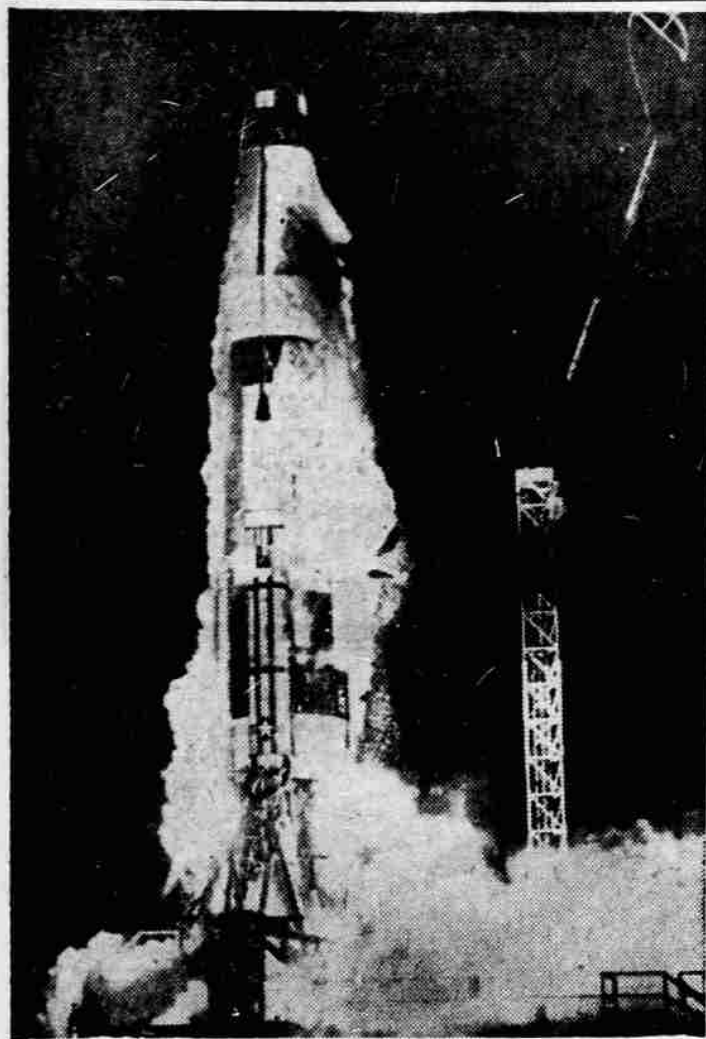


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ICBM—An Atlas intercontinental missile is shown moments before lift off from launching pad, at Cape Canaveral, Fla. The 2500-mile flight was described as a stride forward in America's ICBM program.

Serious Arguments Advanced Against Use of Seat Belts

(Editor's note: This is the second of two dispatches on the controversial automobile seat belt which science believes could save thousands of lives a year in highway accidents.)

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Washington—UPI—Despite strong scientific evidence to the contrary, there are still serious arguments advanced against the use of seat belts in automobiles.

Here are the arguments, followed by rebuttals from the Cornell University Medical College's automotive crash injury research project, which recommended belt usage after analyzing more than 20,000 separate accidents.

Argument: Belts can cause serious internal injuries.

Answer: In the seat belt accidents analyzed, less than one half of one per cent of the wearers suffered dangerous or even fatal injuries of the lower torso which could possibly be attributed to the belt. On the other hand, among more than 15,000 non-users of seat belts in injury-producing accidents, 225 or 2.5 per cent sustained dangerous or fatal lower torso injuries.

Few Escapes Necessary

Argument: Seat belts prevent escape from cars in the event of fire or submersion in water.

Answer: Evidence available from thousands of accident reports shows burning and submersion accidents are extremely rare. Belts often fail because of poor design or installation.

Answer: The most recent study by Cornell on this subject showed that of 712 belts involved in accidents, only 11 failed to function as intended. Some resulted from physical destruction of the belt anchorages by impact. In one case, the belt used was nine years old and failed because of normal age deterioration. While it is true some belts are not as efficient as others, evidence shows that even an inferior belt is better than no belt at all.

False Security
Argument: Safety belts are useless in convertibles, where occupants are better off if they are thrown clear in roll-overs.

Answer: In a survey of 6,000 injury-producing accidents, only 1.5 per cent involved open top convertibles which rolled over. Further, an occupant thrown clear of a car stands a chance of survival only if he strikes a soft surface.

Argument: Belts give drivers a false sense of security, make them over-confident and cause them to drive faster.

Answer: Cornell's statistics show that in accidents involving 412 cars equipped with belts, the average speed was 47.7 miles per hour. In accidents involving 6,177 cars without belts, the average speed was 49.2 mph.

The Cornell findings are backed by similar studies by the Air Force, the U.S. Public

Health Service and other authorities, with these results so far:

—The U.S. Public Health Service is considering the possibility of joining with auto manufacturers in an all-out, nationwide public education campaign to "sell" the American motorist on belts.

Used in Police Cars
—California has ordered its 12,000 official state cars equipped with belts, including all state police vehicles.

—In New York, every new car purchased henceforth by the state will have belts.

The Ford Motor Co., which in the past three years has topped the industry in seat belt sales (237,886 installations), is frankly advising its dealers to step up belt sales efforts.

"The tide on safety equipment is turning," a Ford official told UPI. "Belts have been the biggest educational problem but word of mouth advertising, plus publicity given in stories on belt advantages, is starting to have some effect."

Burns Area Range Fire Controlled

Burns—UPI—A range fire that started from a school yard bonfire was brought under control Thursday by a crew of 35 fire-fighters and five bulldozers after the blaze had roared unchecked over five square miles of lush grassland southeast of here.

In addition to blackening the rich grazing acreage, the fire threatened three ranches in the area before being contained.

John C. Hunt, Bureau of Land Management fire control officer said the fire was in the Folly Farm country between Burns and Rome Junction.

No cattle were threatened by the blaze, Hunt said. The acreage was reserved for fall grazing and no cattle were on the rangeland, which was about half BLM land and half privately owned.

Water Resources Appointments Near

Salem—UPI—Gov. Robert D. Holmes' office said today that an announcement could be expected "any day now" on two appointments to the State Water Resources Board.

The terms of both Board Chairman John D. Davis, Stayton, and L. C. Binford, Portland, expired Aug. 28.

The governor's office gave no indication whether the two men would be reappointed or whether new men would be placed in the posts.

Both Davis and Binford were appointed to the original board three years ago by the late Gov. Paul L. Patterson.

Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Washington—The Defense department, on Red China's new 12-mile sea limit:
"The United States does not recognize any claims to a territorial sea of 12 miles."

New Orleans—Deputy Sheriff Norman Labove of Cameron Parish, on the departure of residents because of the threat of tropical storm Ella:
"Many of them were scared. Some just wanted to be cautious."

Montgomery, Ala.—Jimmy Wilson, a Negro, on winning an indefinite stay of execution in the \$1.95 robbery of an elderly white woman:
"I'm mighty happy to hear it for real."

Preston J. Moore, in accepting election as the new American Legion commander:
"Let's stop being afraid. Above all, let's stop waiting until the Kremlin calls the shot before we react."

Sulfite Pulp Waste Test Methods Developed

Seattle—Improved methods of testing for sulfite pulp mill wastes, part of a continuing program to guard water quality, are being developed through research conducted in cooperation with University of Washington scientists, it was announced today.

University researchers, scientists and engineers from northwest pulp and paper mills, and state agencies from Washington and Oregon joined in a conference at the university to discuss the procedure for carrying out the tests.

Purpose of the conference was to lay the groundwork for establishment of standard procedures for conducting the Pearl-Benson test, devised by Dr. H. K. Benson and Dr. I. A. Pearl of the university.

The test detects the presence in water of solid materials contained in sulfite spent liquor. The test is one factor in determining water quality. Cooperating in the investigation and conference were representatives of research laboratories of 10 northwest

pulp and paper companies and the following public bodies:

The department of oceanography, University of Washington; National Council for Stream Improvement, Portland; department of chemical engineering, University of Washington; Washington State Pollution Control commission; Oregon State Sanitary authority; department of fish and game and game management, Oregon State college; state shellfish laboratory, Washington state department of fisheries; Food Chemical and Research Laboratory, Seattle; and pulp mills research, University of Washington.



LOOK OUT, MICKEY—Mrs. Mary Hargitay, ex-wife of Mickey Hargitay, appears in court in Los Angeles for a hearing to determine whether a wife's income (Jayne Mansfield's) can be used to compute support payments for a child by a previous marriage. Mickey and his former wife have a 9-year-old daughter. If this is decided in Mary's favor, the case will have wide legal repercussions.

Arson Suspected In Church Blaze

Hillsboro—UPI—A spectacular \$25,000 fire that gutted a portion of the Trinity Lutheran church here early Thursday may have been the work of an arsonist, Hillsboro police said.

Firemen from Hillsboro and Forest Grove fought the blaze for nearly three hours before bringing it under control.

Police said the study of Pastor George Reule was ransacked. The study is directly below the Sunday school classroom area where the blaze is believed to have started.

Nearly a billion trees were planted in the United States during 1957.

Drivers Licenses Suspended Listed

Salem—The department of motor vehicles has released names of 295 drivers whose licenses were ordered suspended during the period beginning Aug. 25 and ending Aug. 28.

Length of suspension varies, depending on charges involved, recommendation of court, discretionary action by the department or requirements of Oregon law. The department said some of the licenses involving financial responsibility and court recommendations may have been re-instated after suspension was ordered.

The department warned drivers that the penalty for driving while suspended is a jail sentence of no less than two days and up to six months, and there may be imposed a fine up to \$500. Under licensing procedures, this will also result in an additional year of suspension.

Those suspended in Jackson county were:

Driving While Suspended
—(Includes any conviction for violation of traffic laws involving operation of motor vehicle, while driving privileges were under suspension.)

Scruggs, William Freeman, 56, of 136 Portland ave., Medford, no operator's license in possession, 1 year.

Driving While Under Influence of Intoxicating Liquor—(Mandatory suspension)

Bradley, Orville Roland, 45, of 1895 Third ave., Yuma, Ariz., 90 days.

Discretionary Action of Department

Waldron, Daniel Alan, 22, of 327 West Eighth st., Medford, driving record, 1 year.

Financial Responsibility—(Failure to show proof of financial responsibility)

Baer, Barry Eugene, 22, of 6369 Ponderosa st., Central Point.

Goodman, Jack E., box 230, Trail.

Heuer, Diane Gay, 10, of 936 1/2 Grant st., Medford.

Rogers, Lawrence H., route 2, box 189, Medford.

Said Leong Quong, 32, of 210 Charlotte Anne rd., Medford.

Sheritt, Dorothy, box 401, Phoenix.

Sheritt, Ronald J., box 401, Phoenix.

Zwan, Emil John, 49, of 2240 Camp Baker rd., Medford.

Portland Physician Doctor of Year

Portland—UPI—Dr. DeNorval Unthank, 59-year-old Portland Negro physician, Thursday was named Doctor of the Year for 1958 in Oregon.

Unthank, who has practiced in Portland for more than 30 years, was selected for the honor by the Oregon State Medical Society.

A graduate of Howard University medical school in Washington, D.C., Dr. Unthank served as a representative from the United States national council of the YMCA to the world council in Germany in 1957.

SAILING ON FOAM

Berwick, England—UPI—Crewmen from the German timber freighter Erich Haslinger staged ashore Thursday and reported they ran out of drinking water but managed to last 24 hours on beer.

COMPOSER DIES

Warsaw, Ind.—UPI—B. D. Ackley, 85, composer of more than 3,500 Gospel songs, died Wednesday night in Mercy Hospital Medical Center.



INTEGRATION ISSUE—Dr. Virgil Blossom (left), supt. of schools in Little Rock, Ark., has an informal conference with Thurgood Marshall, chief counsel for the NAACP, in the lawyers lounge at the Supreme Court in Washington, during a brief recess of the court's extraordinary special session on the Little Rock school integration issue.

The Hague is the seat of government for Holland, but the capital of the kingdom.

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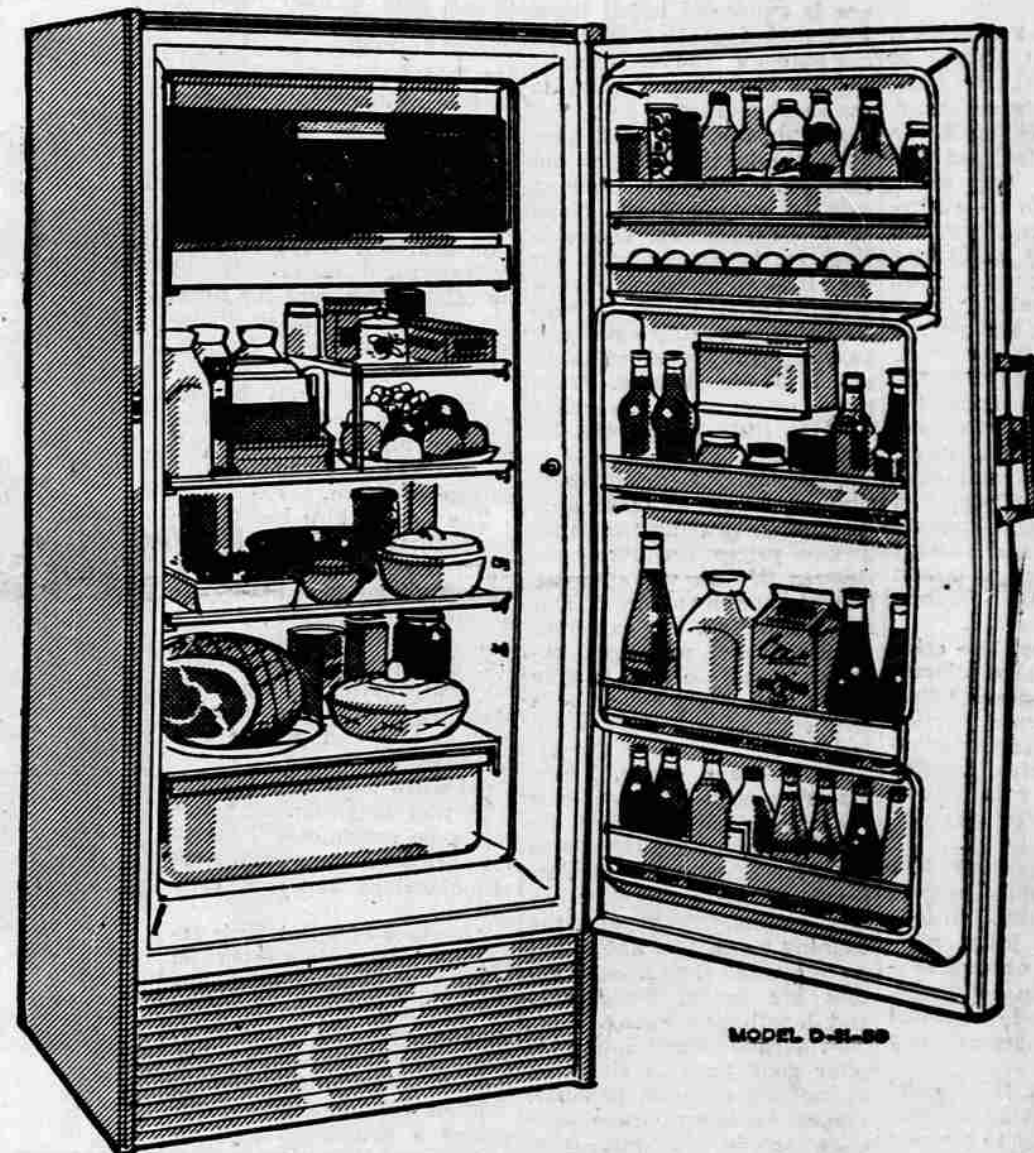
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