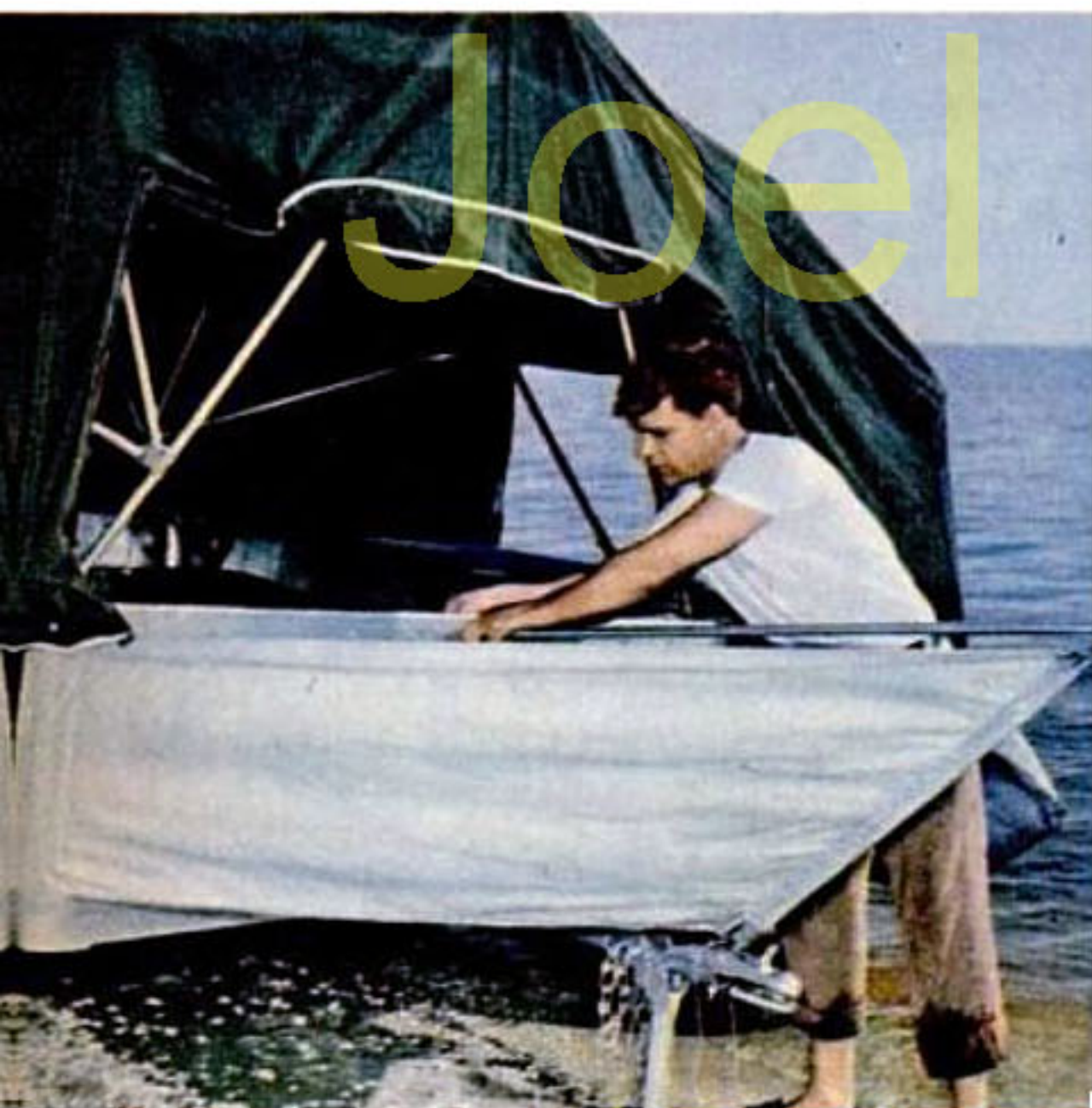


Trailer Becomes Pleasure Boat

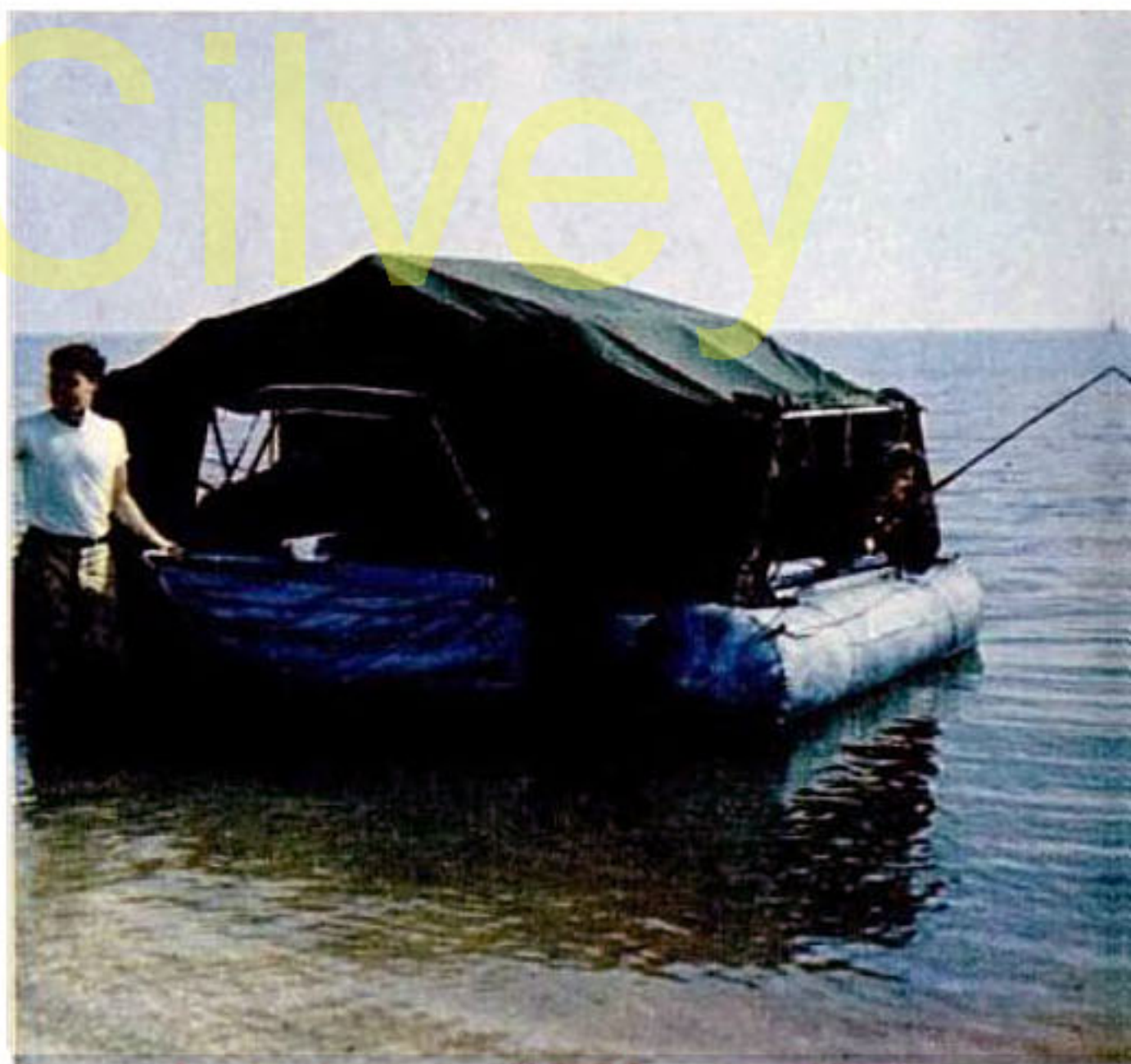


Here's a trailer that goes to sea. A new development in camping equipment, you can take it anywhere your car or an ordinary boat can go. It is like any small auto-towed, two-wheeled trailer when on the road, but can be converted in a few minutes into a

canopied, pontooned raft when you hit the beach. It operates under its own power with the aid of a small outboard motor and, for even faster travel, can be towed by a speedboat. When you reach your camping place, you just haul it ashore and use it as a tent.



A separate bow, formed of canvas over a metal frame, increases speed and maneuverability when craft is towed or propelled.



Stability of the wide-set pontoons is so great that all aboard can concentrate their weight on either side without danger of capsizing.

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Its pontoons pumped full of air at a nearby gas station, the amphibious trailer begins to take shape. Next, the top will be opened out like a double door over the rubber-lined, canvas air bags, increasing the width of the usable space to about 12 feet.

With the erection of its tentlike top, the transformation from trailer to boat will be nearly complete. Made by Higgins, Inc., the 10-foot-long, 829-pound all-aluminum raft sleeps up to four on bunks equipped with air mattresses and can sleep six.

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To make the most of the weather, the flexible covering is adjustable to let in the sun or keep out the rain as desired. In addition

to compartments for ice, food, clothing and equipment, there is also space for a table large enough to seat four or five persons.