



CHAIRMAN OF ST. AUGUSTINE'S men's annual ham dinner met recently to make final plans for the dinner to be held Sunday, February 9, at the Merrill parish hall. From the left are John O'Neil Jr., Jim Shuck, George Pappé, Jerry Smalley and Toby O'Keefe. Dan O'Connor, another general chairman, was absent when this picture was taken. —Photo by Harris, Merrill

Profile of Dr. von Braun, Father Of Jupiter Rocket

By UNITED PRESS
Wernher von Braun, father of the Jupiter-C rocket that vaulted America's earth satellite into orbit, began his career in rocketry while he was still a university undergraduate in his native Germany.

As he sat in the White House Communications Center Friday night, like an expectant parent waiting for news of the Jupiter-C's success, he may well have marveled at the turn of events which led him to that historical moment.

Von Braun was born March 23, 1912, in Wirsitz, Germany. A bright student he received his bachelor's degree at the age of 20, and in 1934, two years later, he won his PhD in physics from the University of Berlin.

But von Braun hadn't waited for a degree to start his career in rocketry. In 1930 he began experimenting in his spare time with Professor Hermann Oberth, the "father of German rocketry," and several other inventors on a project for the German ordnance department.

Two years later he was named technical director of the Peenemuende Missile Center, which even then was working on the V-2 rocket, which rained terror on the civilian populations of London and Antwerp.

Von Braun stayed at Peenemuende until the end of World War II, when he decided along with many fellow missile experts to surrender to the advancing Allied forces rather than the Russians, who also were rounding up German scientists for what proved to be their own outer space project.

In this country von Braun was almost immediately assigned to the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps, the branch of the service with which he has been working and has remained loyal to it ever since.

One of his first tasks was the high altitude firings of the V-2 at White Sands Proving Ground, N.M., where the United States was seeking to learn the operational secrets of the missile.

Later the Army sent him to Ft. Bliss, Tex., where he worked with 120 other German scientists who formerly had been assigned to Peenemuende under Hitler.

It was in April 1950 that von Braun came to the Army Ordnance Rocket and Guided Missile Center at Huntsville, Ala., and started on the project that culminated in the history-making Jupiter-C.

As director of the Development Operations Division, Army ballistic missile agency, he is the Army's top civilian missile scientist.

Veterans To Bid For Public Land

Sealed bids for the leasing of four parcels of public agricultural and grazing lands will be received from veterans of World War II and the Korean War until 10 a.m., February 20. The announcement is made by D. A. Gray, project manager of the Bureau of Reclamation office in Klamath Falls.

These lands include Lot Eight of 380 acres, Lot 12 of 290 acres, Lot 13 of 380 acres, and Lot 17 of 296 acres, all of which are located in Lease Area K, north of the State Line Road in the Lower Klamath Lake portion of the Klamath Project.

Information on bidding procedure and leasing conditions may be obtained from the bureau's office at Washburn Way and Joe Wright Road, or from bulletins posted at all post offices in the Klamath Basin and vicinity.

Six Basin Lads Enlist In Navy

Six Basin youths have enlisted in the Navy, the local recruiting office announced recently.

They are Ruben L. Walton, 630 Lytton Street, Richard E. Mousley, 227 North Ninth Street, Billie R. Ray and Henry L. Delaney, both of Chiloquin, and Larry R. Miles and Edward L. Turner Jr. of Tulelake.

All are currently undergoing training in San Diego, and will be there about nine weeks before receiving leave to come home.

Since he has been at Huntsville, von Braun has taken some rough blows. When former Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson ordered the Army to stick to short-range missiles, von Braun backed up Col. John C. Nickerson Jr. in the Huntsville officer's courtmartial with testimony backing the Jupiter as an Army weapon.

But under another phase of the program, von Braun supervised development of the Restone, a shorter-range prototype of the Jupiter-C, and was vindicated when Defense Secretary Charles L. McNelroy removed the barrier to the Army's development of an intercontinental missile.

Von Braun, along with 102 other German-born rocket scientists and their families, became an American citizen on April 14, 1955 in a naturalization ceremony in Huntsville.

FCC Five Set Reply Monday

WASHINGTON (AP)—Five members of the Federal Communications Commission are expected to reply Monday to charges of personal misconduct contained in a congressional staff report.

They are among 15 witnesses invited to testify at hearings beginning before a House commerce subcommittee studying federal regulatory agencies.

The report cites five of the seven FCC members on allegations of improperly accepting industry favors, such as travel expenses and free color TV sets. The subcommittee has not formally endorsed the report.

One of the five, Robert T. Bartley, when asked if he had anything to say, replied: "Plenty, but I'll say it to them Monday."

Robert E. Lee, another commissioner, said he knew no more than what he has been reading in the newspapers.

The other commissioners named in the report prepared by Subcommittee Counsel John C. Doerfer, Rosel H. Hyde and Richard A. Mack.

When word of the report leaked out last week, Hyde said he had not done anything improper and Doerfer called the report misleading and inaccurate. Mack has made no comment.

Chairman Moulder (D-Mo) said there were no allegations of misconduct against Commissioners T.A.M. Craven and Frederick W. Ford.

Hyde and Bartley are holdovers from the Truman administration. The other five were appointed by President Eisenhower.

Louisville Man Seeking Thief

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Carl L. Whitman is looking for a thoughtful thief with a light touch.

Last December somebody stole a \$7.50 string of Christmas tree lights from his front yard.

Whitman found the lights on his front porch Thursday night along with this penciled note:

"Dear friends:
"We are so indeed grateful of the fact that you were kind enough to let us borrow your tree lights this Christmas. Our tree sure sparkled. Sorry we are so late in returning your lights; but just be thankful that you got them back!"

"(signed) Grateful"

Whitman welcomed return of the lights. But not this postscript: "P.S. See you again next year!"

Hydrant Too Far As Rates Hiked

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP)—A Fayette County fire station has two trucks that can hold 1,800 gallons of water piped in by a 2½-inch line. But the insurance company is worried about the station being a fire hazard.

Fayette Fiscal Court was notified the insurance rate will be \$81 higher than normal. The reason: The nearest fireplug is too far away.

CITY BRIEFS

Job's Daughters — There will be a meeting of Job's Daughters, Bethel 61, Monday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the Scottish Rite Temple. Parents are urged to attend. Choir practice at 6 p.m. Girls may bring their lunch.

Meeting — Eulalona Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold their regular meeting on Monday, February 3, at 8 p.m. in the Episcopal parish hall. The program will be a book review by a well known local person and the book to be reviewed is a most timely book pertaining to national defense. Members are urged to bring guests to this meeting, and to note the change in the meeting place from that originally scheduled.

Visitors — USAF Capt. Dean E. Abbott and family were recent Klamath Falls visitors at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Abbott. Captain Abbott was recently graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in the field of political science, and is now serving at the Georgia Air Force base near Victorville, California.

Card Party — The Lady Trainers will sponsor a public card party at 8 p.m. Tuesday, February 4, at the KC Hall, 409 Main Street. There will be prizes and refreshments.

Practical Nurses — Licensed Practical Nurses will meet Monday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the Klamath County Library. All members are urged to attend.

SP Will Abandon Lane County Line

WASHINGTON (AP)—Permission for the Southern Pacific Railroad to abandon a nine-mile branch line between Monroe, in Benton County, and Cheshire, in Lane County, Oregon, was recommended Friday by Thomas J. Patrick, Interstate Commerce Commission examiner.

The Oregon public utilities commissioner opposes the abandonment. But Patrick agreed with the railroad that the line is being operated at a loss and the situation is not likely to change in the foreseeable future.

Korean Tot Dies In Ocean Flight

CRESWELL, Ore. (AP)—Mr. and Mrs. Herbert C. Wilson, Heppner, Ore., had adopted the Korean orphan who died in a plane Thursday over the Pacific Ocean, Mrs. Harry Holt said here Friday.

The child, Sandy Whang, eight months, was in a group of 97 orphans her husband, Harry, brought to new homes in the United States.

Mrs. Holt said the little girl became ill while the plane waited 14 hours on Wake Island for repairs. Doctors said pneumonia was the cause of death.

Civilian Payroll Set At 2 Million

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. government ended 1957 with a total civilian payroll of 2,324,569 persons, Sen. Byrd (D-Va) reported Saturday.

Byrd, in his monthly report as chairman of the Senate-House committee on reduction of non-essential government spending, said this December total was a net decrease of 5,538 under the preceding month.

It brought the total decrease over a six month period to 76,745. The breakdown showed 1,239,168 persons employed by civilian agencies of the government in December and 1,085,401 civilians working for the Defense Department.

RECORD BUDGET

BONN, Germany (UP)—The West German government has announced a budget of \$9,334,000,000—the largest in its postwar history—for the 1958-59 financial year starting April 1. The announcement Friday said the budget represented a \$428,371,422 increase over last year's figure.

Famous Names In Police School

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—The names of famous badman Jesse James and famous jurist Charles Evans Hughes have been linked. But this time they're both on the side of the law.

A class at Southern Police Institute elected Charles Evans Hughes, Wilmington, Del., and Jesse James, Burlington, N. C., president and vice president of the class.

Neither man is related to his namesake.

MOTHER EN ROUTE

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (UP)—Mrs. John B. Kelly, Philadelphia, mother of Princess Grace of Monaco, was due here by plane from the United States Saturday for the approaching birth of Grace's second child. The birth is expected around the middle of March. Grace's first child, Princess Caroline, celebrated her first birthday Jan. 23.

Southern California Lab Birthplace Of 1958 Alpha

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—Birthplace of the United States satellite now whizzing around the earth is a southern California laboratory that has had its sights aimed on outer space since 1940.

The satellite was built at California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a cluster of yellow buildings in the green foothills rimming this quiet city.

A team of JPL scientists under the direction of Dr. William H. Pickering took over the Navy's Vanguard satellite and redesigned it into the baby moon launched by the Army from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

JPL, little known to the general public, is the prime Army facility in United States rocketry. It came into being in 1940 as a rocket research program organized at the request of the then Army Air Corps. Cal Tech had been doing theoretical investigations in rocketry since 1936.

Dr. Pickering explains JPL's mission as:

1. To originate, develop and test new guided missile systems.

2. To conduct supporting research investigations in the physical sciences for the purpose of acquiring basic data applicable to the varied aspect of weapon-system development.

3. To undertake feasibility and evaluation studies of proposed or previously initiated programs of special interest to the nation.

Dr. Theodore Von Karman, internationally famed aerodynamicist, was the father of the laboratory. He and four graduate students started rocketry studies and experiments at Cal Tech and went into the sticks—present site of JPL—to fire their rockets.

In 1941, JPL perfected the jet-assisted takeoff units which shortened the normal takeoff distance of aircraft by almost 50 per cent.

JPL scientists later developed the corporal, the United States first long-range liquid-propelled supersonic guided missile capable of tactical application. Before the corporal program was completed, JPL started development of the new Sergeant missile.

JPL engineers modified their Sergeant rockets to form the final three propulsion stages of the

Jupiter-C missile with which the satellite was hurled into space. The laboratory works only for the Army with the exception of allowing the Air Force one-third of the time for use of its wind tunnel. JPL activities are wholly financed by the government.

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Boston 23 15 .688
Syracuse 23 22 .560 6
Philadelphia 23 24 .489 9½
New York 24 28 .460 10

WESTERN DIVISION

W L Pct. GB
St. Louis 30 19 .612
Cincinnati 24 25 .490 6
Detroit 21 30 .412 10
Minneapolis 13 35 .271 16½

(Friday's Results)

Philadelphia 110, Boston 101
Detroit 119, New York 105
Cincinnati 100, St. Louis 92

Pair Divorced; He Keeps Snakes

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Mrs. Darlene Ann Burman told the judge her husband's hobby gives her a crawling feeling.

He keeps snakes, she testified Friday, but he doesn't always keep them caged up. She got what she came to court for: A divorce from construction worker Ellis L. Burman, 22.

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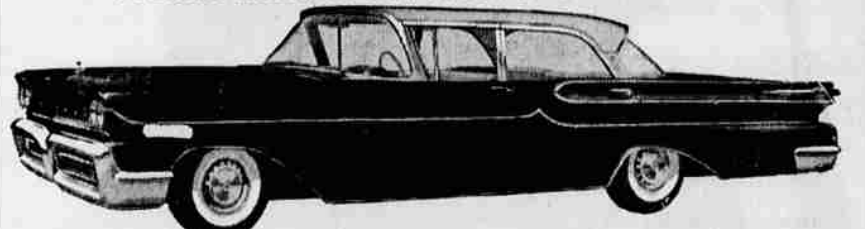
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