

Armchair Astronauts May Get Spectacular View Of Outer Space

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI)—America plans to launch Air Force Maj. L. Gordon Cooper Jr. next Tuesday on a 22-orbit voyage that may give millions of "armchair astronauts" a spectacular view of space.

Cooper is the last of the flight-eligible Mercury astronauts to get a crack at space, and his is the prize — a marathon, 34-hour journey that, if all goes well, will keep him in orbit longer than all previous U.S. manned space flights combined.

Has Television Camera

Millions of television viewers from Seattle, Wash., to Berlin, Germany, may have a chance to share the astronaut's breathtaking views of space for the first time. Cooper will take along a small television camera to take pictures that will be flashed to America and Europe.

The United States hopes to flash television pictures to Europe via its new communications satellite, Telesat-2, launched from Cape Canaveral last Tuesday. Twelve European networks have indicated interest in trans-

mitting the Cooper pictures to homes on the continent.

Youngest Original Astronaut
The slender spaceman-elect, at 36 the youngest of the original seven Mercury astronauts, is scheduled to blast off from Cape Canaveral aboard a silvery Atlas rocket sometime between 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. EDT next Tuesday.

A bell-shaped capsule he named Faith-7 will be Cooper's home in space on the flight that hopefully will take him 22 times around the globe, at altitudes ranging from 100 to 170 miles, including an unprecedented four passes over Communist China.

If the flight goes the full distance, Cooper and Faith-7 will slow down and return to a landing in the Pacific Ocean 80 miles southeast of Midway Island sometime late the following day.

Missouri Ratifies Poll Tax Revision

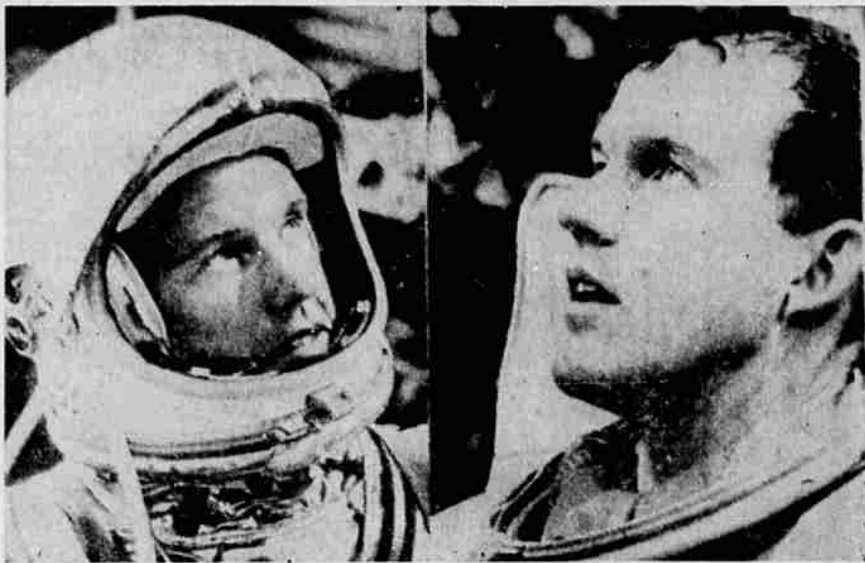
WASHINGTON (UPI)—Missouri Thursday became the 34th state to approve the anti-poll tax amendment, but there was only a slim chance that four more states would ratify the measure and make it part of the U.S. Constitution this year.

But the outlook for obtaining final approval of the 24th Amendment to the Constitution in January was considered excellent.

Sen. Spessard L. Holland, D-Fla., chief sponsor of the amendment to ban the poll tax in federal elections, said he was confident the remaining states needed to reach the required 38—or three-fourths—would ratify before their legislatures adjourn this year.

However, congressional sources pointed out that the legislatures of only four states which have not ratified are still in session so they all would have to approve in order to make the amendment law this year.

Two of them—Maine and New Hampshire—are considered good bets to ratify. But North Carolina and Texas are the other two, and they are considered uncertain.



ASTRONAUT L. GORDON COOPER, shown with and without his helmet, relaxes in the hangar "S" White Room at Cape Canaveral while waiting for simulated flight tests to resume. Cooper is preparing for a scheduled space flight next Tuesday. It will be the fourth U.S. orbital mission. (UPI TELEPHOTO)

Preservation Of Wildlife Theme Of Talks At Training Session

Coordinating public agency activities to assure preservation of the important wildlife resource was basic theme of talks given here Thursday during the final day of a wildlife training session in the Umpqua Hotel.

Staff officers from five Western Oregon national forests along with several personnel from other public agencies were convened in Roseburg for a three-day session. About 40 persons attended Thursday's program.

Speakers on the final day were Pete Theison, forester of the Siskiyou National Forest; Jack Inman, wildlife biologist for the Siskiyou; Douglas Baker, Rogue River staff officer; Rieno Koski, state Game Department representative; George Black, Portland, Ore., forester.

Tongue Point Sale Off, Says Senator

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Tongue Point Naval Station site at Astoria will not be sold to the highest bidder June 24, Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., said he was assured Thursday.

Morse said Democratic members of the Oregon Congressional delegation met with two Kennedy Administration officials Thursday to discuss disposal of the abandoned base.

Morse previously had protested to the White House that the General Services Administration planned to receive bids on the site in June. He said he understood the base was not to be sold until next fall and then only if the administration failed to find a use for it.

Ralph Dungan, special assistant to the President, told Morse that publication of the advertisement for bids was unfortunate because it did not make clear that the property won't be disposed of until later this year, or perhaps not at all.

Duncan and GSA Administrator Bernard Boutin said receiving bids in June would be helpful to the government because it would indicate the value private purchasers put on the site, Morse explained.

Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife; Bill Kivett, Willamette National Forest wildlife technician; Eric Peacock, Roseburg, predator and rodent control officer for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Merle Wischnofski, Willamette Wildlife biologist, and John E. Schwartz, wildlife assistant in the Forest Service regional office.

Biologist Needed

Theison discussed coordination of wildlife management and timber use, stressing the importance of having a wildlife biologist on the district level of the Forest Service organization.

Inman pointed out the necessity of taking into account the various wildlife factors when coordinating plans and surveys for virgin timber areas. He also said foresters should keep informed on wildlife matters so they can better observe wildlife problems in their own localities.

Timber sale officers and road inspectors, he added, should be trained so they can effectively protect the wildlife habitat, particularly the fish resource.

Baker explained the relationship of the high mountain policy to wildlife management.

Coordination of fisheries management with the other resources was underscored in Koski's talk. He covered several topics, including road building activities in connection with fisheries, proper installation of culverts to permit fish passage and the importance of determining the limits of the anadromous fish runs (sea runs).

New Route For Fish

Koski also discussed a revolutionary new pre-fab fish passage structure—referred to as a "steep pass"—which has been used successfully in Alaska for stream situations previously regarded as impassable. It consists of aluminum, portable sections which can be bolted together and is capable of taking fish up steeper gradients than was previously possible.

Black reviewed the Coordination Act and its relationship to multiple use management on the national forest. Kivett discussed precautionary measures and controls necessary in the application of chemicals used by the Forest Service. Peacock explained the activities

and services of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and cited instances when the public has received misinformation in regard to poisons used by the service in predator and rodent control methods.

Wildlife financing and opportunities for advancement in the Forest Service in the wildlife field were topics by Schwartz.

City Of Yoncalla Drops Water Rates

The Yoncalla City Council met in regular session this week and took action to drastically reduce the water rates to all users within the city limits.

Effective with the June 1 billing, rates will go down from 25 cents per 1,000 gallons to 10 cents per 1,000, such a rate to remain in effect until other adjustments are necessary, according to Mrs. George Edes, correspondent.

The board also voted to require a fee of \$3, payable in advance, for use of the City Hall for any purpose, including dinners or meetings, with two exceptions. No charge will be made for meetings of the Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts or for the Fire department. This new schedule is required to meet maintenance costs, including electricity for the building, Mrs. Edes said.

Mayor Felix Latham presided at the meeting. All members were present.

Storms, Ice, Trawlers Blamed For Cable Cuts

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Although communication cables to ballistic missile early warning stations in Greenland and Alaska have been cut six times since 1961, the Defense Department does not believe it was deliberate.

The department said Thursday the cuts caused "no particular difficulty in communications" because cable circuits were rerouted between Thule and Clear, Alaska. It blamed icebergs, trawlers and storms for the breaks.

VA Hospital Notes 30th Anniversary, Honors Volunteers At Program Sunday

The Roseburg Veterans Administration Hospital has come a long way from its beginning as an Oregon Soldier's Home in 1893.

The colorful history of the facility is brought into focus this week as the hospital commemorates its 30th anniversary.

A special "Hospital Day" program at the VA facility this Sunday will salute this important birthday. Highlights will include public tours of the hospital from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., band concert at 1:30 p.m. and volunteer awards ceremony at 2:30 p.m.

The VA facility in Roseburg is one of 173 hospitals the Veterans Administration operates for the care and treatment of ill and disabled persons. Average daily VA patients load for the total group of hospitals is 115,000. Roseburg's share of this load is an average of 575 neuro-psychiatric patients and 32 general medical and surgical patients.

Employs 450
The institution here employs 450 persons and adds \$3,370,000 annually to the local economy.

The Roseburg VA Hospital was dedicated on May 8, 1933.

Spirited competition marked the early attempts to bring a federal domiciliary to Roseburg. Other areas of the Northwest, notably Portland and Vancouver, campaigned vigorously to have the facility located in their own areas.

That the institution finally came to Roseburg was due largely to outstanding individual efforts by many groups and prominent citizens. Endeavors by Dr. Earl B. Stewart, Governor Meier and W. C. Harding were particularly effective.

Between 1929 and 1931 the support of local, state and federal committees and sponsors was required to press to completion final plans for conversion of the Soldier's Home into the enlarged and more useful institution which the VA Hospital is today, with its increased functions and capacities.

Land Turned Over

On March 2, 1932, a 40-acre tract of land upon which was situated the Oregon Soldiers Home was donated to the U.S. government by the state of Oregon for establishment of a National Soldiers' Home. On April 4 of that year, the city of Roseburg granted 413.65 acres of land adjoining the old Soldiers' Home to the government for extension of the national home.

(The area north of the river, consisting of approximately 414 acres, was made up of small tracts purchased by the city and donated to the federal government. The bridge across the North Umpqua was built by the government after the hospital was opened.)

The buildings were constructed and equipped at a cost of about \$1,361,000 — the recreation building being added in 1935. In 1936 the hospital was employing 165 persons.

Then came the big change in the administrative scope of the hospital's operations. On Jan. 1, 1938, the hospital was converted from a domiciliary and general medical and surgical hospital to a neuro-psychiatric (NP) treatment center and the first NP patients arrived from Palo Alto, Calif., and American Lake, Wash., a short while later.

City Given Land

The VA in 1957 declared about

Glendale Board Slates Roof Bid

The Glendale School Board at a meeting this week again studied the high school roof problem. Rod Swanson, board chairman, appointed Bernie Halverson and Don Snyder to draw up specifications for replacement of the badly leaking roof and putting the job up for bids, correspondent Mrs. Gerald Fox reports.

In accordance with a request brought by friends of a student who was hurt in athletics last year and was unable to collect from the school insurance program, the board decided to write a letter to the state Insurance Commission asking for an investigation.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fox appeared before the board to ask for the renewal of their school package pictures contract.

Rodney Swanson and Life Edson gave reports on their attendance at the recent School Board Association dinner meeting in Reedsport.

Science Fair Picture Caption Was In Error

Persons in a science fair picture appearing in Wednesday's News-Review were incorrectly identified. Pictures with his winning exhibit in foreground was Mike Sherwood of Winchester, in the biological category. His brother, Chris, at right, and mother, Mrs. George Sherwood, also appeared in the picture. The two boys were incorrectly identified as Paul Gregory and Tom Page of Wilbur.

Douglas County came home with a big share of winners from the Northwest Science Fair conducted by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland.

153 acres of its holding surplus and returned the land to the city.

This has been developed by the city as Stewart Park. Another 16 acres went to the city on the same basis for the development of Gaddis Park. Twenty acres went to the Oregon state Highway Department for relocation of Highway 99, seven acres went to the school district for Fir Grove School and three acres to the U.S. Department of the Army for its Reserve Training Center.

In 1961, the hospital property was diminished further when nine acres were made available to the Forest Service for a research laboratory which is now being developed. In 1963, three acres were turned over

to the U.S. Navy for a Naval Reserve Training Center.

Now in the mill is the city's request for the property on the north side of the South Umpqua River between Gaddis Park and Stewart Park and the remainder of the land declared excess on the south side of the South Umpqua.

Last year a 56-bed general medical and surgical unit was established to take care of medical problems of the NP patients. Previously these patients had been sent to the VA hospital at Vancouver. The new medical unit is also receiving patients from the White City Domiciliary and veteran residents of Roseburg and vicinity.

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