

The caravan you fold up to tow! Makers of the Portafold — made entirely from reinforced plastics — say rising demand has caused them to step up production.



### *More "folders"*

**I CAN'T RECALL** ever seeing many Portafold caravans either being towed or in situ on site in my travels, but this situation is likely to change in the future, for I'm told by the manufacturers — Plastics (Fareham) Ltd., Fareham, Hants. — that they are stepping up production due to increased demand.

Undoubtedly the folding caravan has a distinct place in the structure and development of the industry for the small car owner, small family, flat dweller or householder with nowhere to keep a conventional type of caravan at home. It will easily fit into a normal-sized garage. The Portafold, in particular, has some distinct advantages in construction over the normal caravan too because it is completely rot, rust, and woodworm proof.

The Portafold is believed to be the only caravan of its type made totally from reinforced plastics. The material is produced by Synthetic Resins Ltd., of Speke, Liverpool. It has always sold steadily and is one of the few folding units that looks really smart when folded. Many may not know that originally it was developed many years ago in aluminium, but this gave rise to construction and production problems due to the unique folding design and streamlined contours.

It is made from 22 separate moulds. Opening up is like erecting a flattened box — two ends, two sides and a roof. The roof locks into position on the end sections and the sides are held in place by chrome-plated catches. Headroom inside is comparable to a standard caravan at around 6 ft. 2 ins. Overall length is 11 ft. Body length folded is 8 ft. 8 ins.; erected, it is 9 ft. 6 ins. Width is 5 ft. 4 ins. folded and 6 ft. 4 ins. erected. The folded height is 3 ft. 8 ins. Ground clearance is 10 ins. and the unladen weight is approximately 7 cwt. An additional advantage for the small boat enthusiast is that the roof is contoured to carry a small dinghy with ease.