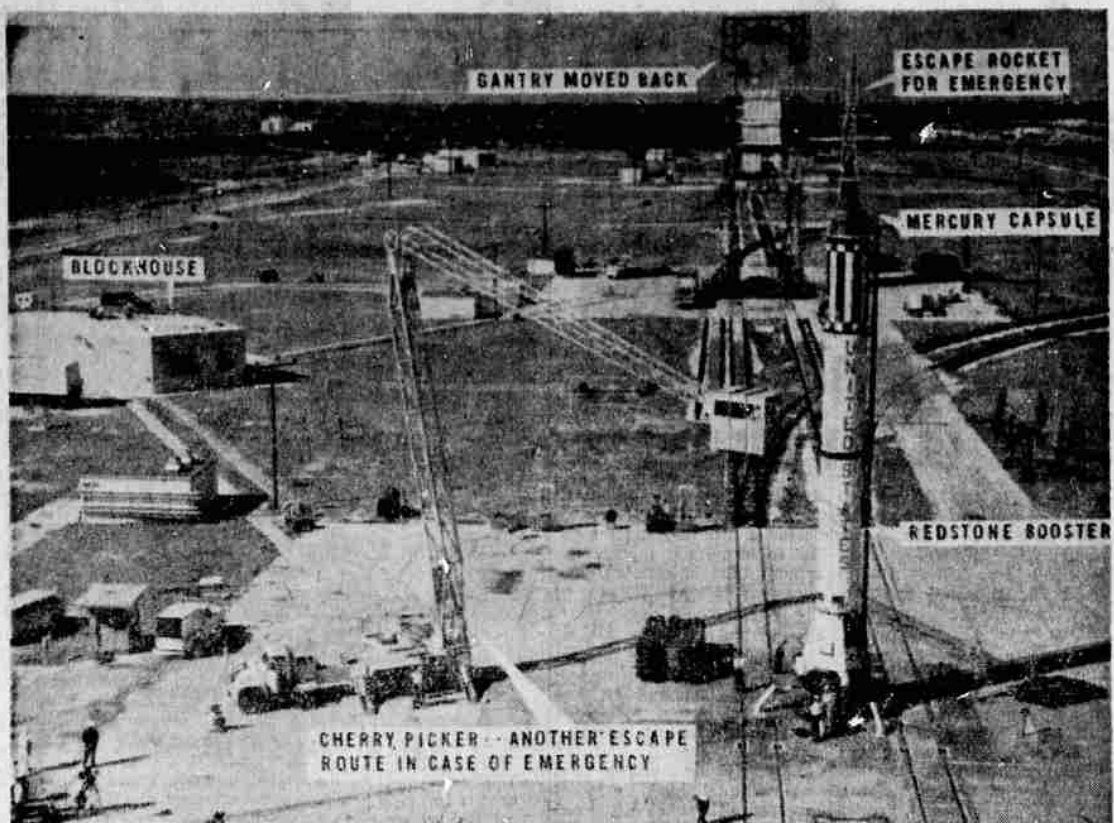
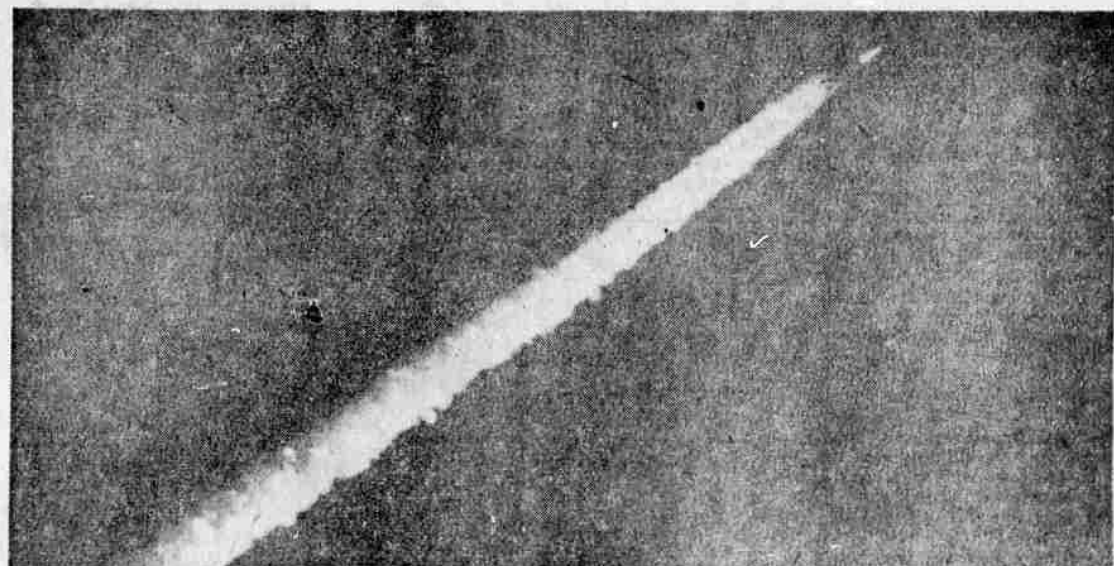




SCENE OF LAUNCHING—Shown above is the scene before rocketing of Navy Cmdr. Alan Shepard Jr. on a trip into space. In this diagrammed general view of the launching site, the Redstone rocket is on its pad ready to be

fired. America's first astronaut had previously entered the Mercury capsule by way of the gantry elevator which was then moved away into the background.

(UPI Telephoto)



AWAY OUT YONDER — The Redstone rocket carrying Cmdr. Alan Shepard Jr. on America's first manned space flight leaves a trail of vapor as it soars toward space

down the Atlantic missile range. Shepard's high altitude comment was that it was beautiful.

(UPI Telephoto)



ENTERS CAPSULE—Astronaut Alan Shepard is inserted into the space capsule atop the Redstone rocket just before being fired into space as the United States made its first manned space shot. Shepard was picked up from the Atlantic Ocean about 15 minutes after blastoff.

(UPI Telephoto)

ALL READY — Cmdr. Alan Shepard has an eager look in his eye as he walks from the medical center at Cape Canaveral dressed for his ride into space.

(UPI Telephoto)

Hearing Today on School Budget

A public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 1961-62 for the Medford school district will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the school administration building, 500 Monroe st., Medford.

The general fund totals \$4,047,723, an increase of \$154,160.01, or about 4 per cent more than this year's budget, roughly corresponding to an expected increase of 4 per cent in enrollment.

An election on the amount of the general fund over the 6 per cent limitation will be held May 25. The amount outside the limitation is \$2,070,805.95.

Much of the increase in this year's budget is because of salaries for instruction. The salary total is \$2,621,444, an increase of \$200,183. The increase includes salaries for 15 new teachers, to handle an expected rise of 350 students, and two special education teachers.

Mayor Comes Up With Own 'Saving Time'

Today is really next Friday. The Mayor says so.

After reading the fact that five of Oregon's most populous counties will go on daylight saving time Sunday, and that a couple of others wish they could, Mayor John W. Snider, came up with his own solution.

tion, and issued the following declaration:

"Because we in this far-flung outpost of civilization are prohibited by law from observing daylight saving time, I declare that all calendars in this area are officially set one week ahead as of today, which is now next Friday."

FBI Arrests Woman Wanted in Medford

FBI agents Thursday arrested a woman in North Bend who is wanted by Medford police to face charges of cashing more than \$100 in worthless checks here during April.

The woman, Mrs. Louise Marie McCall, about 40, who resided in Medford temporarily last month, was arrested on a federal warrant charging her with fleeing from the state of California to avoid prosecution for burglary.

Medford police said Mrs. McCall is apparently wanted in San Luis Obispo, Calif., on a charge of grand theft involving the stealing of television sets from motel rooms. Her husband is also reportedly wanted.

Medford police hold a Jackson county district court warrant charging Mrs. McCall with obtaining property by false pretenses, bail \$2,500. There are 13 separate check cases in Medford involving Mrs. McCall, police said.

"To mention just a few of the advantages this will give us over our sophisticated cousins, (1) we will celebrate July 4 on June 27, (2) we will not watch next week's television shows last week, (3) our women can lie honestly about their ages for at least one whole week each year, and (4) it permits us to sneak up on ducks, deer and fish a whole week before they know the season is open."

The information was taken over the telephone, so the reporter couldn't tell whether the Mayor's tongue was in his right or left cheek.

Drink Guaranteed To Send One Into Space

Chicago — (UPI) — A Chicago hotel's bar started serving "astronaut" cocktails today soon after astronaut Alan B. Shepard made his space flight.

The bartender reported that the drink contained various types of rum and was "guaranteed to send anyone into space."

BLASTOFF — America's first astronaut starts out on his ride through space in his capsule atop the Redstone rocket at Cape Canaveral.

(UPI Telephoto)

Spring Concert Slated at Hedrick

"Fantasy Land" is the theme for the spring vocal concert, by Medford elementary schools, at 8 o'clock tonight at Hedrick Junior High school.

Under the direction of Dr. Justin L. Dyrud, vocal music supervisor, more than 650 fifth and sixth graders from the district's 14 elementary schools will participate in the program.

The program has been rehearsed several times this week, and will include the use of pantomime and lighting to illustrate the music as it is presented. This is the first time pantomime has been used in the biennial program.

The program is open to the public without charge.

MANNED SPACE FLIGHT SUCCEEDS

Kennedy Talks With Shepard on Radio-Telephone

Astronaut Will Meet President

Washington — (UPI) — Astronaut Alan B. Shepard reported to President Kennedy by radio-telephone today that "everything worked just about perfectly on his flight into space."

It was a very rewarding experience for me and the people who made it possible," Shepard told the President.

Kennedy spoke from his White House office to Shepard in the admiral's quarters aboard the Navy aircraft carrier Lake Champlain.

Text of Conversation

The conversation came shortly after Shepard was plucked out of the Atlantic and flown aboard the Champlain by helicopter.

Here is the text of their conversation.

Kennedy — Hello Commander.

Shepard — Yes sir.

Kennedy — I want to congratulate you very much.

Shepard — Thank you very much, Mr. President.

Kennedy — We watched you on TV of course and we are awfully pleased and proud of what you did.

Shepard — Well, thank you, sir. As you know by now everything worked just about perfectly and it was a very rewarding experience for me and the people who made it possible.

Kennedy — We are looking forward to seeing you up here, commander.

Shepard — Thank you very much. I am looking forward to it, I assure you.

Extend Congratulations

Kennedy — The members of the National Security Council are meeting on another matter this morning and they all want me to give you their congratulations.

Shepard — Thank you very much, sir, and I'm looking forward to meeting you in the near future.

Kennedy — Thank you, commander and good luck.

The White House announced that Shepard probably will be brought here on Monday to confer with Kennedy and to receive his congratulations.

There was a move afoot in Congress to award Shepard the Medal of Honor — the nation's most coveted decoration.

In a statement issued after the flight, Kennedy said all Americans rejoice in the mission carried out by the heroic astronaut.

Damage To Peach Crop Is Reported

The peach crop on approximately 10 per cent of the acreage in Jackson county was lost due to spring frost damage, County Agent David Passon estimated today.

Passon said he spent the last four days in a survey of more than 100 orchards in the county. Frost damage followed a hit and miss pattern during the 13 days of orchard heating so far, he said. The higher areas froze and the lower ones frosted, he noted.

Passon estimated that the county has about 1,400 acres of stone fruit which includes apricots and peaches.

"Besides the 10 per cent of outright loss, I figure another 15 per cent received a light set and the remaining 75 per cent will have a normal crop."

Sportsfair Opens At Armory Tonight

The Spater Lions club sponsored Sportsfair and Home and Garden show will start this evening and continue through Sunday at the armory south of Medford.

Highlighting tonight's program is the first of two horse shows. The show starts at 8 o'clock.

Other activities during the week end will include demonstrations of sky diving, skin diving, judo, and swimming. Booths with displays of sporting goods equipment, materials for use in homes, and plants and shrubs for landscaping are planned both inside and outside the armory.

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Freak Accident Claims Life of 'Sub-Astronaut'

Pensacola, Fla. — (UPI) — A freak accident took the life of a Navy officer Thursday minutes after he and another "sub-astronaut" returned from a record flight more than 21 miles into the atmosphere aboard a 411-foot balloon.

Lt. Cmdr. Victor G. Prather, 34-year-old father of two, was killed when he fell from the sling of a helicopter which had lifted him and Cmdr. Malcolm Ross, 41, from the Gulf of Mexico after successful descent.

Autopsy Planned

Navy officials aboard the aircraft carrier Antietam, from which the balloon had been launched, said an autopsy would be performed today at the Pensacola Naval Air Station to determine the cause of Prather's death.

Lt. Cmdr. Marvin Neese, public information officer at the base, said Prather "definitely was not injured" in the landing of the balloon and called the flight "a very good success."

In Pressurized Suits

Ross and Prather were clad in pressurized suits for the flight aboard the seven-acre balloon, dubbed "Stratolab No. 5." Their 113,500 foot ascent set a record for manned lighter-than-air flight. The previous record of 101,516 feet was made by Air Force Capt. Joe Kittinger.

The Navy said the gondola of the balloon descended flawlessly, landing in the Gulf near the Antietam. A helicopter lowered a sling belt and Ross was hauled safely aboard the craft.

Prather, attached to the Naval Research Institute at Bethesda, Md., fell into the water as the sling was being raised to the helicopter. The Navy did not reveal the distance of his fall.

Deputy Hospitalized In State of Shock

Sgt. Veryl Vanoose of the Jackson county sheriff's office was taken to Sacred Heart hospital early this morning where he is reportedly in good condition recovering from a "state of nervous shock."

Medford police were called to the Vanoose residence about 4:15 o'clock this morning on a report that assistance was needed there. When they arrived, police found Vanoose lying on his back on a couch in a semi-conscious state.

An ambulance was called for Vanoose. Before the ambulance could arrive, however, police said Vanoose stopped breathing three times, and police each time assisted him in resuming breathing.

Sheriff Joe Walsh said this morning that he understands that Vanoose is seriously ill in the hospital, but said he knew nothing more about the incident.

Circumstances surrounding the incident are not clear, but it has been reliably reported that Vanoose was involved in a family dispute of some kind, and that during the dispute a shot was fired. The same source reported that city police found a bullet hole in the bedroom floor at the Vanoose residence, and a gun that had one spent cartridge.

'Man, What a Ride,' Astronaut Declares

Aboard Lake Champlain. — (UPI) — Astronaut Alan B. Shepard's first words when he climbed into the recovery helicopter after landing at sea today:

"Man, what a ride."

He grinned happily as he said it, reported Lt. George Cox of Eustis, Fla. Cox was copilot of the helicopter.

News Briefs

Washington — (UPI) — Rep. Paul J. Kilday (D-Tex.) has decided that his armed services subcommittee will launch an exhaustive review of the activities of the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency.

Kilday, whose House group is charged with supervising the CIA, said the closed-door inquiry would look for "answers to a number of questions posed by the agency's operations during the last 14 years."

Washington — (UPI) — President Kennedy today was believed prepared to send U.S. troops to South Vietnam if necessary to save that country from Communist conquest.

Washington — (UPI) — Sen. Maurine Neuberger (D-Ore.) said today she had been informed the National Science Foundation Sunday would announce six grants to Oregon schools of higher education for in-service institutes for high school science and mathematics teachers.

Salinas, Calif. — (UPI) — Bud Antle, Inc., a huge Salinas Valley lettuce grower, has signed a contract with the Teamsters Union covering field workers, the first such agreement ever made in California.

Council Endorses Commission Stand On Building Site

The Medford city council last night endorsed the stand of the city planning commission and the Medford Chamber of Commerce by adopting a resolution asking that the \$2½ million Medford federal building be located in the proposed civic center site.

Mayor John W. Snider today said he would sign the resolution. Following last night's meeting he said he hadn't made up his mind, noting that he was impressed with a last-minute appeal for the 10th st. site by Medford Postmaster Moore Hamilton.

The mayor said also that he requested the general services administration not to make a decision on the site until he can come to Washington, D.C., in June and talk to them about it. Durno told the mayor he would do this.

The council voted 6 to 1 to approve the resolution. The dissenting vote was cast by Councilman Bill Singler who declared: "I don't think it is our duty to step in now that commitments have already been made (for the 10th st. site)." Councilman Fred Robinson was not at the meeting.

Whether the council's action will have any bearing on the federal government's decision can only be guessed. It is known, however, that the government was once leaning toward a site south of 10th st. between Central and River side avenues, but has recently indicated that it might be persuaded to change its mind.

The resolution will be sent to Oregon's Congressional delegation and to GSA officials whose responsibility it is to select a site for the building.

Councilman Robert Baccus pointed out that the resolution does not mean the council is endorsing the civic center itself. It asks only that the federal building be located in the area which is proposed for the civic center.

Son of Ashlanders Assists in Pickup

Seaman First Class Richard L. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tungate, 77 Pine st., Ashland, is a member of the crew of the aircraft carrier, USS Lake Champlain, which picked up Astronaut Alan B. Shepard.

Johnson is a graduate of Butte Falls High school and attended Southern Oregon college prior to entering the service about 2½ years ago.

Gold Hill Police Chief Resigns

Gold Hill — Disagreement between members of the Gold Hill city council and Police Chief L. R. (Roy) Harrison as to who is responsible for police work ended with the officer submitting his resignation to the council this week.

Harrison said he felt it was impossible to tolerate "continuing interference of individual members of the council." He said this "interference" made performance of his duties ineffective. He declined to explain the alleged interference.

Today Mayor Milton Steinmetz denied any knowledge of reasons for Harrison's resignation, effective at noon today.

City officials met Wednesday night and named Earl Cox to replace Harrison. There were two applications for the position. Cox will be sworn in today.

Astronaut, Craft Recovered in Perfect Condition

Flawless Journey Into Space Made

Cape Canaveral, Fla. — (UPI) — America's first astronaut roared 115 miles above the earth today aboard a spacecraft named Freedom 7 and won for America a historic breakthrough: The first flight in space controlled by the pilot himself.

Astronaut Alan B. Shepard Jr., 37, and his spacecraft both performed without a flaw, and both came home from the sky in perfect condition. Unlike Russia's rocket attempts, anybody who wanted to could watch. Tens of thousands did.

"Man, what a ride!" was the astronaut's grinning comment to the men who picked him up at sea.

Whistle Heard for Miles

Freedom 7, a bell-shaped capsule perched on the nose of a Redstone rocket, blasted off from the sands of Cape Canaveral at 6:34 a.m. (PST). The hollow, whistling roar was heard for miles.

It pushed up into a blue sky — 115 miles up — with a speed that reached 5,100 miles an hour.

The capsule pushed free from the spent rocket, arched into a high trajectory that put Shepard in to weightless realm of space for five minutes, and then rushed back toward the sea. Shepard controlled its movements, though not its course, during that five minutes.

Scored Bullseye

The Navy commander hit the sea 15 minutes after blasting off.

For Werner von Braun and his rocket scientists, the Redstone virtually scored a bullseye with its payload.

The space capsule landed less than four miles from the aircraft carrier Lake Champlain, and it took a Marine helicopter only three minutes to pluck both Shepard and his spacecraft out of the sea.

Doctors who rushed to examine Shepard found "nothing... in any way abnormal." "I don't think you're going to have much to do," Shepard told Dr. Jerome Strong.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration hailed the flight as one that will "lead us eventually far from the surface of the earth."

Second by second NASA reported what was going on aboard the Freedom 7. Almost before those waiting on the cape could catch their breath after watching the Redstone's beautiful flight until it was out of sight, the word came at 7:58 a.m. PDT that a helicopter had plucked Shepard out of the capsule and was bearing him and his space coach to the aircraft carrier Lake Champlain.

Various Maneuvers

Then came the word that Shepard was on the deck "under his own power and doing very well."

Shepard during much of his ride put the capsule through various maneuvers.

He changed the way it pointed in space.

He controlled its pitch, roll, and yaw.

He reported what was happening to him when gravity forced multiplied his weight some six times during powered flight and 11 times when he came back down through the atmosphere.

Governor Will Arrive Here Saturday Afternoon

Gov. Mark Hatfield is expected in Medford about 3:30 p.m. tomorrow for appearances at the Crater Lions club sponsored Sportsfair and Home and Garden show at the Armory and at a Republican recognition banquet at Hedrick Junior High school.

Governor Hatfield is scheduled to talk briefly at the Sportsfair late in the afternoon, according to Dick Hawkins, general chairman for the event. He will speak from a stage inside the armory.

His main address while in Medford, however, will be at the Republican banquet, which starts at 7 p.m. at Hedrick Junior High.

Precinct committeemen and women will receive special

WEATHER

FORECAST: Cloudy with occasional rain tonight. Partial clearing and scattered showers Saturday. Snow in mountains. Low tonight 49. High Saturday 69.

Highest Yesterday	41
Lowest 10 a.m. Morning	42
Precip. to 10 a.m. Today	.12

Our Skies Tonight

Sunset today	7:15 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	5:09 a.m.
The Moon rises	12:23 a.m.
tomorrow and is in Perigee. Near it appears the planet, Saturn.	

Note: A missile fired tonight to reach Saturn in October would pass by the Moon in about one hour.