

Up To 18 Inches of New Snow Promised for Battered New York State

To Speak
The Rev. Thomas McCamant will talk on birds for a meeting of Roxy Gardeners Wednesday, February 12, at the home of Mrs. F. W. Fogelquist, 1312 Queen Anne avenue. It is set for 1 p.m., and Mrs. Vernon Nelson will assist the hostess.

Scientists Gain Knowledge Of Man for Travel To Space

San Antonio, Tex. — Scientists gained new knowledge of man's aptitude for

space travel today through television and radio observation of airman Donald G. Farrell, now in his third day of a "trip to the moon" in an earth-bound space chamber. Farrell was sealed into a three by five foot "space ship" at 9:35 a.m. Sunday for a seven-day ordeal of lonely confinement to test man's ability to meet the rigors of travel into space.

Doctors at Randolph Field said today they are "very happy with the way things are progressing."

The Bronx, N.Y., airman looks well and appears alert, they said. He's doing very well in the tests flashed to him to determine how mental ability is affected by the disorientation of life in a closed chamber, the doctors said.

Farrell ate a light meal late Monday night and then dozed for several hours.

Col. George H. Steinkamp, chief of the Department of Space medicine of the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine, said Farrell is "holding up beyond our expectations."

Farrell cannot see out of the chamber, but doctors can watch him on a closed television circuit or, if desired, through a one-way vision panel in the chamber.

He receives instructions from the outside by flashing lights. The periods in which he is instructed to work or take tests, or is free to eat, read or sleep, are varied from day to day as a part of the testing.

Dr. Hubertus Strughold, research adviser, said the purpose of the variation is to "see just how much a space flyer has to sleep and work."

He said preliminary research showed that a man can work well in "days" as short as 18 hours or as long as 26 hours. He said he believes an 18-hour "day" would permit a man to do better work than a 24-hour day in space flight and would also make it possible to operate with fewer men, an important consideration in cramped quarters.

Farrell can send radio messages from his sealed chamber, but he has been deliberately deceived about their recep-

tion. He was told they would be recorded and played back later for the scientific observers. Actually they are heard directly by the scientists as he sends them. The deception was planned to increase his sense of isolation.

Bandit Escapes With \$5,000 at Las Vegas Hotel

Las Vegas — A well-dressed bandit lifted a guard's gun and \$5,000 from a swanky hotel's gaming room, kidnapped two women and escaped in broad daylight Monday, police reported.

The women, whose car was commandeered for the getaway, said the bandit directed them to a busy intersection a few blocks from the hotel, hopped out and disappeared in the crowd.

Police said the hold-up was the first on record from the "strip" of luxury hotels on the outskirts of Las Vegas.

Cashier Gets Note
The bandit entered the casino of the Riviera Hotel shortly after 2 p.m. and handed cashier Bob Valentine a note which read: "Have gun in bag. Get money from cashier's cage."

Larry E. Jaegg, a guard from the neighboring Sahara Hotel was standing at the counter cashing chips. The bandit reached for his gun. Jaegg said he thought the man was drunk and acting playful. Jaegg pushed him away, only to discover he had been successfully disarmed.

The bandit then scooped up the \$5,000 before the startled eyes of gamblers at dice tables and slot machines, held Jaegg's gun and his own on the cashier and guard and walked to the door.

Outside, Mrs. Mildred Levin, a San Francisco attorney and wife of Manuel Levin, a prominent theater owner, was just driving up to the hotel. With her was Mrs. James B. Lima, of San Jose, Calif., also the wife of a theater man.

Ordered To Drive
The bandit jumped into the car and ordered Mrs. Levin to keep driving.

She told police she asked him over and over: "Where do you want to get out? Where do you want to get out?"

"I wasn't about to drive out on the desert with that guy," she said. But the bandit didn't stay with them long. A few blocks from the hotel he directed her to stop and jumped from the car.

Mrs. Levin said she had planned to feign hysteria if ordered to drive much further.

54 Deaths Blamed On Cold; South Gets Ice Storms

Blizzard-battered sections of New York State braced today for up to 18 inches of new snow and winter's worst cold wave touched off a hazardous ice storm from Texas to Alabama and Mississippi.

The death-dealing cold wave ranged from the Rockies to the Atlantic Coast with no relief in sight.

A United Press survey showed at least 54 deaths blamed on the cold, snow, icy roads and fires since last Thursday night when the wintry weather invaded the nation.

At least 17 persons died in the New York blizzard that dumped 38 inches of snow at Syracuse and choked highways with six-foot drifts. Eleven victims were reported in New England, 8 in Texas, 7 in Oklahoma, 5 in Pennsylvania, 2 in Ohio and 1 each in Illinois, South Dakota, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Cold Moves South
The sub-zero cold in the North whipped into Dixie, triggering ice storms Monday that coated highways from the Texas Panhandle into Oklahoma, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Weathermen warned the freezing rain will be followed up by a cold rain in Louisiana today and ice storms in central and southern Alabama and Mississippi. More freezing drizzle was expected in northern Texas and the Texas Panhandle.

Near zero weather followed up a two-day blizzard in western New York and weathermen predicted 7 to 18 inches of new snow today for some parts of the region.

Near Baldwinville, in central New York, searchers tramping across towering drifts Monday heard a car horn blowing beneath their feet. They dug out the buried car and found Henry Allen, 46, dead and his wife Blanche, 44, suffering from frozen legs. Mrs. Allen said they had been marooned in the drift since Saturday.

Keep Thruway Open
Highway crews battled drifts throughout the area, and managed to keep the New York State Thruway open although speeds were reduced to 35 miles per hour in blowing snow. Squalls forced the Buffalo, N.Y., airport to close down for a time Monday afternoon and trains and buses reached the city as much as 90 minutes late.

Overnight temperatures again plunged below zero from North Dakota east through Minnesota and most of the northern Great Lakes. Readings of about 10 degrees above were common along the Ohio river and the temperatures dropped to the 30s in most of the Southland.

Multnomah Land For Industrial Use
Portland — Multnomah county transferred 295 acres in Mocks Bottom to the Port of Portland Monday for development of a new industrial district.

At a transfer ceremony attended by Gov. Robert D. Holmes, Port Commission President Frank M. Warren Jr. said the acquisition provided needed area for industrial and warehousing expansion in an "ideal, close-in location."

The first area to be put on the market will be the upstream end of Swan island, an area of about 40 acres known as tract A. Prime land is valued at \$25,000 per acre. Warren said none of the land will be sold but that individual plots will be made available on lease to private enterprises.

Officers to Be Named For Male Chorus Group
Ashland — With election of officers scheduled today in Churchill hall at Southern Oregon college, the Southern Oregon Male chorus will assume the status of a permanent organization, according to Louis O. Clayton, instructor of voice at the college.

"Though response from current and prospective members has been most encouraging," Clason said, "we need more singers in all sections."

11 French Miners Die In Plunge Down Shaft
Lens, France — Eleven coal miners were reported killed instantly at a nearby coal mine today when the elevator cable snapped and they plunged 200 feet to the bottom of the mine shaft.

Gigantic Display of Northern Lights Visible Across Nation

By UNITED PRESS
The most brilliant display of the Aurora Borealis or Northern Lights in many years flashed across northern skies Monday night and early today in a spectacular electronic fireworks show that was seen as far south as Florida.

Intense atmospheric electrical disturbances that accompanied the lights disrupted network television and long distance telephone circuits. Worldwide radio communications also were upset.

Bright Red Glow
The display featured a bright red glow that gave the appearance of a forest fire on the horizon. Thousands of persons called their local police stations, newspapers and weather bureaus to inquire about the strange lights.

From some places the Aurora appeared to be a steady, bright glow, cherry or fire red. At others, streaks of green and white light were visible also.

"It was the most spectacular Aurora Borealis I have ever seen in 20 years as an astronomer," reported Gerald P. Kuiper, director of the University of Chicago Yerkes observatory at Williams Bay, Wis.

James S. Pickering, assistant astronomer of the Hayden planetarium in New York, said he had "never seen such a complete redness" in the Northern Lights.

The Weather Bureau said the lights were seen over most of the U.S., and as far south as Vero Beach, Fla. Normally the Aurora is sighted only in northern latitudes, but scientists said cold weather and dry clear air made it visible over unusually wide areas.

Television Interrupted
The American Telephone and Telegraph company said in Salt Lake City that the electrical disturbance generated up to 130 volts in its low voltage long distance circuits, causing widespread service disruption. Three network television lines, NBC, CBS, and Mutual, were reported knocked out at least seven times between 7 p.m. and midnight (m.c.t.).

Some TV viewers received

channels other than those they had tuned in in Boston. Telephone officials also reported phone troubles in New England.

Over Barstow, Calif., the lights "had beautiful streamers of pink, green, purple and yellow threading through them," a United Press reporter said.

At El Centro, Calif., radio announcer Mike Russell of Station KXO reported the "lights seemed to move about like search lights for a while, then settled down to a steady bright glow, almost cherry red."

Another Display Possible
Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, an astronomer at New Mexico A&M college in Southern New Mexico, said the lights were a rare type and might be followed by an even more vivid display.

The Weather Bureau said the Northern Lights occur in the ionosphere, a layer of thin air 50 to 500 miles above the earth's surface, with most displays originating 55 to 80 miles up. They often follow a period of intense sunspot activity such as was reported last week end.

Scientists believe the Aurora lights result from charged electrical particles emitted by the sun which penetrate the atmosphere, causing it to glow. The displays are concentrated in bands around the north and south poles because the particles are believed to be deflected by the earth's magnetism.

At 4:30 a.m. (EST) red and white lights still were visible above midtown New York, where a red glow appeared to the southwest, a streaked white halo was directly overhead and another red area hung in the northeast. The display began about 9 p.m. Monday.

Portland — Residents in dozens of Oregon communities Monday night saw the reddish hues of the Northern lights and flooded switchboards at radio stations and newspapers reporting the phenomenon.

The U. S. Weather Bureau in Portland said it was a "very fine display" of the Aurora Borealis.

Some thought it might be the glow from a gigantic fire. In Corvallis, residents reported the lights had a reddish-blue cast, "almost rose color."

Greenland's icecap, a great flat dome crevassed on the edges, covers 700,000 square miles. In some places the ice is more than 10,000 feet thick.

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Speech Contest Won by Arant

Neal Arant, Equitable Insurance company representative, with his speech "You Are a Lion," won the final berth in the Jackson Toastmasters speech contest, it was announced.

Next Monday, Arant will compete with George Trobough, Robert Harland, Ross Gilkison, Wilbur Fish, and Larry Horton to determine three finalists for the Medford contest.

The three top speakers will compete with three from the Medford Toastmasters Saturday, Feb. 22, to determine an entry from each club for the area contest in Medford in March. The area contest will include speakers from Ashland, Yreka, Grants Pass, Klamath Falls and Medford.

Other contestants in the contest were Wayne Venekamp, with his speech "Throw Away the Crutch," and Art Lusk with his "Hands Up" speech.

Toastmaster of the morning was Robert Harland and news item topics were presented by Curt Butterfield.

Guests at the meeting were Howard Hopkins, Gus Witty, Bruce Nelson, and Mac McCalley.

Washington — City Commissioner Stanley W. Earl, of Portland, Ore., filed a \$500,000 libel suit against columnist Drew Pearson in Federal Court here Monday.

He charged that Pearson libeled him in articles last March 2 and 15.

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