

Instrument Loss Delays X-15 Test

Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. — The X-15 manned rocketship was carried aloft tethered to a giant B-52 bomber Thursday for its fifth powered flight, but a loss of instrument power caused postponement of the test.

Test pilot Scott Crossfield who has guided the sleek 50-foot craft in all its glide and power flights noticed instruments were not functioning. The craft was kept fastened to its mother ship and stayed aloft for a captive flight to collect further research data.

Cause of the power failure was not announced by North American Aviation, manufacturer of the craft which is expected to carry man 100 miles up at speeds of about 4,000 miles an hour.

Woman Tells Unusual Story of Black Eye

Dallas — Charlotte Kessler swears this is how she got a black eye:

She stepped out of a car carrying a purse, stack of magazines and a jar of olives. She spied a friend and waved. The jar of olives flew out of her hand and hit her in the right eye.

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TEEN-AGE FAD—Eyebrows eerie enough to make onlookers want to raise one are the latest mad fad of the teen-age set. With a little eyebrow pencil and a lot of originality, girls in western states are revamping their eyebrows in such zany designs as Indian smoke signals, upper left; question marks, upper right; lightning bolts, lower left, and marks of Zorro, lower right. (UPI Telephoto)

Conference on Auto Theft Slated Here

A federal bureau of investigation sponsored conference on automobile theft will be held in Medford Feb. 18, according to Joseph E. Thornton, special agent in charge of the Portland FBI office.

Thornton will speak on the continuing auto theft problem as it exists today throughout the nation. If the 1958 rate continues approximately 9 million automobiles will be stolen within the next generation, the FBI said.

Law enforcement officers and persons whose work is closely related to the automobile business will be invited to attend open forums and panel discussions. Participants will include officers from rural areas, metropolitan areas and state and federal officers, who will exchange suggestions, ideas and experiences.

This is one of a series of such conferences which start

in Ontario, Ore., on Feb. 9. Others scheduled include Pendleton, Feb. 11, Coos Bay, Feb. 16, and Portland, Feb. 24.

Aim of the conferences is to give officers and people in the auto industry a better understanding of the cooperative services available from all those interested in combating the auto theft problem.

"One of the most important things learned from the previous conferences was that the car theft problem is common to all law enforcement agencies, whether large or small, and can best be solved through cooperative efforts," the FBI said.

Jubilee Year of Boy Scouts Will Be Observed Here

Celebration of the jubilee year of the Boy Scouts of America will begin during Boy Scout week Feb. 7 to 13 in the Crater Lake Council with activities ranging from a window display contest to recognition dinners. Dr. Billy D. Blackstone, chairman of the Big Pines district committee, has announced.

The 50th anniversary of the national Scout organization is Monday, Feb. 8. Present membership of the Boy Scouts of America is more than 5 million with nearly 6,000 members in the local three-county Scout council which serves Jackson, Josephine, and Siskiyou counties.

Window displays are a major feature for Boy Scout week, and judging of the displays has been completed by a committee headed by Jack Holmes of Medford.

The Big Pines district will hold an adult recognition dinner Saturday, Feb. 20, for all adults connected with the 67 Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops, and Explorer posts in Jackson county.



VIEW DISPLAY—Gary Bigham (center) of Scout troop 13, Medford, and Darl Glead, district executive of the Crater Lake Area council, Boy Scouts of America, look over the display of new books on Scouting that has been set up in the children's department of the Public Library of Medford and Jackson county in connection with Boy

Scout week, Feb. 7 to 13. Children's Librarian Miss Julie Keiser shows them a rack of merit badge pamphlets that covers over 100 subjects. Several Scout members helped select the books. Branch libraries in Jackson county will also get books on Scouting and related subjects, according to Librarian Omar Bacon.

Whistle-Biting Cop Breaks Tooth

San Angelo, Tex. — Patrolman Donald Heim is minus one front tooth because he blew his whistle at a lady driver.

Trouble was, the lady driver was about to hit him. Getting out of the way, he bit his whistle too hard and broke a right front tooth in two places.

OLDEST GENERAL DIES

Parris Island, S. C. — (UPI) — Major Gen. Randolph C. Berkeley, 85, a Medal of Honor winner who was the oldest general in the Marine Corps, died Sunday of a heart ailment. Berkeley had retired in 1939 after 41 years of Marine service.

Dentists Named as Meeting Delegates

Eight valley dentists were selected to attend the coming annual meeting of the Oregon State Dental association at a monthly meeting of the Southern Oregon District Dental Society last week.

The state meeting will be in Portland March 7, 8 and 9. Selected as delegates were Drs. Claude Lewis, Lee Mellish, W. H. Roberts, John Dickson, Dan Engle, R. J. Camden and Scott Ellis.

Dr. Louis Schoel, Portland, discussed techniques involving gold foil restorations at the meeting. Committees for the coming year were named.

Dr. Dickson Leaves For Chicago Meeting

Dr. John P. Dickson, Medford dentist, left Thursday for Chicago, where he will attend meetings of the Congress on Dental Education and Licensure sponsored by the Council of Dental Education of the American Dental association, it was reported.

Dr. Dickson is a member of the Oregon State Board of Dental Examiners. He will attend, also, a seminar at Northwestern university dental school sponsored by the American Association of Dental Examiners and a seminar of the National Board of Dental Examiners.

Green crabs are the number one enemy of the soft-shelled clam.

Vaughn Accepts Post On Advisory Council

Portland—Tom Vaughn, director of the Oregon Historical Society, has accepted an appointment from General U.S. Grant III to serve on the advisory council to the Civil War Centennial commission.

Vaughn, who formerly worked on Civil War projects in Wisconsin, said that several persons around the country had been asked to give volunteer service to properly commemorate the historic days of 1861-1865.

There are 15 railroads with terminals in New York City.

Smoking Habits Said Unchanged

London — (UPI) — The British medical journal Lancet said today that the intensive publicity about the alleged harmful effects of smoking has not changed people's smoking habits much.

Lancet based its conclusion on a survey conducted in Edinburgh, Scotland. It said that despite a sweeping anti-smoking campaign in the city, the proportion of non-smokers did not increase, and the ratio of heavy smokers to light smokers remained unchanged.

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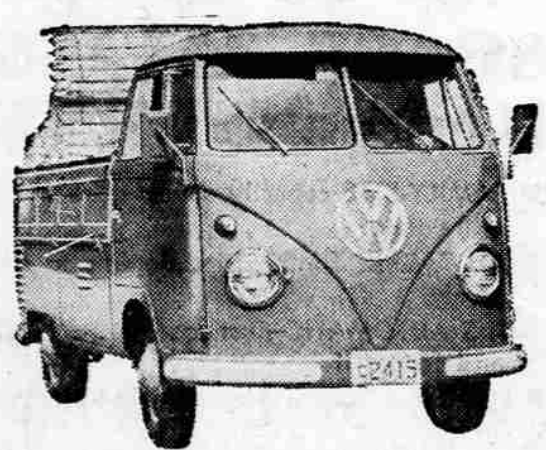



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