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Snowmobiles Bring New Look to the Northland



There've been some changes made in wintertime life in the northland—and the racy snowmobile has brought about a good many of them. Whether you live in the snow country, or have plans to visit there this year, you'll be surprised at its new look.

Gone are the days, when a vacation home necessarily had to be shut down after Labor Day because it would become inaccessible once the snow began to fly.

No longer need the skier, ice fisherman or ice boating enthusiast cancel a weekend outing when a sudden blizzard closes roads to the mountains or lakes.

And winter camping—once limited to a few stalwart conservationists—has come into its own as an outdoor activity the entire family can enjoy.

In short, the snowmobile has made it possible for people to go where they want to go—and the more snow the better.

Full size and miniature snowmobiles are available this year at prices ranging from \$500 for the small sled to \$1,400 for the larger models.

Most junior-size snowmobiles—as well as their larger coun-

Red Cross Costs for Aid to Military Exceed \$48 Million

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Over 107,000 U. S. servicemen and women turned to the American Red Cross for help with personal and family emergencies each month last year with the result that expenditures for services to the armed forces and their families were the highest since World War II.

The total cost came to \$48,440,500—40 per cent of all American Red Cross expenditures for the 1967-68 fiscal year, President James F. Collins, Red Cross president, said today.

The record outlay was attributed to requirements for service generated by the Vietnamese conflict and increases in the U. S. Armed Forces. Over 400 American Red Cross workers provided needed help for an average of 27,500 servicemen each month in Vietnam. Tens of thousands others were reached through American Red Cross recreation programs.

Noting that the organization is charged by Congress to "act as a medium of voluntary relief and communications between the American people and the members of their armed forces," General Collins forecast that the cost of these services may jump to over \$53 million in the fiscal year beginning next July 1, during which total ARC expenditures are expected to top \$128 million.

Red Cross volunteers and staff last year were on duty in 30 countries around the world where U. S. forces are stationed, providing such help as financial assistance, emergency communication with their families at home, and counseling. Their Red Cross service efforts covered 2,140 military posts and 111 military medical facilities, General Collins said.

To provide this Red Cross help took a force of 38,200 volunteers in the 3,300 ARC chapters, 72,400 volunteers serving regularly at military stations and medical facilities at home and abroad, and 6,400 members of the Red Cross staff.

During the year, \$12,917,100 was expended in financial assistance to members of the military services and their families. A major portion of this was repaid.

Young women, serving as recreational workers in South Vietnam and Korea, traveled a monthly average of 41,300 miles to offer special programs to troops. Each month approximately 315,700 U. S. servicemen participated in these activities.

General Collins also reported that Red Cross workers in chapters served one in every five families of servicemen during the year—an increase of 15 per cent over the previous fiscal year.

Another Storm Hits in Midwest

Another major storm marched out of the Rockies into the snow-choked Upper Midwest Thursday. More light snow fell in storm-paralyzed New England.

Southern Californians warily returned to flood and mud battered homes with skies clear but threatened with still another ocean gale.

Travelers' warnings were up in parts of Nebraska and Iowa. Gale warning flags were flying along the Maine coast from Portland to Eastport, and along the California coast from Point Arena to Point St. George.

The death toll from one of the nation's worst four-day weather onslaughts reached 46, 34 in New England and 12 in California.

8 Feet High

The storm which stacked as much as eight feet of snow onto New England was moving out to sea but New Hampshire's Mount Washington collected another 3 inches of snow to bring its total since Sunday to 97 inches.

States of emergency were in effect in Peabody, Scituate, Hanson, Wayland, Gloucester and Marblehead, Mass., where residents shivered in heatless, lightless homes following storm caused power failures.

Snowmobiles, dog sleds and toboggans were pressed into service to haul food and medicine to 500 families marooned behind 20-foot snow drifts at Ipswich, Mass.

Several hundred persons were isolated on Plum Island at Newburyport, Mass., with the only causeway to the mainland blocked by snow drifts and all but one of Newburyport's snow plows broken down.

Boston had 25 inches of snow, the greatest total from a single storm in the city's history. February already is the snowiest in Boston history with 40 inches so far this month.

Most Maine cities had five feet of snow on the ground.

Boston's Logan International Airport was in full operation Thursday for the first time since Monday.

A Massachusetts congressman appealed for federal manpower and equipment to aid the stricken area.

A mother and five children died in a fire which destroyed their isolated home in the snowy countryside near Stephentown, N.Y.

Blowing and drifting snow was reported in the Colorado mountains, where 3 inches of new snow fell during the night.

Aberdeen, S.D., got 4 more inches of snow to raise its total to 14 inches.

Burwell, Neb., and Jamestown, N.D., reported 2 inches of new snow during the late morning. Winds up to 30 miles an hour accompanied the snow in the Great Plains.

In California, where an ocean gale flooded lowlands with heavy rain and closed mountain passes with heavy snow, most of the 5,000 persons driven from homes at Ventura by floodwaters returned Thursday. A total of 12,500 persons were forced from homes by the flooding and mud slides. Authorities said that if new rains raise the level of the Santa Clara River, another 20,000 persons may have to flee homes at Oxnard.

The search continued for four Boy Scouts and their leader, missing in the snowy San Bernardino mountains since last weekend.

Rescue crews dug through the rubble of a collapsed fire station in California's Silverado Canyon, where five persons were known to have perished in a mud slide.

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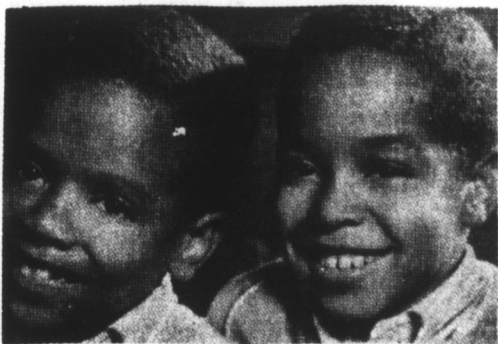
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By Madge the Manicurist

Rings and Things

NEW YORK (ED)—Four rings, Miss Clark? Is that the latest thing? Well, I'm a little old fashioned that way. I think one ring per hand is enough. Well, yes, I am the over-thirty generation, but I just don't see how all those rings do anything for anybody—except maybe the ring manufacturers.

You know, Henry the Eighth would have been at home today. I read somewhere he always wore many rings on a hand and had over 234 rings in all! That scarab ring you're wearing is like the kind they used to wear in the old days to ward off evil. Oh, you wear it to ward off evil, too? I'll bet there's even some poison in that huge Italian domed ring you've got on your middle finger. Really? Why Miss Clark, how clever of you to put a headache tablet there. That's ingenious!

If you don't mind my saying so, I think your hands would look prettier with fewer rings and more attention to hand care. Now, don't get me wrong. The short, square nails are o.k.—if you like that newest nail fashion from Paris and London. But the skin on your hands is very rough and chapped. I'd go on a program of a little hand therapy, if I were you.

I think you might start off by avoiding scrubbing and too frequent hot-water washing. That just takes all the natural oils out of the skin. When you're doing the dishes, try putting a mild dishwashing liquid in the water, like Palmolive. It'll soften your hands and make them not only look better but feel smoother. Then I'd get a good hand cream—and start using that pretty regularly. That'll do it, I think.

My mother always used to say that a person's hands were their calling card. And you know, I think she was right.

Miss Clark, will you answer one question. Wouldn't you like to really exchange those four chic rings for just one small solitaire on the left hand?