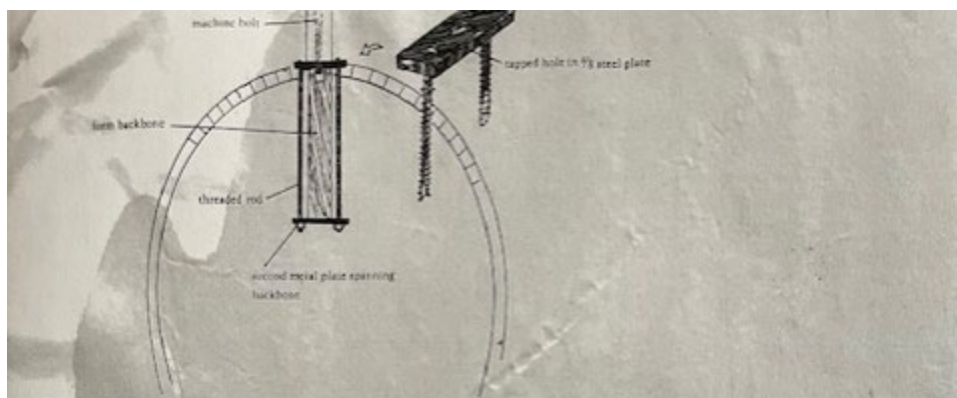






The tapped pieces are recessed into the wood and held securely in place by two lengths of threaded rod that extend down along the sides of the backbone inside the form, passing through complementary holes in a second metal piece that spans the bottom edge of the backbone. Nuts are threaded onto the protruding ends of the rods and snugged up against the lower metal plate (see diagram).

The convenience and long life of a well-built form surely justify all the work and attention that goes into its construction, and it will repay the builder each time a lovely and fair hull is removed from it. There is no more room for short cuts and sloppiness in its construction than in that of the subsequent canoes. Choose your lines carefully and lavish attention on the form — it will pay dividends in the form of handsome canoes for years to come.

