

## All Oklahoma Pays Tribute To Proud Mother Of Cooper

TECUMSEH, Okla. (UPI) — "What are you going to do when he goes to the moon, mama?" That's the question a proud and jubilant mother, Mrs. Hattie Cooper, asked Thursday after she learned her son, astronaut L. Gordon Cooper, had splashed down safely in the Pacific, ending a 22.9 orbit flight around the world.

And her mother — Cooper's grandmother — Mrs. Orena Herd, could only answer: "He's done great things for us already."

In the first feeling of relief, the slightly built Mrs. Cooper told her mother, "It's alright. Now we can relax."

Then she accepted the congratulations of a proud state. Cars lined the street in front of the house, television cameras jammed the small front yard and the newsmen — who shared her 34-hour vigil — topped the questions.

Oklahoma Gov. Henry Bellmon arrived a half hour later to offer his congratulations. Air Force Secretary Eugene Zuckert called from Washington.

"I am so proud of old Gordo," Mrs. Cooper told Zuckert. "Didn't he do a good job?"

Bellmon told Mrs. Cooper he had requested that her son's space capsule, Faith 7, be presented to Cooper's home state for display in the Oklahoma Historical Society Museum.

"Oklahoma is proud of the Coopers tonight," he said. Cooper was born in nearby Shawnee.

Mrs. Cooper said she had no plans to go to Hawaii to greet her son as Cooper's family plans to do.

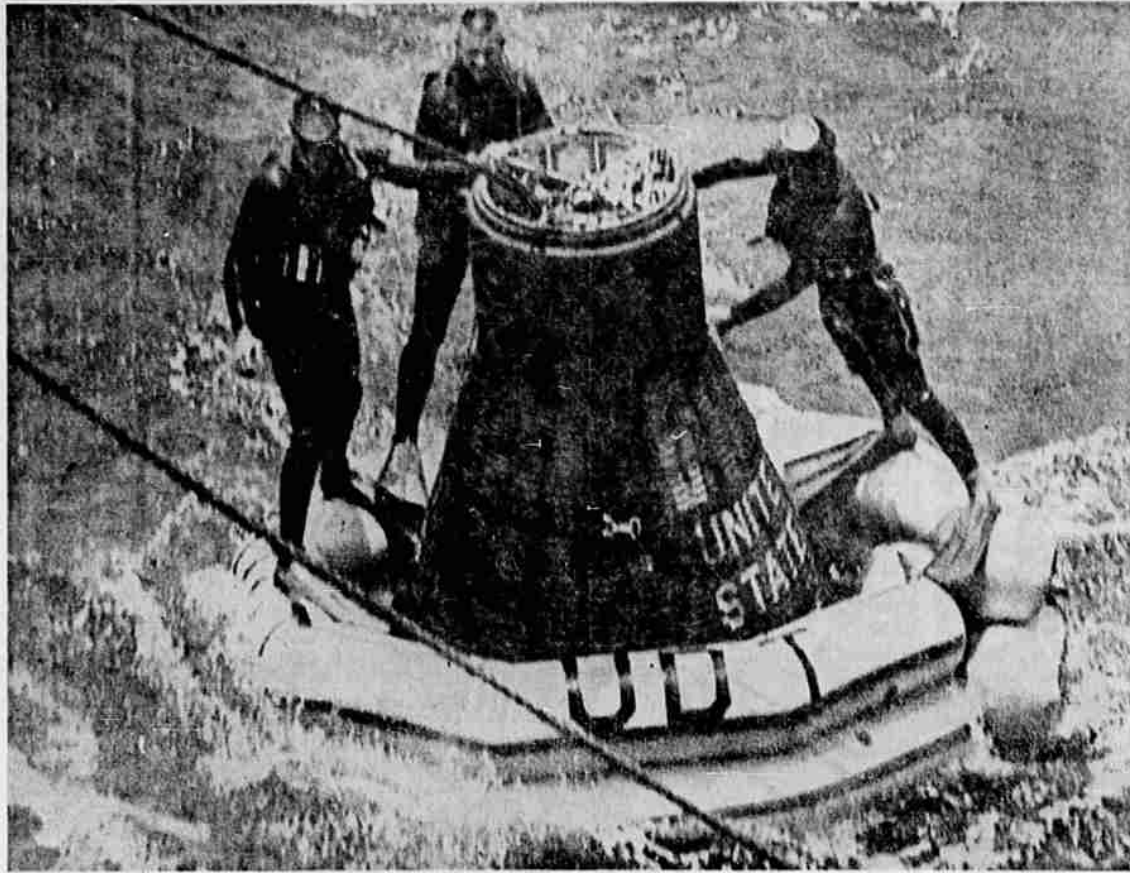
"I hope he comes to Oklahoma soon," she said. Bellmon has invited the astronaut to visit his home state.

In the final orbit and the critical re-entry period, Mrs. Cooper nearly forgot it was her 63rd birthday. And the green afghan she had been knitting during the flight was left neglected on the dining room table.

Mrs. Cooper smiled frequently in the final hour, but couldn't hide the mounting tension and anxiety that reached a climax as the re-entry neared.

With her and her 82-year-old mother were her sister, Mrs. Kay Hickok and a friend, Mrs. Alice Moffat, both of Enid, Okla., the Rev. Roma Stewart, and a half dozen newsmen.

Mrs. Cooper said she was confident all along that "Gordo" would be able to manually guide his capsule to a successful landing. "When I found out he wasn't concerned, I wasn't either," she said.



**FLOATING ASSURED** — Navy fragmen fasten flotation ring around the space capsule of L. Gordon Cooper which splashed down safely within five miles of the target, near Midway Island Thursday. A trio of helicopters was rushed to the area of the fall as soon as Cooper's parachute-

supported capsule was sighted. Then, the USS Kearsarge steamed to the scene to complete the recovery. Cooper stepped out of his capsule smiling after it was hoisted to the deck of the aircraft carrier a few minutes later. (UPI Cablephoto)

## Panel Of Qualified Judges Picked For Beauty Contest

The girl who is chosen Miss Roseburg in Saturday night's contest is sure to be the best qualified to compete for the Miss Oregon crown.

For she will be picked by a panel of three men and two women, selected for their fine backgrounds and present vocations which make them true experts in the field of beauty.

The judges are: Don Jackson of Seaside, a member of the judging committee for the Miss Oregon Pageant for several years. He has made frequent trips to Atlantic City for the Miss America contests.

Curt Sagner of Seaside and Portland, now field representative for the Miss Oregon Pageant and former assistant director of the pageant.

Edie Wright, bridal consultant at Meier & Frank's in Portland, who has had a varied background in contest judging and is considered an expert on good grooming and poise.

Another judge who sees many lovely girls every day in the course of his work is Donald Bassist, manager of the John Robert Powers Modeling School in Portland.

The fifth judge will be Dorothy Wittman director of the Gloria LaVonne Finishing School in Eugene.

The judged will arrive in Roseburg Saturday morning and hold a luncheon session with the 11 candidates for Miss Roseburg at 11:30 in the Turn Around Inn north of Roseburg.

Meanwhile, sponsoring Junior Chamber of Commerce members were putting the final preparations on the Douglas County Fairgrounds Community Building for the event.

A rehearsal for the girls was held Thursday night. The big dress rehearsal is scheduled tonight at 7:30 on the stage.

The Miss Roseburg Pageant itself starts Saturday night in the Community Building at 8 p.m.

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## Maintenance Plans Set At Sutherlin

A summer maintenance program for school buildings and grounds and a time table for construction and alteration of buildings has been lined out by the Sutherlin School Board, reports Mrs. Jerry DeMuth, correspondent.

The board at its last meeting approved painting improvements for the exterior and certain interior portions of West School. Halls of the high school and East School are also to receive a new coat of paint.

The roofing improvement for the high school was authorized and consideration was given to re-roofing the shop building, the work to be performed on a bid basis.

Completion of light pole replacements at the athletic field was ordered.

Other maintenance work will include minor electrical, heating and grounds improvements.

Extended contracts were accepted for some staff members who will be working during the summer on curriculum improvement. Remainder of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of district policies.



**GLAMOUR TO BE ADDED** — JoAnn Amorde (Mrs. Reedy Berg), the first Miss Oregon, will be a visitor at the Miss Roseburg Pageant. She is a former Sutherlin girl living now in Medford. She was the 6th runnerup in the Miss America contest at Atlantic City, N. J. Beside adding another touch of glamour to the show, she is expected to give sponsoring Joycees some pointers on how to best groom the Miss Roseburg winner for the best showing at the Miss Oregon contest in Seaside June 27-29.

## Compensation Bill Accord Is Reached

SALEM (UPI)—The House Labor and Industries Committee today appeared to have reached a compromise on the controversial workmen's compensation bill.

Committee member Robert Packwood, R-Portland, said the compromise "satisfies the major objectives of all parties."

Disagreement has centered around the "three way" principle favored by industry which allows private insurance firms to partici-

part in the program. Labor has firmly objected to the "three way" proposals.

The compromise reached Thursday would allow private insurance firms to enter some phases of workmen's compensation activities.

Acceptance of this feature appeared to be a concession to management, but the bill provides universal coverage for the first time, and proposes substantially increased benefits asked by labor.

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## All U.S. Astronauts Faced Difficulties

CAPE CANAVERAL (UPI)—All four U.S. astronauts who completed orbital flights encountered at least some difficulty in space. Here is a comparison of their flights:

**John H. Glenn Jr.**  
Near the end of the first of his three orbits on Feb. 20, 1962, signals indicated that the heat shield had separated from the base of the capsule. This raised the threat of a flaming death on re-entry. In order to hold the heat shield in place it was decided not to jettison the retro-rocket pack and he made a safe re-entry. Later it was determined that the signals had been faulty and there had been no heat shield danger.

**M. Scott Carpenter**  
Carpenter completed three orbits on May 24, 1962. He ran out of fuel for his automatic system just before re-entry and he had to line up his capsule by manual control. As a result, his retro-rockets fired late and he overshot his landing area by 250 miles.

**Walter M. Schirra Jr.**  
His capsule performed almost without a flaw but after the first of his six orbits on Oct. 3, 1962, he encountered a minor heat problem in his space suit. The heat in the suit rose to about 88 degrees but Schirra was able to correct the trouble quickly.

**L. Gordon Cooper**  
Cooper, who completed 22.9 orbits Thursday, encountered trouble on his 20th orbit when his automatic control system went out. Like Carpenter he had to line up his capsule for re-entry by manual control. But his timing was right on the beam and he landed within 7,000 yards of his rescue ship.

## OLDSTER PLANS MARRIAGE

TEHRAN, Iran (UPI) — Ustad Ali Mohammad, a resident of the village of Shahroud, said recently he hopes to marry an 18-year-old girl provided he can get permission from his son.

Mohammad, who claims to be 142 years old, said he has outlived three wives and 13 of his 15 children. "Life would be wonderfully sweet if I could marry again," he was quoted as saying.

## King Saud In Hospital

VIENNA (UPI) — Ailing King Saud of Saudi Arabia, who arrived Monday for treatment for an unspecified illness, is in an oxygen tent, it was reported today.

A member of his staff in the private Vienna clinic of Prof. Karl Fellinger, an internist, said the monarch's condition was "bad, but not alarming."

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## Neutral Nations Issue Warning Test Ban Treaty Is In Jeopardy

GENEVA (UPI) — Neutral diplomats today were reported to have warned both East and West that new nuclear tests would jeopardize chances of agreement on a test ban treaty.

Although today's session of the 17-nation disarmament conference did not have nuclear topics on its agenda, it was thought possible the neutrals might bring up the subject during the meeting.

The eight neutral members of the conference already have let the United States the Soviet Union know their displeasure over any resumption of nuclear testing.

They fear that resumption by either party would endanger even the limited progress made here on the treaty outlawing tests.

The sources said the approaches to the big powers were made after the United States announced plans to explode three nuclear devices in Nevada this month. The tests later were called off. Russia hinted at the time that it might reply with a series of its own.

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