

10 Navy Plane Crewmen Saved in Pacific Ditching

Honolulu—(U.P.)—All 10 crewmen of a Navy Neptune patrol plane were rescued "in good condition" early today after they were forced to ditch their burning plane in the Pacific ocean 170 miles southwest of Oahu.

The men were picked up by the submarine USS Bream at 1:11 a.m., four and one-half hours after they ditched the two-engine plane and boarded a life raft.

The plane, attached to Patrol Squadron 28, was on a routine training flight from Barbers Point Naval Air station when the right engine caught fire.

It ditched at 11:40 p.m. (PDT) Thursday. Two submarines and five search planes were immediately dispatched to the area.

An Air Force search plane spotted the men aboard the raft and circled the area until the Bream could arrive to make the rescue.

The plane was piloted by Lt. J. F. Ahern, Framingham, Mass. His copilot was Lt. Robert E. Melhorn, Manchester, N.H.

The other crew members were navigator Lt. (jg) Robert L. Burns, Wall, S.D.; second navigator Ensign Adrian D. Joki, Red Lodge, Mont.; and crewmen AL-1 D. G. Stewart, Portland, Ore.; ATAN P.J. Madigan, Redmond, Wash.; AD-2 R. J. Hardesty, Wichita, Kan.; AT-3 D. G. Boyer, Payne, Okla.; AOU-2 C. W. McCabe, Englewood, Colo.; and AN T. H. Montague, Kyle, Tex.

LETHAL LAWNMOWER
Effingham, Ill.—(U.P.)—Dr. S. F. Henry was recovering today from a slight wound received when his lawn mower struck a .22-caliber bullet which then lodged in his leg.

No Promising Recruits in Sight To Replenish Lagging Television Comedy

By WILLIAM EWALD
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New York — (U.P.) — TV comedy has reached a state of near-collapse.

Such members of the funny business as Milton Berle, Martha Raye, Red Buttons and Buddy Hackett have popped out. Jackie Gleason and Sid Caesar, both giants, are floundering. There are no really promising recruits in sight.

Henry Youngman, a skilled craftsman in the funny business for more than 30 years, thinks he knows why. Most TV comedies, he says, don't even belong in the business. "What's more," says Youngman, "the men responsible for putting comedy on the air wouldn't know a funny man if they fell over one."

"Almost all of the guys you see on TV now are just mechanics," said Youngman today. "They're not funny inside. They don't think funny. They don't feel funny."

No Clown Inside
There are a few exceptions. Groucho Marx was always crazy on and off stage. Benney's a natural. George Burns is another very funny guy offstage. These guys stay in business not only because they know what they're doing, but because they know how to handle success, they know how to enjoy life."

Not so of the new breed, said Youngman. "Sid Caesar is great on TV," he said. "But inside he's no clown at all. You sit down at a table with him and he doesn't even open his mouth."

"Or take Buddy Hackett. He just wasn't equipped for the job. Somebody sees him telling a couple of jokes he's picked up somewhere and they put him on. But he doesn't last because he's not funny."

"Or Sammy Davis. Everybody keeps telling me how funny he is. All he really is, is a mimic doing the same thing week after week with those two cornball

uncles of his. There's nothing new or fresh there. "Or Gerry Moore. He's typical of the new bunch. I don't even know what his audience is laughing about. All he does is play games with them."

Hope Meets Approval
A few comics pass Youngman's inspection. "Gleason is funny inside," he said. "Phil Silvers knows what he's doing."

Coastal Shipping Rate Cut Asked

San Francisco—(U.P.)—The Pacific American Steamship Association has appealed to the Interstate Commerce commission to hold hearings on a proposed rate decrease on commodities shipped between Pacific coast points.

In a telegram to ICC Chairman Owen Clark in Washington, President Robert E. Mayer of PASA said the "cut-rate freight rate slash" would cut off Pacific ports from American flag service to Canada and Alaska.

Mayer asked that Clark "personally review" a three times repeated refusal of the ICC to hold a hearing on the matter.

He termed the refusal to even hear the complaints "a complete disregard of the need of Pacific Coast communities for a continuing coastwise steamship service."

Coastwise and intercoastal lines have opposed what they term "loss-leader" rates on certain commodities because extra transportation costs are passed on to other users.

A temporary restraining order, preventing institution of the proposed rates, has been issued by the federal court here until the court hears the complainant's arguments as to why a hearing should be granted.

Buttons is cute. Gobel has a sense of humor. Carney is a clever man, but I don't think he's able to work by himself.

"Bob Hope is pretty funny, but he's the guy who stole my style of short jokes. He stole my writers, too."

"But you take Mickey Rooney. He's an actor. He's not funny, yet he tries to do comedy. Tennessee Ernie Ford? He stinks all around. Dick Shawn takes 40 minutes to get started. None of these new guys have heart—the sort of thing a Bert Lahr has. What we have is a world of mediocrity."

A large part of the trouble, said Youngman, lies in the men responsible for programming. "The advertising man and the guys who put shows together don't know what's funny themselves. That's why they're in trouble all the time. There are too many people in this business who don't belong in it."

"Now me, I enjoy my work and I play 40 weeks a year. So I've got no worries. And I'll tell you, after looking at some of these other guys on TV, I think I'm a million dollar potential."

Ike Scales Down Foreign Aid Appeal

Washington—(U.P.)—President Eisenhower made a strong appeal to Republican and Democratic congressional leaders yesterday for passage of a foreign aid program of at least \$3,800,000,000 for fiscal 1958.

Senate Republican Leader William F. Knowland said after the White House conference of more than 90 minutes that Eisenhower probably will submit his detailed program to Congress early next week.

The President originally asked \$4,400,000,000 for the mutual security program. Today, he scaled it down to \$2,800,000,000 for military assistance and \$1,080,000,000 for economic aid.

The Medical Roundup

by *Walter Alway*

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When To Go to a Physician

In a recent issue of the American Journal of Medicine, there is an amusing story by Drs. Burwell, Robin, Whaley and Bickelmann about a 263-pound executive who, for years, had had a tendency to drop off to sleep at inopportune times.

What finally caused him to go to a hospital for strenuous treatment was the fact that, while playing poker, he fell asleep as he was being dealt three aces and two kings.

When he woke and looked at his cards—too late to bid them—he decided that it was high time he went to a doctor!

Years ago I had a patient something like this one who came to me when he had to quit playing poker. His difficulty was that whenever he got a wonderful hand, he got so excited that his face turned scarlet and everyone at the table knew enough not to bid!

The Need for Keeping Family Record of Illness

Every so often when I suspect that a patient's epilepsy or mental disturbance is based on an attack of encephalitis or meningitis or brain fever, I am unable to learn if, in childhood, he ever had any serious illness, with severe headache and mental confusion, perhaps following an attack of measles. The patient says he doesn't know, and his mother may say that, with eight children, she cannot remember what each one had.

Similarly, if it looks as if the few convulsions a man had might be hereditary in nature, and I ask him if there was anything like epilepsy in his family, again, he is likely to say "I don't know." As I write this, in comes a fine young man who is planning to marry in the next few months. There has been a case of what looks like epilepsy in the immediate family, and the young couple, both able and highly intelligent college graduates, are wondering if they should have children. These young people know much about what their parents and uncles and aunts were like, but they know almost nothing about their grandparents and their great uncles and aunts. Without the necessary information, it is hard for a genetic counselor to help them.

Week after week I get letters from people saying, "Should I marry my cousin, and if I marry her, should we have children?" Again, all depends on whether there is hereditary disease of any kind in the family. Often the young people cannot answer my questions, because they have no family records.

Back in 1884, Sir Francis Galton, one of the greatest men England ever produced, published a couple of blank-page books, one called Record of family faculties, the other, Life History Album. He felt so strongly that one of the great things that all intelligent heads of families should do would be to record in such a book all that was known about the illnesses and, particularly, hereditary illnesses, in the family as far back as information was available. Mothers should keep a record of the illnesses sustained by their children, with notes on what the doctor said at the time.

Reopening of Tied 'Cords'
Men keep writing to say that years ago, because of a wife's illness, they had a vasectomy; which means they had their tubes cut and tied—the tubes that carry sperm from the testicles up to the base of the blad-

der. This operation does not bother a man in any way. Now, the man has married again and his new wife wants greatly to have a child. Can the tubes be opened up again? It is possible, but able urologists, to whom I have talked, say the operation seldom works, and so they hate to attempt it. Similarly, I get many requests from women who once had their fallopian tubes cut and tied and who now want them opened again. Gynecologists tell me that this operation is hardly worth attempting.

Compassion for the Dying

A hundred times, when I have wanted to give some morphine to a dying person who was suffering greatly, the devout family objected; they were so afraid that the sedative might shorten the person's life—even by a day or two—and then they would be responsible before God. Always in these cases, I have told the family what I feel sure is true, and this is that medicine that relieves pain is likely to lengthen life; suffering can only shorten it.

Now, I am so pleased to read that the Pope—a kindly man who has always had a good understanding of the problems of medicine—has said that it is all right for doctors to give opiates to the dying. This pronouncement from the head of the Catholic church should do much to strengthen the hands of physicians when they want to help suffering people.

Dr. Alvarez hopes his readers will understand that it would be impossible for him to answer requests for information or to attempt to diagnose by mail.

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Father, Son Drown in River Tragedy

Grundy, Va.—(U.P.)—A father attempting to rescue his son from the waters of the Levisa river drowned with a boy Thursday. A girl the son had playfully pushed into the water, touching off the tragedy, was revived with artificial respiration.

The victims were identified as David Blankenship, 34, and his son, Thurman, 14, of nearby Harman, Va.

Police said the two were fishing along the river when Lydia Endicott, 14, and Bertha Mullins, 14, began wading nearby. Young Blankenship playfully pushed Lydia into the water and then fell in himself. When David got into water over his head, the boy's father dived in to save him.

A passing bus driver rescued Lydia but the bodies of the father and son weren't found for a half hour. They were locked together.

Primate of Poland Visits Vatican City

Vatican City—(U.P.)—Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, primate of Poland, began a round of visits today to various Roman Catholic groups and fellow cardinals.

Vatican sources said he probably would not be received by Pope Pius XII until early next week because of the Pope's heavy schedule.

They said the Pope probably would bestow the red hat signifying the office of cardinal on the Polish primate before their private conference.

Cardinal Wyszynski was elevated to cardinal in 1953 but did not come to Rome for the ceremony for fear he would not be permitted by the Communist Warsaw government to return to Poland.

House Votes Raise For State Officers

Salem—(U.P.)—House bill 649 raising the salaries of top state officials passed the House by a narrow 32-27 margin late Thursday as the House handled 42 bills, a record for the session.

The bill, which now goes to the Senate, raises the governor's salary from \$15,000 to \$17,000 a year and provides him with \$400 a month in expense money.

Salaries of the secretary of state, state treasurer and attorney general all would go from \$11,000 to \$12,500 and the commissioner of labor would get \$11,500 instead of \$9,500.

Objection to the hikes was voiced by Reps. Robert Stewart, Keating, Democrat, and J. Rogers, Independence Democrat. Stewart said this was not the time to raise top salaries due to the financial condition of the state.

Rep. Vernon Cook, Gresham Democrat, supported the increases on the theory they would attract high caliber people into state government. He advocated pay increases of at least 50 per cent for all elected officials.

Approves Budget

Ashland—The Ashland city council Tuesday night approved \$1,094,595 city budget for 1957-58 which calls for an overall increase of \$82,369 in expenditures as compared with last year.

The proposed budget seeks an overall tax increase of \$5,104. The \$105,199 to be raised by taxation includes \$54,932 general fund increase the 6 per cent limitation; \$15,000 bonds of interest; \$3,370 bond; \$5,618 cemetery; and \$26,279 park funds.

Eagles To Hold Annual Mother's Day Program

Crater Lake Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, will hold its annual Mother's Day program at 1 p.m. Sunday in the hall at 219 West Main st. Past President O. H. Bengtson is chairman of the program. Assisting him are Annmae Ford, Nelda Heath and Loleta Bennett.

Following the program refreshments will be served in the auxiliary hall. Catherine Teets and Bill Rogers are in charge of refreshments.

Dr. Clifford Miller of Southern Oregon college will give the Mother's day address.

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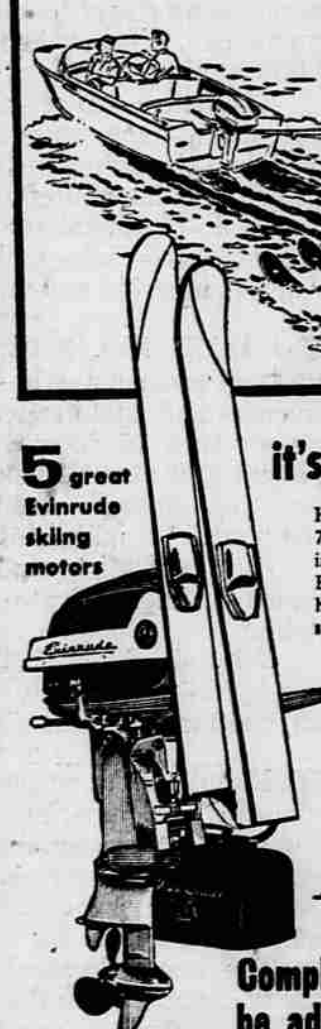
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