

Mile Of Trailers To Be On Display

Elkhart Is Site Of Mobile-Home Show

Elkhart—There'll be a long, long trailer winding around the huge new Elkhart Gym this week-end, and it won't have anything to do

with basketball. It will be the celebration of a different type of victory—an industrial triumph that started Elkhart out of the depression in a way that has surpassed the most optimistic.

The trailer industry now known as the mobilehome industry—will spread its wings with a country mile of coaches around the gym, thereby calling attention to the fact that Elkhart is the "Detroit of the Mobilehome Industry."

The show will be more than an Elkhart exposition, however. Manufacturers from as far away as Arkansas and Texas will enter the show if only to protect themselves from the nationwide influence that is welded by the industry in the Elkhart area. Twenty-five companies in this section produce about a third of the \$8,000 mobilehomes turned out in the nation. Nationally it is a \$400,000,000 business, with the total running more than \$100,000,000 in northern Indiana.

A parade Saturday morning up Elkhart's Main Street will be the piper to lead the public to the huge show. Officers of the Indiana Mobilehome Association, Inc., which is sponsoring the exposition, estimate that between 40,000 and 50,000 people will see the show during Saturday and Sunday. The first two days—Thursday and Friday—will be all-industry days, with attendance limited to manufacturers and dealers. Included in the exposition are displays of more than 100 companies which supply parts to the industry. This includes such things as refrigerators, stoves, furniture, television, and other types of furnishings and parts.

Although technically not the birthplace of the mobilehome industry, Elkhart is where it was nurtured. When Wilbur Schult, then a retail clothing dealer, started a small plant in 1934, there were only six other companies, located mostly in the Detroit area. Schult garnered a force of former buggy and wagon craftsmen. His business mushroomed and one manufacturer after another went into the business. There now are more than 250 plants throughout the country.

Trailers began blossoming into mobilehomes as an outgrowth of the war housing problem, when thousands of transient workers were forced to avail themselves of this type of living, only to find it had many advantages. The de-

Building Program Announced By Navy

Nuclear Ships In Two Year Program

WASHINGTON (INS) —The Navy announced today details of its ship building program for the next year.

Most of the details were revealed Tuesday by congressmen from areas designated for ship construction assignments.

Navy Secretary Charles E. Thomas confirmed reports that four nuclear submarines will be built. He also announced plans to convert 26 existing vessels and construction by private shipyards of 22 additional ships and more than 1,000 landing craft.

Two of the atomic powered submarines as previously announced will be built at Groton, Conn., by the electric boat division of the General Dynamics Corp. The others will be constructed at the Mare Island, Calif., naval shipyard and at Portsmouth, N. H.

Other new construction assigned to private yards includes a frigate to be built by the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Me., and an attack submarine by the Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp., at Pascagoula, Miss.

Thomas said a contract for an attack aircraft carrier of the Forrestal class would be offered on a competitive bid basis to all qualified private shipyards.

Drunk Drivers Autos To Get Special Mark

TORONTO (INS) — Ontario motorists who lose their licenses for drunk driving will be "branded." For two years after restoration of the license their car will be required to carry a special red marker.

mand for new and finer structures brought response from manufacturers, and mobile home "parks" began taking the place of "trailer camps."

Today more than 2,000,000 persons are living in parks in a more or less permanent way. The industry estimates that mobilehome dwellers move only about once in three years.

President Over Flood Area



PRESIDENT EISENHOWER peers through a window of the "Columbine III", while flying over the flood-stricken areas of the eastern seaboard states as Bernard Shanley, one of the secretariat, checks the map for the President. Following a meeting with the governors of the devastated states, the President flew back to the capitol where he told newsmen, "I am going to consult immediately with the leaders of congress. If necessary, I shall call a special session," and added, "You can have no conception of what has happened."

Child Drowns When Thrown From Auto

Police To Probe Fatal Accident

LAGRANGE, Ind. (INS) — Police today waited to question a 33-year-old father about a one-car accident in which his three-year-old daughter was drowned.

Dead was Diane Wilson, of Elkhart, who was thrown from a car operated by her father, Delbert, 33, Tuesday night along Pigeon River, on state road 3.

Police said the child's body was recovered from the swirling waters about two hours after the Wilson auto sideswiped a utility pole in Mingo, hit a concrete retaining wall head-on, and bounced into the water.

The child struck the wall about 15 feet above the ground and tumbled into the water near a dam.

Wilson was taken to the LAGRANGE county hospital but police were not immediately able to question him.

State Has Second Death From Polio

GARY, Ind. (INS) The second polio death for Indiana this season was recorded today in Lake county, where the first death also occurred.

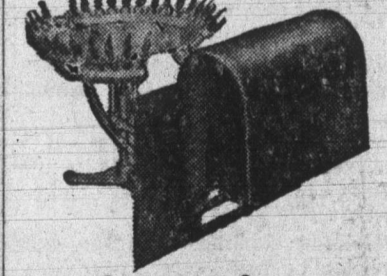
The death was that of 10-year-old Thomas Barker, of Gary, which occurred Friday shortly after he was admitted to St. Margaret's Hospital at Hammond.

Local Insurance Man Is Honored By Company

Robert A. Schmitz of 221 Water Street, Decatur was one of the men honored by the Midwestern United Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, at its \$100,000,000 convention. The convention, which marked the Company's seventh anniversary, was held August 11-14 at the world famous Greenbrier Hotel, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Schmitz, who is a special representative for the Company in this area, qualified to attend by meeting a 7-month paid volume and premium income requirement.

Qualifying agents and wives, company officers, directors, and guests, including Indiana Insurance Commissioner Harry E. Wells and George W. Wadsworth, publisher of The American Insurance Digest, came from five states and the Territory of Hawaii to attend this meeting.

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That was the opinion of pilot John Hackett, who with his navigator, Peter Money, flew from London to New York and back again Tuesday in 13 hours, 46 minutes, 45 seconds flying time.

With 35 minutes out for lunch and refueling at Floyd Bennett Naval Air Station in Brooklyn, N. Y., Hackett and Money were gone little more than 14 hours.

The "aircraft" that set the new records — subject to international approval — was a twin jet Canberra bomber built by the English Electric Co. and powered by two Rolls Royce Avon jet engines.

English Electric said it would claim new international records for the London - New York, New York - London and round trip flights.

Strong Defense Asked By New York Solon

ROME (INS) — A New York congressman has urged that the free world concentrate on strengthening its defense and stop wasting time by talking with the Communists.

Democrat Victor L. Anfuso said Tuesday in an interview:

"We should accelerate the pace in building up the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and a similar organization in the Pacific.

"Unless we do this, I'm afraid we are heading for another Pearl Harbor."

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