

Jeanne Crain, Family Rescued By Coast Guard

Hollywood—Actress Jeanne Crain and her husband, Paul Brinkman, today praised a ham radio operator for picking up an SOS that led to their rescue as their disabled 51-foot yacht threatened to crash into jetty rocks and sink in the Catalina Channel.

Miss Crain and Brinkman were returning from a second honeymoon cruise on their yacht, *Patane*, when the boat ran aground off Catalina Island Monday. The couple's four children also were aboard the stricken craft.

Brinkman said he managed to free the boat from rocks but that later the craft developed a leak that flooded the motor. He said they drifted four hours in heavy seas in the Catalina Channel sending out SOS calls on the yacht's radio.

Worthington Lee, a Corona del Mar contractor, picked up the Brinkmans' distress call Monday night on his short wave radio set. Lee, also a Coast Guard auxiliary vice captain, notified Coast Guard officials at Newport Beach, Calif., and a cutter was dispatched to the rescue.

The Coast Guard said the stricken craft was sighted drifting toward the rugged Newport jetty, and taken in tow by the cutter, Lee, who went along on the rescue, said, "another 30 minutes and the yacht would have been smashed against the rocks."

Miss Crain said she and her husband were seasick and exhausted by the time the cutter arrived. The actress is expecting her fifth child in December.

Tractor Rolls Over

Injuring Woodsman

Weston, Ore. — Buddy Thomason, 27, was seriously injured Tuesday when a caterpillar tractor turned over on him.

Thomason was employed for the M&L Lumber Co. and was working in the Blue Mountain forest about 17 miles east of here.

He was taken to a Walla Walla, Wash., hospital. Preliminary examination showed his pelvis was fractured in six places and he was suffering from head injuries.



SAILING UNUSUAL CRAFT, "Tri-Maran" made of three wing tanks, Wolfgang von Schwarzenfeld, 24, Munich, Germany, leaves Miami, Fla., bound across Atlantic Ocean to Brest, France. He estimates trip will take 30 days. (International Soundphoto)

Lou Martin Named Director of ORFDO

Lou Martin, secretary of the Medford Rural Fire Protection district, was elected to the board of directors of the Oregon Rural Fire District organization at a meeting in Coos Bay last week.

The state rural fire district organization met in joint session June 16-19 with the Oregon Fire Chiefs association. Others attending from Jackson county were Gordon Barker, Medford fire chief, and Leo Furry, Phoenix fire chief.

The local men were accompanied to Coos Bay by J. W. Stevens, vice-president of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, who flew to Medford from San Francisco.

During the session, it was agreed to create a separate organization for volunteer firemen of the state. There are now about 6,000 volunteer firemen in Oregon. In May, 1952, the Rural Fire District organization was created at a meeting of the Oregon Fire Chiefs association in Medford.

COMMISSIONER ILL

Portland — William A. Bowes, Portland city commissioner, was hospitalized Tuesday with what doctors called an intestinal upset.

Driver-Vision Screening Clinic Slated Wednesday

The first of a series of driver-vision screening clinics, sponsored by the Medford Safety Council, will be held Wednesday afternoon at the U. S. National bank, Medford branch.

Employees of the bank will be screened by volunteer members of the Medford Safety Council on Ortho-rater machines, donated for the project by Baush and Lomb Optical company.

The vision screening program has been inaugurated by the safety group to point up the need for re-appraisal of driver vision at regular intervals.

Aubrey Loper, president of the Council, explained that the screening would not constitute a complete visual analysis. It is designed to discover only gross visual problems which might affect driving ability. The vision of each person checked will be compared to the vision standards developed during a 10-year research program at Purdue university.

Dr. Robert Harland, Medford optometrist, will serve as consultant for the Wednesday clinic. Other optometrists will contribute their services to the program through arrangement with the motorists vision and highway safety committee of the Southern Oregon Optometric Society.

Fission Trigger in 'Clean' H-Bomb Still Generates Fallout

Washington — The so-called "clean" H-bomb still has a dirty heart.

It still has to have an A-bomb (fission) trigger, and atomic fission is dirty.

Spokesmen for the atomic project said at the White House on Monday that they know how to make a weapon that is approximately 95 per cent clean.

They did not, however, say or even hint that they have learned how to set off the H-bomb's clean fusion charge without a fission trigger.

Nor did they deny or refute a recent assertion by Dr. Alvin C. Graves, the Atomic Energy Commission's test director, that it is impossible to make an absolutely clean H-bomb.

When weaponers talk about "dirty" or "clean" H-bombs, they mean bombs which generate much or comparatively little radioactive fallout.

So when AEC Chairman Lewis L. Strauss talks about a 95 per cent clean H-bomb, he is talking of one that gets 95 per cent of its power from fusion and only five per cent from fission.

Nominal Bomb
Suppose your weapon is what the civil defense planners call a "nominal" H-bomb equal in power to 20 million tons (20 megatons) of TNT.

If it were 95 per cent clean, it still would get one megaton of its power from fission. Nobody would contend that a one megaton A-bomb would be anything but dirty. In pounds of radioactive materials created, it would be 66 times dirtier than the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima.

The devastatingly dirty H-bomb exploded at Bikini March 1, 1954, was 33 1/3 per cent "clean." According to unofficial estimates, 10 of its 15 megatons of power came from fission and five from fusion. It poisoned 7,000 square miles and frightened the world.

Almost Clean
A scientist told the United Press he believes that it will be possible eventually to make H-bombs in the megaton range that are around 97.5 per cent clean.

A one-megaton H-bomb that clean would get only 25,000 tons of its total power from fission.

The Hiroshima fission bomb was a 15,000-ton weapon. It is conceivable that some of the fission devices being tested in Nevada are prototypes of the refined triggers required for the "clean" H-bombs.

In any event, scientists who have been close observers of the atomic project know of no way to trigger a fusion weapon without fission. Only fission can produce in a split-millionth of a second the multi-million degree temperatures required to make fusion "go" in a bomb.

79 Measles Cases Reported In County

A total of 79 cases of measles were reported in Jackson county for the week ending June 21, according to Dr. A. Erim Merkel, public health physician.

Medford reported 37 measles cases, Ashland 26, Prospect 7, Phoenix 2, Gold Hill 3 and Central Point 4.

Other communicable diseases reported for the week included mumps, Medford 2; whooping cough, Gold Hill 1, Trail 1; and tuberculosis, Medford 1.

Columbine III Fails President Eisenhower

Washington — If airplane's could blush, AFT855 would be the reddest-faced Super Constellation in the U.S. Air Force today.

AFT855 is the Columbine III, President Eisenhower's plush airliner. The Columbine, easily the world's most carefully maintained airliner, developed electrical trouble at Langley Air Force Base Tuesday. The President had to shift to a far slower, sedate C54 and delay his return to Washington.

Going from the Columbine to a C54 (the military version of the commercial DC4) is roughly equivalent to getting out of a 1957 air-conditioned limousine and riding in a 1947 coupe.

Portland — Ogden City Bus Lines of Utah has formally applied for a 20-year franchise to operate buses in Portland.

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