

# Astronomers Stare, Cameras Click as Mars Moves Closest to Earth in 32 Years

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NEW YORK, Sept. 6 (AP)—Mars flared with earth tonight, giving us its closest tantalizing wink in 32 years.

This time the red-hued planet may yield some answers to its secrets. Motion pictures through the telescope's eye could help.

Astronomers over the world tuned in telescopes, hoping to solve puzzles of Mars' "canals," its red deserts, its green or blue "gardens" of vegetation; dust storms, thin polar icecaps, and mysterious "W" shaped clouds sometimes seen on its face.

Ordinary persons looked up and wondered—does Mars bear life like ours?

Judging from a bombardment of telephone calls, many want to think there is, said an astronomer at the Hayden Planetarium, New York. Maybe, he said, they want to think we are not alone in the universe.

These hopes appear dashed. Most astronomers think the only life on Mars could be low forms of plant life.

Mars is traveling through space at 15 miles a second, or 54,000 miles an hour. But actually it will be only several hundred thousand miles closer tonight than last night, because it is traveling on an arc in respect to earth.

The great tantalizing problem is that Mars is so difficult to see clearly, due to the shimmer caused by our own atmosphere. Only for

fleeting moments sometimes can the human eye or camera eye see it clearly.

The great eye of the 200-inch telescope at Palomar Observatory will not be looking. Its powerful magnification also magnifies the smudging from the earth's shimmering air, and doesn't give pictures with clearer detail than those from smaller telescopes.

But smaller telescopes at Mt. Wilson Observatory in California will try to pierce through this shimmering haze with motion picture exposures. Some frames might hit it right—getting glimpses when the earth's air in effect was

standing still.

At least 16 observatories over the world are cooperating in Mars' studies, and reporting findings to an International Mars Committee with headquarters at Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz.

It may be months before the findings made tonight, or any time this summer or fall, are pieced together into a reliable scientific story of what was actually seen.

A few days ago Soviet astronomers reported seeing striking changes on Mars—particularly bright spots in the Southern Hemisphere, and a bright line on the sphere on Aug. 28. Two days later this line had split in two. Was it, as the Soviets suggested, perhaps snowfall?

Dust clouds are frequently seen. The picture drawn by astronomers so far is that Mars is mostly a red desert—that's why it shines so red in our sky—hot by day, cold by night, with little oxygen, only enough water every

## Two Register In Fire Class

Two Salem men have registered for a special oil fire control school to be held in Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 14-15, according to an announcement from the sponsors.

They are Donald J. Reinke, Salem fireman, and Elmer H. Halstead, public service training supervisor for State Vocational Education.

The first program of its type to be undertaken in the Northwest, the school is sponsored by Western Oil and Gas Association with the cooperation of Washington State Board of Vocational Education, Washington State Association of Fire Chiefs and Washington State Firemen's Association.

## Gas Station Planned for Access Road

Plans for a \$40,000 service station project on the east access road to the Salem bypass were announced Thursday by General Petroleum Company officials. Eventually a large restaurant will be built in conjunction with the station.

Robert Elmore, district sales manager for the firm, said the project will be located south of Market Street on 400 feet of property purchased from Ben Braught for about \$25,000.

The petroleum firm also has purchased additional property from Russell Delapp for a sum not announced. Elmore said the project will be what he called a "traveler's" type service station. Plans call for completion sometime this fall.

Access problems raised by the State Highway Department have reportedly complicated planning of the restaurant. Elmore said it has not yet been decided on which side of the bypass the restaurant would be located.

The new station will be leased under direction of Warren Doolittle, Salem distributor for General Petroleum products.

## Fair's 4-H Awards Near Home Stretch

Prizes were fewer and awards more difficult to capture Thursday as the Oregon State Fair 4-H show started down its 1856 home stretch. Among the Thursday top places winners were Marie DuRette, Woodburn, using dairy foods to demonstrate rules of good cookery and nutritious meals, who won honors and a wrist watch in a special dairy demonstration. Winning team in this demonstration included Donna Pierson and Nancy Foster, Hood River.

Rose Meier, Hillsboro, a nine-year-old club member, can a n e d peaches and green beans to win a \$100 college scholarship in a 4-H canning contest. Champion 4-H agricultural demonstrators in two divisions completed Thursday gave summer school scholarships to Gloria Johns, 18, and Christine Snyder, 14, Toledo.

Larry Foster, 12, and Roger Pearson, 15, both of Hood River, gave the prize-winning demonstration for the grouped divisions of entomology, forestry, field crops and beekeeping.

## Rainier Couple Leave for U.S.

LE HAVRE, France, Sept. 6 (AP)—Prince Rainier III and Princess Grace of Monaco went aboard ship tonight for a voyage to the United States.

The couple will visit New York and Philadelphia. Returning to Monaco by Nov. 29, a national holiday.

## Woodburn Drive-In

Wed. - Thurs. - Fri. - Sat.  
"20,000 Leagues Under the Sea"  
Kirk Douglas  
Plus  
"Seminole Uprising"  
George Montgomery

## Silverton Drive-In Theatre

Friday-Saturday-Sunday  
"Saskatchewan"  
Plus  
"Man Without a Star"  
Kirk Douglas

## Dallas Motor-Vu

Gates open 6:45, show at dusk  
Fred MacMurray, Dorothy Malone in  
"AT GUNPOINT"  
cinemascope  
second feature  
Tom Ewell, Sheree North in  
"THE LIEUTENANT WORE SKIRTS"  
cinemascope

## Mob Gathers At School in Texarkana

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Racial tension flared up in the Texas-Arkansas border city of Texarkana Thursday as bayonets of Kentucky National Guardsmen opened a path through a fist swinging mob for nine Negroes to enter Sturgis, Ky., High School.

(Picture on Wirephoto page.)  
In the Texarkana incidents, all on the Texas side of the city, a shotgun blast was fired into a Negro-owned service station and a cross was burned and a Negro was hanged in effigy at the Texarkana Junior College, where two Negro girls enrolled yesterday.

A mob of 500 yelling townspeople clashed with National Guardsmen in Sturgis as the nine Negroes, who had walked a mile to the previously all-white school, reached the building.  
After the Negroes were inside, guardsmen pushed the crowd back across the street where members shouted threats that the Negroes "won't be in school all day."  
Armed with riot guns and bayonets, guardsmen formed a solid protective wall around the Negroes as they filed out at the end of the session.

The crowd hurled taunts to "get you niggers if it takes all year," and surged forward as the Negro students entered waiting cars. Guardsmen prevented anyone from reaching either the students or the cars.

Turning to approximately 100 white children also leaving school, the crowd shouted "go on back in you nigger lovers. Why don't you go home with those niggers." The white children were not harmed and quickly melted into the crowd.

In Frankfort, Ky., Gov. A. B. Chandler issued a statement regretting it was necessary "to use this means of guaranteeing equal rights to our citizens, but that we must do."

## Fatal Switch Shift Related By Trainman

SPRINGER, N.M., Sept. 6 (AP)—A railroad employee told today of his spur-of-the-moment throwing of a switch which caused the Santa Fe Chief to crash into a parked mail train.

Twenty men, all employees of the railroad, lost their lives yesterday in the collision on a siding six miles south of this northern New Mexico town.

Pete Caldarelli of Raton, fireman on the mail train, testified at an inquest that he threw the switch at the last moment because he thought something was wrong with it.

He displayed little emotion on the witness stand. Yesterday he had spent the day in bed under sedation for shock.  
He gave this account of his life-and-death action:  
"We pulled into Robinson switch about one minute ahead of schedule. The Chief was a couple of minutes late. I stood across the track from the switch about 25 feet."  
"Just before the Chief reached the switch, it suddenly occurred to me that there must be something wrong with the switch."  
"I don't know what made me think that. I ran across the track, opened the lock and threw the switch just as the Chief came up. Then there was a terrible crash."  
The 312 passengers aboard the Chief, most of whom were sleeping at the time of the crash, escaped death or serious injury.

## Traffic Court's Bargain Day Reduces Fine

MINEOLA, N.Y., Sept. 6 (AP)—It was bargain day in traffic court today.

Andrew T. Hewitt, 57, said he had only \$20 after being fined \$25 for driving without a license.  
"All right, I'll make your fine \$20," said Judge Lyman D. Hall.  
Hewitt found he had only \$19. Then Hewitt complained this would leave him no money to get home on, and the judge cut the fine to \$18.

## Freighter Hits Coastal Reef

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 6 (AP)—The 4,426-ton Liberian registry freighter Seagate went aground on a reef north of here today and several hours later the Coast Guard removed 26 of the crew because the vessel was in danger of breaking up.

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### The Weather

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Astoria	57	44	.00
Baker	65	34	.00
Medford	63	52	.00
Newport Bend	64	46	.00
Portland	65	48	.00
Salem	67	48	.00
Chicago	65	51	.01
Denver	73	41	.00
Fort Worth	84	72	.02
Los Angeles	72	61	.00
San Francisco	87	73	.34
New York	81	72	.39
San Francisco	68	55	.00
Spokane	86	48	.00
Washington, D. C.	77	46	.00

Today's forecast (from U. S. Weather Bureau, McNair Field, Salem): Late night and morning low cloudiness today, tonight and Saturday, with mostly sunny afternoons. High both days near 80. Low tonight near 50.  
Neville River: -3.2 feet.  
Temp. 12:01 a.m. today 56.

Salem Precipitation  
Since start of weather year Sept. 1  
To date Last year Normal  
50 60 24

## U.S. Offers to Open Talks With Romania

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6 (AP)—The United States, in a surprise move, has offered to open talks with Communist Romania Oct. 15 in an effort to improve relations between the two countries.

The State Department disclosed today it has proposed that the talks be held in Bucharest, the Romanian capital, with Minister Robert H. Thayer representing the United States.

While the Romanian government is understood to have agreed in principle to a discussion, it hasn't yet accepted the October date. But it is expected to do so within a few days, State Department officials said.

To set the stage for the conference, the department disclosed it has eased travel restriction on Romanian diplomats here. This move came two weeks after Romanian authorities relaxed similar travel restrictions on American diplomats in Romania.

Top American officials said the proposed conference would serve to test the sincerity of Romania's professed desire to put relations with the United States on a friendlier basis.

## Acid-Stained Fountain Due For Repairs

PORTLAND, Sept. 6 (AP)—Workmen will begin tomorrow to dismantle the noted Skidmore Fountain for repairs.

Bronze figures on the fountain, depicting Grecian maidens, recently were stained when city workmen used acid in cleaning the fountain.

The figures will be taken to Vancouver, Wash., where James Hanson, sculptor, will restore them in his studio.

City Commissioner Ormond R. Bean said the city and advisory commission is expected to submit a recommendation later on whether the fountain should be replaced at its present location near the waterfront or be moved.

## Klamath Meat Plant Burns

KLAMATH FALLS, Sept. 6 (AP)—Fire destroyed the Bratton Meat Packing Co. plant today.

Firemen said the late afternoon blaze started in the smokehouse of the plant, five miles southwest of here, possibly from a leak in a bottled gas line. The structure was enveloped in flames within minutes. An adjoining locker plant was saved.

Bill Bratton, company owner, estimated the loss at \$100,000. He said the firm lost its original building in a 1942 fire at the same location.

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### Theatre Time Table

ELLSMORE  
"PROUD & PROFANE" 7:00, 10:07  
"LIVING SWAMP" 9:31

CAPITOL  
(Continuous from 1 p.m.)  
"WALK THE PROUD LAND" 3:15, 7:01, 10:47  
"TAP ROOTS" 1:00, 4:46, 8:32

NORTH SALEM DRIVE-IN  
(Gates open at 6:45. Show at dusk.)  
"SAFARI" Victor Mature.  
"A WHITE YEARS" Tony Curtis.  
HOLLYWOOD  
"FASTEST GUN ALIVE" 7:00, 10:57  
"ANNIE GET YOUR GUN" 9:00

## Silverton Man Hurt in Wreck

Statesman News Service  
SILVERTON, Sept. 6—A Silverton man was injured and the car he was riding in was demolished in a one-car accident tonight on the Abique Creek bridge between Silverton and Mt. Angel.

Harry John Fisher, Silverton Rt. 3, Box 102B, was undergoing examination late tonight for a possible leg fracture. Silverton hospital attendants said. His condition seemed to be good, they said.

Traffic was tied up for about a half hour by the car which came to rest crossways in the middle of the bridge after shattering a section of the heavy wooden guard rail at the north end of the bridge about 9:45 p.m., State Policeman Norman Johnson said. The car, which was "demolished," was removed by a neighboring farmer with a tractor to let the 15 cars lined up in each direction through as soon as possible, he said.

Warren John Hopp, 2250 Strong Rd., Salem, was charged with being drunk on a public highway, Johnson said.

## 50,000 Signatures Urge MacArthur For U.S. Senate

NEW YORK, Sept. 6 (AP)—The committee to draft Gen. Douglas MacArthur as a candidate for the U.S. Senate announced today it had obtained 50,000 signatures urging the Republican party to nominate the general.

The organization said it hoped to have 100,000 signatures by Sept. 10.

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A Flame with the Excitement of America's Most Dangerous Days!  
Van Heflin - Susan Hayward  
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