

School Boating Accident Takes 2 Persons' Lives

BALBOA, Calif., June 7.—(AP)—Two persons were feared drowned and 14 others, mostly children, were rescued from choppy seas in the tragic end of a grammar school boating trip to Catalina Island.

Survivors arrived early today at this yachting harbor to tell a horror-filled tale of an accident that swept the 16 off the decks of the fishing boat Otay yesterday as it was headed here from Catalina. Some 23 children and their escorts were aboard the craft. Ages of the children ranged from four to 16.

The Coast Guard gave this account:

The 50-foot power cruiser started to list when its gas tanks drained unevenly. As it listed, a southeast ground swell in the choppy channel smacked it and loosened a live bait tank. The tank fell off and in doing so jolted the ship so suddenly that it almost capsized. The jolt swept over-

RHEUMATISM COSTLY
NEW YORK — (AP)—Lord Horder, physician to King George VI of England, estimates that in Britain last year the money lost caused by rheumatism alone totaled 17,000,000 pounds sterling. Lord Horder came here to attend an international congress on rheumatism.

board the 16 on decks. Some of them were able to climb back on as the helmsman righted the ship with a sudden turn of the wheel.

The others clung to life rafts. Another fishing boat, the Skipalou, was nearby and attracted by flashlight signals, sped to the rescue. Some of the survivors were in the water more than an hour.

However, the Coast Guard said Dr. Victor Mann, an optometrist, of Fullerton and Geraldine Clark, 12, Houston, Texas, a student at Valencia Junior Academy, Fullerton, were missing. The cruise was in honor of the eighth grade graduates of the Seventh Day Adventist Academy.

The others were uninjured except for fright.

The Otay was able to make port under her own power.

Elks Assn. Gives \$22,000 To Aid Blind Children

PORTLAND, June 8 — (AP)—A \$22,000 check to aid Oregon's blind children was given to the University of Oregon Medical School by the Oregon State Elks Association Tuesday.

The money—first payment in a continuing program—will be used to establish and equip a children's eye clinic in connection with the medical school. The program will be carried out in cooperation with the Oregon State School for the Blind at Salem.

George I. Hall, New York, grand exalted ruler of the Elks, was present for the presentation ceremony in the office of Dr. David W. E. Baird, dean of the Medical School.

This was reported to be the first such extensive welfare program undertaken by an entire state organization of Elks.

Dr. Baird said the clinic will be established under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Carl Swan, head of the department of ophthalmology, and will follow three

Newest Twin-Jet Fighter Proves OK In Test

LOS ANGELES, June 8.—(AP)—The U. S. Air Force's newest twin-jet fighter, the Lockheed F-90, has tried her swept-back wings—and they work "beautifully."

The adjective is that of chief engineering test pilot Tony LeVier, used in describing the way the big 13-ton fighter handled during her first sky tests.

The Air Force disclosed that LeVier had the needle-nosed aircraft aloft for 37 minutes, climbing from a desert runway at Murco test base to an altitude of 15,000 in 10 minutes.

LeVier emphasized that no attempt was made to "open her up."

"You always feel out a new ship cautiously," he explained. "But I had more inner confidence in the '90' than any new job I have ever flown."

purposes outlined by the Elks: Service and care of patients, education and research.

The clinic will be the first of its type in the Western United States, Dr. Baird said, and will be designed primarily to meet needs of large areas of the state which lack physicians trained in diseases of the eye.

The F-90, one of the biggest fighters ever built, will undergo 25 more hours of test flying by Lockheed pilots and then will be turned over to the Air Force for further testing. The craft is expected to go into production in 1950.

Packing a vicious wallop, she is designed to range behind enemy lines and attack sizable targets.

SAND PAYS TOWN'S BILLS

SEDGEFORD, England — (AP)—This Norfolk village runs on sand.

The 700 or so villagers haven't paid a penny in local taxes in 15 years.

The tax rate is fixed at eightpence on a pound's worth of real estate—roughly dollars 3.50 a hundred. But it hasn't been collected.

Sedgeford has paid all its expenses and made enough extra to refurbish the war memorial and start a new athletic field by selling natural resources—sand from a village-owned sandpit.

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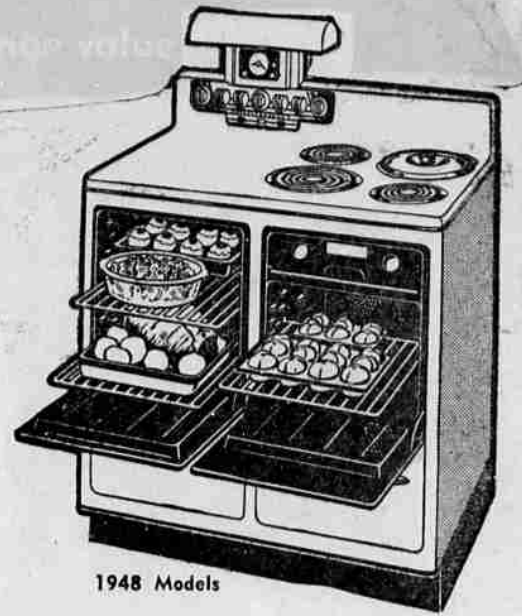
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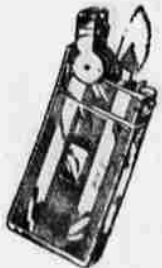
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