

State Legislature Enters 19th Week; Aims For Tuesday Adjournment

JFK Seeks Speed-Up In Space Program

Washington—UPI—President Kennedy plans to ask Congress to pay for an accelerated space program because the United States still "has a long way to go" despite astronaut Alan Shepard's historic flight.

The President, rejoicing over the success of the flight, plans to pay tribute to Shepard and the nation's six other astronauts Monday at a special White House ceremony.

But he warned at his news conference Friday that the United States was still behind Russia in space, but "we are going to increase our efforts."

He did not say how much more money he would request.

It appeared that Congress would have little argument. The House Space committee has already added \$126.6 million to the \$1.23 billion space

Miller Declares County Budget Close to Estimate

County Judge Earl Miller said Friday that so far the county's overall budget total is close to his earlier estimate.

Without the new equipment and maintenance of equipment fund of \$150,511.18, the budget now totals \$3,648,215. Combining the totals gives a figure of \$3,798,726. The county judge had figured earlier that all budgets as presented would total \$4,057,905.28. The new overall total places the budget \$634,989.87 under the estimated receipts of \$4,283,204.87.

The county budget committee figures it should have a 10 per cent margin (10 per cent of the estimated receipts.) So the current margin of \$634,989.87 is well within the 10 per cent figure of \$428,320.

Based on Child

The current overall budget total is based on allowing \$10 per school census child. The county currently is required to contribute this amount to aid the schools.

When the Jackson county budget committee meets Tuesday morning it will have to establish an emergency fund equivalent to 2 per cent of the budget total. Judge Miller estimates this at \$50,000. It will also have to evaluate the general county miscellaneous fund at a proposed total of \$211,554.78.

Tuesday morning must be the final budget session because the board of equalization starts its hearings Tuesday afternoon and requires the attendance of two members of the budget committee.



MARATHA SIMPSON Wins Scholarship

MHS Senior Girl Wins National Scholarship Test

Miss Martha Simpson, Medford High School senior, has been named national winner of the American Legion's National President's scholarship contest.

The four-year honor student, daughter of Mrs. L. L. Simpson, 801 King st., Medford, won the state-wide contest last month. The scholarship is awarded to daughters of deceased veterans for first-year college expenses.

Mrs. Bert Stancil, of Phoenix, education and scholarship chairman for the AL auxiliary, Unit 15, received word of the national winner Friday. Miss Simpson will receive the \$1,000 award, and her \$300 state award will be given to the second place winner.

The local girl is a member of Torch Honor, the national honor society, the band, the Future Business Leaders of America club, the International Relations league, and the high school Spanish club. She was recently named to the 1961 academic honors group at MHS.

Solons Complete Bulk of Work; Face Pet Bills

By DOUGLAS GRIPP United Press International

Salem — UPI — Members of the 1961 Legislature chafed at their 17th week late Friday and as they split for the week end there were groans and mumbling that surely next week will bring final adjournment.

Both houses will reconvene Monday morning, the 120th day. Nine more days would make it the longest session in Oregon history.

Senate President Harry Boivin looks for adjournment sine die on Tuesday. House Speaker Robert B. Duncan is all for this.

The solons, their eyes bleary and their tails not so busy any more, have the bulk of their work out of the way. But soundings continue on pet bills which the authors consider "musts."

Next week will bring a final vote on western and eastern Oregon timber tax reforms; the "Little Landrum-Griffin" labor bill; the governor's amendment to let the Navy stay on at Boardman; salary increases for district judges; and others, including the last bit of frosting on the 1961-63 budget.

Sen. Daniel Thiel, co-chairman of the Ways and Means committee, says the budget now shapes up as about \$366 million — \$7 million over the \$359 million offered by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

Thiel said this is actually only \$727,000 over Hatfield's recommendation, however, because the legislature had to provide money for various projects wanted by Hatfield for which he provided no money.

Boardman

These, Thiel said, include: \$900,000 for the Boardman industrial park; community mental clinics; and more soil conservation funds. Community colleges was another.

The Ways and Means committee late Friday approved \$150,000 for a tax appeals court, to hear only appeals on tax squabbles. Appeals from this body would go to the Supreme Court.

Other highlights:

Salmon — \$120,000 for stream clearance, mainly on the coast, won approval of Ways and Means. The original request was \$1 million. The work would help clear streams, making it easier for salmon runs to get through. The allocation would be a 60 per cent state contribution with the other 40 per cent coming from local or other sources.

Capitol addition — Ways and Means approved \$250,000 to plan an addition to the capitol building, plus remodeling of parts of the present structure. This was in lieu of Sen. Walter J. Pearson's request for \$1.5 million to immediately build an addition for offices of legislators and hearing rooms, or the rear of the capitol.

Racing — A bill requiring that Oregon Racing commission members and their employees can hold no interest in a race horse won unanimous Senate approval and went to the governor, who asked for it.

Education — The Senate approved a bill taking the deputy and assistant superintendents of public instruction off the classified list of state employees. Putting them on the unclassified list makes it easier for them to get raises.

Shepard Says Ride Wasn't Long Enough

Grand Bahama Island—UPI—Astronaut Alan B. Shepard Saturday broke his public silence about his journey through space and expressed a complaint—the flight wasn't long enough.

The 37-year-old Navy commander, now undergoing an exhaustive physical checkup here, issued a one-line statement about his journey.

"The only complaint I have was that the flight was not long enough," Shepard said. He will save the rest of his public comments for a news conference in Washington Monday after he meets with President Kennedy.

Shepard was in excellent shape today after his 15 minute space ride from Cape Canaveral, 115 miles up and more than 300 miles downrange. Wearing a sport shirt and slacks, he spent the morning chatting with his six fellow Astronauts and Project Mercury officials.

Robert Gilruth, the civilian space agency's space task force director, said Shepard's entire flight went precisely according to plan and all systems functioned perfectly.

Asked if the orbital flight scheduled for later this year would be expedited or delayed, he said that there will be no change in the program. But it's obvious that certain events of the last few days have not slowed down the program.

Astronaut Malcolm Carpenter said Shepard was able to see 1,600 miles through his periscope at the highest point. Another astronaut, John Glenn, said Shepard had no difficulty in his long period of weightlessness.

Shepard slept well during the night despite the excitement of his downrange flight from Cape Canaveral. He woke up feeling fine.

All seven space astronauts are now on Grand Bahama. Along with space experts, they gathered today to hear Shepard describe the flight itself and his reactions. It was in effect a "re-fly" of Friday's mission, with Shepard telling every detail from the moment of lift-off until his capsule landed in the water.

Doctors who are attending him described Shepard as being in both excellent mental and physical health.

"He's in the best of shape, the best of health, the best of spirits, and just like he was before he left the Cape, only happier," Project Mercury flight surgeon Dr. William K. Douglas said.

Shepard, who rode a bell-shaped capsule 115 miles into the sky in a 15-minute rocket flight from Cape Canaveral Friday, was undergoing one of the most thorough medical examinations a man has ever received.

Doctors said one big thing Shepard proved was that weightlessness in space is a "non-spectacular event."

As Expected

Douglas said Shepard's reaction during five minutes of weightlessness was "just what we expected from our experience with the trainer."

In using the term "trainer," Douglas was referring to a device which Shepard and the six other astronauts used to simulate space flight during their two-year rehearsal for Friday's flight.

Shepard's pulse went up slightly but well within the expected limit, Douglas said. "That pulse certainly did not go up as far as mine would have," he said.

Project officials said Shepard's Redstone rocket performed beautifully as he rocketed to a top speed of 5,160 miles an hour.

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Two High Schools Get Scholarships

Scholarship grants have been awarded recently by the Alfred S. V. Carpenter Foundation to Crater High School, Central Point, and to Phoenix High School.

Crater high school will receive \$3,600 annually for four years. Phoenix high school will receive \$2,400 annually for a four year period, school officials announced.

"These funds are made available to high school graduating seniors and graduates now attending an accredited four-year college or university," E. R. James, Phoenix school superintendent, explained.

Definite Standards

Applicants must meet definite standards as to need, scholastic rating, character, and citizenship. Scholarship recipients will be selected from graduates of each school by a committee composed of school officials and a representative of the Carpenter Foundation.

Application forms are available from the principals of both high schools and must be submitted to each school office with accompanying data by May 15.

The grants will be awarded at the high school commencement exercises.

Nikita Congratulates U.S. on Space Shot

Moscow—UPI—Premier Nikita Khrushchev Saturday sent a telegram of congratulations to President Kennedy on the successful completion of the first U.S. manned space flight, the official Tass news agency said.

Tass said Khrushchev sent the telegram to Washington in the "name of the people of the Soviet Union and himself personally."

"Please convey my cordial congratulation to the flier, Alan B. Shepard," Tass quoted the Khrushchev telegram as saying.

"The latest outstanding achievement in men's conquest of the cosmos opens up unlimited possibilities for the study of nature in the name of progress."

Bills Approved By Legislature

Salem — UPI — Measures approved Friday:

By the Senate:

- SB114—Thanking state bar for legislative legal services.
- SB115—Higher education, school admissions.
- SB116—2087, 2093 health, education, higher education and welfare budgets.
- SB117—Creates school of social work at Portland State college.
- SB118—Asks Congress for federal aid to Oregon.
- HB1008—Lower property taxes for urban and suburban farmers.
- HB1134—Construction of the Salem National Guard Armory.
- HB1138—Watermeters.
- HB1139—Criminal penalties.
- HB1141—Ad valorem taxes.
- HB1142—Education grants.
- HB1143—Day care.
- HB1144—Rules of state agencies.
- HB1150—Adds 25 cents to cost of driver's license for accident fund.
- HB1155—Withdrawal from sanitary districts.
- HB11703—Domestic water supply corporations.
- HB11747—County school districts.
- HB1114—Eastern Oregon timber, severance tax instead of ad valorem.
- HB1126—Support enforcement.
- HB1138—Racing.
- HB1127—Execution.
- HB1125—Official detention.
- HB1134—Eggs.
- HB11392—County welfare budgets.
- HB1141—Park districts.
- HB1138—Western Oregon timber tax, break for sustained-yield operators.
- HB1146—Ambulances.
- HB1147—Relative responsibility law.
- HB1177—Pacific International Livestock Exposition funds.
- HB11503—Trailers.
- HB11506—Converting streets to pedestrian malls.
- HB11509—County planning.
- HB11549—Political parties.
- HB11562—Medicare.
- HB11580—Police training.
- HB11593—Prigitation districts.
- HB11588—Intergovernmental cooperation.
- HB1174—Herbicide spray tax.
- HB11740—State financial administration.

By the House:

- HB11183—Liquor revenues.
- HB11209—Weights and measures.
- SB114—Debt limitations.
- SB116—Indebtedness for power development.
- SB117—Reforestation bonds.
- SB118—Taxes.
- SB1189—Oregon Interstate Co-operation Commission expenses.
- SB119—Taxes.
- SB1194—Obituary literature.
- SB1194—Education TV and radio.
- SB1194—Public highways.
- SB1194—Sidewalks for east scenic drive in The Dalles.
- SB1197—Charitable contributions by corporations.
- SB1197—Allocation of utility territories.
- SB1197—Bonds.
- SB1197—School districts.
- Signed by Governor
- SB1197—New state scholarships.

Medford Man Works For Game Commission

Richard L. Werner, Route 3, Box 69A, Medford, has been appointed an assistant biologist for the Oregon State Game commission. Werner took up his duties two weeks ago and is assigned to duty in Douglas county.

The new commission employee is a graduate of Medford High School and holds a bachelor of science degree from Oregon State university. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Werner, who live at the Route 3 address.

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