

CITY BRIEFS

Space Chief Tells Meet Traveler Picking Begun

PTA Mothersingers — will practice Thursday evening, January 29, at 7:30 in the Mills School music room. New members and visitors are welcome.

Baby Boy — Mr. and Mrs. Richard Finnell, 917 1/2 Dakota Street, Medford, formerly of Klamath Falls, announce the birth of a son, January 11.

Mineral Club — Regular monthly meeting of the Klamath Mineral Club will be held Thursday night, January 29, at 8 o'clock in the Community Lounge. Refreshments will be served after the meeting. Visitors are welcome.

Cub Scout Pack 3 — will hold its January meeting Thursday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt School auditorium. There will be newspapers and reporting.

Teen-Age Dance — at the fair grounds Friday, January 30, for teen-age students of all Klamath County and city high schools. Dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Contributions will be taken up for the March of Dimes.

Polio Date — January 29 is the date for the 1959 Mothers March for Polio sponsored by the Venture Club of Klamath Falls. Zero hour will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Please turn on your porch lights at this time to signal the Marching Mothers that it is your desire to help the polio victims of our community. If no one calls you may phone TU 4-7782 and someone will pick up your contributions. Sirens at the fire stations will open the march.

Neighbors — of Woodcraft will meet at the K.C. Hall, Monday, February 2 at 8 p.m. All members please come. There will be election of officers.

Retarded Children — An important meeting of the Klamath Association for Retarded Children will be held tonight at 7:30 at the county library, Third and Klamath. All those interested plan to attend.

Klamath Salon 355 — Eight and Forty will hold a regular meeting tonight, at 8 o'clock in the legion hall on North Eighth Street. Hostesses will be Alice Abbott, Mildred Cooper and Irene Tobin.

NEW YORK (AP)—Selection of America's first human space traveler is under way.

T. Keith Glennan, U.S. space chief, started a staid dinner meeting of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences with this disclosure Tuesday night.

The new federal space agency, he said, has picked 110 rugged young Americans as candidates for the first manned satellite to orbit the earth.

They will assemble in Washington for further tests, Glennan said, and be asked to volunteer for space flight. Within three months, their ranks will be reduced to about a dozen.

"I suspect that the one who will make the flight will not know he is to do so until count-down day," he added.

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He said he does not know whether this country will get a man into orbit before the Soviet Union.

"The Russians have been at it somewhat longer than we have, and it is wholly possible they will beat us into space," Glennan told newsmen later.

The 110 potential American space pioneers were not listed by name. Glennan gave these qualifications of the man who finally will be selected:

1. A university degree in physical science or engineering.
2. A graduate of an Air Force or Navy test-pilot training school with at least 1,500 flying hours.
3. Superb condition, with the physical and psychological attributes suited for space flight as determined by aero-medical scientists.
4. Younger than 40 and no taller than 5 feet 11. There are no weight restrictions.

On the last point, the stockily built Glennan smiled and told newsmen: "I'd like to qualify myself."

Candidates for manned space flight will be known as Mercury astronauts. The United States' manned satellite program is known as Project Mercury.

Glennan said the element of risk cannot be completely removed but

Sirens To Signal Start Of Drive

Fire sirens of the Klamath Falls City Department, South Suburban and Stewart Lenox Volunteer Departments will be blown at the zero hour for start of the Mothers March on Polio, 7 p.m., Thursday, January 29.

Homes in Klamath Falls, all suburban areas and the Kingsley Field homes will be visited between 7 and 8 p.m.

Those wishing to donate are asked to turn their porch lights on during that time. Anyone missed who wishes to contribute to the 1959 drive may call TU 4-7782 and someone will call to pick up the donation.

Members of the Klamath Falls Venture Club will sponsor this year's march.

Beck Relative Asks Excuse

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SLOW TIME — DARLINGTON, England (UPI) — A British reporter retraced the route of the world's first public steam railway here and found it now takes 31 minutes for the 11-mile trip instead of the 30 minutes first clocked in 1824.

it will be reduced to the point a pilot faces in testing a new plane. "We are not going to cut any corners which would put the young man in jeopardy," he said.

He refused to predict when America's human space flight will take place. The expectation is, however, that such a flight is

about two years away. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration which Glennan heads, announced two weeks ago the selection of McDonnell Aircraft Corp., St. Louis, to design, develop, and build the Project Mercury capsule.

It is to be capable of carrying a man into orbital flight around the earth and safely back to earth again. If anything goes wrong at launching or soon afterward, the pilot will escape via an emergency ejection system.

The 110 most likely candidates were chosen on the basis of requirements set up by NASA's

Aero-Medical Committee, headed by Dr. W. Randolph Loveless of Albuquerque, N.M. They will undergo a series of intensive physical and psychological tests, including studies of their ability to cope with space flight stresses.

The dozen top candidates will be assigned to the NASA Space

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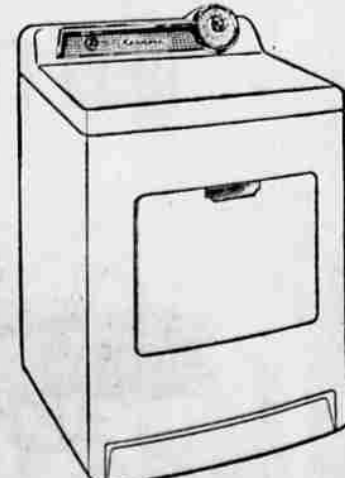


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