

LAKE, SEA & RIVER

BY GEORGE ROUNDS



This is an election year, and like most election years it's full of information about Presidents and Presidential candidates. Some of the facts about Presidents are humdrum and others are fascinating. For instance: Do you know which American President was the first to own an aluminum boat?

Not that it has anything to do with present campaign news, but this bit of Americana is interesting. Digging back into the pages of obscure history, the boys at Committee of Aluminum Producers found that Grover Cleveland, who was the 22nd and 24th President of the United States, purchased an aluminum boat in 1896! And I always considered aluminum boats a product of the post-World War II period.

Cleveland bought his boat, a 12-footer, from a man named Mullins, in Salem, Ohio, and used it for duck hunting on Buzzards Bay in Massachusetts. He paid \$125 for it, which was a lot in those days. Curiously enough, a similar boat costs about the same today, 68 years later!

Actually, aluminum boats have been around a lot longer than most people --- including me --- think. The first one is believed to have been an aluminum sailboat constructed in France in 1891. Two years later an aluminum torpedo boat was built in Europe, and the following year the first American aluminum craft were fabricated for the Walter Wellman Polar Expedition. What might be considered the first "production" aluminum boat made the scene in 1894, too. That was when the Illinois Pure Aluminum Company put together its first 12-foot hunting boats, similar to President Cleveland's craft.

The use of this new metal in boats began to catch hold. In 1898, a firm in Scotland --- David White & Company --- built an 18-foot boat weighing 200 pounds, somewhat lighter than today's 18-footers, which saw some rugged duty in the Klondike during the gold rush. Considerable aluminum saw duty in the ship of the Navy during recent years, and today there's upwards of one million aluminum pleasure craft bobbing about on America's waterways.

A lot of people still question the durability of aluminum when it's placed in the water, particularly in salt water.

Any fears about an aluminum hull being eaten away by the salt should be doused by the story, the true story, about a test vessel called the Alumette.

The Alumette is a section of a hull from a former high-speed patrol boat that has been riding the waves of the James River estuary at Newport News, Virginia, for 28 years. This little-known "test vessel" has shown miraculous performance. It has been in the water continuously since 1936, with the exception of periodic inspections and tests. The Navy, the American Bureau of Shipping, and the Bureau of Standards have been keeping a watchful eye on her; and many of the designs and applications that you find in your own boat have come from information gained from this test.

Boat metals approved by the Committee of Aluminum Producers of The Aluminum Association today are marine alloys with standard designations that might look like this: 5083-H34, or 5086-H112. The number 5 at the beginning, or what is known in the industry as "the five thousand series" belongs to a group of aluminum alloys in which the primary alloying element is magnesium.

The "H34" at the end is a designation of temper or hardness of the metal. The six thousand series is alloyed with magnesium and silicon and the letter "T" is used to precede the temper or hardness designation. The builders of marine aluminum boats use alloys 5050, 5154, 5083, 5005, 5454, 5086, 5052, 5456, and 6061.

Actually, you don't have to be concerned with the technicalities of the metal. You just have to worry about whether or not it's marine aluminum, and the aluminum manufacturers are making this a simple task for you and me. They've taken to putting stickers on the boats that say in no uncertain terms --- Marine Aluminum.

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BACKWARD GLANCE

40 YEARS AGO
JUNE 6, 1924
Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Clary were in Andrews one day this week.

Mark Elliott, who has been attending the Knoxville High School, returned last Saturday for the summer.

Mrs. J. B. Storey returned last Saturday from Jefferson, Ga., where she had been visiting relatives.

Miss Martha Candler was hostess at three tables of bridge Tuesday evening in honor of her guests, Misses Young and Hodges.

30 YEARS AGO
JUNE 1, 1934
Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Higgins and children left Tuesday afternoon for a visit with relatives and friends in Asheville.

Messrs. Edwin, Reuben and Roy Cook, Mack Sneed, and Clyde Gladson were visitors at Copperhill Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Raper and son, Jack Dimpsey of Oak Park, were visitors in town.

Mrs. Glenn Bates returned Saturday from a visit to Norris, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ellis spent Sunday at Clayton, Ga. Misses Kathleen Axley, Polly Davis, Louise Axley, Martha Nell Wells, Cecil Mattox, and John Davidson attended the joint birthday party given by Miss Lillian Carpenter and Woodie Hampton on Tuesday night at Andrews.

Miss Pauline Hood of Young Harris, Ga., is visiting Miss Emily Sword this week. Miss Billie Jackson, who has been visiting relatives at Canton, Ga., returned Sunday. Misses Emma Louise and Clara Bell Jenkins of Young Harris, Ga., were guests last week of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Odom.

20 YEARS AGO
JUNE 1, 1944
Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Cooper of Atlanta spent the weekend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Mattox.

Mrs. R. E. Hambright and son, Bobby of Grover, is visiting her sister, Mrs. K. V. Weaver and family. Mrs. Salo Horowitz and son, Robert, arrived in Murphy Monday to join Mr. Horowitz who has been here about two weeks. They arrived in this country from Amsterdam, Holland about two and a half months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickey have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Doroc-

thy L. Barnes to Vonsol M. Sells, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sells of Jackson, Tenn., on May 18, at Hiwassee, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Sells will reside temporarily at Fontana Dam, where both are employed.

Mrs. Kate Mauney had as her guests Monday night Miss Sue Haigler and Miss Rebecca Scroggs of Hayesville, and Miss Martha Nell Haigler of Lakeland, Fla.

Glenda Ivie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Ivie, returned Saturday night from a visit to her grandmother, Mrs. Lona Grier in Atlanta. Mrs. Grier accompanied her home and returned to Atlanta on Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Hall of Marietta spent the weekend here with Miss Louise Mauney.

Jaycees To Sponsor Wrestling

MURPHY - A big grudge tag team battle will headline a wrestling card Friday, June 5, at the Old Rock Gymnasium.

It will feature Tojo Yamamoto and Alex Perez against Len Rossi and Jesse James. Rossi and James are two popular wrestlers now campaigning, and in Yamamoto and Perez, will be meeting two of the best operators in the game.

Both teams are among the top rated in the country and the match is an important one for each.

The first match on the card sponsored by the Murphy Jaycees which list Nick Gulas, Roy Welch and Harry Thornton as the matchmakers, will find Greek star Chris Belkas meeting Marcello Firpo, a South American with tremendous talent.

Belkas figures to give Firpo one of the toughest tests he has faced in this country. Belkas has a large following among Southern fans.

Popular prices will prevail for the big card sponsored by the Jaycees. Ringside seats will cost \$1.50, general admission is \$1 and children under 12 years of age will be admitted for 50 cents.

Shoal Creek

By Beulah Slaughter
Ralph Ledford, Lenoir City, Tenn., spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Lydia Ledford. Mrs. Lydia will be 88 years old June 18.

Wm. Brendle, Marietta, and Mr. and Mrs. Lakes Brendle, Cleveland, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Pender Brendle.

-SC-
Rev. Earl Hughes, Smyrna, Ga., spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Burl Brown.

-SC-
Reno Taylor is improving at his home from recent illness.

Mrs. Ruth Hamby, Atlanta, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Jones. Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Ayers Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jones and Jerry Stiles of Liberty, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McConnell and Mrs. A. J. Denton, Ducktown, were visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Suit. Mr. and Mrs. Suit spent two days last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Suit of Franklin, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Trew-hitt spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Jones. Miss Karen Hamby went home with them to spend a vacation in Huntsville, Ala.



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