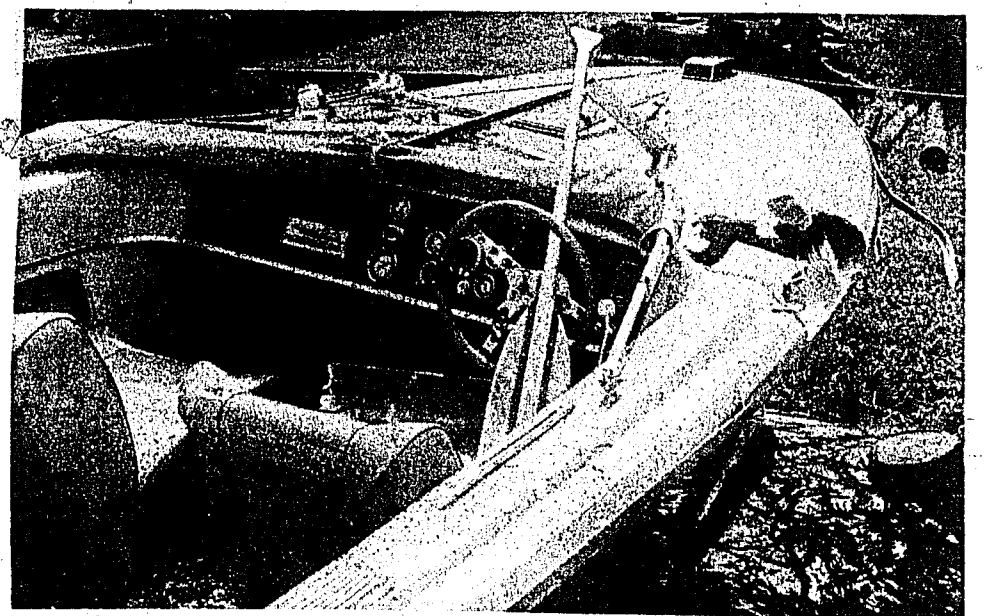


Safe Boating And Swimming No Accident— Here Are Ways To Reduce Your Water Risks

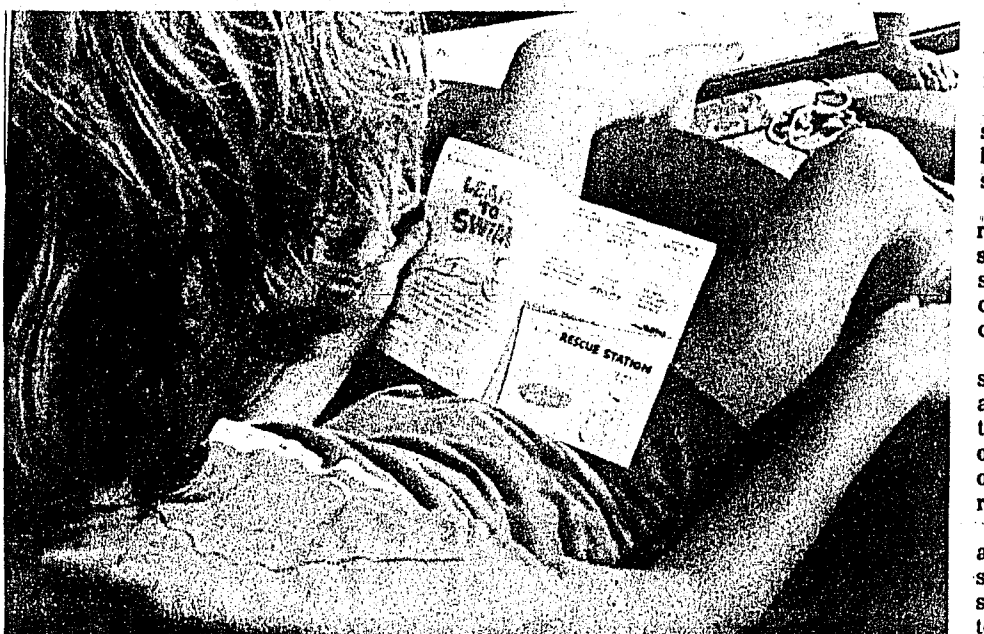
Lake Norman is one of the Piedmont's most popular recreational areas. Its use grows with each season. There is no way, of course, to make the water absolutely safe. There are many common-sense ways to prevent accidents, and there are just as many simple, practical ways to react to emergency situations and avoid tragic loss of life.



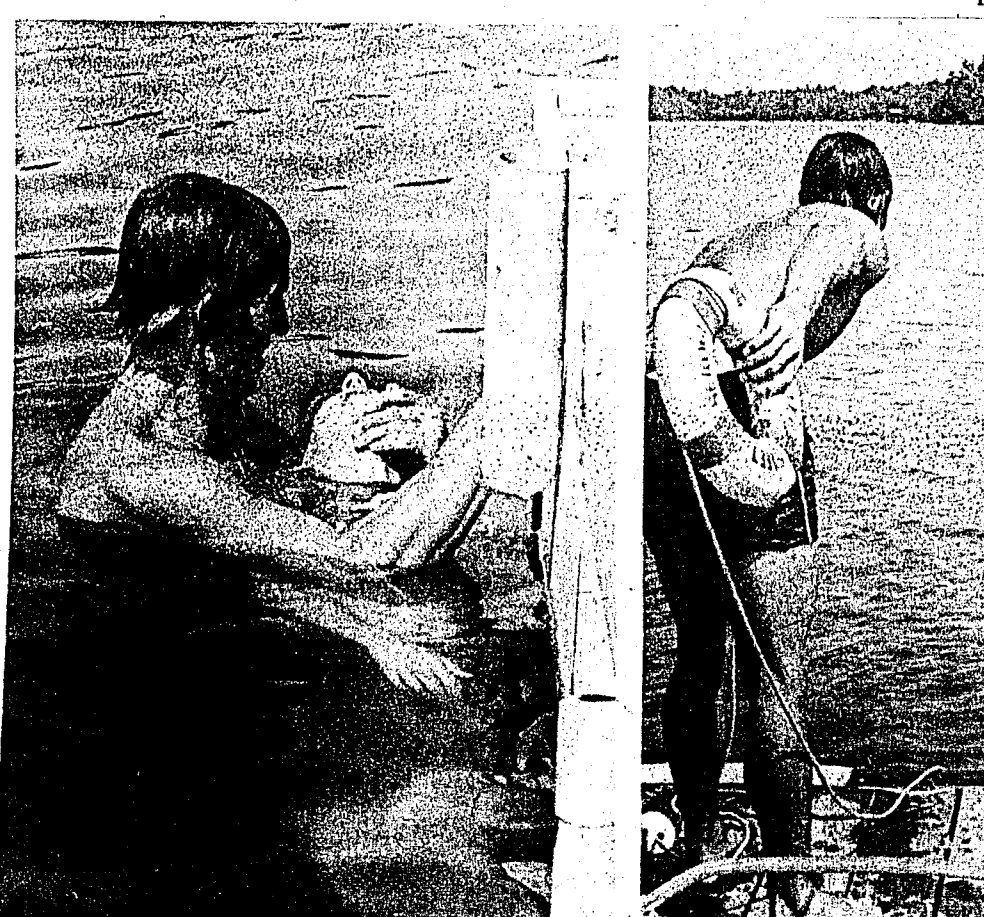
REGISTRATION A MUST—Gaddy examines the registration card of one of the thousands of power boats on Lake Norman. Wildlife protectors such as Gaddy, a Troutman resident, are the Highway



CHEWED-UP RUNABOUT—This boat was struck by the stern and propeller of another in a recent late-night accident on Lake Norman. The occupants, who were cut by flying windshield glass, narrowly escaped serious injury.



THE BEST SAFEGUARD—Learning to swim is a person's first line of defense against drowning. The Mooresville Recreation Department, in cooperation with the South Iredell Red Cross Chapter's water safety program, provides a summer-long training program in swimming and lifesaving.



LIFESAVING SECONDS—Weisner and Lee Sullivan make this point: The rescuer need not wait until an unconscious person is on land or a pier. He can—and should, if the mouth isn't clogged with mud or debris—begin resuscitation while still in the water.

ANYTHING THAT FLOATS—Water safety instructor Rick Weisner uses a lifesaving ring to demonstrate the value of having emergency gear on lake piers, but he stresses that anything floatable is a potential lifesaver, such as the jug and ball-in-a-sock at right. Karen Krueger is his damsel in distress and her mother, Mrs. Wallace Krueger, represents the panic-stricken and often-helpless parent.

More than half the victims of drowning were not in the water to swim. There were boating or skiing accidents. This introduces a two-front attack on water-related accidents: safe swimming and safe boating.

"Every year—and knock on wood—we've had at least one boating fatality on Lake Norman," said Bob Gaddy last week. "We haven't had one this year and we're just hoping we can make it through the summer."

Gaddy is a wildlife protector. He lives in Troutman, and he regularly patrols Lake Norman. At least four of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission officers are on the lake at any given time. Aside from enforcing hunting and fishing regulations, they are concerned primarily with safe boating.

The most common violation they encounter on the lake is improper or inadequate lifesaving equipment.

"If I had to point to a single problem," Gaddy said, "I'd have to say eight or 10 people riding around in a boat with two or three life jackets."

Law requires a boat to contain one U.S. Coast Guard-approved flotation device for each person on board. These include life jackets and types of life preservers that can double as seat cushions. Ski belts are not acceptable.

Night boating is especially dangerous. Piers often are not

lighted, and boats too frequently do not have approved lighting systems. And handling emergency situations is more difficult in darkness. Occupants of a 17-foot runabout involved in a recent 11 p.m. wreck on the lake escaped serious injury, and they consider themselves lucky. They were easing their properly-lit boat into its slip when a similar-sized power boat, carrying adults and children, bore down on them at moderate speed. The oncoming boat's operator reacted at the last second. He swerved abruptly the stern of his boat crashed into the right side of the boat preparing to dock. The propeller chewed away a section of the starboard side, and the entire rear section swung up and over, smashing the windshield and inflicting minor cuts on the passengers. Apparently, the operator of the boat that caused the damage let his attention wander. This accident could have happened in broad daylight, but darkness made the mishap more confusing and thus more dangerous.

Gamers wardens have authority to stop and inspect any boat on the lake. Boat operators can be cited for reckless operation, and for the maritime equivalent of driving drunk. Boats driven by 10 or more horsepower must be registered and they must show registration numbers on the bow. Registration cards must be aboard at all times the boats are operated. Fire extinguishers, running lights and other equipment are checked as required by the class boat being inspected.

Three persons, two of them children, have drowned in Lake Norman near Mooresville in recent weeks. All conformed to national statistics; all died near shore.

Most drownings occur within 20 feet of shore. This means most people who drown were within easy reach of help. . . if, if, if.

If help had been there, if simple lifesaving equipment had been available, if people on shore had known what to do, what can the would-be rescuer on shore do? What he should not do is the Tarzan bit: swim to the struggling victim, cradle his head in one arm and churn to shore with the other.

If a child is in trouble in shallow water, obviously an adult can jump in and pull him to safety. But an adult in water over his head poses a threat not only to his own life, but to his rescuer as well.

Ricky Weisner and Don Fox are thoroughly-trained water safety instructors who teach swimming and rescue technique at the Mooresville pool. They know of too many double drownings that resulted from one person attempting to save another.

"Someone struggling in the water already has panicked," Fox says, "and he will attempt



FOR YOUR PROTECTION—Wildlife protector Bob Gaddy has authority to stop any boat on the lake at any time. His spot-checks of boats are for the boaters' protection. He makes certain that this boat contains one life preserver for each person aboard. All lifesaving devices must be Coast Guard approved.



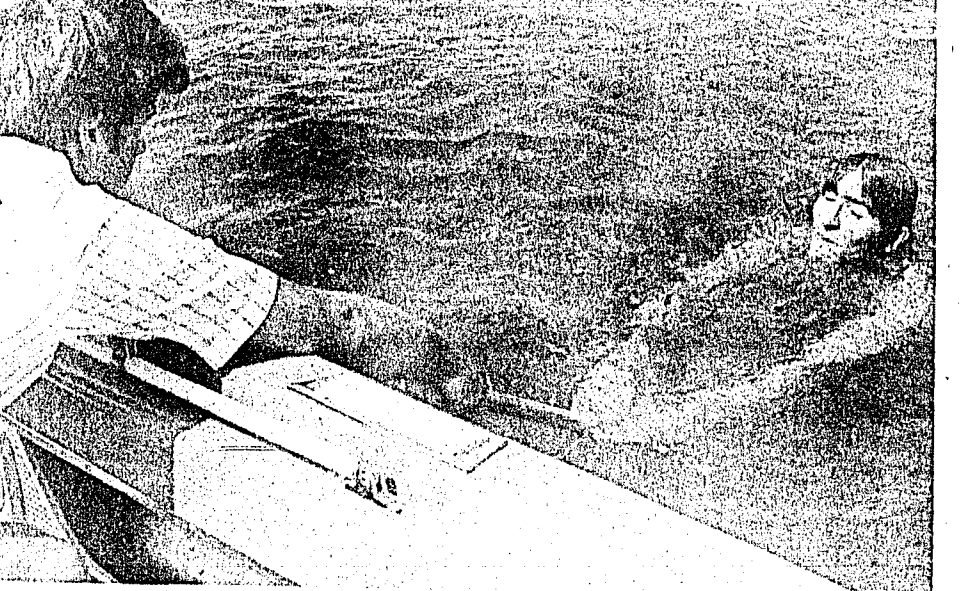
A PERFECT FIT—A life jacket is only as good as its fit. Kim Cannon models her child-sized life preserver as Fox makes certain she is locked securely inside. Kim's mother, Mrs. Paul Cannon, looks on. One of Lake Norman's recent victims, a girl about Kim's age, drowned after she slipped from her life jacket.

hundreds of people have completed lifesaving courses offered by the local pool through the South Iredell Red Cross water safety program, and doubtless lives have been saved by them through prevention and rescue.

As a practical matter, however, water safety instructors like Weisner and Fox know many children and adults who swim poorly or not at all regularly to down to the Inland Sea in ships, on skis, or merely to sit on a pier or wade along the shore.

To these people, the experts say: If you can't float, have something with you that will.

Text: Len Sullivan
Photos: David Chamberlain



A PADDLE IN NEED—A person in distress in the water will grab anything he can reach. From a boat, Fox shows how a paddle can be used to keep the victim afloat and pull him toward the boat. Weisner is the "victim."



A HELPING TOWEL—Not a hand. Weisner and fellow water safety instructor, Don Fox, right, show how a towel may be used to rescue a person struggling in the water. They warn against trying to make hand-to-hand contact with a panic-stricken swimmer, "because he will climb on anything he can reach."

Divorce Insurance Suggested To Take Care Of Small Kids

Picture an insurance agent calling on a young married couple to sell them life, medical, disability — and divorce — insurance.

Any responsible husband who assumes the traditional role of breadwinner automatically protects his dependents against the loss of his support due to his death or disability. But what if he just as suddenly loses his support due to his death or disability? Our present system of alimony and child support awarded after the marriage has broken up simply does not work (except for the rich) for one basic economic reason: the average man does not earn enough to support two house-

holds. Obviously, divorce planning, like estate planning, must start after the honeymoon. One may argue that this is an unromantic attitude: what dwee-eyed couple making plans for living happily ever after wants to think about divorce. But what healthy 25-year-old man wants to contemplate an early death or a crippling accident? He does, however, if he has dependents, face the unquestioned reality that such tragedies do occur; pays the premiums on his insurance policies; and hopes he never collects.

Though divorce insurance is the most discussed alternative to alimony-child support, its critics point out (with justification) that an actuary would also need the skills of a psychologist and sociologist to figure the odds on a marriage making it into the home stretch.

Some activists would get around this by having the government provide compulsory divorce insurance in a manner similar to Social Security. However, just as Social Security is not insurance, but a system whereby the young support the old, so such a program would

be a rising sophomore at Mooresville Senior High School.

The Cherrys are former residents of Alabama and young Cherry was appointed by Senator Larry Register of Alabama. He served two weeks—one week in the state and one week in the senate.

SEE Paul Beaver

Charles Edward (Buddy) Morrow, Sr., 48-year-old resident of 357 Glenwood Drive, died in the Charlotte Memorial Hospital at 9:15 a.m. Sunday, following open heart surgery which he underwent the previous Wednesday.

A native of Rutherford County, Mr. Morrow was born on December 6, 1924, a son of Mrs. Laura Warlick Morrow of Forest City and the late Elmer Morrow.

An industrial supplies salesman, Mr. Morrow was employed by Curtis Industries, with home offices in East Lake, Ohio.

He was a member of Mooresville's First Baptist Church.

Survivors, in addition to the mother, include: the widow, Mrs. Dorothy Rogers Morrow; one son, Charles Edward Morrow, Jr., of Asheville; one daughter, Miss Brenda Gale Morrow of the home; one brother, Joseph Morrow of Forest City; and nine sisters, Mrs. Odell Splawn, Mrs. Bill Bridges, Mrs. Gary Dycus and Mrs. Madison Roach, all of Forest City; Mrs. Kenneth Moore of Charlotte; Mrs. George Bostic of Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. Ray McDaniel of Gainesville, S. C.; Mrs. Joe Vercello of Italy; and Mrs. Tom Tipton of Avondale.

Funeral services for Mr. Morrow were conducted at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Mooresville's First Baptist Church, with the interim pastor, the Rev. Tom Bodkin, officiating. Burial was in Glenwood Memorial Park cemetery.

These four are: Nancy Irene Austin, DePox Landrum Brown, Deanna Kay Holyfield and Phyllis Kay Shumaker. Anyone knowing the address of any of these four is requested to contact Mrs. Judy Scott Sawyer, at 233 South Academy Street, telephone 664-4038.

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Isenhour Reunion Scheduled

The 89th annual family reunion of the Joseph Isenhour descendants will be held on Saturday, August 11, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phifer Johnson, located some three miles southeast of Mooresville on the Shearer's Chapel Road.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. for all of the descendants, who have died since September 12, 1884, the date of the first reunion.

Dinner will be served picnic-style at the noon hour, and following this there will be a brief business session, followed by group singing of songs of bygone days.

Each family is requested to bring a picnic-style dinner.

Who's Who Chooses Miss Diane Sherrill

Miss Teresa Diane Sherrill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Sherrill of route 1, Troutman, has recently been notified that she is to be featured in the seventh annual edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students" for 1972-73. "Survey of High Achievers" later in the academic year.

Miss Sherrill is a rising senior at South Iredell High School where she was a member of the Junior Booster's Club and will serve as typist for the high school newspaper, "The South Wind," for 1973-74.

She is a Caddystriper at Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville and is active in Future Homemakers of America Club at school. She also will assume duties of school bus driver in the fall.

In addition to having her biography published in the book, Miss Sherrill will also compete for one of \$1,000 scholarship awards funded by the publishers and will be invited to participate in the firm's annual "Survey of High Achievers" later in the academic year.

The honor is given students from over 18,000 public, private, and parochial high schools throughout the country and who are recognized for their leadership in academics and athletics, activities or community service. Less than two percent of the junior and senior class students nationwide are awarded this recognition.

Pope Participates In Amphibious Naval Exercise

Navy Radioman Second Class James S. Pope participated in a naval amphibious exercise aboard the USS Harlan County, a tank landing ship, while on deployment in the Mediterranean.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Pope of Mooresville, the young man is married to the former Betty Wike, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George L. Wike of 303 West Stewart Avenue, Mooresville.

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