

Ordeal of Athenia Sinking Described by Mrs. Gilstrap

(Ed. Note: The Alhambra, Calif., Post Advocate recently published the following account of the sinking of the Athenia, written by Mrs. Lillian Gilstrap, who with her daughter, Miss Cosby Gilstrap and three Alhambra teachers survived the disaster. Mrs. Gilstrap is high school librarian at Alhambra and is a sister-in-law of Ernest R. Gilstrap, business manager of the Medford Mail Tribune.)

By Mrs. Lillian M. Gilstrap

Realizing that our friends and people of the community are interested to know what really took place at the time of the Athenia disaster, I am giving a brief account of the happenings of that evening. The experience of the passengers differed depending upon their various locations on the ship and their occupation at the moment.

The ship was entirely blacked out. All portholes and shutters were closed at 6 o'clock. We were traveling rapidly and in heavy seas which accounted for many seasick passengers.

Miss Kemper and my daughter were in their berths and I was at dinner with Miss Martin and Miss Turnbull.

Suddenly the torpedo struck. The lights instantly went out and the Athenia quivered and listed. Tables, chairs and passengers were thrown to the floor. As I groped my way upstairs, and to my stateroom for my life belt, there was little confusion. All were trying quietly to escape from gas-filled corridors to their life stations on deck.

I joined Miss Kemper and my daughter at our station where we had been drilled on the previous day. The hatch had blown away on the after deck and this end was sinking rapidly. There was not a sufficient number of the crew to man the lifeboats properly and we learned later many of them had been killed.

My daughter fell into the sea. We slid down into the lifeboat on a piece of fire hose. The boat swung wide and my daughter, who was clad only in a silk night garment, fell into the water from which we rescued her. We had great difficulty in getting away from the Athenia since the passengers did not know how to row and one of the most perilous moments came when another lifeboat was almost launched upon us.

The eight hours spent in the crowded lifeboat on the open sea are indescribable. Constant bailing was necessary to keep it from sinking. The waves drenched us all and we were seasick. Those in our boat owe their lives to one of the Athenia's cooks who was the only person who really knew what to do. It was this man who brought us safely alongside the Southern Cross and saved us from capsizing as did several other lifeboats with loss of life.

Placed On U. S. Ship From the Southern Cross, about six hours later, we were transferred to the City of Flint, American maritime freighter, which brought us into Halifax. The freighter had accommodations for six and the crew. Two hundred and sixteen survivors were put on board. The food was excellent, but the water supply very limited.

"I cannot praise too highly the courage and fitness of Captain Gainard, his officers and crew. They gave their clothes to the survivors and made shoes from rope and canvas for the little children, among the number being Nicola, 10-month old daughter of Ernst Lubitsch.

Child Dies Aboard Ship The 12-day journey was saddened by the death of four-year old Margaret Hayward of Hamilton, Ont. despite the fact our boat had turned north 80 miles out of its course to intercept an American ship traveling east, from which we took on doctors and medical supplies.

Two severe storms and the sighting of an unidentified submarine off the Newfoundland coast added greatly to our distress. In Halifax every kindness and consideration was shown to the dirty, weary survivors. Our two coast guard cutters, Bibb and Campbell, safely escorted us into the harbor which had been cleared by a mine sweeper. British men-of-war dipped the colors and a salute of 20 guns gave us welcome.

Mounties Aid Survivors Canadian mounted police and Red Cross nurses were in charge. Food, hot baths and other necessary comforts were provided and the injured were given medical attention.

The Canadian National Railway provided a special train of 16 cars to transport the survivors to Montreal. From this point passengers en-trained for their homes. This train was unique in that it carried no luggage of any kind.

We are deeply grateful to all who tried to alleviate our distress and speed us on our way to California and are happy and thankful to be home.

Roosevelt Returns WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—(AP)—President Roosevelt returned today from a week-end of rest at his home in Hyde Park, N. Y.

COUNTY 4-H MEMBERS MAKE GOOD SHOWING AT PORTLAND SHOW

Marvin and Melvin Poyer and Dale Williams of Ashland, Pat von der Hellen of Antelope, Ivan Myers of Table Rock and Lawrence, Bill and John Ousterhout of Little Butte made a very creditable showing for Jackson county in the 4-H club activities at the Pacific International Livestock Show, reports L. E. Francis, county club agent.

The three Ousterhout boys constituted the livestock judging team from the county that placed first in the state and third in the northwest. This is the second year in succession that a Jackson county 4-H judging team has made an outstanding record at the Pacific International. Last year the Poyer brothers and Dale Williams placed first in the northwest in the same contest.

Outstanding awards of the various Jackson county participants in the livestock classes are as follows:

Melvin Poyer, second senior yearling Jersey; third senior Jersey calf; third junior yearling Duroc boar and fourth in dairy showmanship. Marvin Poyer, first junior Jersey calf and fourth Angus steer. Dale Williams, fifth pen of four fat hogs. Pat von der Hellen, sixth Southdown fat lamb. Ivan Myers, first Corriedale yearling ewe fleece. The total premiums won by club members was \$45.00. The total receipts from the sale of fat stock was \$413.41.

Virginia Ricks of the Howard community and Ivan Myers were the two club members selected to make the trip to the Pacific International as guests of the First National Bank of Portland.

New Unique Series Chesterfield Ads Is Just Released

One of the most interesting and compelling series of newspaper advertisements ever to run in behalf of a leading American cigarette has just been released by Chesterfield. Dealer sales that are sure to result will be assisted by colorful store displays. The first newspaper advertisement will appear during the week of October 23rd, the start of a schedule that continues through December.

Famous personalities from many fields are featured in the series. The sports world is represented by such figures as Grantland Rice and Frank Fuller, Bendix Air Race Champion. Outstanding Hollywood stars such as Bette Davis, Loretta Young, Errol Flynn, and David Niven play a large part in the Chesterfield campaign, while the glamour and beauty of the American girl is typified by Miss Phil Offer who was chosen "Cotton Queen of 1939."

However, the most unusual and striking advertisements in this new Chesterfield series are the three all-text announcements that every smoker will be keenly interested in reading. The advertisements are entitled "Tobacco opens doors to fields where people live, work and achieve." "There's no great mystery about cigarette tobaccos," and "It was hit or miss in grandfather's day." Not only are they fine examples of clear writing, original layout and good typography—they also contain new and interesting information about cigarette manufacture.

29 BODIES PICKED UP FROM GERMAN VESSEL Copenhagen, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Danish fishing boats reported today they had picked up bodies of 29 men from the German mine field guardship Estre 7, which exploded Saturday off Moen island.

At the same time, King Christian commended in a telegram two Danish airplane pilots who braved mined waters and a heavy sea to rescue four survivors. A fifth saved himself after a 10-hour swim.

Meteorological Report

Forecast: Medford and vicinity: Showers tonight and Tuesday, cooler Tuesday. Oregon: Showers tonight and Tuesday with snow over high mountains. Tuesday warmer in the extreme east and southeast portion, tonight cooler in the interior of south and east portion, Tuesday fresh south and southwest wind off the coast.

Local Data: Temperature a year ago today: Highest 59, lowest 50. Total monthly precipitation, .96 inches; excess for the month, .13 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1939, 1.22 inches; deficiency for the season, 13 inches. Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 31 percent; 5 a. m. today, 89 percent. Tomorrow: sunrise 6:34 a. m., sunset 5:16 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

CITY—	High Temp	Lowest Temp	Wind	Weather
Boise	74	36	00	Clear
Boston	66	43	T	Clear
Buffalo	55	31	01	P Cloudy
Chicago	61	46	00	Cloudy
Denver	77	45	00	Clear
Eureka	56	51	00	Cloudy
Helena	61	37	00	Clear
Los Angeles	98	51	00	Clear
Medford	77	40	00	Clear
Omaha	73	—	00	Clear
Phoenix	93	61	T	Clear
Portland	66	53	00	Cloudy
Reno	81	33	00	Clear
Roseburg	66	46	00	Cloudy
Salt Lake	68	39	00	Clear
San Francisco	66	51	00	Clear
Seattle	65	37	T	Rain
Spokane	70	32	00	Clear
Wash. D. C.	75	48	00	Clear
Yakima	74	55	00	Clear

4-H'ERS PURCHASE PUREBRED STOCK

Jackson county 4-H club members recently purchased \$300 worth of purebred livestock from outstanding breeders in the state, states L. E. Francis, county club agent.

Ivan Myers of Table Rock bought two purebred Chester White sows and a purebred Chester White boar from the herd of F. M. Horn, Cottage Grove.

Pat von der Hellen of Antelope purchased a Jersey heifer calf from the herd of David Hagg & Sons of Reedville and two purebred Southdown ewes, one from Eldon Riddle of Monmouth and the other from A. C. Hubbard of Halsey.

Clayton Charley of Lake Creek purchased a purebred Berkshire gilt from Wm. McBurney of Mulina. Four Shropshire ewes were purchased from C. E. Greife by Mary, Joan and Billy Nussbaum of Lost creek.

In most instances the money used to purchase the livestock was secured through premiums and sales at the county livestock show.

Stockton Has Fire Stockton, Cal., Oct. 23.—(AP)—Firemen worked all night to put out a four-alarm fire on the waterfront that caused \$25,000 damage to the Taylor Milling company plant and resulted in serious injuries to Fire Captain Walter Silber, 39.

Traffic Death Weekly Portland, Oct. 23.—(AP)—Portland averaged a traffic fatality a week this year up to Sunday, Chief of Police Harry M. Niles disclosed. There were 43 deaths in the first 42 weeks of the year.

MOTORCYCLE, CAR COME TOGETHER AT INTERSECTION

Robert A. Smoot of 322½ South Central avenue sustained bruises and two skinned knees when the motorcycle he was riding collided with an automobile driven by Roy E. Cardiff of 509 Oak street at the intersection of Central avenue and Jackson boulevard this morning.

Smoot was traveling north on Central avenue and Cardiff was driving east on Jackson boulevard when the accident occurred, a city police report stated. Smoot and the motorcycle were knocked to the pavement. Neither the motorcycle nor the auto suffered much damage.

Jack Gardner, Jr., 16 and Susie Carroll, 36, suffered minor injuries Saturday night when the car in which they were riding, operated by Jack Eugene Gardner of Talent, struck two other automobiles at Central avenue and Maple street.

Jack, Jr. sustained a cut on his nose and face lacerations, and the woman suffered a small cut on her face. Their injuries were treated in Community hospital.

City police reported that the Gardner car, traveling south on Central avenue, started to pass an auto driven by James H. Griffith of 304 West Clark street just as the latter, moving in the same direction, made a left turn into Maple street. The Gardner car hit the left front fender of the Griffith machine, then continued across the street and crashed it to a parked car belonging to Frank A. Joanson of 43 North Peach street, police stated.

The Johnson car was badly damaged, its windshield being broken and the frame and body jammed up. The Gardner car also was damaged considerably, while the Griffith machine was more fortunate.

City police cited Gardner on a reckless driving charge. He pleaded not guilty and his trial in city court was set for this afternoon.

EXTENSION SCHOOL TONIGHT, TUESDAY

The home extension project on the training of rural recreation leaders will start with an evening school scheduled for today and Tuesday at 8 p. m. in the courthouse auditorium, according to Mabel C. Mack, county home demonstration agent.

Miss Izola Jensen, extension specialist in community social organization, will direct leader training activities. This evening will be devoted to teaching rhythmic games and Tuesday evening to various types of table games.

All organizations interested in developing recreation activities are invited to send from two to four leaders to the meetings.

SAMS VALLEY HIGH TO GIVE CARNIVAL Sams Valley, Oct. 23.—(Sp.)—Sams Valley high school will present its annual Halloween carnival at the high school auditorium at 8 p. m., October 25. There will be entertainment and prizes for old and young at

the usual carnival booths, and a program made up of musical numbers and a one-act play, "Kitty Learns a Lesson." A small general admission fee will be charged for everyone. Funds from the carnival are used to support student body activities for the year.

ANTELOPE 4-H CLUBS TO COMBINE EFFORTS

Twenty-two 4-H club members and leaders participated in the organization meeting of the Antelope 4-H clubs, October 18, reports L. E. Francis, county club agent. Ben Waich was elected president of the Union club, made up of the six subordinate clubs in the community. Bryan Yorton and Della Bigham were elected vice-president and secretary, respectively.

The various subordinate clubs organized, their leaders and presidents are: Dairy, J. W. Bigham, leader, Bob Walsh, president; purebred Guernsey, J. W. Bigham, leader, Cora Bigham, president; sheep, Mrs. Nell von der Hellen, leader, Pat von der Hellen, president; clothing I, Cora Bigham, leader, Barbara Culbertson, president; clothing V, Mrs. Lester Bradshaw, leader, Bonnie Anderson, president.

Weather

Northern California: Increasing cloudiness tonight with fogs on the coast and light rain on extreme north coast; Tuesday generally cloudy with showers in north portion; cooler in interior Tuesday; moderate northwest wind off the coast.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

WILLIAM E. GOULD PASSES SUDDENLY

William E. Gould, 51, residing at 25 N. Peach St., passed away suddenly at his home early this morning.

He was born at Peterborough, Ontario, Canada Aug. 8, 1888, and while less than one year of age, came with his parents to Rochester, N. Y., where he resided until 1929 in which year he moved with wife and children to Ashland, and resided there until coming to Medford three years ago.

Mr. Gould graduated from the schools at Rochester and was later employed for several years as foreman for the Eastman Kodak Co., and later took up carpentering and contracting. He was especially fond of sports and seldom missed an athletic event and will be greatly missed by the boys of Ashland and Medford.

Besides his wife Daisy, he leaves the following children, Mrs. Wilbur R. Childreth, Med-

ford; Mrs. J. H. Ashbaugh, Hawthorn, Nev.; Marian and Alvin Gould of Medford, and William, Jr., of Medford.

Also three brothers and one sister residing in New York, and one grand child, Shirley Ann Childreth of Medford.

Mr. Gould was a member of the Elks lodge at Ashland.

Funeral services will be held at the Conger chapel at 2:00 p. m. Thursday with Rev. Ernest Wine of Ashland officiating.

Births

Born in Sacred Heart hospital this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Deta Walker of Gold Hill a baby girl weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Benny Tumbaya of 214 North Holly street in Sacred Heart hospital Oct. 18 a baby boy weighing 7 pounds 5 ounces.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. Logan Albright of Route 1 in Sacred Heart hospital Oct. 19 a baby boy weighing 10 pounds 5 ounces.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

ACTIVIANS WILL SEE PICTURES OF AFRICA

Motion pictures of Africa will be shown at Tuesday night's regular weekly dinner of the Active club in Hotel Medford at 6:30.

George F. Kimball, mining engineer who spent five years in Luanshya, northern Rhodesia, will present the pictures he took during his residence there. He will accompany the movies with a lecture.

The Active club feels fortunate in having Mr. Kimball as their guest, and a large turnout is expected. Aubrey Norris is chairman of this week's program committee.

No Radio for Inventor PARIS, Oct. 23.—(AP) Edouard Branly, French physicist who pioneered in development of wireless telegraphy, celebrated his 95th birthday today without a radio in his house. "It bothers me," the inventor told friends, "to think I had something to do with inventing it"

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