

Raft Lehi III, Crew Floating Somewhere Off California Coast

Drake's Bay, Calif. — (U.P.) — The stirring sea saga of the raft Lehi III has been "continued until next week," or at least for a couple of days.

Capt. De Vere Baker steered the box-like craft into this Marin county bay Tuesday night after a rough, 30-mile journey from Hog Cove in Bodega Bay north of here.

Baker said the raft, which he is planning to sail to Los Angeles, nearly went on the rocks rounding Point Reyes Tuesday. He said he and his one crewman, Crawford Hartley, were bruised by the passage.

The wind whipped off the craft's life raft and sea anchor and damaged the radio aerial. Baker planned to make repairs here before continuing the voyage in the next couple of days.

San Francisco — (U.P.) — Skipper De Vere Baker and his raft Lehi III were believed bobbing along the California coast today—but no one knew for sure.

The indomitable Baker, his raft and a one-man crew, set sail from Bodega Bay Tuesday for the first of three projected voyages to prove Judeans founded the ancient Indian cultures of South America.

The Coast Guard, skeptical of Baker's chances, said it had no idea of the Lehi's whereabouts and would be concerned only if Baker asked for help. He apparently has made no radio contact with points in California.

Ability Exceeded
In his two previous trips Baker's determination exceeded his raft's ability and he was plucked from the ocean wet, uncomfortable and glad to be alive.

Time, the Mormon skipper's awkward looking craft which he built in the back yard of his Petaluma home, floated

into the ocean after one stop on a mud flat.

After being pulled free by a game warden's boat, Baker and crewman Crawford Hartley, a 22-year-old skindiver, headed for Los Angeles.

They spent Tuesday night in the shelter of Drake's Bay, just north of San Francisco, then set sail again for Los Angeles.

To Head for Hawaii
Baker said before he left that if the shakedown cruise is successful, he would try to drift to Hawaii. And if that is successful he said he hoped eventually to float the raft some 20,000 miles from Saudi Arabia to Guatemala or Honduras.

He is trying to prove a passage in the Book of Mormon which tells how a Jewish priest named Lehi led a party on a raft voyage from the Holy Land to Central America in 600 B.C.

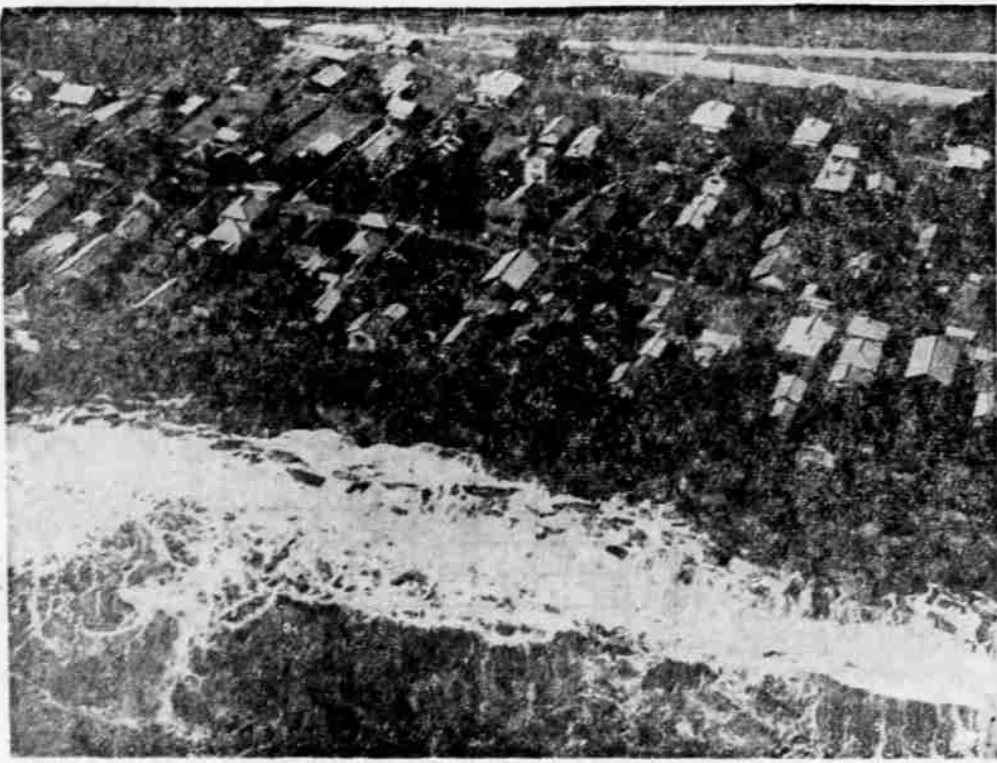
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SPEAKER — Clem Roskoski, president of the Oregon State Aerie Fraternal Order of Eagles, will speak at Aerie No. 2093 at 8 p.m., March 21, according to local Eagles President Everett Sybrant. Roskoski, Portland garage owner, has served the Oregon Eagles since 1935. He is a past president of his Aerie and a holder of a life membership. He also has been chairman of the membership security committee and held office for several years.

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TIDAL WAVES HIT JAPAN—Huge tidal waves, coinciding with the peak of the monthly lunar cycle, rip along Japan's Pacific coastline 125 miles north of Tokyo. The waves, over 30 feet high, tore a gap of more than 1100 feet of sea wall and caused a 3000-foot section to sink in this area showing the big waves pounding shore where 60 houses were destroyed leaving 460 people completely homeless.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Ranger-Naturalist

The rollicking humor of the outdoors keeps popping up in my mailbox. To those who send them in, my thanks. And mind if I share your bloopers and favorite yarns with my readers?



Two young men were sitting on a roof-top waiting for the waters of the previous afternoon's flash-flood to subside. One young man noticed a hat floating up-stream about 50 feet and then it would come back

down stream about the same distance. He turned to the other fellow: "Did you notice that hat going up and down stream?"

"Sure sure, Grandpappy said yesterday morning, come hell or high water, he'd see that trout fishing tomorrow." — J.B.T.

A salesman from Boston asks: "Know how you can get fruit for next to nothing without even owning an orchard?"

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A slight history-test blooper from Philadelphia: "Abraham Lincoln wrote the Gettysburg address while traveling from Washington to Gettysburg on the back of an envelope." — D.R.H.

From Thompson Falls, Mont. We live in Montana and in winter the trout season is closed but you can catch a limit of whitefish. Now an old man was busy fishing and had caught several whitefish when all of a sudden a big trout took his hook. It was such a fine fat trout he wanted to keep it so he tied it to a bush alongside the stream out of sight and went on fishing. Sure enough, pretty soon, he looked up and here stood the game warden.

Game Warden: "Having pret-

ty good luck, eh?" he said looking at the nice catch of whitefish.

Old Timer: "Not bad. Just Tied Him Up"

Looking around, the warden saw a bush move and sauntered over and found the big trout still struggling to get free. He called: "Hey, what's this trout doing here?"

Old Timer: "Well, I'll tell you warden — that darn trout kept taking my bait so I just tied him up till I got through fishing. Then I planned to turn him loose." — Mrs. J. S.

From Oakland: "During the Gold Rush in Alaska, a pardner and I were spending the night in a vacant cabin out alongside the Nome river. About 6 o'clock the wind began to blow. By bedtime it was blowing so hard one of us had to stand in front of the keyhole to keep the wind from blowing the covers off the bed." — O.C.P.

From Boscobel, Wis. When little Tommy was taken into a bank for the first time, he looked at the teller's cages and then asked in a strong voice: "Where are the animals?" — Mrs. E.A.S. Cow Hanks Horn

From Wichita Falls, Tex. Last year my four-year-old son visited my father's ranch for the first time. He watched the Brahama cattle with much curiosity and some fear but when a white-faced Hereford cow gave forth with a long, loud bleat, his fears vanished and he jumped up and down. "Listen, Mommy, listen to that cow honk her horn!"

From Tulsa: "After working with my young Boy Scout for hours trying to teach him the creed, I became disgusted and said: 'You probably don't even know the Scout Motto!' He bristled: 'I do so. It's BE REPAIR-ED!' — Mrs. J. S. T.

For that while-fisherman yarn goes my judges' weekly award of the 30-volume set of the Encyclopedia Americana. Can you top it? If so the next award may go to you.

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4-H CLUB NEWS

Antelope Cooking Club
Antelope Cooking club had a buffet dinner for parents March 12 at the home of Dianne Gardner. About 50 people attended.

The menu was ham loaf and scalloped potatoes prepared by the four first year girls, and carrots and cauliflower sticks by the first year girls. Waldorf salad was prepared by the second year girls. Baking powder biscuits and lemon sponge dessert was prepared by the third year girls.

Games were played throughout the evening. Glenn Klein and Miss Marjorie Hattan, county 4-H agents, were honored guests.

The club's next meeting will be April 13, 1957.

Teena Paige Sewing Club
The Teena Paige Sewing club held a meeting March 13 at Mrs. Ashton's home. Two of the members were absent. The girls plan to go to church this coming Sunday as a group. The girls also plan to go to the movies at a later date. Some of the girls brought their projects to show the rest of the members how much they have accomplished during this year. The meeting was adjourned after refreshments were served.

Mary Jones
Reporter

Patient Death Cause Urged for Newspapers

Columbus, Ohio — (U.P.) — The Columbus Citizen, in an editorial Tuesday, called for a change in the hospital policy of withholding the cause of a patient's death from newspaper reporters.

"The hospitals may feel they are protecting themselves, the deceased, or the relatives by refusing this information," the editorial said.

"But the cause of death is a matter of public record when death certificates are filed. So withholding only delays the news when it is news."

The Scripps-Howard paper maintained there was seldom any good reason for withholding the cause of death, and if there was "Newspapers are as able as hospital administrators to judge the justification for withholding it."

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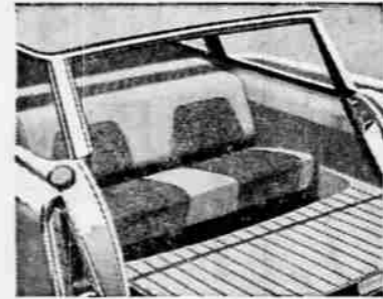


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