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LANSING—A total of 314,804 motorboats — ranging from low horsepower puddle-jumpers in the most popular under 16-foot class all the way to the sleek Delphine, a longer than 65-foot yacht owned by the late Horace Dodge—were registered by the Secretary of State's office in 1963.

Secretary of State James M. Hare said that of the total, 93.2 percent or 293,698 boats were outboards.

Heaviest registration was in the less than 16-foot class . . . a total of 252,141. Next most popular size was the 16 to 26-foot class, where 55,817 boats were registered. Less than 5,000 boats were registered in the 26 to 40 foot class, and only 536 were recorded in the 40 to 65 foot classification.

Aluminum, possibly because of its light weight, edged out wood as the most popular hull material. Of the boats identified by hull construction, aluminum recorded 88,281, white wood had 84,492. Plastic was growing in popularity with 43,461 registrations, while steel trailed with 18,312.

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Auditor General Appointment Developing Slowly, Unsurely

By Elmer E. White

Replacement of the elected auditor general by one appointed by the Legislature is ordered in the new Constitution.

Implementation of this provision failed in two attempts this year. Administrative problems could result in January if no agreement is reached by then.

Gov. George Romney has indicated he would call the Legislature into special session after the election to resolve this problem if he thinks agreement can result.

CURRENT AUDITOR General Billie S. Farnum would serve in his post until a successor is appointed under the provisions of the Constitution.

That is, he would serve unless he chose to run and was elected to another office, such as congressman. In this event, Michigan would be without an auditor general until such time as one was appointed.

Work on the Auditor General law was done by the Legislative Audit Commission, a joint House-Senate body working since 1962. It has been labeled the "watch-dog committee" which checked and rechecked much of the work of state departments which also was reviewed by Farnam's office.

OBJECTIONS to the Commission's previous recommendations for methods of appointing the auditor general centered around the

power position the Commission wrote into the law for itself.

Some legislators said the proposed measure would have placed the Commission entirely in charge of the auditing process. The appointive auditor general would have been a glorified errand boy, said the critics.

The Constitutional provision was designed to give the Legislature closer control over use of funds they appropriate to various state agencies.

Most members felt, however, that the auditor general should continue to have basic administrative independence to carry out his job.

EVERY FALL, thousands of Michigan school children get one or two days off while their teachers and school administrators attend regional conference sessions.

After a full summer of contending with the children day in and day out, many mothers gasp, "Oh, no, not another day off!" They loudly wonder at the purpose and effectiveness of the short refresher sessions for the teachers.

A look at the activities of a teachers conference answers these questions. Teachers hear general discussions of state, national and world problems in education and attend smaller meetings dealing with their special field.

CLASSROOM communication, international understanding, quality education and aerospace education are typical subjects for general

discussion of concern to all teachers and administrators.

In addition there might be as many as 75 to 100 smaller meetings dealing with such specialized teaching interests as beginning teacher problems, extra-curricular social activities, the slow learner, team teaching, or teacher education and professional standards.

New techniques in teaching reading, under-achievers, elementary art, business, foreign languages, English, math, the sciences, and even Kindergarten also get attention at the sessions.

ONE THEORY behind the conferences is that not every teacher can or does spend the summer studying new techniques in his field.

Every teacher needs periodic reviews of the methods and aids available, however, and conferences such as those sponsored annually by the Michigan Education Association provide exposure to these for every educator.

From the one or two-day conferences, it is up to the individual teacher to carry on with his ever-continuing education.

ACUTE EXAMPLES of human indifference for the well-being of others first were noted in New York City.

More recently, however, several incidents involving needless human suffering have been reported in Michigan.

Two boys drowned because nearby fishermen did not heed a third youth's pleas for help in rescue. A woman died for failure of neighbors to listen to her screams of torment by assaulting teens. These are the most notable examples.

IT WOULD APPEAR some revision of moral standards would be in order. An Internal Peace Corps, or domestic "CARE" program might be appropriate to instill a sense of individual responsibility for the plight of other persons in need of more than compassion.

Surely no one wants to risk the ire of a robber or assaulter by interfering where this would be the only result.

Most of the recent cases, however, indicated a simple act such as calling the police or shouting a warning could easily have made the end results less tragic.

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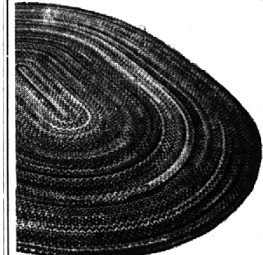
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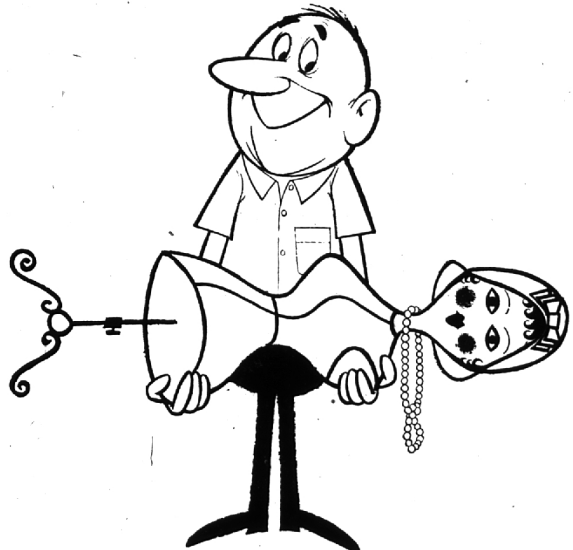
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