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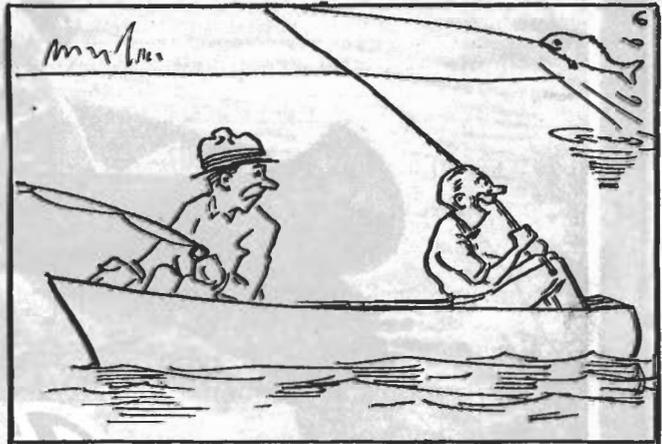
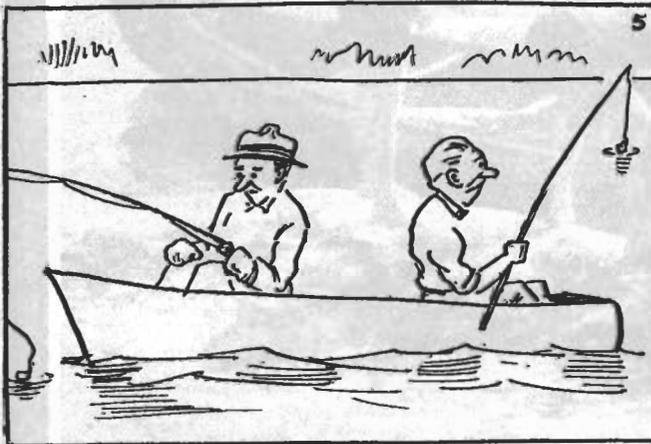
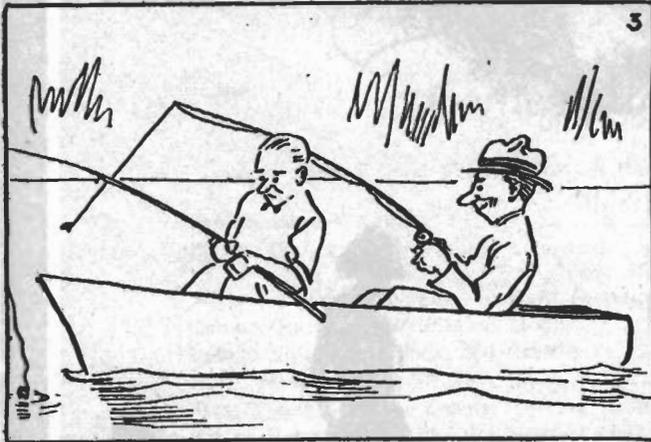
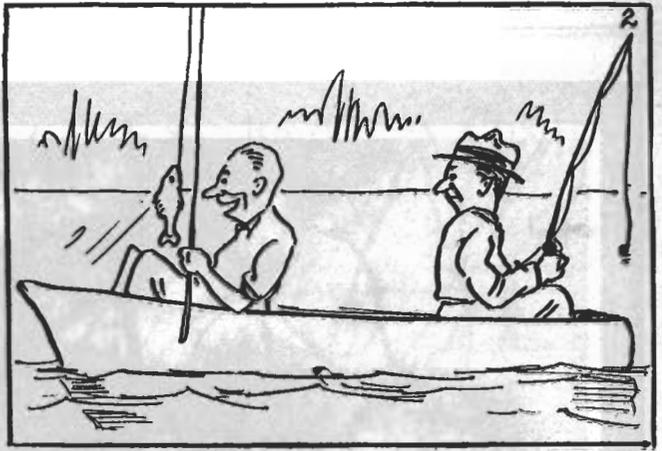
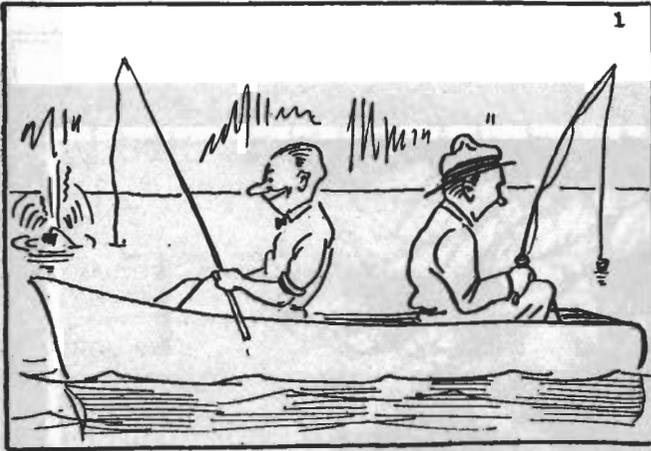
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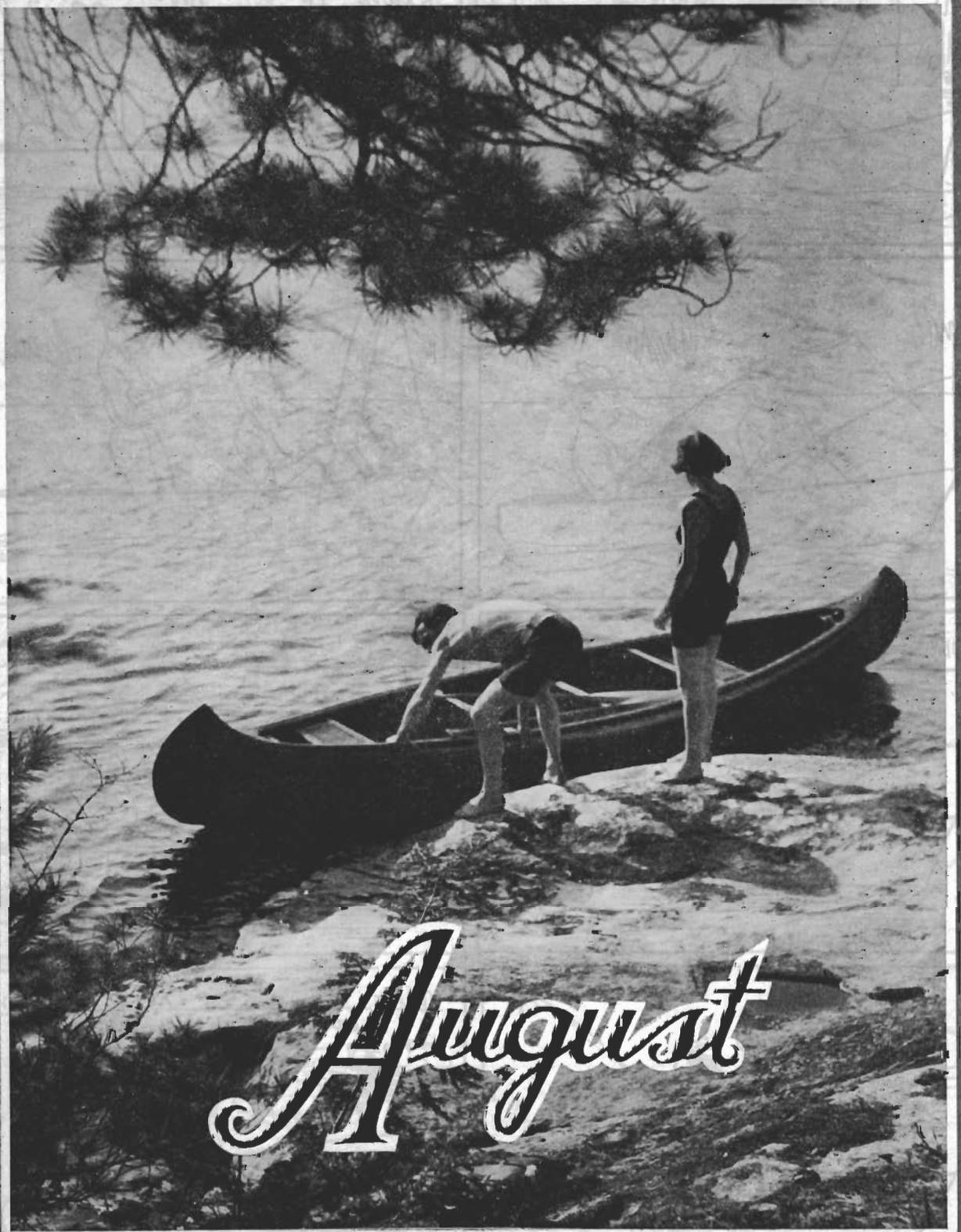
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# FRISCO CLAIMS TWO WOMEN ATTORNEYS

*Misses Virginia Booth of Pacific, Mo., and Verna Whitesell of Shawnee, Okla., on Legal Department Roster*

By MISS MARTHA C. MOORE

**I**N listing the unique business positions held by American women, special mention should be given to the fact that the Frisco has in its employ two women attorneys, both of whom passed the bar examinations with high honors and are today actively engaged in the practice of corporation law.

These talented young women are Miss Virginia Booth of Pacific, Missouri, and Miss Verna Whitesell of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

The story of the career of each plainly indicates that they choose to be modern Portias from sheer love of the calling. Miss Booth was appointed local attorney for the Frisco in 1925, while Miss Whitesell received her appointment in 1926.

Miss Booth's appearance belies the serious occupation in which she is engaged. She is a decided blonde, 24 years of age, small in stature, but a modern athletic type of girl. She was born at Pacific, Missouri. Her father, James Booth, has been an attorney for the Frisco for thirty-one years and Virginia, as a child, played in her father's study among the law books whose contents she was one day to know so intimately.

The summer before she entered college she read law with her father, and at the end of the summer she told him that she had decided to study law.

"I never did believe in interfering with the career which my children choose," Mr. Booth said. "When Virginia said she wanted to read law, I mapped out her college course for her."

In the fall of 1920 she entered William Woods College at Fulton, where she spent two years and then entered the University of Missouri at Columbia, where she took a three year law course, and graduated in 1925.

"It seems strange," she said, "that I should have gone to Columbia, and studied the same course that my father did just forty years before."

"What was the bar examination like," she was asked.

"Oh, examinations of any sort scare me to death, and this one lasted three days. We took it at Jefferson City, you know, and we had twenty-four examinations in the three days, or eight a day. I was so worn out

when it was all over, I went home and waited for the news. I soon found that I had passed and a little later I received my certificate.

"I have done just a little trial work—my first case I remember was in the Police Court. I'm not fond of trial work. I'm no good at talking and I much prefer the office work, preparing briefs, and hunting up the law on cases which we have."

"What was this talk about your being nominated for prosecuting attorney of this district," she was asked.

"Oh—I didn't even run. You see this is a Republican county and I am a Democrat. There wasn't much chance for me to get the election, although I appreciated the honor. Not long ago though, I visited in Arkansas—spent a short vacation there and I ran into more Democrats. I came home and told the family I had never had such a grand time in all my life."

Miss Verna Whitesell, the second woman attorney for Frisco Lines is located in Shawnee, Oklahoma and is a member of the firm of Abernathy and Howell, corporation lawyers who handle the legal work for Frisco Lines as well as for the Rock Island and Santa Fe. She is an entirely different type than Miss Booth, being tall of stature, with keen blue eyes and a wealth of auburn hair. She was born at Weatherford, Texas, April 27,

1893. She did not have an opportunity to attend college, but finished her eighth grade work in the schools of Konawa, Oklahoma.

Miss Whitesell's father died when she was just out of school, and since the older brothers and sisters had married, it was up to her to support her mother and younger sister.

She came with them to Shawnee, Oklahoma, in 1909, and took a business course. This enabled her on January 25, 1910, to enter the services of Edward Howell, a member of her present firm. It was not long before she became interested in the library of law books in the office of the firm. Just being a stenographer did not have the possibilities that a woman attorney might, and she began a correspondence course in English and



MISS VERNA WHITESELL