

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT  
Old Mississippi River sternwheelers never die. Some become showboats or river museums. But one has become the busiest store on the old river, down around Memphis. Bearing the scars of a long and active life as a river craft, the old sternwheeler today is brightly lit and boasts air-conditioning, a telephone booth on its bow and a radio contact room to take orders from approaching river towns.

The towboatmen operating between New Orleans and Cairo, Ill., can get just about everything they need in the way of food and supplies from the floating store and at times, the store even helps round up deckhands who are needed for the towboats.

Approaching tow radio their orders to the store, where the needs are filled and the order is taken to the towboat as she passes, without holding up the tow a single minute on her run.

Operating around the clock, the store frequently has its busiest hours from midnight to dawn.

**'ELECTRONIC LIBRARIAN'**  
As medical science has grown steadily more complex, doctors and scientists have found it next to impossible to keep up with published scientific information. Tens of thousands of important scientific articles appear in medical journals each year.

Now the National Library of Medicine at Bethesda, Md., has employed an "electronic librarian"—a huge computer

able to search through some 30,000 medical articles in about five minutes. The large-scale Honeywell 800 computer is said to be the first computer ever used to solve complex problems of scientific information handling in a library.

The Honeywell computer has been installed as part of the National Library's new information retrieval system called MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System). A major product of MEDLARS and the H-800 is monthly production of "Index Medicus," a massive bibliography of the world's medical literature.

**LICENSE FEES**—How much you pay for a driver's license, and how often you have to renew it, depends upon which state you live in. There's no uniformity among the states on the subject.

Charles O'Donnell, sales vice president of Universal CIT Credit Corp., a leading automobile finance company, notes that most states issue drivers' licenses for two or three years and charge from \$2 to \$4. But South Carolina charges only 50 cents for a four-year license. In Rhode Island the fee is \$13, including examination, and the renewal, after two years, is \$8. Pennsylvania, which requires license renewals every two years, issued the largest number of licenses last year—4,080,369. California, with three- and five-year renewals, was second with 2,732,190. California, as nearly everyone knows, has the most licensed operators—9,053,189.

to New York's 7,664,391. But New York has more people eager to learn how to drive. It issued 499,783 learners' permits compared to second place California's 420,108 last year.

**THINGS TO COME**—Electric lawn vacuum to sweep up grass leaves, paper and even plastic cups. New safety flasher for the family car. Hooks up to the brake lights to flash intermittently when car is stopped for a nighttime emergency. Spray-on cleaner to remove spots or

any oil-based substance, especially on wallpaper, painted walls or fabrics. Targuard, a new cigarette holder guaranteed to remove up to 85 per cent of the hot tars from the smoke without affecting enjoyment. Plastic barbells and dumbbells designed to bring weight-lifting out of the gym, cellar and garage into the living room or bedroom. Wrought-iron storage cabinet designed to hold 200 LP records in minimum space.

**Growing Farm Role for Nitrogen**—With nearly 10,000

new Americans to feed every day the American farmer needs fertile acreage on which to meet the demand for food. The result is an increasing use of nitrogen as fertilizer, as well as potassium and phosphorus, to increase crop yields. Reflecting the growth in demand, nitrogen sales in 1963 totaled nearly 4 million tons, and facilities for the production of anhydrous ammonia, the base of nitrogen fertilizer, are being expanded. In all, some 150 companies are now engaged in fertilizer production.

**BITS O' BUSINESS**—Heavy supplies indicate lower beef prices late this summer. U.S. firms with assets of \$1 billion or more now number 153 and their total assets are \$469.3 billion. As 1964 model year closed auto makers anticipated total sales for year of 7.9 million cars. The number of banks in the nation increased in 1963, the first gain in 16 years. At year-end 14,092 were operating. Firearms industry expects 20 million Americans to be engaged in sports shooting by end of year.

**Youngsters Get Chance to Learn About Space, Energy**

Youngsters who are interested in learning about space, energy, electronics and communications can attend one or two-week summer science classes, beginning each Monday morning through August, at the California Museum of Science and Industry, Exposition Park, Los Angeles.

Space is available for 200 youths in grades one through twelve.

Additional information can be gotten by calling the Education Department of the museum at RI 9-0101.

**U.S.A. CHOICE BEEF WE CUT TO YOUR SPECIFICATION**

<b>ROUND STEAK</b> <b>79¢</b> lb	<b>FRESH GROUND BEEF</b> . . 3 lb. \$1	<b>BONE-IN RUMP ROAST</b> <b>75¢</b> lb
	<b>GROUND CHUCK</b> 59¢ lb. <b>SIRLOIN TIP ROAST</b> 98¢ lb. <b>CORN KING BACON</b> 49¢ lb.	

**Men's Trends**  
by Lou Schlanger

At the height of Minoan culture Cretan women displayed their bare bosoms in a glare of colored rouges. (and the entire Cretan culture was destroyed by an earthquake); Men of the Greek city states competed athletically in the nude. (and any woman discovered watching was executed); women of the second French empire soaked their dresses with water to showcase their charms. (and many died of pneumonia); and now a small corner of the fashion world offers the topless swimsuit for women, the bottomless swimsuit for men. (???) The Torrance Police Department has not approved either for Torrance's beaches.

**Fashion highlight:** An accessory success of major proportions has been the growth of the colored and/or patterned breast pocket silk handkerchief, says the American Institute of Men's and Boy's Wear. You'll find them puffed in the pockets of most of the best-dressed men in this country. The assortment available is almost limitless, but the outstanding favorite has been the classic paisleys and geometrics—seen in business clothes.

**TRAVEL TIPS:** The fewer loose items there are, the easier your packing job will be. Use tissue paper or plastic bags to hold together small items like underwear, socks, handkerchiefs. Keep some collar stays in your suitcase in a pocket or taped to the inside. Next trip you'll have some even if you forgot to pack any.

Mail bag: "I once read that

it was wrong to wear red socks with black shoes. What should I wear with a red tie and a blue suit?" Wear dark socks. "Can trousers be lengthened without spooling or sacrificing the cuffs?" Ask your neighborhood tailor to make "false cuffs."

**Care of clothes:** Closets that are damp and dark encourage insects and mildew. Turn a lighted lamp on inside occasionally to help dry it out—and your clothes will be safer. When a summer suit is damp with perspiration, it's important to get it on a hanger as soon as you take it off. But do not hang away in closet until it has dried out.

**DRESS TIPS:** Men with big feet should avoid those plain-toe shoes, as an unbroken expanse of leather tends to exaggerate the size. Perforated or wing-tip designs minimize the size. If you need a coat hanger and none is available, roll a newspaper tightly, tie a string around the middle and hang up your coat.

**Trends:** The "his" and "hers" apparel—matching or blending for mates or dates—is at the peak of fashion right now. Knitwear, sport shirts, outerwear, rainwear, slacks, blazers, practically everything worn by the males is now available in smartly styled feminine counterparts.

**ODD ITEMS:** New Idea—A California men's store is showing "separate shirt cuffs" which can be attached to jacket sleeves. Thus, even when a gent is wearing a shortsleeved shirt, he may still display some linen on his wrists. . . . Historical Note—Note that practically every Scottish plaid utilizes the colors of the Highlands in Scotland. They were designed originally as camouflage against the enemy.

**Sports Note**—Did you know that major league teams have two weights of uniforms, just as you have two weights of clothing? They have mid-weight for early spring and fall games; lightweight for summer. . . . Why Not—make a regular shirt with a matching wash-and-wear collar and cuffs? (They're the places that get soiled first.) . . . Folioles—Attorney Melvin Belli denies being a colorful dresser, but he wears jeweled buttons on the fronts of his shirts, and the old-style "Congress gaiters"—the elastic-sided high shoes!

<b>HUNT'S—8-OZ.</b> <b>TOMATO SAUCE</b> <b>14</b> Cans \$1	<b>BEEF CROSS RIBS</b> <b>49¢</b> lb	<b>BAR-B-Q STEAKS</b> <b>98¢</b> lb	<b>KRAFT'S Mayonnaise</b> <b>35¢</b> 24-OZ. JAR
<b>CHICKEN PARTS</b> Breasts . . . 59¢ Legs & Thighs . . 49¢ Backs & Necks . . 5¢	<b>COUNTRY STYLE PORK SAUSAGE</b> <b>3 lb. \$1</b>	<b>FILET MIGNON</b> . . . \$1.98 lb.	<b>PRODUCE SPECIALS</b> FRESH SWEET CORN . . . 5¢ Ear WHITE ROSE—8-LB CELLO POTATOES . . . 39¢ EXTRA LARGE ELBERTA PEACHES . . . 2 lb. 25¢ LONG GREEN CUCUMBERS . . 3 for 10¢

<b>HEINZ—14-OZ. BOTTLE</b> <b>KETCHUP . . . 19¢</b>	<b>COFFEE MATE</b> 6-OZ. JAR <b>45¢</b>	<b>1-LB. KRAFT—JET MARSHMALLOWS</b> <b>4 for \$1.00</b>	<b>FOLGER'S COFFEE</b> 1 LB. <b>69¢</b>	<b>ARMOUR TREET LUNCHEON MEAT</b> 12-oz. Can <b>39¢</b>
<b>MILANI Thousand Island DRESSING</b> REG. 39¢ <b>29¢</b>	<b>PICNIC Shoestring POTATOES</b> No. 211 Can <b>10 for \$1.00</b>	<b>PILLSBURY CAKE MIX</b> <b>3 for \$1.00</b>	<b>2-lbs. . . \$1.37</b> <b>3-lbs. . . \$2.07</b>	<b>FOREMOST BUTTER</b> Grade AA <b>67¢</b> <b>ICE CREAM</b> Big Dip <b>59¢</b> <b>ICE CREAM</b> Family Style <b>69¢</b> <b>ICE CREAM</b> Premium <b>79¢</b>
<b>HORMEL VIENNA SAUSAGE</b> <b>5 for \$1.00</b>	<b>NABISCO—1-LB. BOX</b> <b>Premium Crackers 27¢</b>	<b>DI CARLOS SPRINGFIELD BREAD</b> <b>5 for \$1</b>	<b>U.S.A. SAV MART</b> 234th and S. Western TORRANCE—NEAR SEPULVEDA OPEN DAILY 10 A.M. to 7 P.M. SUNDAY 10 to 6 Specials for Thursday thru Sunday	<b>LOW PRICES</b>

**Bruce Lane Toastmaster For Session**

Bruce Lane will be toastmaster at the Thursday meeting of the Torrance-Lomita Board Toastmasters Club.

Speakers will include Alvin Grancell, Stanley Hamblin, Abby Haddaway, and Ruth Tatum.

The club was created and is sponsored by the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors. Membership is made up of realtors, business and professional men in the Torrance-Lomita area.

More than 153,000 children of school age are victims of eye accidents every year.

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