

# Sailors Battle Sharks To Aid Wreck Victims

DARWIN, Australia (UPI)—A harrowing saga of survival was told by two sailors who rowed a leaking dinghy through shark-infested waters to get help for six comrades shipwrecked for nearly a month.

The group, including a woman and her 9-month-old baby, were marooned on a tiny uninhabited island off Australia's northern coast. They lived on a diet of oysters and mussels until finally rescued a week ago.

Details of the dramatic rescue were revealed today.

The drama began last month when Robert Casey, 51, bought a 23-ton fishing boat named Dana Maria and set out from Darwin for Brisbane to put the vessel into prawn waters.

Traveling with Casey were Ian James, 35, his wife Dawn, 28, and their infant daughter, Tom Spradrov, 27, and William Pitt, 22, signed on as crewmen-passengers.

Caught in Storm

Four days out of Darwin off the Wessel Islands in the Aru Sea, the ship was caught in heavy seas and near hurricane-force winds. It wallowed for more than a day.

The ship finally struck a reef and was abandoned. Pitt and Mrs. James and the baby 200 yards toward shore in the dinghy and the others swam.

The dinghy had almost reached shore when it was swamped," Spradrov said.

Mrs. James and the baby managed to scramble ashore but Pitt was knocked unconscious. Casey dragged him ashore.

Once on land the party salvaged canvas for shelter and some waterlogged flour, tea and potatoes from the ship stores. They also recovered a small supply of water and fishing tackle.

Spradrov said it rained constantly for the first three days and when the rain stopped the intense heat, sandflies and mosquitoes proved even worse.

Snakes on the island, Spradrov said, "acted like they'd never seen people before. They

came within a few feet of the camp."

The food supply was exhausted after four days. A few fish were caught with handlines. Spradrov said the baby thrived on a diet of mashed oysters.

Try For Help

About 10 days later — Spradrov said he lost track of time — he and Pitt decided to set out in the damaged dinghy to get help.

"We had lost all our fish-hooks on the rocks and the diet was getting monotonous," Spradrov said. "I had a gun and managed to shoot a couple of birds but we could not be stranded there for months."

Pitt and Spradrov patched a hole in the 15-foot rowboat and pushed off, carrying three bottles of water and a sack of uncooked flour dough.

The two seamen said sharks were so thick and voracious that they nipped at the oars. One man rowed, and the other stood guard with Spradrov's 22-caliber rifle.

Pitt and Spradrov reached Elcho Island 3 1/2 days later, then walked 35 miles to a Methodist mission station. A boat from the mission picked up the six survivors.

Casey said he plans to organize a group to go back to make repairs on the Dana Maria.

Several members of the remaining members of the Klamath Tribe, met Monday with a group of officers of three quarters in the Winema Hotel to determine procedure in changing trusteeships and to solve other problems concerning handling of Indian funds held in trust for minors and incompetents.

The three banks are responsible for approximately 500 Indian accounts according to the sale of the Indian reservation. Banks and trust officers are: U.S. National Bank, Ray Lang, trust officer; First National Bank, Wayne Blair, trust officer, and United California Bank, Sacramento, Frank Siegall, trust officer, who were present with Attorney William P. Brandness of the law firm of Cox and Brandness.

Other monies are held in trust in addition to the named banks by attorneys, other banks, and by friends.

## Indians Talk Trust Funds With Banks

## Shasta PTA Books Panel

The Shasta Parent Teacher Association will meet Thursday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Shasta School.

The program will be on "Youth Activities" with a panel of discussion with a panel discussion on the youth of today are the successes or failures of tomorrow. Speakers will be Bob Kennedy, active in youth activities, who is a past chairman of Camp Fire Girls, Lee Shaffer, who has worked closely with youth, especially in summer camps, and Francis L. Matthews, Klamath County juvenile officer.

All parents are urged to attend as emphasis will be on the importance of parent guidance in the grade school years.

## Hospitalized

Mrs. Bess Barker, resident of the White Pine Apartments, 1120 Pine Street, underwent major surgery at Klamath Valley Hospital Wednesday morning, Feb. 17.



**NEW OFFICERS - HONORED GUESTS** — Honorary Farmers of the Malin Chapter, Future Farmers of America are, seated left to right, Kenneth Duncan and Wayne Woods. Chapter officers, left to right, back row: Dan Duncan, secretary; Riley Wilson, vice president; Larry Turner, president; Jim Fallhee, treasurer; Richard Takacs, reporter, and Phil Petrasek, secretary. They were present for the 34th annual Parent-Son Award Night in Malin High School.



**ALSO WINNERS** — National Foundation award winners in Future Farmers of America competition are, left to right, Larry Turner, livestock farming, farm safety, farm mechanics and public speaking; Phil Petrasek, crop farming and star chapter farmer award, and Dale Petrasek, initial greenhand award.

# Malin FFA Honors Members At Annual Banquet

MALIN—The annual Malin Future Farmer of America Award Night for members of the Malin Chapter FFA, and parents, brought honors to several chapter members. Malin chapter is one of the oldest in Oregon and only chapter in Klamath County. Jim Lacey is adviser.

Theme of the meeting was "Agriculture - Dynamic, Challenging."

Chapter President Larry Turner gave the welcome. The invocation was by Rev. E. H. Whitman of the Malin Community Church. Jim Fallhee gave the treasurer's report. Chapter members participated in the opening ceremony.

Larry Turner, winner of the district speech contest gave his speech. Public speaking awards were made by Don Pyle, representing the First National Bank of Oregon, to Larry Turner, first; Kelly Wilson, second, and Mike Kenyon, third.

Honors Won

Larry Turner also won the farm mechanics, farm safety, and livestock farming awards.

Honorary Chapter Farmer Lakeview, Chapter Sweetheart Gloria Bryant was presented with a gift.

Entertainment was by a barbershop quartet, Desert, prepared by the Future Home of the People tour of Europe last year, spoke on his trip. Greer, District home economics instructor, President FFA Larry Maxwell, was served.

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## Space Agency Pleads For \$3.2 Billion Budget

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The space agency's top brass went to Congress today to plead the administration case for President Johnson's \$3.2 billion figure was too low.

The legislators are disturbed by the complete elimination of two projects from the fiscal 1966 budget — the development of a big solid fuel rocket booster and the development of an ultra-sophisticated liquid fuel.

They want to add about \$50 million more than is being spent on the two projects this year.

Committee Chairman George P. Miller, D-Calif., said in an

interview that first his group must decide whether Johnson's request "is a proper one." He predicted that if Congress did vote extra funds, Johnson probably would go along.

Other congressional news: Goldwater, D-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, urged his colleagues to act "firmly, decisively and promptly" on President Johnson's request to remove gold backing requirements on federal reserve deposits. He made his statement as senators got ready to vote on the House-passed proposal.

More than 25 lawmakers on both sides of the Capitol introduced "freedom of information" bills that would make most government records available to anyone who wants to see them. Such a proposal passed the Senate last year but died when the House failed to take action.

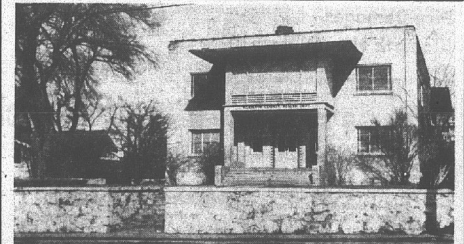
## Chairs Sought For Clubhouse

Klamath Jaycees are in need of chairs to sit on and tables to lean elbows on, in the new Jaycee Clubhouse, established downstairs in the Arcade Hotel.

Anyone having such items to give away may call Roger Carlson at Thomas Dodge Automobile Agency, 805-317, and pickup will be arranged for Saturday, Feb. 20.

Any surplus will be given to needy families.

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Klamath County is offering for sale the above pictured building which was formerly the Klamath County Health Dept.

This Bldg. is in a Zone C1 (Restricted Commercial) area which allows it to be used for many different purposes. The location & size of the Bldg. lends itself to be used for office space, apartments, and possibly even a school dorm on a conditional use basis with permission of the city council.

This Bldg. is located at 1949 Main St. which enjoys a convenient location to the downtown area. Its 12,672 square feet of floor space is economically heated by a hot water well.

Prospective buyers may see the Bldg. during week days from 8:00 to 5:00 by contacting the Purchasing Agent Dept. in the County Court House.

Sealed bids clearly marked "Health Dept. Bid" may be mailed or delivered to the Klamath County Clerk's office, not later than 10:00 A.M., March 3, 1965, at which time they will be publicly opened.

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