camp La Junta has provided two weeks during the summer for

deaf children to live in a world surrounded by the things most children take for granted.

Dr. Ann Garrett, director of child care and development, also attended the camp, to help train the 40 counselors. She had a completely different view of the camp.

"We lived in a goldfish bowl. The entire project was a pilot program to demonstrate the benefits and effects camping offers handicapped children, it provided a setting for specially trained teachers and supervisors to observe interaction without becoming directly involved," said Dr. Garrett.

The camp had three components, with the children's needs receiving top priority, then the needs of the counselors and teachers. The teachers had the opportunity to find ideas for building curriculum for total communication skills and behavior modification concepts for deaf children. The counselors gained the experience to assume career roles and develop direct communication with the children.

Both Dr. Garrett and Miss Mellgren agreed their experience at the camp was a two way learning process.

"I was scared at first, but I learned to communicate not only with deaf people, but with hearing people, too," said Miss Mellgren.

Wage Increases, Food Stamps

Money Problems Offered Solution

By Terry Goodrich

Because of the minimum wage increase last spring, work study students may have looked forward to receiving a substantially larger check on payday than they have in previous semesters. But this is not to be the case, said Financial Aids Director Mrs. Pearl Gilchrest.

Unlike other employers, institutions of higher education can pay sub-minimum wages.

"Colleges are required to pay 85 percent of the minimum wage," said Mrs. Gilchrest. "Eighty-five percent of \$1.80 is \$1.61 and one-half of a cent hourly. But at MCC we are being a little more generous and paying \$1.62 an hour."

While the minimum wage raise may not have affected students as expected, some might be interested in alternative ways to make money go a little further.

Mrs. Claire Frost, a public welfare worker at the Food Stamp Center on 3316 Franklin, said that many students use food stamps. When issuing stamps, one of the

major considerations of the Center is how many people are living and eating together in one house or apartment.

"For each member of a household, the maximum allowed income monthly, after deductions, is \$194," said Mrs. Frost. "The maximum monthly income for two persons living together is \$237 after deductions. The more you make, the more you pay for food stamps."

Other factors which the Center considers are special expenses individuals may have—medical bills, an unusually high rent rate or college tuition. All of these count as deductions on the amount an individual pays for stamps.

A person's resources are also taken into account. Only persons over 65 may have more than \$1500 in the bank. And while one car is not considered a resource, the value of an extra car is. "Grants and loans count two ways—as income in one place and as deduction in another," Mrs. Frost said.

In return for the benefits of food stamps,

an individual has certain obligations to the Center.

"While we have one mandatory verification—employment verification—we

may also ask to see receipts on other things such as tuition," said Mrs. Frost.

A completed application is a prerequisite to an interview with a worker at the Food Stamp Center.

Plaid Vests to Host Annual Debate Meet

Up to 300 students from high schools throughout Texas will be on campus Saturday for the Annual MCC High School Debate Workshop. This year's debate topic is, "Resolved: That the U.S. should significantly change the method of selecting the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates." These students have been researching the debate topic in advance to gain knowledge and improve their skill in debate.

David Wiley, President of the Plaid Vests, a forensic club, will deliver the welcome address after the visiting students have registered from 8 to 9 p.m.

From 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. the novice group session under the direction of Mrs. Cheryl Potts will meet to discuss the fundamentals of debate. Mrs. Potts is the

debate coach from North Junior High School.

Following the novice group session will be the advanced group meeting at 11:15 a.m. Dr. Ben Chappell, associate professor of speech communication at North Texas State University, will discuss "Affirmation and Negative Strategies for Handling Criteria, Questions, Need-Plan and Comparative-Advantage Cases" during the session.

At 1 p.m. Dr. Chappell will direct a panel discussion on the debate topic. The panel will include Mrs. Potts, Rep. Lane Denton and Dr. Tom Myers of Baylor University.

Practice debates will be held from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. to allow the students to present their cases and receive oral critiques from the judges.



Photo by Jim Munson

Counselor John Nobis and Mrs. Blanche Willis

Health Service Available

The campus health services can help students whether they are sick or well.

Director of Health Services Mrs. Blanche Willis can give first aid to any student who is sick or injured. Two rest areas are ready for use at all times in the first aid room on the first floor of the Student Center in the Counseling Office.

First aid kits are kept in every building and can be found by locating the white crosses on the doors where they are stored.

In case of serious injury, students should call Mrs. Willis at ext. 303 from any building or contact the switchboard operator who will notify Mrs. Willis and an ambulance, as well as the relatives of the injured person.

Mrs. Willis also helps those who need personal counseling or health information about venereal disease, contraception,

weight control and other health areas. Pamphlets on health are also handed to students and all counseling is confidential.

New Federal Ruling

Women's Sports to Expand

By Kim Mason



Photo by Jim Munson

Perhaps "Eve" Kneivel could make the jump across Snake River Canyon! And whether she could or not, she certainly has the right to try. Now on a slightly less spectacular level, women also have the right to compete in college sports on the same level as men.

This summer the Federal Government proposed new rulings on athletics on campus to provide equal opportunities for women to compete in sports.

"No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, be treated differently from another person or otherwise discriminated against in any physical education or athletic program. . . ." states the Federal Register.

Caspar Weinberger, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, said that men and women selected on the basis of their athletic ability must be provided with separate or coed teams. He said if separate teams are offered, the institution must not discriminate on the basis of sex in providing equipment, supplies or scholarships.

The guidelines for the proposed ruling will come out in January, 1975, and then campus athletic departments will know just what they can and cannot do.

MCC instructors of HPE were generally in favor of the ruling.

"I'm all for women's equality in sports on campus," said Jerry Walsh. "I think the girls could gain recognition of their ability not only for themselves but for MCC."

Along the same lines, instructor Ray Murray said, "Women should have equal opportunity in sports. It's their responsibility to take the initiative and show an interest. Women should take advantage of this ruling."

Mrs. Ann Cunningham had a slightly different view on the subject. "I think it's a shame that the federal government had to pass a law to get equal opportunity for women in sports. I think the women should have equal opportunity to participate in

sports as much as men."

Mrs. Cunningham said that the fact that women's equality in sports had to be worked for supports the idea that women should show their interest and get involved to keep the ground they have gained.

Dr. Wilbur Ball, president, who has studied the proposed rulings, said women's sports at MCC will be handled as men's, letting the best players be searched out.

"I think women's athletics will make MCC a more interesting place. I don't know how much flexibility we'll have to phase into women's athletics, but whatever the federal government requires in the law, we will definitely abide by it."

Pipeline

BSU Plans Retreat

This weekend the Baptist Student Union (BSU) will travel to Latham Springs for its annual back-to-school retreat. The theme for the weekend is "Be All You Can Be."

Bob Dean, former Texas BSU president and assistant pastor of Northway Baptist Church in Dallas, will be the featured speaker for the retreat.

Dean is a 1974 Baylor graduate, and a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He spends many weekends speaking at revivals and retreats across Texas.

Barry Foster of Lake Jackson will be retreat musician.

"The retreat will be an ideal way to get away from the rush of a busy schedule and prepare for the semester ahead," said BSU Director Larry Bethune. "There is a great need for every individual to search himself for an understanding of who he is, where he is going and how he will get there."

Cost of the retreat, including meals and accommodations, is \$0 per person. A maximum of 75 persons may go on the retreat. Reservations can be made at the BSU Center on 1713 Powell Drive at the west entrance to MCC on a first come, first serve basis.

Transportation arrangements will be made when a student registers. Students will leave for Latham Springs in private cars between 3 and 5 p.m. Friday.

Drama Tryouts

Try outs for the drama department's fall production will continue at 7 p.m. tonight. Try outs began last night for a farcical comedy which will be taken to the American College Theater Fest in San Marcos at the end of October.

All students interested in any aspect of stage production such as make up, costumes, set construction, lighting and acting are urged to attend the try outs, said James Henderson, drama director.

Any student, whether or not enrolled in drama classes and regardless of his degree of experience, is eligible for a place on the cast or crew. For more information call Henderson, at ext. 283.

Veterans Representative

Regional Veterans Administrative Representative Brad L. Underwood maintains an "open door policy" for the campus veterans.

Veterans and dependents may inquire about problem areas that can be solved on campus rather than having to contact the regional office. A time saving method, this counseling was initiated this semester.

Among services offered are counseling, for degree fields, tracing late assistance checks and applying for new benefits now available to veterans and dependents alike.

Underwood, an ex-serviceman himself, holds a masters degree in personnel guidance from East Texas State University.

All Veterans, with or without problems, are welcome to stop by the Veterans Assistance Office located on the second floor of the Student Center or call 756-6551, ext. 405.

Art Models

Models are needed in the art department to pose for drawing classes. The modeling will require subjects to remain still for the artists for up to 25 minutes at a time; this, however, is the only qualification.

Working hours will be from 8 a.m. to 9:50 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 9:25 a.m. to 12:05 P.M. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Payment will be calculated according to current student wages. Anyone interested in applying for the job should contact John Chatman in the Fine Arts Building.

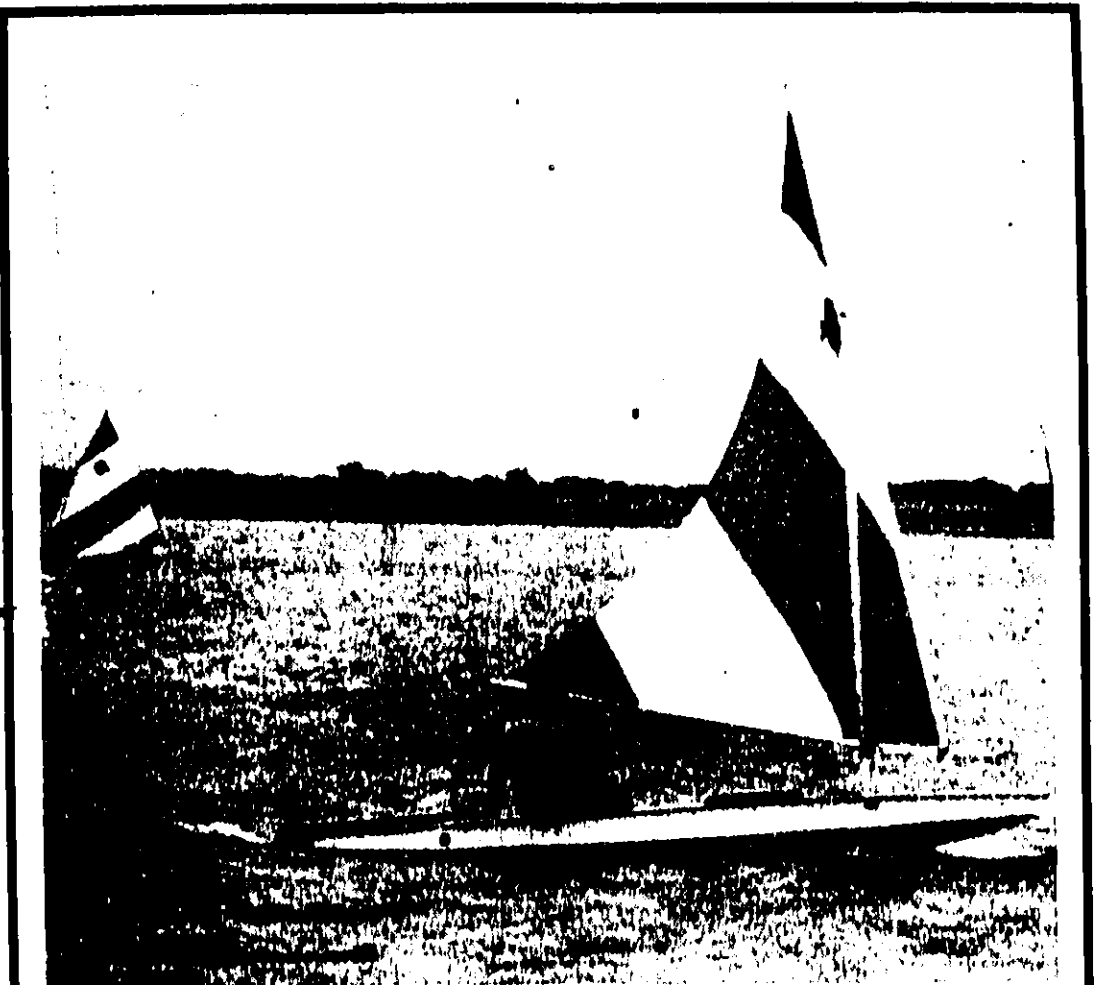


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