

GIL JORDAN SAYS: It's June in January When You Shop in Stores

We live in a part of the country where Mother Nature doesn't fool around. In the winter time she clobbers us with sub-zero temperatures and snow. Lots of snow. In the summertime we have heat. Searing heat like you'd expect to find in India.

These LONG LEGGED and flat stomached creatures wearing straw hats and sun glasses looked very much alive as they smiled at the slim waited male mannequins who appeared ready to take them aboard their yacht for a day of heat like you'd expect to find in India.

Moving into the Garden Shop I was struck with the large stocks of picnic tables, colorful patio umbrellas and glass topped tables with matching chairs.

No doubt about it, this was proof that summer was only six months away.

"Looks like a great summer for outdoor living," I observed as I gazed at all that summer equipment.

"SURE DOES," the clerk replied. "But if you need anything you'd better grab it because our Washington's Birthday sale will clean us out of summer goods. By the first of April we'll start getting in our fall and winter stuff."

Realizing that I couldn't speed winter's departure by living in this land of fantasy I picked up my skis and headed for home. Expecting to see me with a snow blower, my wife was a little taken back with the skis.

"What's up with the skis?" she asked.

"I've decided, I'd rather go skiing than shovel snow," I answered defiantly.

"With water skis?" she asked.

"I gave the skis a quick double take. Sure enough, the clerk had sold me water skis. It was all my fault. I should have known."

AFTER ALL, IT WAS January and regular skis weren't scheduled to arrive until right after Easter, along with the sleds, snowshoes and ice fishing equipment.

I'm convinced of one thing. "If Dr. Livingston, the famous explorer, had been outfitted for his fa-

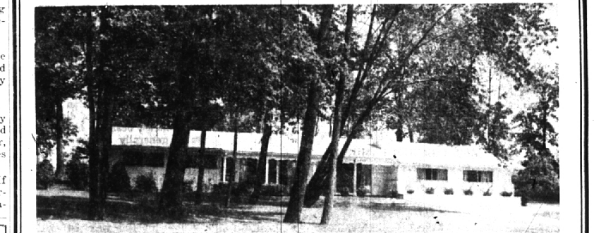
mous safari by these off-season merchants, Mr. Stanley would have had no trouble finding him.

He would have been the only man in Africa wearing a raccoon coat.

Taking a new step, uttering a new word, is what people fear most. —Dostoevski

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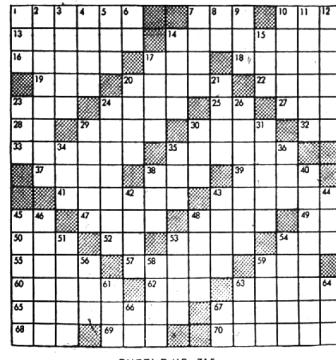
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57 Fence relative
59 Part of "no be"
60 Treatment
61 Mineral rock
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69 The wall
70 Religious bell's
15 Prefix: not
17 Dispatched
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21 Transparencs
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54 Get up
56 So
58 Minute island
59 Church recess
61 Highest note
63 Indian word
65 Affirmative
38 Female foil
40 Arched
42 Above
66 Below
67 Lower case (abbr.)



PUZZLE NO. 715

MY ONLY COMPLAINT is that in some unaccountable manner our storekeepers have gotten their seasons mixed up so that they sell air conditioners in January and bear-skin hats in June.

Let me tell you what happened to me last January.

After shoveling snow for an hour I decided to go to a department store and buy a snow blower. No sense of killing myself if there was an easier way of removing the snow.

"Snow blower" the clerk laughed. "Haven't had one in stock since last June. Yeah, they went pretty fast this year. We usually have them in stock right through August. Right now we don't even have a snow shovel."

As I started to leave the store I noticed a pile of skis stacked in a corner. The idea suddenly hit me that perhaps I'd be better off to hire a kid to shovel the snow and I'd have some fun for a change and go skiing.

THIS TIME I had no trouble making the purchase because skis were one winter item they had.

With my skis tucked under my arm I wandered to the children's department where I hoped to pick up a snow suit for our five year old Susie.

"Snow suits!" the clerk exclaimed as if I was a little out of my mind. "I'm afraid you're a little late. We sold out way back in September and we won't have another shipment until April. Sorry."

As I glanced in another section of the store for a moment I forgot we were in the midst of winter. Standing beneath an imitation palm tree dressed in colorful swim suits were lifelike mannequins showing what Madame would be wearing on the beach next summer.

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Ham Shack

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young Herb when he first got under way.

If Russ McBride ever digs up his scrap books and old log sheets we may run across some records of early contacts with young Mr. Hoover. Russ McBride claims the distinction of being Birmingham's second ham.

Russ had a station on the air prior to 1920 and was one of the relay stations for the益智 expedition to the North Pole, but that's another subject.

changes in FCC rulings and other articles of general interest to the ham, short wave listener, and persons interested in the technical side of radio.

FURTHER service of the League is providing nightly code practice sessions through their own amateur station, WIAW, at Newington, Connecticut. People trying to increase their code speeds have found this function a tremendous help.

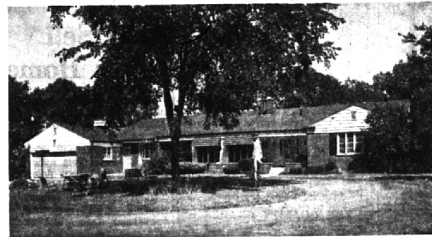
The code practice sessions are run on several different frequencies at the same time in order that they can be heard around the world. In this area they are received best usually on either the 80 meter band at 3555 kilocycles or on the 160 meter band at 7080 kilocycles. To transmit radio messages over any great distance without relaying stations. The ARRL was organized as the relaying net work of stations. Since that time it has grown into a group of more than 80,000 licensed amateurs.

The League now serves as a service bureau for the amateurs of the world. It publishes one of several monthly magazines devoted to amateur radio. The publication carries not only technical articles, but also keeps hams posted on

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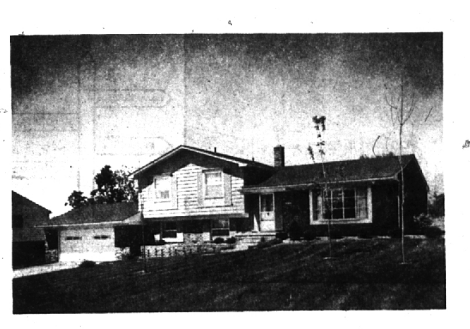
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