

## Sputnik II May Go For A Year

WASHINGTON — U.S. scientists say that Russia's second satellite may continue circling the earth for a year or more.

Some earlier thought among scientists at the Naval Research Laboratory was that the half-ton Sputnik II might plunge earthward earlier than Sputnik I. There have been predictions the first satellite, a small sphere, will fall out of orbit Dec. 11.

The scientists said Sputnik II is apparently slowing down more gradually than they previously believed.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the U.S. space satellite program, Project Vanguard, said American scientists are "now pretty close" to asking that the launching pad at Cape Canaveral, Fla., be cleared for firing the first U.S. satellite test sphere.

Announced American plans call for launching small test spheres next month and firing the first fully developed satellite in March.

A spokesman for the Grand Central Rocket Co., Mentone, Calif., said his firm was notified by the Navy Tuesday night that the first U.S. test satellite, a sphere 6.4 inches in diameter, would go aloft Dec. 1.

In Washington, the Navy said no exact date has been set, although it said it still plans firings next month.

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## Stranded Aircraft Undergoes Repair On Little America

AUCKLAND, N.Z. — Six men have returned to Little America in the Antarctic after working nonstop for 36 hours changing an engine on a stranded U.S. Navy Dakota.

A message received here Wednesday from Little America said the party worked in near zero temperatures to complete the job, which normally takes two or three days in a well-equipped workshop.

The Dakota was forced down on Ross Shelf, 200 miles from Little America. It is the first of four grounded Navy aircraft to be repaired. The others are a Neptune at the South Pole, a Dakota at the foot of Beardmore Glacier, and another Neptune at McMurdo Sound.

Rolla J. Crick, a reporter for the Oregon Journal, was among those stranded at the South Pole with the downed Neptune.

## 'Inadequate Maintenance' Scored

### Truck's Defective Brakes Blamed For Dunsmuir Crash

WASHINGTON — The Interstate Commerce Commission said Monday a complete failure of a "seriously defective" brake system led to the spectacular downhill runaway of a tractor-trailer at Dunsmuir, Calif., last July 12.

Racing into the town at 75 miles per hour, the heavily loaded vehicle hit 12 automobiles and four buildings, killing two persons and injuring eight.

"This accident serves to demonstrate the effect of inadequate maintenance at its worst," ICC said.

"The driver involved did not possess the minimum physical and experience qualifications required of drivers of vehicles in interstate commerce required by this commission."

The ICC said "appropriate enforcement action will be instituted," but declined to elaborate. The Dunsmuir accident involved a vehicle owned and operated by Cecil Payne Supply Co. of Tucson, Ariz. At the time, it was transporting a 76,000-pound load of plywood from Albany, Ore., to the Tucson area.

The driver, the commission said, was Buel Kincheio, 35, of Tucson, described as without previous experience in handling this type of heavy vehicle alone. The commission said that at the time of the accident he was under treatment for a nervous condition. Although the vehicle was literally demolished in overturning in Dunsmuir, the driver was only slightly injured.

Stopped in Roseburg The ICC investigators reported that on the fatal trip, the vehicle

## BLM Activities Are Explained At Meeting

BAKER, Ore. — Activities of the Bureau of Land Management were explained Wednesday at the regular meeting of the Columbia Basin Inter-Agency Committee.

Edward Woolley, national director of the bureau, and a number of other bureau officials, spoke at the session, telling of the bureau's activities in forest management, range management, mining, leasing for minerals and other uses of public lands.

Scheduled speakers included: James F. Doyle, Portland, BLM area administrator; Neal D. Nelson, Salt Lake City, BLM area administrator; Virgil T. Heath, Oregon BLM supervisor; J. R. Penny, Idaho BLM supervisor; Fred J. Weiler, Washington BLM supervisor; and Roger O. Oscarson, Portland, minerals staff officer.

# Health Department Important Cog In Government Of Douglas County

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The county government is composed of many agencies that perform various functions, but one of the most important of these agencies is the health department.

The department, headed by Dr. Mary Soules, health officer, is entrusted with the job of protecting the health and general welfare of all the citizens of Douglas County.

The health department also offers many free services and aides, but many of these are unknown to residents of Douglas County who could best profit by the benefits they promise.

A number of clinics are conducted by the department where children of school and pre-school age may receive examinations for various ailments absolutely free. The department also offers free nursing consultation for expectant mothers on referral from a private physician.

One of the most important functions of any health department is to protect against the outbreak of communicable diseases and prevent epidemics.

## Disease Program Big

The communicable disease program conducted by the Douglas County Health Dept. is one of its biggest jobs. The department holds a clinic every Monday for immunization purposes. At these clinics Dr. Soules gives all shots and vaccinations. In fact she performs this duty wherever the immunization program is carried on in the

county, either in the health office in the courthouse or in county schools.

The health officer and nurses make the rounds of schools in the county once each year and immunize students against such diseases as smallpox, diphtheria, tetanus and polio.

A slight fee is charged for shots, but this charge is for the vaccine used because the cost isn't carried in the health department's budget. However, there is no cost for polio shots. Third polio shots are being given this year.

## TB Is High On List

Tuberculosis is a communicable disease high on the list of the health department, and is kept under close surveillance. The department keeps close tabs on all known cases in the county and any contacts they make. When a new case of tuberculosis is discovered they are immediately referred to doctors for treatment.

Dr. Soules reports that state law required that all personnel working in schools must be free from TB. All school employees must be certified through the county health office. Several communities in Douglas County also have ordinances requiring food handlers to

be free from TB to be employed.

If a number of cases of TB break out in some industry or other organization, the county health officer can request the TB X-ray unit be sent from Portland if she feels the need exists.

## Clinics Set For Children

In other areas of physical health, several clinics are conducted for pre-school age children. Dr. Soules visits communities around the county at various times and directs what is called a well-child conference. This type of clinic is adapted for children who are apparently normal and healthy. Mothers may bring their children to the well-child conference for free physical examinations and immunization. If any illness is discovered through these examinations, the child is referred to the family physician.

Another service for pre-school children is the diagnostic crippled children's clinic which is offered twice a year. An orthopedist comes to Roseburg from Portland for this clinic. If any deformities are found in the children examined, they are referred to the family physician, but if the family can't afford treatment the case is referred to the State Division of

Crippled Children which is affiliated with the University of Oregon Medical School.

A child guidance clinic is conducted once a month. This clinic is for children who are emotionally disturbed. Four times a year the department also operates a speech clinic for pre-school children who have speech deficiencies.

## Vision Clinic Arranged

An innovation in clinical treatment was performed in Douglas County this year. Dr. Soules reports that the health department conducted a vision clinic for pre-school children during 1957, which was probably the only one of its kind in a county in the U.S. The clinic ran from April to June and if any vision corrections were found necessary, the children were again referred to the care of a doctor.

The department also offers a generalized nursing service which functions to give aid wherever needed and also refer individuals to physicians when it is deemed necessary.

The county health nurses also attempt to detect illness where it exists and explain the services that are available through the health office to the general public.

County health nurses also go to public schools around the county on regular schedules. During these visits to schools they work closely with teachers and inspect children referred to them by the teachers. The nurses in turn refer any children they find needing care, to the parents.

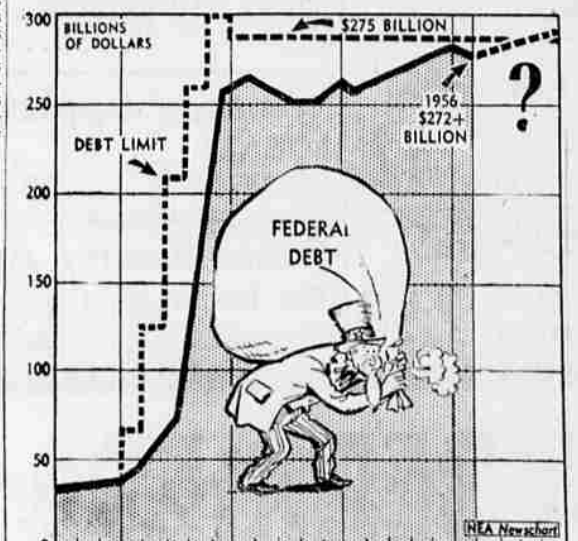
Parents Aid In Plans Nurses work with the schools and parents on plans for examinations. Physicals are advised by the health office for students entering the first and ninth grades. Nurses hold conferences with teachers every fall to work out health plans for the coming year.

Hearing tests are conducted in schools by specialists from the State Board of Health and county nurses follow up their findings by talking to parents and referring cases to doctors when necessary.

These hearing tests are conducted every year for first grade students and every three years for other grades in elementary schools.

County nurses are also held responsible for clearing children to return to school after they have had a communicable disease.

The county health office acts principally as a referral agency and performs no medical treatment as such to patients. The health office also works closely with all other health agencies in the state. Sanitarians, a vital aspect of the County Health Dept., will be discussed in another article.



**NUDGING THE CEILING**—Recent moves to speed production of missiles and satellites indicate that President Eisenhower is preparing to ask Congress to lift the 275 billion-dollar-debt ceiling. Newschart shows history of national debt since 1940 and graphically illustrates effect of World War II, Korean War and cold war on federal spending.

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