

BOYER SR. DRIVING BOAT ONLY TWO YEARS

# Dear Old Dad Splashes Toward U. S. Title

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**R**ICHARD BOYER JR., 32, has been piloting hydroplanes for five years and recently set a new world record for 145-cubic-inch boats but he's proudest of his dad, Richard Sr., 51, who, after only two years behind the wheel on the water, is well on his way to becoming national champion in his own class, the 48-cubic-inch division.

"Dad figured what I could do he maybe could do as well or better," says the Germantown father of four. "He's raced just about every weekend since April and has won every time except when faulty plugs spoiled his fun on three occasions."

**THE SON ONCE HAD** four boats, named Pete, Neat Pete, Flying Pete and Repeat, named after his stepmother, Pearl Boyer, who goes by the nickname of Pete. But Neat Pete is the only one running now, the others having been abandoned after having their bottoms blown out, plugs fouled up and what not.

"I've had more darn trouble than you could write about," the son said, "but I wouldn't trade my world's record for all of dad's points."

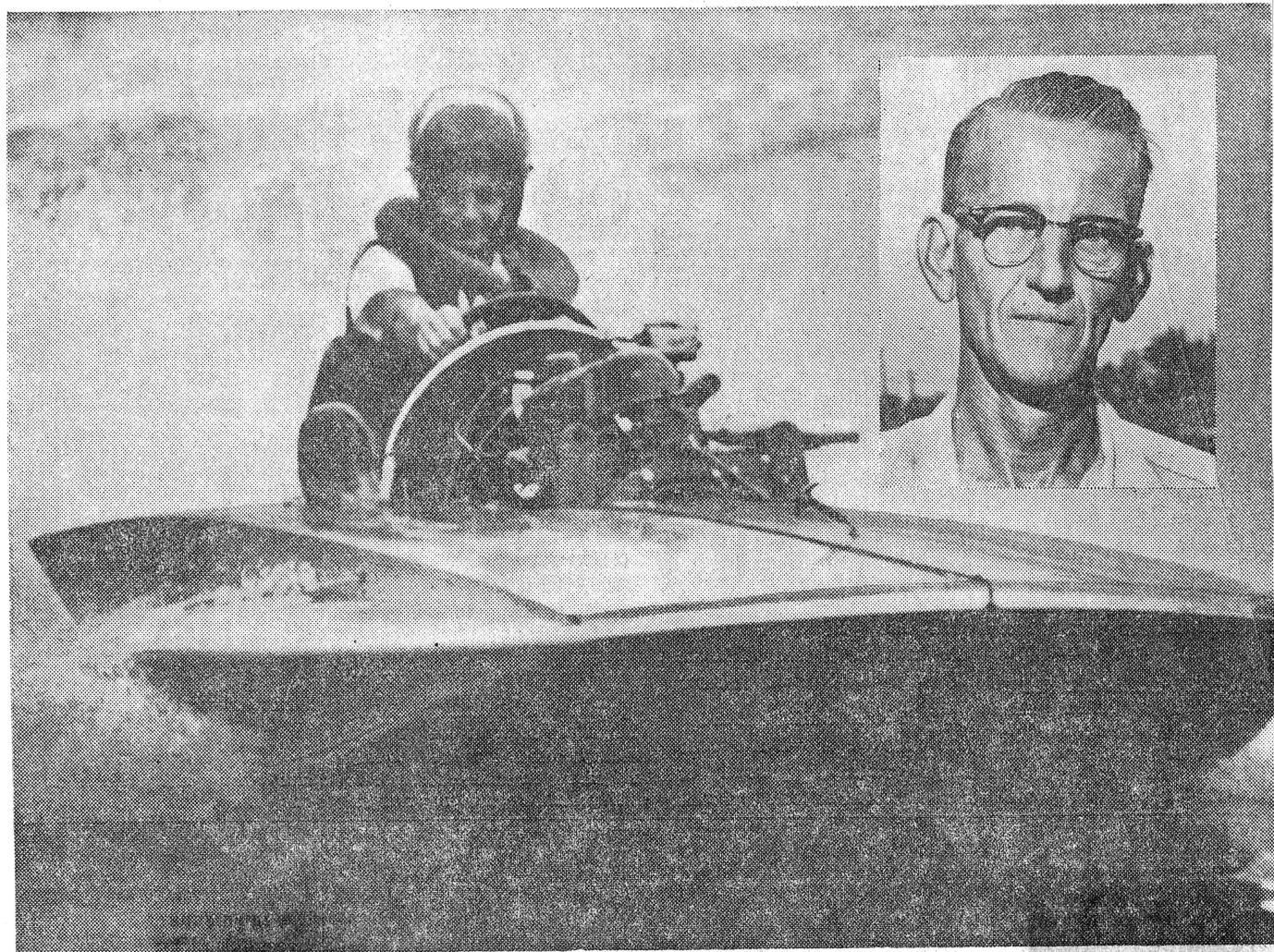
**THAT WORLD RECORD** was established at Morgan City, La., on July 30 when Boyer's Neat Pete zipped at 71½ miles an hour over the five-mile course, bettering the mark by 6 mph.

The senior Boyer, driving the Kat-N-Nat II, has compiled 10,169 points, highest in the nation. His four-cylinder Crosley-powered craft is named after the children of Paul Bauer of Deer Park, O., the boat's owner, who, incidentally, drives the Kat-N-Nat I.

**BAUER SR. WON** the Inboard Nationals at Ottawa, Ill., the Governor's Cup for his class at Celina plus the Great Lakes area championships at Kankakee.

Chief boat mechanic is another Bauer son, Tom, 28. Bauer, who owns the older Boyer's boats, is sales manager at the Twin Valley Aluminum Co., where the senior Bauer is plant superintendent and the son plant manager.

They just can't get away from each other.



**RICHARD BOYER SR. (INSET) ALREADY RIGHT AT HOME IN THE WATER**  
National 48-Cubic-Inch Leader; Son (in Boat) Set World Mark.—Staff Photo by Nelson