

Cooper Undergoes Intensive Medical Tests

Semi-Finalists for Miss Rogue Valley



Miss Diane Maddox, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Maddox, route 2, box 2, Jacksonville, stands 5 feet, 4 inches and weighs 123 pounds. A student at Southern Oregon college, Ashland, she lists her talent portion of the pageant as singing. Among her hobbies are corresponding with persons in India, Brazil and New Zealand, sewing, cooking, and all types of sports. Miss Maddox plans to complete her education in the field of elementary education, and plans to continue work in the television field.

Miss Jacquelyn Ayres, 18, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron J. Ayres, 12 North Groveland ave., Medford. A student at Southern Oregon college, she is 5 feet, 3 inches tall and weighs 103 pounds. She plans to tap dance as her part of the talent division of the pageant. Miss Ayres lists hobbies as oil painting, dancing, water skiing, camping and reading. She plans to teach elementary school upon graduation from college.

Pageant Tomorrow

Miss Rogue Valley will be selected at a pageant in which 10 semi-finalists will compete starting at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Medford High school auditorium.

Contestants will appear in evening gown, swim suit and talent competition. Five finalists will be selected to answer two unrehearsed questions, and the winner, Miss Rogue

Valley, will be selected from the final five.

Winner of the competition will receive a scholarship from the local Pepsi Cola Bottling company, which cosponsors the event with the Medford Junior Chamber of Commerce. Miss Rogue Valley also will compete in the Miss Oregon pageant at Seaside later this year.

Bali Volcano Blows Debris High in Sky

Jakarta, Indonesia — (UPI) — With a series of blasts heard 200 miles away, Bali's Gunung Agung volcano blew up Thursday for the second time in two months.

Telephone reports via Surabaya in East Java gave no casualty estimates. More than 1,500 persons were killed on

the scenic tourist island in last March's eruption.

The reports said the mountain shuddered and roared at 4:30 p.m., hurling great swirling clouds of debris three or four miles into the sky.

Ash, sand and pebbles showered on the surrounding towns of Bangli, Singaraja, Kintamani Karangasem, Even Surabaya and Gempol. 200 miles away, reported ash fall-out. Surabaya residents reported hearing several explosions.

Antara news agency said glowing avalanches of white hot lava were seen pouring down the volcano's southeast slopes where more than 1,500 persons died in the March eruption.

The sky was reported pitch black within a half hour of the eruption. Nearby rivers were swollen with hot mud.

Telephone lines to Bali were reserved for official use only.

Antara said most of the islanders who fled from their homes during the March disaster had not returned to the slopes.

Petitions Submitted For Water District

The Jackson county court today received eight petitions with more than 100 signatures as required by law for formation of the West Side Water district.

The petitions were turned over to the county elections department for verification of signatures.

After the signatures are verified, a public hearing will be called. Any person affected may ask to be excluded or included, according to Ervin Hogan, Medford lawyer and committee member for the proposed West Side district.

The court may then make any boundary changes it deems reasonable, then call for an election for formation of the district and a board of directors.

If and when the district is formed, the board will seek federal funds for an engineering study.

George A. Cooksey, 2930 Oakridge ave., a member of the district committee, said the proposed district would include 400 homes and possibly one farm.

Court Postpones Action on Request

A majority of the Jackson county court this morning postponed recommendation on a liquor license application from the Brownsboro tavern.

Floyd Bubb is applying for a license to sell packaged beer and beer on the premises. Approximately a year ago a large number of Brownsboro people protested a tavern license for Bubb.

Later Bubb got a number of Brownsboro area residents to sign a petition favoring the tavern license. The county court asked him to wait a year to allow him to become better established in the community. However, Bubb made application directly to the Oregon Liquor Control commission and was turned down.

Eugene Hospital Expansion Planned

Eugene—(UPI)—A long-range expansion project at Sacred Heart hospital has been launched with formation of the Sacred Heart Medical Center Foundation and kick-off of an \$834,000 fund-raising campaign.

Kerby Man Injured By Falling Limb

Ted Milner, 23, of Kerby, is in critical condition at Rogue Valley hospital following a logging accident Wednesday near Oregon Caves.

Milner, working as a faller, was hit on the head by a falling limb approximately three feet long and 10 to 12 inches in diameter, according to reports. His head was credited with saving his life.

He was taken to Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass and transferred to Rogue Valley hospital by ambulance.

Communists Force UN Helicopter Down

Panmunjom, Korea—(UPI)— Communist forces fired on a United Nations Command helicopter carrying two U.S. Army officers and forced it to land in Red North Korea territory today.

The incident took place near the demilitarized zone between Communist forces and United Nations Command troops.

There was no indication of the fate of the men.

In Washington, the Army identified the men as Capt. Ben W. Stutta, 30, Florence, Ala., and Capt. Carleton W. Voltz, 26, Frankfort, Mich.

Jackie Jensen Divorced

Reno—(UPI)—Mrs. Jackie Jensen divorced the former Boston Red Sox outfielder today.

NEWS BRIEFS

FRANCE BANS TWO U. S. AIRLINES
Paris—(UPI)—The French government today banned flights into France by Pan American World Airways and Trans World Airlines until they bring their fares up to the level decided by the International Air Transport Association. The ban goes into effect at 4 p.m. (PDT) today.

OAS INVESTIGATOR ENTER HAITI
Port au Prince, Haiti—(UPI)—Investigators from the Organization of American States flew here today despite a government warning against "meddling."

MISSILE FILED ACROSS ATLANTIC
Cape Canaveral, Fla.—(UPI)—The Navy today fired an advanced AS missile to its second straight success today—a leap of more than 1,600 miles across the Atlantic Ocean.

Initial Testing Show's Astronaut In Good Condition

Feat Viewed as Step Toward Moon

Aboard Kearsarge — (UPI) — Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper, 36, back to earth from a "magnificent" space flight, today underwent intensive medical tests and questioning to reveal what a 575,000-mile trip through space does to a man.

The tests were scheduled to continue through Saturday aboard the Navy carrier Kearsarge, which picked up Cooper and his Faith 7 capsule Thursday after a bull's-eye landing in the Pacific.

Preliminary medical examinations indicated the peppery little Air Force major was in fine shape after experiencing a day and a half of weightlessness on America's longest space flight to date. He flew a distance equivalent to a round trip to the moon.

The medical examinations and technical questioning of Cooper were expected to concentrate primarily on man's ability to withstand the rigors of a flight to the moon and back.

Cooper will be flown to Honolulu Saturday for a reunion with his wife and two daughters and the start of a round of celebrations honoring his feat. Among the celebrations will be a reception at the White House Tuesday.

The 22.9 orbit, 34 hour and 20 minute flight in his Faith 7 capsule carried Cooper a distance of about 575,000 miles. A round trip to the moon would be less than 500,000 miles.

Space officials view Cooper's feat as another step, perhaps a giant one, toward putting an American on the moon.

The space officials heaped praise on the astronaut for bringing his space capsule back from space in the pioneer tradition of airmen — "by the seat of his pants."

They hailed his flight as "Magnificent" and a great feat of science.

Cooper, who made a bull's-eye landing in the Pacific by manual control after his automatic control system failed, offered his praise to all who took part in the project.

In a special message to Carl Hugg of the National Aeronautics and Space administration's flight dynamics office, he said:

"Looks like you did a fine job of calculation for retro weight. You must have even figured in that one second."

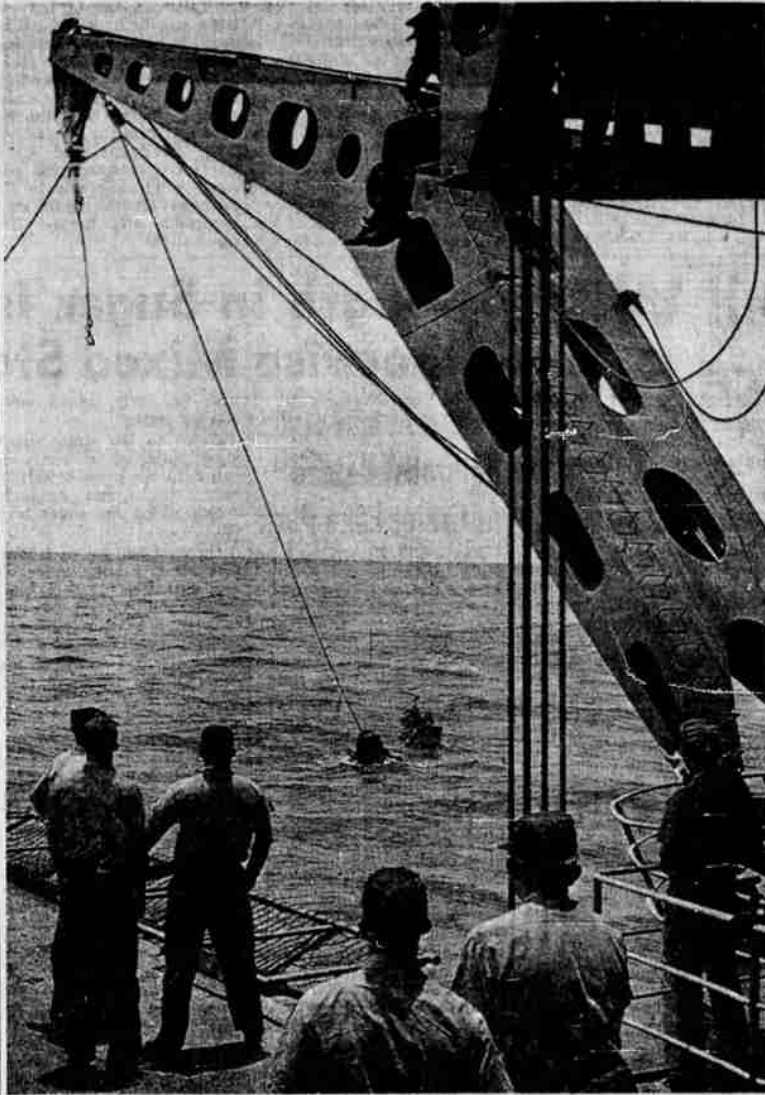
"Thanks," signed, "Gordon."

Cooper lost seven pounds but apparently suffered no ill effects from the prolonged period of weightlessness while whirling around and around the world at 17,544 miles per hour, according to Dr. Richard Pollard, space agency physician.

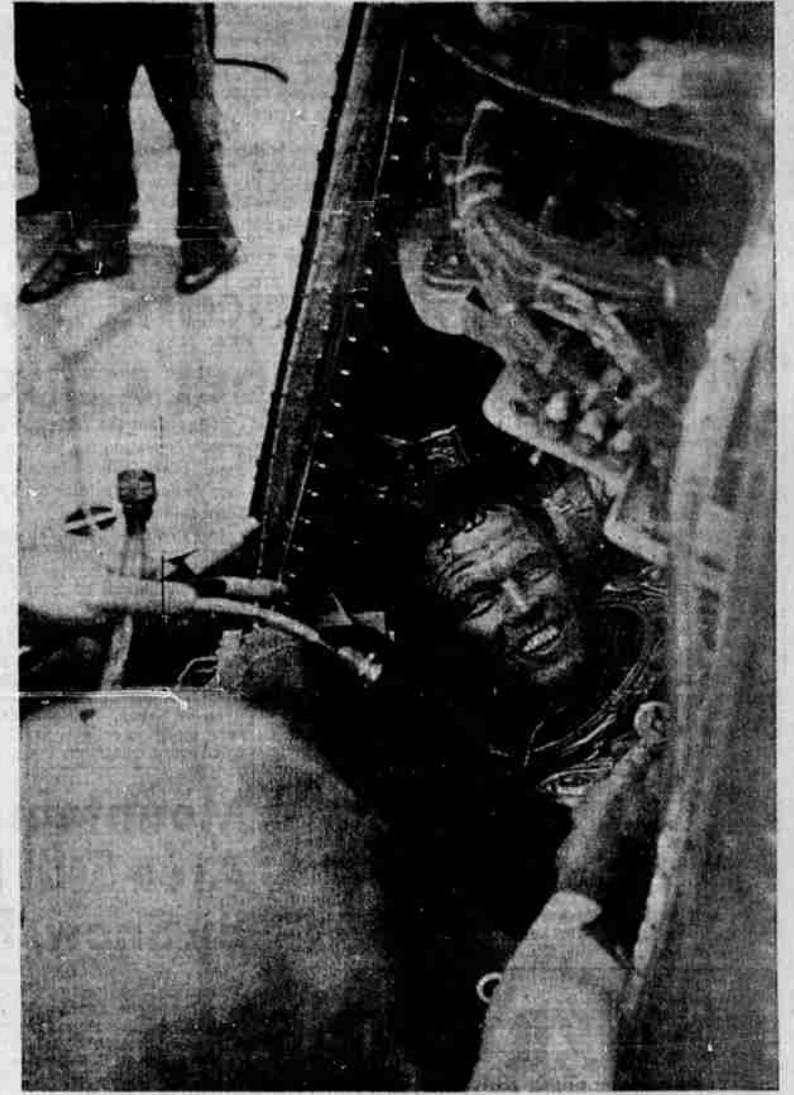
"Gordon is in good spirits but tired," Pollard said. "He had a dizzy spell when he first set foot on the deck and this was exactly as we expected. His first words to me were 'Dick, I don't feel too good.'"

"However, he quickly recovered as we began to walk across the hanger deck and I am certain he could have made the walk without assistance."

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CAPSULE LIFTED—A crane on the carrier Kearsarge lifts Astronaut Gordon Cooper's space capsule from the Pacific as a whale boat stands by. (UPI)



IT'S ALL OVER—Spaceman Gordon Cooper smiles from inside his space capsule after the hatch was opened on the deck of the Kearsarge. Hands are shown reaching to assist him from the capsule. (UPI)

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Action of Pollution Control Ordinance Deferred by Council

Action on a proposed air pollution control ordinance was deferred for at least two weeks by the Medford city council last night after some councilmen said there were "technical questions" about the measure they wanted answered.

District Sanitary Engineer Ted Gerow had been invited to the meeting by city officials, but he arrived in the council chambers just after the group had voted unanimously to continue the hearing.

Council Denies Request to Car Rental Company

The Medford city council last night voted to deny permission to Letz Rent-A-Car to park automobiles at the municipal airport to rent them to patrons of West Coast Airlines under a rental plan devised by the two firms.

Opposition to the request was voiced by two car rental operators already located at the airport and by Hank Hart, Medford insurance man, who holds an interest in Rogue Flying Service.

The Letz agency was represented by Walter Klein, who has firm had worked out a plan with West Coast airlines to supply cars at a reduced rate to customers of West Coast airlines.

Bob Kagis, operator of Hertz car rental agency at the airport, said that in the two weeks Letz has been operating in Medford on a temporary permit, his business has decreased by 42 per cent. He said he felt the competition was unfair because West Coast was on a federal subsidy.

Hugh Coleman and his son, Jim Coleman, president of Southern Oregon Lease company, also opposed the request. They said their car rental agency at the airport had shown a net loss of \$400 since April this year, and they could not see the "purpose, desirability or need" for another rental agency.

The vote against the request was unanimous, except for Councilman William Singler, who abstained.

Senate Income Tax Increase Approved By 20 To 10 Vote

Salem—(UPI)—The Senate today approved a \$52 million state income tax hike which was certain to be rejected by the House, thus throwing the major revenue bill into a conference committee where a compromise will have to be hammered out.

Senators voted 20-10 to approve the controversial measure.

The bill is slated to be whisked across to the House for a vote later today, so the expected conference committee can begin striving for agreement over the week end.

Gov. Mark Hatfield has charged a conference committee is "the worst way to draft a tax program."

House Conferees

Reps. Richard Eymann (D-Marcola) and Victor Atiyeh (R-Portland) already have been selected as House conferees.

Deputies Seek Car Occupant in River

Hornbrook—Siskiyou county sheriff's deputies are dragging the Klamath river near here today in an effort to find the occupant or occupants of a car found in the river yesterday.

The car was registered to Jaster Claiborn of Burney, Calif. It was not known whether anyone was in the car when it went into the river, but the gear was found in "drive" position and the ignition was on.

The headlights of the car also were on, indicating the accident might have happened at night.

The car was spotted by Nicholas P. Werner, 47, of Los Angeles, who had stopped to take pictures of the river near the Bur-Bel resort on U.S. Highway 99.

Grants Pass Man Dies of Injuries

Grants Pass — Fredrick Theodore Drow, 80, of Grants Pass, died at Josephine General hospital Wednesday night from injuries suffered in an auto accident Tuesday.

Drow was a passenger in a car driven by Wilmer Richard Berry, 66, of Grants Pass. The accident occurred on the Rogue River highway about four miles southeast of Grants Pass when the Berry car, making a left turn, was struck by an auto driven by Weir Hoff Dixon, 65, of Grants Pass, according to reports.

Brow was born in Germany in 1882 and had lived in Grants Pass for many years. His wife died here in 1952. He is survived by three sisters and two brothers, all in Michigan. Hull and Hull mortuary of Grants Pass is handling funeral arrangements.

Date for Election On Budget Is Set

Butte Falls — Monday, June 10, has been set as the date for a new election of the Butte Falls school district board.

The district school board and budget committee last night cut \$3,630 from the proposed budget, which now will call for a total tax levy of \$70,197.09. Last year's tax levy was \$89,293.76.

A proposed tax levy of \$73,827.09 was defeated by the voters here May 6 by 97 to 69.

In other action, the school board set June 17 as the date for an election on a proposal to establish a district administered kindergarten in Butte Falls.

Cooper Aided By Stimulant During Descent

Cape Canaveral, Fla.—(UPI)— Astronaut L. Gordon Cooper took a stimulant pill to make sure he was alert for the crucial task of steering his Faith 7 capsule back to earth under emergency manual control at the end of his marathon 22.9-orbit mission, it was revealed today.

Cooper downed the pill at the request of Project Mercury scientists. They wanted him at his mental sharpest for the tricky job of firing the reverse rockets that slowed him down, took him out of orbit and started him on the blazing return to a near-perfect landing in the Pacific ocean near Midway Island Thursday.

Officials Have Returned

Officials of the \$500 million Mercury program also said at a lengthy news conference today that, if two electrical inverters had failed on the first orbit of Cooper's voyage as they did in the last two orbits, he would have been brought down immediately.

The failures, which deprived the ball-shaped capsule of its automatic control system, forced Cooper to take over the controls and steer the spacecraft back to the ground.

Even after the successful mission, the future of Project Mercury remained clouded.

Officials said a capsule similar to the one that kept Cooper in space for more than 34 hours could be modified for a space voyage as long as six days.

Helicopter Lands On Top of Mt. Hood

Portland—(UPI)—Wes Lematta piloted his helicopter to the top of 11,235 foot Mt. Hood Thursday.

"I guess I'm the first to climb the mountain in a business suit," he said. As far as is known he is the first to land on the narrow crest of the mountain.

Cooper's Family on Way To Meeting in Honolulu

Houston, Tex.—(UPI)—Mrs. Trudy Cooper, trim and pert in a summery white dress, jetted toward Honolulu today for a reunion with her astronaut husband, L. Gordon Cooper, in the island city where they were wed.

Mrs. Cooper, who remained calm during her husband's nearly 23 orbits in space, left 9:15 a.m. (pdt) aboard National Airlines Flight 35 with her daughters Camala, 14, and Janita, 13.

They expected to be reunited with Cooper Saturday. The astronaut was en route to

About 100 persons gathered at Houston International Airport to see the family off. Mrs. Cooper appeared flustered over all the attention.

Mrs. Cooper met and married the astronaut while they were both students at the University of Hawaii. They were wed Aug. 29, 1947, in the chapel at Hickam Field. Mrs. Cooper's father was an Air Force officer.