

Largest Balloon Ever Launched Reaches Montana

Bozeman, Mont. — (UP) — The largest balloon ever successfully launched dropped a 250-pound load of cosmic ray plates somewhere in a snow-covered forest about 55 miles south of here yesterday.

The unmanned balloon went up from the Tillamook county airport in Oregon at 12:58 p.m. (PST) Friday and its load of instruments for study of cosmic rays was released at 135,000 feet about 1:15 p.m. (MST) today.

C. P. Merrell, Minneapolis, project engineer for General Mills, said a search plane was to scan the area in hopes of finding the instruments. He said the load was lost on descent because of a heavy overcast.

The load fell in a hilly, wooded area that was covered by snow from recent storms. However, Merrell said, pilots should be able to spot it easily.

The load has an orange and white parachute 28-feet in diameter and a gondola covered with a highly reflective aluminum foil.

Merrell said the package was completely covered with reward tags, all instructing the finder where to call. The amount of the reward will depend on the amount of effort expended by the finder.

Winston Churchill Celebrating 85th

Westerham, England — (UP) — Sir Winston Churchill's youngest grandchildren burst in on the grand old man of Britain yesterday with a surprise present on the eve of his 84th birthday.

They turned up for tea at Chartwell Manor, Churchill's country home here, and presented him with a cyclamen plant—bought with savings from their own allowances.

Today, he begins his 85th year. He will spend the day at Chartwell, surrounded by his son and daughters. One of the presents will be a 30-pound birthday cake topped by eight pounds of liquor-filled chocolates.

Russia Warns Japan: 'Risking Involvement'

Moscow — (UP) — The Soviet Union has warned Japan it is "risking involvement in war" by allowing the United States to use it as a staging area for troops and equipment destined for Formosa.

In Tokyo, a government spokesman advised Russia not to "interfere" with Japan's internal affairs.

he said. The balloon was launched by the office of naval research and General Mills for a cosmic ray study by Prof. Marcel Schein of the University of Chicago.

ILLINOIS VALLEY Open House Scheduled

By RUTH RAUSCH
Cave Junction — An open house at the fire department in Cave Junction is slated for 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, according to a spokesman for the Illinois Valley volunteer firemen.

The purpose of the open house is to raise money for additional equipment needed for the firemen. Asbestos suits as well as breathing equipment used by firemen in entering burning buildings, are among the desired items.

The old pond landing at Cabax mill in Kerby is being torn down and replaced by a modern type steel landing. A new high line pole is also being installed to handle logs at the pond.

These and other extensive repairs and overhaul jobs will be done during the annual shut-down for this purpose. The mill closed Nov. 20 and will probably not re-open until after the first of the year. The mill-wide repair work will keep the mechanics busy most of the time during the construction work on the new landing, according to manager Casey Piller.

The Bob Rauschs spent the holiday weekend with their daughter and son-in-law, Ronnie and Howard Elder Jr., of Redding, Calif.

A bazaar, sponsored by the St. Patrick's Altar society will be held in the building next to the bakery on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6.

On Friday, the hours are to be from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. to accommodate those who cannot shop during the day. On Saturday, the bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Mrs. Robert (Helen) Bittel, as guest speaker, related her experiences as a syndicated columnist at the meeting of the Grants Pass Rotary Anns last Friday at the home of Mrs. J. R. Calvert, Jr.

An appeal for parents to attend the Cub Scouts committee meetings, held at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at the Episcopal church, has been made by Vernon Larson institutional representative for the Cub Scouts.

In making the appeal, Larson also said that a number of Cub dens in the valley are open for members. If anyone is interested in having his son join the Cub Scouts, contact any of the following persons: Bob Breckenridge, O'Brien; Mrs. Harold Mackey, Kerby; Mrs. Tony Stava and Mrs. William Box, Cave Junction; Mrs. Bohlen, Selma or Vernon Larson.

Lloyd Burnett, technician Illinois Valley Soil Conservation District and M. A. Sprague, a supervisor, will attend the regional convention of the SCD in Spokane, Wash., Dec. 3.

Ardene Hoover was elected president of the Sage Saddlers 4-H club at the meeting held on Monday, Nov. 24 at the home of the leader, Mrs. C. C. Hoover. The purpose of the meeting was to re-organize the club and hold election of officers.

Elected to serve with the new president was Arlene Hoover, vice-president; Clark England, secretary; Lorraine Steimer, treasurer; Jim Burch, song leader and Barbara Shepard, news reporter.

It was voted to hold the next meeting on Monday, Dec. 8. Refreshments were served as the business meeting adjourned.

Elections of officers will be the main item of business when the St. Mathias Guild meets on Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 1:30 p.m. at the church. A report on the recent bazaar will also be given.

Larry Cushing, Cave Junction attorney and member of the advisory board for the Southern Oregon College foundation, has recently been named to the board of trustees of the college.

The last sealer cap was applied on the new high school stage this week, making it possible for the premiere showing of the high school PTA sponsored minstrel show given on the new addition to the school.

Only some minor finishing work is still to be done and the whole project will be completed.

The high school is getting a new driver's training car equipped with dual controls on a rental basis from Mock Ford Sales in Grants Pass.

Any farm owner can contact the boys of the Illinois Valley Future Farmers organization to take soil samples for testing. There will be no additional charge for this service. The usual fee of \$2.50 for mailing and wrapping costs in sending it to the state laboratories is the only cost involved.

When the soil tests are returned, the county agent will then make recommendations for suitable fertilizers.

The Bill Baskins had with them this holiday week their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. William Baskin, Jr., Larry, and Todd from Whittier, Calif. The family arrived last Saturday and expect to stay until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Phillips with their daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stevens of Grants Pass, spent Thanksgiving Day with a second daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Milton of Rogue River.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eddy shared their turkey with the Wes Peters family.

Election of officers will be the main item of business when the Illinois Valley Democratic club meets Monday evening in the Auxiliary rooms of the American Legion hall.

Lee Brennan of Hazel's Beauty salon, left Wednesday evening for an extended holiday weekend with friends in Medford. She will be back in the shop on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

DC-8 Jetliner In Maiden Flight

Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. — (UP) — A DC-8 jetliner, described by Douglas Aircraft Co. as the most powerful and fastest jet transport ever flown, was tested successfully yesterday.

Test Pilot A. G. Heimerdinger tested the white, blue-and-red-trimmed jet in a 55 minute maiden flight from Long Beach municipal airport to this desert test center.

Spokesmen for the plane firm said the plane was powered by four Pratt & Whitney (J-75) turbojet engines capable of driving it at 585 miles an hour with 135 passengers and cargo.

U.S. Base In Cuba Pressured By Rebels

Havana — (UP) — The U.S. Naval base at Guantanamo on the southeast coast of Oriente Province was under new pressure yesterday from the Cuban Rebels who have cut off the base water supplies twice this week.

Informed sources said Rebel troops moved into positions near the Yateras Aqueduct eight miles east of the base after Cuban Army troops were withdrawn 11 days ago.

Atlas Missile Spans Ocean In First Full-Range Flight

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UP) — The Air Force confirmed yesterday that the nation took a giant stride forward in missile development Friday night with the first ocean-hurdling, 6,300-mile flight of a powerful intercontinental Atlas.

The highly successful hop of the massive war rocket bolstered the claim of those who contended the United States never trailed Russia in the missile race, and also demonstrated the Atlas' capabilities as the launching vehicle for huge satellites.

In a terse statement issued jointly by the Pentagon and by the Air Force here, officials said the "Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile launched Friday was successfully test fired for the first time over the full intercontinental range, a distance of approximately 5,500 nautical miles."

That distance, the equivalent of 6,325 statute miles, put the impact area of the nose

one about 800 miles off the southwest coast of Africa and about 1,100 miles southeast of Ascension island in the South Atlantic.

Additional Significance — The Air Force's feat assumed additional significance in view of defense secretary Neil H. McElroy's recent statement that "the farther you go down the road with ICBM, the less interesting it is to employ additional intermediate range ballistic missiles."

A radio Moscow broadcast, monitored in London yesterday, reported without comment on the successful firing of the U. S. ICBM. The Soviets have claimed possession of such missiles for more than a year, and it has been speculated that they used them to hurl their heavy satellites into orbit.

The intermediate range weapons would have to be based abroad. Atlases based in the United States could reach

targets nearly anywhere in the world above the equator. There was no mention in yesterday's statement on when the Atlas would become operational, ready to be equipped with a devastating hydrogen warhead for firing against an aggressor.

But Convair Astronautics, which is making the 100-ton weapons on a limited production-line basis in San Diego, Calif., said that many more test flights lay ahead. Although the missile has proven it can go the intercontinental route, its reliability must be established before it can be handed over to Strategic Air Command troops.

There have been persistent reports that the Atlas will be used to fire a satellite bigger than Russia's 3,000-pound Sputnik III within the next year.

Spain had an eight per cent overall increase in its grain crops last year.

Hatfield Expected At Hawaii Parley

Carson City, Nev. — (UP) — Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield of Oregon, who handed the GOP one of its few wins in this year's elections, will tell the Western Republican conference in Honolulu how he did it, it was announced yesterday.

Arrangements chairman Mrs. Kenneth Johnson, Nevada GOP national committeewoman and conference vice chairman, said the youthful Hat-

field confirmed he would attend the week-long session in the island territory Dec. 8-15. Hatfield, who unseated incumbent Democratic Gov. Robert Holmes, was termed "one of the trend stoppers in the west" by Mrs. Johnson.

Known as a strong advocate of statehood for Hawaii, Hatfield leaves Portland Dec. 7 for the islands with Oregon's 10-member delegation, Mrs. Johnson said.

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BUTTE FALLS Band Program Progresses

By MARY JO HARRIS
Butte Falls—The Butte Falls band program has advanced rapidly, with most students showing good progress. Although this is their first year, they hope to produce a pep band to play at basketball games.

The high school band has 11 members with Edwin Ellis, Patay Facey and Dannie Remsen on clarinet; Martha Dalton playing trombone, LeRoy Thompson on the mellophone, and David Baker and Raymond Abbott on saxophone. The drum section is composed of Jeannette Capello, Dixie McConochie and Earlena Vasseur.

The grade school band has 21 members. The clarinet section is composed of Joe Boyd, Billy Dalton, Sharon Smith, June Reddell and Jimmy Driskell with Mike Stratton as first chair clarinet and student conductor. The cornet section is made up of Steve Stratton, Eugene Simmonds, Dalene McAllister, Arthur Rambo and Pete Weber with Ramey Johnson as first chair cornet.

Jerry Brown is at mellophone while John Chambers plays the baritone horn. The saxophone section is made up of Neil Ellis and Danny Edmondson and John Capello and Mildren Sutton play the drums.

Saturday mornings are reserved for pep band practice and Dean Boggan, director, hopes to produce a band capable of playing satisfactory music in the near future.

This year two periods of industrial arts are again offered to high school students. There are 15 freshmen and sophomores in one class and eight juniors and seniors in the other class.

At present, the beginning or first year students are doing elementary drafting. During this period, accuracy in measurement, neatness of lines and lettering, methodical and logical working order and planning are practiced.

Students who have had one year of industrial arts are making some of the most used joints. The program as offered here has all students using all tools in the shop by the end of the second year.

The advanced class is primarily doing woodwork. Several of these students do welding, leathercraft and metal etching to break the steady diet of woodwork.

It is planned to have the lapidary equipment mounted and operable by the end of the Christmas vacation.

Although small in size, the Butte Falls High school now makes available to students in industrial arts experiences in drafting, leathercraft, metal etching, oxyacetylene and arc welding, woodworking and soon lapidary.

"The Campbells Are Coming," a three-act comedy by Jay Tobias, was presented to the students of Butte Falls High under the direction of Mrs. Bob Cupples.

Members of the cast were Priscilla Poole, Martha Dalton, Linda Webster, Ira Rambo, Darrell Hawkins, Ken Kadin, Jerry Ferguson, Linda Hawkins, Raymond Abbott and Jeanette Capello.

Both the afternoon and evening performances showed a financial profit for the Student Body Fund.

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