

Spring Concerts Set at Schools

Rogue River - A series of spring concerts will open Friday, April 5, in the Evans Valley Elementary gymnasium with the combined Rogue River and Evans Valley Elementary school bands and choruses performing.

The fifth and sixth grade chorus, under the direction of Bill Ormer, will also be featured.

The second concert will be given April 12 at 8 p.m. in the Rogue River High school gymnasium. The beginning band also will participate under the direction of Ken Brew.

The second concert will be a duplicate of the first and will include instrumental numbers such as "The Swan Lake Ballet," by Tchaikovsky and "Manhattan Beach" by Sousa. The vocal selections will be taken from various types of vocal literature.

Ormer, music instructor at Evans Valley, and H. K. Brew, music instructor at Rogue River, will share the baton at each performance. Approximately 100 students will participate in the chorus and about 50 musicians in the band.

Moon Remains Elusive Target For America's Space Program

Cape Canaveral - (UPI) - The moon has been America's most elusive target in space for five years. It probably will remain so for many months - perhaps even a year - to come.

Eleven unmanned U. S. lunar probes have gone to the launching pad since the start of the space age. Eleven have failed.

The Soviet Union, which shoots less but scores more, launched its fourth unmanned space rocket toward the moon Tuesday. The "Moon-4" probe is expected to reach the lunar vicinity in 3 1/2 days. Scientists of both nations want to get as much detail as

possible, including close-up pictures, of the moon in preparation for landings by men there later this decade.

Technical Difficulties - America's current moon-shot program, a series of payloads named Ranger, has been grounded for technical difficulties. Space agency officials are shooting for a late 1963 date for the launching of the next one, Ranger-6. But some predict it will slip into 1964.

U. S. scientists started shooting at the moon in 1958. Since then, they have tried everything from putting payloads into a lunar orbit to landing instrumented capsules directly on the moon's sur-

face. Nothing has seemed to work.

The closest to a success was Ranger-4 launched April 23, 1962. The capsule full of instruments landed on the moon's backside. But somewhere along the 240,000-mile line the probe went electronically dead. It was as useless as if it had never been launched.

Medical School Aid Bill Cleared for Action

Washington - (UPI) - The House Rules committee has cleared the way for House action on a \$237 million medical school aid bill despite a warn-

ing that the action might signal the death of any general college assistance program this year.

The most recent U. S. moonshot was last Oct. 18 with Ranger-5, a gold and chrome-plated scientific masterpiece built at a cost of \$8 million. But it failed to get power from the sun, and its path could not be controlled. It sailed past the moon into a huge solar orbit.

The Ranger program still has nine shots to go. But space agency officials ordered it grounded for a critical look at the problems that caused the failures.

Time-table Threatened - The next U. S. lunar exploration program, meanwhile, already is having its troubles. The project, called Surveyor, is designed to "soft-land" small payloads on the moon starting late next year. The timetable is threatened by a mass of technical problems with Surveyor's planned booster, the hydrogen-fueled Centaur rocket.

Russia's first moon probe, the 3,245-pound Lunik-1, was launched Jan. 2, 1959. It swept past the moon into orbit around the sun, where it

on the moon 33 1/2 hours later. Russia's third was Lunik-3, a 614-pound payload that swung around the moon and took the first pictures of the previously unseen lunar "far side" surface.



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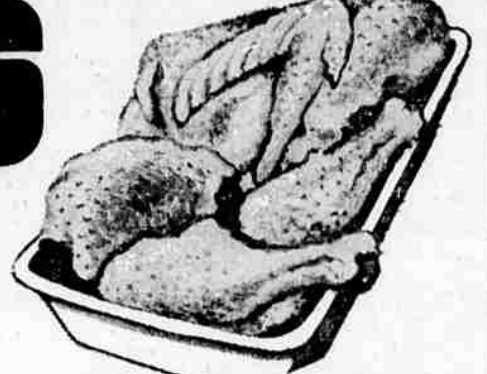
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