

Bethinking of Old Orleans

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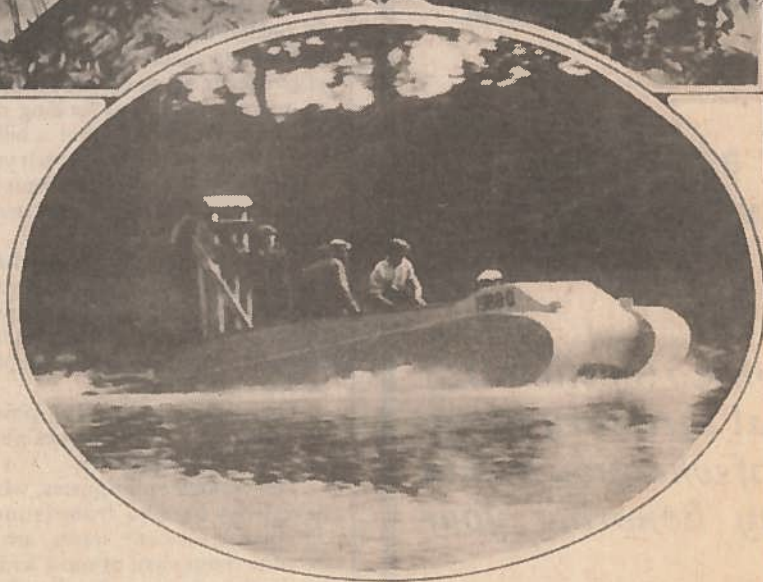
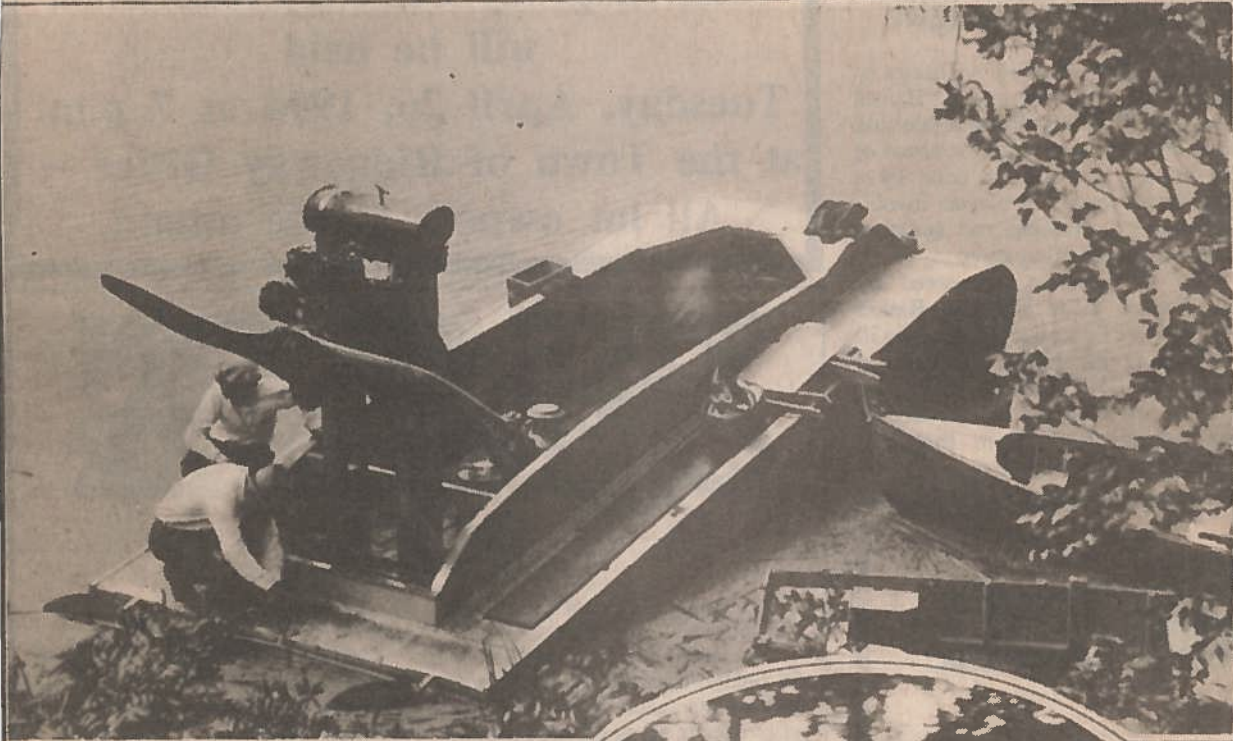
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SUMMER SPORT

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In March of 1993 a picture and story about an ice boat built by the Heisler brothers ran in this column Vol. XV No. 7 under the title "Winter Sport" which seemed to interest many people. Well folks, here is a summer counterpart. As spring comes into full swing we begin to think ahead about warm breezy days out on a boat.

The pictures here, I believe, were taken by the late Fred Holt and appeared in the Democrat & Chronicle Sunday Supplement on June 24, 1928. Pretty futuristic looking boat, don't you think for sixty six years ago? The only information I know about this is what appeared in a brief cut-line

accompanying the two photos.

It is as follows: "Sea-sled of Charles F. Irwin of Albion, which was built by Carl Yahnke of that village, is powered by French airplane motor turning a pusher type propeller. On its first tryout the boat attained a twenty-five mile an hour speed and, with some alterations, the designers anticipate a greater speed of performance."

I assume this "speed boat" was photographed somewhere in the Oak Orchard River. If anyone knows more about this, I'd like to hear from you. Office 589-4174 Monday and Thursday evenings and Fridays 9-10.