



## Navy's 'Viking' Rocket Runs Out of Fuel; Speed 1775 MPH

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White Sands Proving Grounds, N. M., Sept. 12 (AP)—The navy's \$300,000 "Viking" rocket may be the forerunner of interplanetary space ships even though it fizzled out only 33 miles above earth on its second flight, a spokesman said today.

The navy revealed that the sleek pencil-shaped projectile burned out its fuel prematurely during an experimental firing. But even so, it was traveling 1,775 miles an hour when it hit its peak altitude of 33 miles.

On May 3, a similar Viking launched in secrecy for the first time by the navy's rocket research laboratory climbed 50 miles above the earth and reached a speed of 3,450 feet-a-second, it was disclosed.

Milton Rosen, head of the laboratory said that in last week's firing the rocket burned up its alcohol and liquid fuel mixture in 49 seconds instead of the expected 70 seconds.

Rosen said the Viking was

lighter than the hulky German V-2 bomb it was designed to replace.

He said the entire rocket program "leads toward the business of inter-planetary travel."

Observers crouched behind concrete and earthen barricades last week as the second Viking was launched by remote control from the proving ground's main blockhouse.

Lifted by 20,000 pounds of gas pressure, the 46-foot projectile rose majestically. It moved fantastically slow at first, then picked up speed until it disappeared from sight. A huge steam cloud boiled out of a water pit beneath the launching site.

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## Mill City Lodges Resuming Meetings

Mill City—Marilyn Chapter, No. 145, O.E.S., will hold the first regular meeting of the fall season, Monday night in the lodge hall. Preceding will be a covered dish supper served at 6:30 o'clock in the dining rooms with Fern Shuey, worthy matron, and Betty Von Tinny in charge.

Santiam Rebekah Lodge No. 166, Mill City, held the regular meeting with Noble Grand, Dean Jackson presiding. Alaura Chance was appointed to represent the Rebekah lodge at the Canyon Community Chest meeting to be held this month. Report was made by Ida Fleetwood, dinner chairman, that \$80 was cleared on the convention dinner, funds to go into the lodge treasury. During the refreshment hour the birthday anniversaries of Blanche Syverson and Rachel Olmstead were observed. Food committee appointed for the next meeting night, include Goldie Rambo, Ada Dart, Daisy Geddes, and Margaret Liberty.

the Webb vehicle. The bodies were taken to Albany.

Mrs. Hunter was a passenger in an automobile driven by her son, Ray Hunter, also of Scio, when their vehicle was involved in a two-car collision on the Pacific highway six miles south of Salem. She received a fractured left leg and numerous cuts and bruises. Her son was not injured.

Driver of the other vehicle was Harold Wesley Ransom, 785 N. Capitol, who was treated for minor injuries but not hospitalized. State police cited him for district court here Monday. Both vehicles were nearly demolished.

Ship Is Lost

San Francisco, Sept. 12 (AP)—The British motorship Pacific Enterprise will be left to the mercy of the wind and sea where it ran aground off Point Arena, 100 miles north of here.

All hope to salvage the abandoned vessel was given up yesterday. Her holds, containing one million dollars worth of Canadian wheat, were flooded. The vessel ran aground early Friday in a fog.

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## Nation-wide Co-Op Proposed

Chicago, Sept. 12 (AP)—The National Farmers Union, representing some 460,000 farmers, said today it favors establishment of a nation-wide cooperative farm storage system.

The board of directors, meeting in semi-annual session, authorized President James G. Patton of Denver to confer with Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan regarding a national conference to discuss the proposal.

Board members said they favor a cooperative grain storage setup modeled along the lines of the rural electrification administration's power cooperative.

The proposed national conference would have as its objective the drafting of legislation and the "practical initiation" of a loan program to further the construction of sub-terminal and areal facilities owned and operated by farmer cooperatives, the statement said.

Such loans, it added, should be at low interest rates over a long period of years and should be up to at least 90 per cent of the cost of the facilities.

Des Moines, Ia., was selected

## Big Bruin Slain Near Drift Creek

Silverton, Sept. 12—Around 10 o'clock Sunday morning the career of a huge sheep killer came to an end in the Drift Creek area near Victor Point, and the dead bruin is believed

to be one of the largest ever bagged in that district.

The bear weighed 377 pounds dressed, with viewers of the carcass at the city locker familiar with bear, stating that the animal would easily have weighed 450 pounds on foot.

Many sheep had been killed recently. Hunters and dogs had been out for the bear for days. Several dogs treed the bear Sunday morning, their noise bring-

ing Theodore Fischer and Byron McElhane to the spot with their rifles, the two men soon finishing the job.

## Returning School Bus

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## Two Killed on South Santiam

Two young people were killed and a Scio woman injured in Saturday accidents in the Salem territory.

Dead are Cecil John Sanders, Jr., 20, and Laurice Alba Dickey, 23, both of Albany. Mrs. Minnie Hunter, 62, Scio, is hospitalized here. Several other persons were injured.

The fatal accident occurred on the South Santiam highway about four miles southwest of Albany. The young people were on a motorcycle and headed toward Lebanon when struck by an automobile occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Webb, both of Lebanon, who were taken there and hospitalized.

The Sanders motorcycle glaned off the rear of an automobile driven by J. C. Canava, Lebanon, whose car swerved into the side of another driving by Emily Manson, Bend, which bounced back into the path of

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