



**DIDN'T MAKE IT**—A Royal Navy helicopter attempts to lower a rescuer to a still floating British Scimitar jet fighter, fallen into the English Channel from the newly commissioned carrier Victorious, and with the pilot still inside. Unfortunately, the plane sank before it could be reached, and the pilot, Commander John D. Russell, was drowned.

### Bristol Calls for United Front in Resources Study

Grants Pass - F. I. Bristol, Grants Pass state representative, this week called for a united front by residents of southern Oregon in an effort to get flood control and recreation lakes in the Rogue basin.

He outlined the work of the Rogue Basin Flood Control and Water Resources association, and mentioned that the Army Engineers have spent between \$150,000 and \$200,000 on flood surveys since the 1955 flood. He said more than \$1 million has been spent by Engineers in basin surveys.

Bristol said one of the chief problems is to make a showing that prevention of flood damage, plus irrigation and power, will make a practical that is feasible and practical from the financing standpoint.

**Lost Creek Dam**  
If the proposed dam is built at Lost creek on the main stem, a site some distance above Lewis creek, it would provide a sizeable lake and a beautiful recreation area. The same would be true on a lesser scale of proposed dams and lakes in the Copper area on the upper Applegate and in the Wimer area on Evans creek.

Bristol noted that it is hard to have anyone admit what the recreational values would be. He stressed the need of making a showing of recreational values, pointing out that the two types of federal money which "we don't have to pay back" from project earnings, is the money spent for flood control and recreation.

The state legislator said steelhead and salmon runs would not be greatly affected by the Lost creek dam because the last of the fish turn off and go up Butte creek.

He estimated that \$70 to \$100 million would be needed for the Rogue basin project.

### Court Records

**DISTRICT COURT**  
Francis C. Blankenship, over-  
load, \$29.  
Ernest W. Hinkle, truck speeding,  
\$15.  
Charles N. Fletcher, overwidth,  
\$15.  
Virgil O. Anderson, failure to  
stop, \$10.  
John W. Malsom, no turn signal,  
\$6.  
Travis E. Moore, driving while  
embracing, \$6.

**CIRCUIT COURT**  
Billie Lee Jennings vs. Henry  
Jacob Jennings, divorce complaint.  
Vernon Coverstone vs. Margaret  
Coverstone, divorce decree.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**  
Joseph William Lucas, route 1,  
box 224, Eagle Point, and Laura  
K. Wheeler, Oakridge, Ore.  
John Taylor Glass, Woodburn,  
Ore., and Lillian Josephine Carr,  
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## Russia Determined To Be 1st Nation To Send Man To Space

Moscow - (UPI) - Just a year ago Russian science gave birth to the Space Age. The world hasn't been the same since and never will.

Now, a year later, Russia is determined to put a man in space and, if possible, be the first to do so.

And it is working to "shoot the moon."

In the past 12 months Russia has committed itself wholeheartedly to the Space Age. Its scientists reckon no longer in limited horizons. They aim at the universe and all it contains.

Russia and world science generally have come a long way in the short span since that first tentative yet triumphant step into space when, the night of Oct. 4, 1957, a Soviet rocket thrust a 184-pound metal sphere into orbit around the earth.

**New Light Appeared**  
That was the night a new light appeared in the skies—and a new word, "Sputnik," exploded into the world's vocabulary.

Since that night, the Soviet Union has advanced far beyond the mere threshold of the space in carefully calculated steps.

She has demonstrated

### Guderian Honored For His Services

C. A. Guderian, who recently retired as area field director of the state bureau of labor, apprentice division, was presented a certificate of meritorious service at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Ridenour, 17 Ross court, last week.

Ridenour, who succeeded Guderian here, made the presentation, at which members of the apprenticeship committee were present.

Ridenour recently moved here from Roseburg, where he owned an electrical company. He will direct the apprenticeship program in Jackson, Josephine, Klamath and Lake counties.

Guderian attained retirement status Aug. 1 this year after serving nine years with the bureau of labor.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Ridenour, others who attended the event included Laverne R. Johnson, George Beltz, Ralph McKay, W. L. Tucker, Jack Batzer, Clyde Richmond, Victor E. Newman, William Ackers, William D. Thorndike, Elliott Becken, A. Douglas Vocika, Lindsay M. Vinsel, John Rorex and E. A. Mercer, all of Medford; James W. Stevens, Central Point, and C. L. Smith, Ashland.

### WILL AID EGG MARKET

Washington - (UPI) - The Agriculture Department moved to strengthen egg markets today by announcing plans to purchase fried whole egg solids for donation to school lunchrooms. Details of the purchase program will be announced early next week.

through additional achievements that she knows where she is going, and has mapped out in detail a journey calculated to deepen if not widen her lead over the United States.

In the chronology of Russia's march into space, four dates are outstanding. They are the launching of the first three Sputniks (Oct. 4, Nov. 3 and May 15), and the recovery on Aug. 27 this year of two dogs and a package of instruments from a rocket shot to a record height of 281 miles.

Each of these events, like rungs on a ladder, brought Russia closer to her goal of sending the first man into space.

The advance represented by the second Sputnik was that it was more than six times heavier than the first and contained a live animal, in addition to more varied equipment for studying the atmosphere.

**Withstood Conditions**  
The data it provided on the first space dog, Laika, revealed the little Sputnik passenger withstood the extraordinary conditions of her weeklong journey satisfactorily.

The third Soviet Sputnik, which has been circling the earth for four months, was a rejection of experiments with a second dog in favor of researches on the wider scale of geophysical problems. The

shot would not serve a useful purpose.

His remark suggested that the Soviet Union's first lunar probe will be an attempt to put a rocket into orbit around the moon, rather than simply exploding a missile against its face.

The Russian engineer, Y. S. Khebtsevich, whose timetable for space flights was described in the Soviet press in September 1957, cited the early 1960's as the time for the first guided rockets to explore the moon.

However, his prediction was made prior to the launching of the Sputniks, whose success may have pushed Russian research ahead of schedule.

**Will Seek Solution**  
Together with projects that are presumed to be on the high priority list, such as a shot at the moon, Russian scientists will undoubtedly try to solve the problem of satellite re-entry.

They can be expected to launch heavier, higher-flying and longer orbiting Sputniks in their efforts to recover at least part of one of them.

In addition, important re-

search tests on dogs and other animals will probably continue at a brisk pace.

Attempts will be made to rocket dogs to even greater heights to perfect the system for returning them to earth—and it would not be surprising if one of the next Sputniks carries a dog, or perhaps a higher form of animal.

Its many-sided space program for the future indicates the Soviet Union is determined to "achieve first place in the field of astronautics as well as in the collection of the knowledge of distant

worlds," as Khebtsevich wrote in the Literary Gazette last year.

**GONE HUNTING!**

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WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL OCT. 13

### Is That So?

By OLGA BURNS

The ruffed grouse is not classed as a migratory bird, but he does have a short migration, and its start roughly coincides with what is known as his "crazy season."

The migration is a gradual progress from higher elevations to lower, and from the low brushy, slash-covered

by the end result is a broken neck.

One theory is that the bird is deranged by vermin infesting his feathers. Another is that he has had the wits scared out of him by a hawk or other predator. But quite possibly the true explanation is that the bird has been frustrated by a seemingly insoluble problem and has taken off on a flight from reality.

**Adult Plumage**  
The problem is this. By mid-September the young birds have got their adult plumage. The mother has found discipline over her flock progressively difficult. The youngsters decide to strike out for themselves.

The stronger birds quickly establish areas of their own. The weaker ones have to go farther afield. Inevitably they run into other grouse doing the same thing. Presently, a few unhappy individuals, finding themselves farther and farther from the familiar surroundings of chickhood, finally reach such a degree of frustration that they seek to solve their problem by a heedless, erratic plunge straight across country.

Whether or not that is the true explanation, it certainly seems a logical one for an act of rashness that usually ends in a blundering, accidental death.

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country to the hardwoods then on to the evergreens that form the best cover for the winter season.

As for the crazy season, that takes place just about now. It is noticeable only in the antics of certain birds. However, since those unusual individuals are found among the ruffed grouse, prairie chickens, the sharp-tailed variety and even the grouse of England and Scotland, it seems likely that all members of the race experience the conditions that result in tragedy for some.

How a grouse acts when seized with the seasonal madness is to take off on a swift heedless flight in which he smashes into the side of a tree, or even a house or car. Usual-

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