

10-Year-Old Girl Keeps Ship's Log on Family Cruise From Japan to Hawaii

(Editor's note: 10-year-old Jessica Reynolds crossed the Pacific Ocean from Japan to Hawaii in the 50-foot ketch Phoenix with her parents, radiation specialist Dr. and Mrs. Earle Reynolds; her 16-year-old brother, Ted, who acted as navigator and a three-man crew of amateur Japanese sailors. The 46-day trip was the first leg of a world cruise.

Wide-eyed Jessica was never too seasick to make daily entries in her "Journal." Following are verbatim excerpts.)

By JESSICA REYNOLDS
HONOLULU, T. H. (UP) — Ahoy Phoenix!
Where's your crew?
How many people are going with you?
Well, there's Daddy, he's the skipper.
And there's Mummy, she's the cook.
And there's Teddy, he's my brother.
And there's me, I'm the skook.
And there's Miki and there's Mo and there's Nick.
That makes three Japanese men who love to go to sea.
Last and least is the baby of the crew.
Little pussy Mi-Ke — she's the Japanese mew!
Oct. 28. We got an early start and motored to Naruto (strait). My knees got wobbly and I went below just as the time where all the whirlpools were whirling, some about five feet across. I didn't go to see them. When we'd gone through, we said, "Hi, Pacific."
Towards evening the waves got higher and bouncier until we were pitched from way to port to way over on the starboard side, and up and down. Things slid off tables, fell over, or crashed back and forth. The men had to be on deck strapping things down. Each time there was a crash in the galley Moom would go see, and pick it up. Soon she just stayed in our room, and when something fell she said, "Hmmm, if that wasn't the stove and the food falling, the next one will be."
Ankle Deep
I awoke a million times during the night and once when I tried to go to the head (toilet) I had to step ankle deep in papers, books and other things.
Oct. 31. Dad has changed his

name. He is not Dad, or Earle or Dr. Reynolds any more. He's skipper, so when I write about skip you'll know who I mean.
Mi-ke is a real boat cat. Every time the Phoenix tips to starboard Mi-ke tips to port, just as the gimbale lamps and candleholders do.
Ted worked on his navigation to find our latitude and longitude. It will be 45 long days (and longer nights) before we see land again.
Goblins on Ocean
We didn't do anything about Halloween but the ghosts and goblins gave the ocean a rousing up.
Nov. 8. We bounced and rolled all over the place. Everyone was seasick, since it was a rough day after quiet ones. The rain and spray didn't help any because there's stay-belowers (Mum and I, also Ted) who was too queasy to take the tiller) couldn't go on deck to get fresh air.
I wrote creature stories to cheer everyone up, and "also" creature pictures. I drew the Harsch, the Kedrap, the Uffix, the Quilisch, and the Wraggy Binkle (Baggy Wrinkle with each first letter transposed.)
Chased by Mountain
Nov. 12. The waves looked like mountains. I don't know how to explain what they were like except to say Mount Rainier, Mount Fuji and the Rocky Mountains were chasing us, rising higher than the boat, but usually going under. Every once in a while a wave came over and soaked the man at the tiller but the water always drained out quickly through the scuppers in the cockpit. The water is rather warm.
Nov. 15. Skip made us a promise: For each bruise we have he will buy a chocolate today or its equivalent when we reach Hawaii. Or, for every 10 bruises, they can have a steak dinner. Small bruises count but must be bruises, not dirt. They have to stay three days before counted.
Mum has a million bruises but I've got only four.
Nov. 20. In the night Skip saw a great wall of water four times the size of the biggest waves charging down. It came over, soaked Skip, flowed down the hatches and swooshed around in Skip's bunk. We realized how strongly the boat is built because some boats would have been mashed by that wave. The wind

almost blew my hair out by the roots.
Nov. 23. We haven't been able to take sun sights for a couple of days and so we don't know where we are.
Day too Rough
Nov. 28. Today was really a day of rest because the sea and winds were so rough we have to and lashed the tiller. All this day and night we rested and slept and took it easy.
Both stove burners konked out and we had a cold breakfast.
Dec. 6. Skip shaved. He looks 15 years younger and not like the old grizzled, weather beaten skipper he used to be. He looks like men who want to go to sea but never do.
We're very close to Hawaii. If we go about 100 miles a day with out bad winds or storms we might get there in around five days!!! Skip changed the clock an hour ahead, to Hawaii time!!!
Dec. 8. Not so long now.
Mum took off her long woolies and put on "trade wind clothes." (It's warm these days) after getting washed.
In the evening while Skip was listening to the radio he suddenly said, "Hey, did you hear that. At the end of the weather report they said, 'And the Coastguard reports there has been no news from the yacht Phoenix.'"

Gosh, they must have had lots of inquiries to put it on the radio. It's exciting to hear about yourself on the radio and know you're going to have a better reception than you thought.
Dec. 10. Land ho!!! At 3:15 we sighted a long, low, black strip of something that wasn't a cloud. It hardly seemed possible but we knew it was land because of Teddy working and working to get our charted position and checking it over and over. We had popcorn and lime-ade to celebrate.
The land grew bigger and bigger as we sailed towards it and finally we could see a white lighthouse on it. At midnight I awoke and went on deck. We'd already sailed between Molokai and Oahu. The lights of Honolulu were not far from us and the dark shape of the island and diamond head were visible.
Dec. 11. As we started in to shore a pilot boat came out and met us. After telling us where to dock it rode off and we motored in. A surprising thing was we went and docked in the same slip the President Wilson had when he came to Japan three years ago. The Aloha Tower was in sight and palm trees and cars were also. Green things looked much greener in Hawaii than in Japan, because they are.

County Loses Money In Making Arrest

SIDNEY, Neb. (AP)—A \$24 assessment in a speeding arrest faded to a 15-cent deficit for the county before the incident was closed.
A Wyoming resident arrested on a speeding charge mailed the \$24 check along with a waiver of appearance and a plea of guilty in the presence of the arresting officer. But once back home, the accused speeder stopped payment on the check.

Letter Hits Alaska Air Service Drop

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Oregon congressional delegation has written President Eisenhower, opposing any reduction in air service to Alaska.
Sen. Neuberger (D-Ore) said the people of Oregon are concerned over reports the Civil Aeronautics Board is ready to recommend elimination of Pacific Northern and Alaska Airlines service from Portland and Seattle to Alaska.
He said they were "particularly concerned" over elimination of the Portland service since this would "totally eliminate all direct air service between our state and one of its greatest potential markets."
He and the other said this would be "discriminating against Oregon and highly unfair."
Besides Neuberger, the signers were Sen. Morse and Reps. Edith Green, Ellsworth, Norblad and Coon.

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Producers Limit Broadway Run of New Play to 12 Weeks

By JACK GAVER
NEW YORK (UP)—It isn't often that a management can schedule a Broadway engagement of only 12 weeks, and still hope to come out on the black side of the ledger.
However, this has been done by Katharine Cornell and Roger L. Stevens for their production of "The Dark is Light Enough" in which Miss Cornell and Tyrone Power are co-stars.
The reason for the short run here is that Power has to be free by the first of May to star in the film, "Lorenzo the Magnificent," which his own firm is to make in Italy.
The principal reason that a short engagement can be considered is the box-office drawing power of the two stars. This has made possible one of those rarities, a pre-Broadway break-in tour that makes money.
By the time the Christopher Fry play reaches here it will have played 11 weeks in 10 cities, and it has been averaging a gross better than \$30,000 weekly. This means that the play will open in New York with part of the production cost already paid off instead of with an added debt of road losses as is usually the case.

Miss Cornell's devotion to touring in all the years she has been a star, while many others dislike to set foot outside New York, invariably pays off for her through ready-made audiences almost any place she chooses to play.
"Seven Year Itch"
Today's matinee marked the 800th New York performance of "The Seven Year Itch" by George Axelrod.
This, the researchers reports, is the 22nd attraction in Broadway history to achieve that consecutive performance figure. To: Ewell, who took some time out late last year from the leading role to duplicate this work in the movie version, is back in the cast which still has four other original members. The movie won't be released for another year.
500 Performances
Speaking of records, Victor Borge rolls right along at the Golden Theater without any sign of an end to his one-man show. Next Tuesday night he will give his 500th performance, and it is likely that anyone is going to come along and break his eventual record for a solo stand.
His 500th performance will put him 413 performances ahead of the best previous mark of this sort, 87 showings by Cornelia Otis Skinner.

Free Bus Service For Kennewick Plan Proposed

KENNEWICK, Wash. (UP)—E. W. Lockwood, a retired civilian employee of the Army Corps of Engineers, is working out details of a plan to provide free bus service throughout this city of 15,000.
The city now is served by one bus daily which travels only the main street.
Lockwood proposes to provide for bus trips daily to all sections of the city, charging each city business firm and professional man \$10 per month. Then, instead of collecting bus fare from his passengers, he would collect a sales slip for the passenger's ride home.
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