

There is little doubt that human society always has been impoverished insofar as possessing and using the qualities of good humor. Observe, during a day, the people you meet in your normal going-about. So few of them show the sculpture of humor on their faces. So few of them ever chuckle, or even guffaw, in response to their own or another's pleasant quip. Humor is so free . . . to the joyous ones.

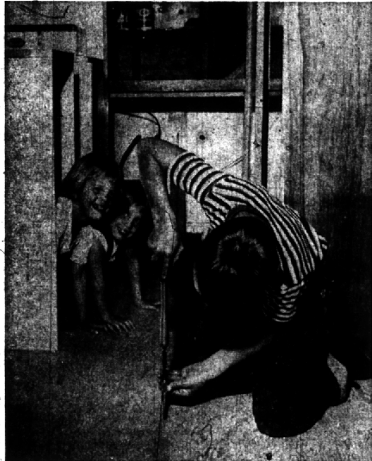
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Do-It-Yourself Houseboat Hits the Waves



The Jane-Anne was ending a year's stay in the garage-turned boathouse when 12-year-old Alan Miller helped his father put the finishing touches on the family's new houseboat. Sneaking a peek from behind the galley section's sink were Jane (left) and Anne Miller, the houseboat's namesakes. They are the children of the Clair F. Millers, 5980 Inkster, Walnut Lake.



Craftsman Miller even built his garage with the houseboat's eventual removal in mind. Here his wife, Jacqueline, places her foot under spot where the garage was, tilted from foundations to make room to remove the completed houseboat.



It was two and a half years after he began planning the family houseboat that the Sunday arrived for removing the craft from the tilted garage. Once the houseboat was out of the garage, Miller (right) pondered assembling instructions for the trailer which would take the Jane-Anne to her launching site. Helping him were (from left) a friend, Jack Kolar, who frequently helped with the project, and neighbor W. G. Calder, 2010 Walnut lake road.



Flying to the left and right were the American and British flags as the Jane-Anne's launching ceremonies began with a prayer at the Long lake home of Gordon Cook, Mrs. Miller's brother. Drinking champagne toasts before the launching were (from left) Cook, Mrs. Miller and her mother, Mrs. Charles Cook of Rushden, England, and Miller. Master of ceremonies W. G. Calder (right) told the assembled

guests, "Rather than follow the barbaric custom of splashing good champagne against an unappreciative boat, we will drink it." They drank to the Jane-Anne and her family, wishing them blue skies, calm waters, and many happy hours together. A dedicatory speech by U.S. Coast Guard training officer Smitty Cook followed the toast.



Standing by for the signal to open fire with their squirt guns are six-year-old Anne (left) and seven-year-old Jane. When "Anchors Aweigh" came over the loudspeaker, the girls bathed the boat with a mixture of waters from the world's important bodies of water. (Father got a little christening on the seat of the pants when some misdirected fire hit him as he climbed aboard the boat.)



With a guiding hand from builder Miller, the Jane-Anne slips from the car trailer into the water at the climax of the launching ceremony. Explaining the reason for the big send-off affair which he personally arranged for the Jane-Anne, MC Calder said, "If a man goes to a store and buys a boat, there is little reason to have a formal launching because there's nothing in it but a lot of his money . . .



... "The Jane-Anne, too, represents a lot of the owner's money." Calder went on. "But she's more than that. She represents two and a half years of planning and building, plus ingenuity, skill and hard work." And when little Jane climbed aboard just after the launching Aug. 23, the Jane-Anne was ready at last to be nautical living, eating and sleeping quarters for the Miller family. Able to take their boat by trailer to area lakes and rivers, the family looks forward to many pleasant voyages together. Birmingham Eccentric photos by Phil Webb.

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