Around-The-World Sailor Says 'Too Much For 1 Man'

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — "Never again," says handsome 34-year-old Peter Tangvald after a harrowing one-man sailing voyage halfway around the world. "It is too much for one man."

He should know. He sailed his 45-foot wooden yawl Windflower from West Mersey, England, to Long Beach, on the Southern California coast.

The 13,000-mile voyage took more than 14 months and nearly cost the Los Angeles design engineer his life.

He battled mountainous seas for four days in a hurricane, sailed 31 days without spotting another sign of human life, spent 48 unbroken hours at the tiller during a heavy fog without sleep, food or water, and broke two fingers which he bandaged himself.

The bearded mariner was following in the footsteps of his ancestors. He is of Norwegian descent and started sailing when he was 14.

He hadn't planned to make the trip alone. His wife Lillemore accompanied him from England to France in the fall of 1957. Rough weather on that shakedown cruise led her to fly home to California.

"I tried to recruit a crew in in England but all the seamen said it was 'the bad season' and refused to go," Tangvald says. "It was sail by myself or spend the winter in that miserable climate."

He headed first for Spain, where efforts to recruit a crew were again unsuccessful.

The Windflower covered the 3,100-miles from the Canary Islands to Antigua in the West Indies in 31 days. The sailor says this is the second fastest time on record for a sailing vessel.

Did he get bored? No, he was too busy working 14 to 16 hours a day. His sleep—eight hours a day—came in naps of two or three hours each.

After he passed through the Panama Canal into the Pacific in August, he ignored advice not to sail along Mexico's west coast in hurricane season.

Halfway to Acapulco a storm struck with winds up to 70 miles an hour.

"It was the one time I regretted making the trip," he says. "I thought it was the end for sure."

But he managed to limp into Acapulco. There he stayed until Oct. 1 when all possibilities of coastal storms were considered past.

Despite his "never again" remark, the solo voyager adds: "It was a great adventure."

Probe Ended By Scientists

LITTLE AMERICA, Antarctica (UPI)—The final stages of turning this big U.S. scientific outpost in the antarctic into a ghost town began today with the close of the International Geophysical Year.

The next three weeks will see the complete evacuation of more than 100 scientists and base personnel and the transfer of hundreds of tons of equipment, including valuable scientific instruments.

The base built by Navy seabees in early 1956 is the fifth U.S. expedition camp in this area of the Ross Ice Shelf since Adm. Richard E. Byrd's historic first expedition to the Bay of Whales 30 years ago.

Like that first base—named Little America I—Little America V already is completely covered by the relentless accumulation of ice and snow. It will be closed up tight by Jan. 20, although precautions will be taken for a speedy reopening, if necessary.

The icebreakers Staten Island and Northwind are ferrying priority cargo from the edge of the massive ice shelves near here to the big American station at McMurdo sound, 450 miles to the west. This base will be completely deserted with the departure of the icebreaker glacier next month.

Plans to make an overland evacuation across the ice shelf were called off when a trail-blazing team ran into an extensive crevasse area near McMurdo. Two men were injured slightly when their 38-ton tractor plunged into a 55-foot-deep crevasse.

Thursday the task of processing information from the bases issuing weather reports will be taken over by the weather team in Melbourne, Australia.

With the closing of Little America V and the turnover of two other bases to Australia and Argentina, the continuing American Antarctic research program will be carried on at the South Pole base, Byrd station in remote Marie Byrdland, McMurdo and the Cape Hallet station operated jointly with New Zealand.

Little America V already is showing signs that its days are numbered. The wooden beams which support the corridors and tunnels linking the 20-odd snow-buried buildings are sagging and cracked in some places.

Chairmen Appointed

PORTLAND (AP) — Three chairmen of financial committees for the 1959 Oregon Legislature have been appointed by the heads of the Oregon Senate and the House of Representatives.

State Sen. Walter D. Pearson (D-Portland), State Senate president-elect, appointed Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland) chairman of the Senate Taxation committee.

State Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) will be chairman of the House Taxation Committee. Speaker of the House, Robert Duncan (D-Medford) announced.

Duncan also appointed Rep. elect Keith Skelton (D-Eugene) as House Ways and Means Committee chairman.

Weather Table

By United Press International

Temperatures and rainfall for 24 hours ending at 4 a.m.

	High	Low	Rain
Albuquerque	21	8	5
Atlanta	68	49	
Bakersfield	60	38	
Boise	41	36	
Boston	39	22	
Brownsville	66	38	2.2
Chicago	32	26	
Denver	36	18	.70
Detroit	34	16	
El Centro	67	44	
Fairbanks	-19	-45	T
Fort Worth	37	25	.15
Fresno	55	31	
Helena	45	39	
Kansas City	28	26	.22
Los Angeles	70	46	
Miami	75	71	
Minneapolis	27	9	
New Orleans	52	51	
New York	49	24	
Oakland	70	53	
Oklahoma City	26	21	.28
Phoenix	58	34	
Pittsburgh	41	21	
Red Bluff	71	51	
Reno	50	20	
Sacramento	55	37	
Salt Lake City	32	29	
San Diego	75	49	
San Francisco	62	51	
Seattle	56	53	
Spokane	44	37	.03
Stockton	60	33	
Thermal	71	42	
Tucson	55	32	
Washington	56	31	

TEN-UNIT MOTEL

MOUNT SHASTA — Tony Feminis, well known Northern California League baseball player, is building a 10-unit motel at the corner of South Room Avenue and McCloud Road. Feminis made a six-month tour of the United States to gather ideas of the type he wanted to build, and brought back the plans he is following. The motel will be open for business on April 1, 1959.

CITY BRIEFS

Shasta View Grange — No. 830, will hold a regular meeting at 8 p.m. Friday.

NAACP — will have a regular business meeting Saturday, January 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the county library lecture room. Friends are invited. The meeting place has been changed from Klamath County Chamber of Commerce building.

Aloha—Social Club will meet in the Masonic Temple Friday, January 2, at 1:45 p.m. for dessert luncheon and regular business meeting. Lillian Haneline is president. Hostesses will be Geneva Swift, Fern Miner and Louise Zinn. All members are cordially invited.

Home—Dr. and Mrs. V. E. Burris, Klamath Falls, have returned after spending the Christmas holidays in Spokane with Mrs. Burris' family.

Council Says 390 Will Die

CHICAGO (AP) — The National Safety Council estimates 390 Americans may die in traffic accidents during the four-day New Year holiday and 11,000 other persons may suffer disabling accidents.

The council figured 350 traffic deaths would occur during a non-holiday period of equal length.

The 102-hour New Year holiday period runs from 6 p.m. local time Wednesday to midnight Sunday, Jan. 4.

The record traffic toll for a New Year holiday is 409, set in a four-day period at the end of 1956 and beginning of 1957.

During the recent Christmas four - day period 594 highway deaths were counted by The Associated Press. The council made a pre-Christmas estimate of 620.

Health Group To Eye Laws

WEED—Approval of a revision in bylaws to provide for the regular two-year succession of officer leadership according to towns, will be asked when the Siskiyou County Tuberculosis and Health Association holds its annual meeting in the spring.

The bylaws committee, Mrs. Marion Newberry, chairman, met in Mount Shasta recently to study possibilities of ensuring representative leadership from all the towns and areas covered by the county association. Under the revision, officers would be selected from the communities in rotation as follows: McCloud (now in office), Scott Valley-Klamath River area, Dunsmuir, Yreka, Mount Shasta, Butte Valley - Tulelake area, Weed, Shasta Valley-Hornbrook-Hilt area.

The committee also suggested limiting the number of directors from each town or area, ranging from three in the large communities to one in the outlying districts. Directors would serve for a three-year term, with one-third of the board elected each year.

In addition to Mrs. Newberry and Nino Cattuzzo, president of the Siskiyou County Tuberculosis and Health Association, those serving on the bylaws committee include Mrs. Dorothy Johns, Dorris; Mrs. H. L. Vidricksen, Weed; Mrs. Mary Sheldon and Mrs. Nadine Clark, Mount Shasta; Emilie Gibson and Mrs. Mamie Poe, Dunsmuir.

California Weather

United Press International

San Francisco Bay Area: Fair and mild through Thursday; high today 60-65; low tonight 40-50; gentle winds.

Mt. Shasta-Siskiyou area: Fair through Thursday except local night and morning valley fog; little change in temperature.

Sierra Nevada: Fair through Thursday; little change in temperature; locally windy on west slopes.

Sacramento Valley: Fair through Thursday except considerable night and morning fog; not quite so warm north portion Thursday; high both days 55-65 except 70 in north today; low tonight 33-43; gentle winds.

Northwestern California: Fair through Thursday except local night and morning valley fog; little change in temperature; high today and low tonight Napa 56-33, Santa Rosa 66-34, Ukiah 68-40; variable winds 5-15 m.p.h near coast.

NAACP Eyes Elections

NEW YORK (UPI)—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) said Tuesday the November elections may turn out to have been the most significant 1958 development in civil rights.

The elections, marked by a Democratic sweep, increased chances for passage of new civil rights legislation in the next Congress, Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, said in a year-end review.

"Already plans have been formulated to secure Congressional action in support of the Supreme Court's decisions as well as of other civil rights measures," Wilkins said.

He said other major developments in race relations this year included Supreme Court reaffirmation of its 1954 ruling against public school segregation, a call for support of the court's rulings by religious groups and increased federal activity in the civil rights field.

"On the negative side" Wilkins included "the bombings of churches, synagogues, schools and private homes" and "the defiance of the Civil Rights Commission by Alabama election officials who refused to cooperate in the investigation of violations of Negroes' right to vote in that state."

Migration Begun By 5,000 Whales

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI)—The annual migration of whales from the north into the warmer waters off Lower California is underway and 42 of the giant mammals have been spotted moving south since Sunday.

As many as 5,000 migrating whales normally pass by Point Loma during December and January each year.

TO HOLD MASS

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope John XXIII will usher in the first new year of his pontificate tonight with a midnight Mass in his private chapel.

Judge Suspends Sentences, But Fines 3 Youths $100

Three youths who admitted guilt in a gang fight with other teenagers were fined $100 each and given suspended jail sentences by District Judge D. E. Van Vactor Tuesday.

In passing sentence on the three, all 18 years old, the judge snapped:

"If you think we're going to have gang warfare around here, you're sadly mistaken. I'll put a stop to it, if I have to put the whole gang in jail."

The youths, each of whom paid a $100 fine minutes after appearance before the judge and a courtroom of spectators, were Dennis Crain, Derby Street; Richard Herrera, 3823 Crest Street, and Robert Bramwell, Route 2.

The three had pleaded guilty Monday to vagrancy charges resulting from a fight in the parking lot of a new teen-age club, The Oasis, on South U.S. 97 the night of December 20. They were arrested by Deputy Sheriff Fred Calfee.

Witnesses, youths who said they had been attacked during the fight, said in court that the three were part of a gang that swarmed over their cars, beat them up and kicked their cars. One of the attackers was accused of running over the top of a car and jumping on the hood.

Crain and Bramwell told the judge, after a stern lecture and strict questioning, that they were married and each had a child.

"Who's going to take care of your wives and children while you're in jail?" the judge demanded. "Did you ever think of that?"

The judge also noted that Herrera's mother was ill from a nervous condition.

"You're all experienced with the law," the judge snapped. "You should have learned your lessons before this."

The judge sentenced each to 30 days in jail and $100 fine, with the jail sentence suspended upon payment of the fines. The fines were paid immediately.

Collectors Slate Meet

First 1959 meeting of the Klamath Stamp and Coin Club will be held Friday evening, January 2, 8 p.m., in the YMCA. Visitors are welcome. The club usually meets the first Thursday of each month, but the meeting night has been set back one day to avoid meeting on New Year's Day.

For its second December meeting, the club had its second annual dinner in the Camas Room of the Winema Hotel. Before the dinner slides were shown of "Famous Women on Coins and Medals," by Lenore Richardson and Melvin Carmichael. The slides are the property of the American Numismatic Association and ranged from the Greek empress, Athena, in the fifth century, B.C., to today's Queen Elizabeth II. The slides are loaned upon request to individual ANA members for showing at club meetings.

Members of the Klamath Stamp and Coin Club who are also members of the American Numismatic Association are Melvin Carmichael, Helen Davis, Earl Harris, Dwight Kercher, Maurice Miller, Ernest Mullis, Samuel Oliver, and Thomas Richardson.

The ANA operates under a federal charter, granted by an act of Congress in 1912, obtained principally through the efforts of Senator Ashurst of Arizona. Senator Ashurst is a brother of Edward Ashurst, a long time practicing attorney in Klamath Falls during the 1920s and 1930s. The senator may also be remembered as one of the big winners on the $64,000 Question during 1958.

New members of the club are John Tompkins, Tommy James, Albert Gunn, Harold Tompkins, and Phillip Hardman. The club now has 80 members. President of the club is Maurice Miller.

DONATION PLANNED

MOUNT SHASTA—The Mount Shasta Community Hospital is planning to donate several items of merchandise to the first baby born there in 1959. The baby will receive three cases of baby formula, three dozen diapers, two dozen bottles and nipples, two boxes of baby powder, two boxes of oil and cream, one dozen blankets and two dozen shirts.

Boss Claims Bribes Legal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A Chattanooga Teamsters Union boss has testified at his trial on income tax fraud charges that it's permissible to use union money for bribing public officials.

Glenn W. Smith, president of Local 515, is charged with evading income taxes on $18,500 in 1951. Smith insisted Tuesday he paid out the money as a union bribe intended for a judge.

A codefendant, H. L. Boling, secretary-treasurer of the local, is charged with abetting a fraud for turning the money over to Smith.

Smith told the court that bribery "as such" is against the constitution and bylaws of the international Teamsters Union.

However, he explained: "Under a condition such as political pressure, as we had in our union, the spending of money to protect our members under such circumstances, in my opinion, would not be against the international constitution and bylaws."

A dozen or more members of the Chattanooga local testified the money was given Smith as a loan to be used to help out members of the union who were in trouble. They said the union purposely omitted from its records money paid for fixing court cases in 1951.

Service Missiles End Year With A Double Explosion

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) —A busy and fruitful 1958 ended with a double bang at this space age shooting gallery.

A Navy Polaris test rocket and an Air Force Thor were launched Tuesday before the New Year's Day shutdown of the test center and both exploded in the sky in a day of spectacular fireworks.

A year ago, with the Sputniks orbiting ominously overhead and the Soviet Union holding a massive lead in the space race, two failures so close together would have plunged the nation into deepest gloom.

Today, America could laugh them off, for out of such failures have come successes which have put the free world in a neck-and-neck struggle with the Reds.

In one momentous year, this base has launched several satellites, one a 4½-ton Atlas. It has broken the intercontinental barrier with an Atlas which flew 6,325 miles. It has developed a host of other long and short range missiles. And it has sent probes hurtling thousands of miles out into space toward the moon.

So residents of this busting missile area took Tuesday's blowups in stride.

The Polaris, a solid fuel forerunner of an intermediate range ballistic missile which may be ready by 1960 for firing from nuclear powered submarines roaming the seas, went up in midday. It looked good for 90 seconds, scooting along at 5,000 miles an hour.

Then the range safety officer noted that the missile was drifting off course and pressed a button that blew it to pieces.

About 10 hours later, a fiery Thor blasted off the Cape. It looked bad from the beginning. Instead of climbing straight up, it leaned at an awkward angle.

Again, 90 seconds after firing, the safety officer stabbed the destruct button. The Thor exploded and a huge funnel of reddish flame marked its plunge into the Atlantic just off the Cape.

The Polaris was the third of its type to be fired, and the third to blow up. The Navy, however, was highly pleased with its performance. Valuable lessons were learned about the structural integrity and the propulsion force of the missile.

Previously, 11 of 14 Thors fired during 1958 were reported to have made accurate flights.

HOME ON LEAVE is Pvt. Robert Kent Goeckner, 20, son of Mrs. Helen D. Goeckner, 535 North Tenth Street. Goeckner, who attended KUHS and entered the Army last July, will return to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, for heavy equipment engineering training.

Shipper Lauds ICC Action

PORTLAND (UPI)—One of Oregon's largest by-water lumber shippers has expressed approval of an Interstate Commerce Commission action cutting Southern Pacific Railroad's freight rates for lumber to Southern California and Arizona markets.

A spokesman for Georgia-Pacific Corporation said the new cut for rail shippers would open a new market and add substantially to other markets which Oregon shippers have developed in lieu of California customers.

The ICC action will generally firm lumber prices and affect the plywood market about the same way, the spokesman said. He said the Oregon lumber market is reported strong in demand due to low inventories, slower production, unseasonal construction and general business optimism.

Lumber mill operators in the Southern Oregon city of Medford said it was a "bit early" to determine what effects the lower rail rates will have because of the holidays.

They pointed out that lumber buyers were not on the road and wholesalers were watching inventories for tax purposes. They agreed, however, that some stimulation was expected from steady customers in California and Arizona.

The lumber mill operators said they expected the same rate of production and no changes in employment. No extra work shifts were anticipated nor were new mills expected as a result of the lower rates.

Lumbermen said the reduced freight rate would probably be divided with wholesalers and retailers. The lumber price "probably" would be raised in proportion to the decrease in the freight rate, they said.

RESIDENCE DESTROYED

SUMMER LAKE—A fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Ross Banister residence in Paisley Christmas night. Nearly all of the household furnishings were saved. John Branch discovered the smoke as he was returning from a Christmas dance at the Paisley gymnasium and aroused Mrs. Berla Swanson who was in bed asleep. Mr. and Mrs. Banister had gone to California to spend the holidays with relatives. They have been notified of the disaster.

County Sheriff's Posse To Partake In Centennial

The Klamath Sheriff's Posse will take part in the Centennial Pony Express mail run which will take place June 7 to 10, 1959, at the opening of the Oregon Centennial Celebration. The announcement was made by Harry Long, executive vice president of the Centennial Pony Express, Inc., from his headquarters in Baker.

Long founded the organization, along with Stanley W. Thompson, its president, to organize a Pony Express service throughout the state during the opening of the centennial celebration. Participating in this enterprise will be riding clubs and mounted posses from throughout Oregon. They will collect mail at special Pony Express post offices and carry it on horseback to Portland, where it will be forwarded by ordinary mail to addresses in this country and abroad.

The purpose of the event is to publicize the centennial and the Western horsemen of today. The Pony Express organization claims that there are more than 100,000 riding horses within the state. Horsemanship plays an outstanding part in keeping the Old West alive, and almost every community in the state has at least one organized riding group.

Special Centennial Pony Express stationery will be made available to everyone, the organization announces, and post offices will be set up throughout the state, with special one-dollar stamps on sale. These stamps are not issued by the government, so a four-cent stamp must accompany the Pony Express stamp. Plans for filming and televising the run, which will be livened up by mock Indian and bandit raids, are being made, Thompson announces.

"We believe that this will be the largest event of its kind ever to take place," Thompson said. "It is hoped that with the income from stamps, advertising, filming and other sources, a huge plaque with the names of all the clubs taking part can be purchased and placed at the state capitol building or some other location where it could be viewed by the public of the future. Also, to set up a fund to aid riding clubs in the staging of horse shows, rodeos and other club activities. We plan to have trophies and awards for clubs and individuals for outstanding performances."

The three-day mail run is to be succeeded by a weekly run, maintained by volunteer and contracted riders, continuing until the end of the centennial celebration, September 17. This weekly run is planned to follow two main line routes across the state, with some feeder lines.

The Klamath Sheriff's Posse, established in the early 1940s, now has a membership of about 25, including three members of the sheriff's office: Sheriff Murray Britton, Deputy Sheriff Dale Mattoon—president of the posse—and Deputy Sheriff Delbert Summers, vice president. Ralph Utley is corresponding secretary and Charlie Read, treasurer.

Boys Flag Train, But Get No Ride

BRANFORD, Conn. (AP)—Two boys flagged a 100-car freight train Tuesday night.

The train stopped. Crewmen asked the boys what their trouble was.

No trouble. The boys, who had been visiting a girl friend here, just wanted a ride back to New York City.

Railroad police turned the boys, aged 14 and 15, over to juvenile authorities.

"DEFIANT ONE" BEST

NEW YORK (UPI)—"The Defiant One" has been selected by New York film critics as the best movie of 1958.

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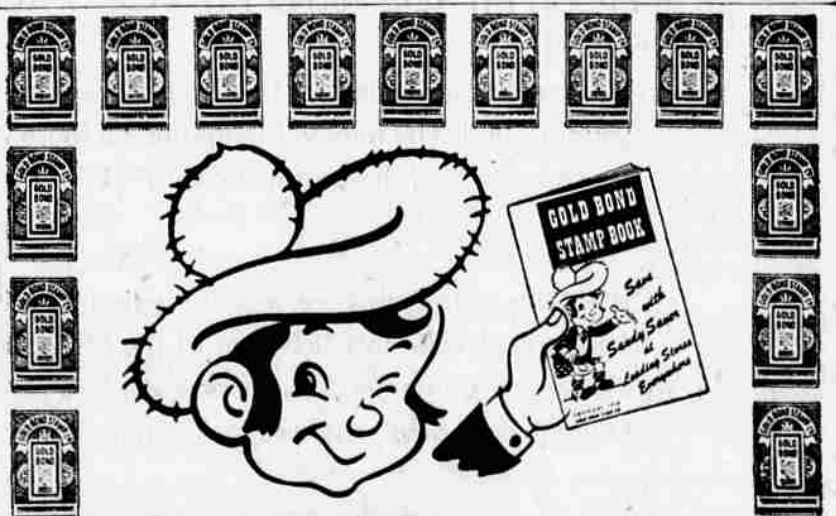

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