



By TIM MASON

Inter-Club Council, a newly formed organization of club presidents and class presidents which discuss matters concerning all KU's clubs, was held in adviser Dean White's room immediately following school Tuesday afternoon.

First on the agenda for the day was the election of seniors George Filtrater as council chairman and Carol Baker as his assistant. Student Body President Mikell Thurston has been presiding at the meetings.

Next in the proceedings came the discussion of the long sought-after club calendar, which the council hopes will end the confusion of scheduling major club meetings on the same day.

The suggested plan calls for the presidents of the clubs to schedule, on a list to be posted in the student body officers room, their meetings during the next week before the desired date for the meetings. The deadline will be on Friday.

This plan, which will be the duty of the assistant chairman, is to prevent confusion on the holding of major club meetings on the same day. This is because a lot of students belong to many different clubs, and is to be an advantage for the clubs, not a penalty. The plan will be further discussed and worked out at the next meeting. A provision will be made for clubs who might have to call emergency meetings.

The problem of sign organization and control was brought up next. The council, hoping to solve this menace, elected Francis Kenyon as chairman to plan, supervise, and regulate the construction of posters by the different organizations.

The final items discussed were the Christmas projects of the clubs and the suggestions by Susan Moss for the different clubs and Inter-Club Council to help with the Student Council Christmas tree to be placed in the cafeteria soon.

Susan suggested that every club or organization give something for the tree, like bulbs or specialized service from classes such as T & I, and that Inter-Club Council top the tree with an angel or star representing everyone.

Thanksgiving is on the minds of KU students, like everyone else, as they are enjoying a two-day holiday combined with a two-day weekend.

A special Thanksgiving Assembly was held for the students during second period Wednesday. The program, which featured Father Greene and the A. C. Choir, was produced in two parts, so that all the students could be seated comfortably.

Most teachers, realizing the vacation and in the holiday spirit, didn't issue any homework to students, who overwhelmingly approved of their action.

Quill and Scroll will hold their annual induction of new members December 1, in the cafeteria at 8 p.m. Quill and Scroll is the International Honorary Society for High School Journalists at KU, which is directed by Richard J. Unger, adviser.

New members who will be inducted are Betty Kerns, Jerry Raby, Jim Pratt and Nick Insley.

This being a time of thanks, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to sophomore Tom Abernathy, who drew the head for this column, and to junior Beverly Arnold for doing most of my typing. Happy Thanksgiving holiday to all!

Authorities Jail Youth

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — A high school student who says he "wasn't feeling good" the day he used his fists to mangle his teacher's face has been jailed by juvenile authorities.

Judge Alfred Whitehurst refused to set bond Wednesday for James W. Wiseman, 16.

"This conduct will not go unchecked," the judge said.

The youth's teacher, Lewis B. Stevens Jr., 41, told the court he suffered facial cuts requiring 16 stitches and the probably loss of six teeth in last Thursday's classroom attack.

He had reprimanded Wiseman, he said, for not having a textbook with him and was about to take him to the school office when "he jabbed at me."

The youth said he took Stevens' reprimand as "a threat because I wasn't feeling good that day."

Judge Whitehurst deferred disposition of the aggravated assault charge until Dec. 10 pending a probation report.

DRAINAGE PROBLEM

MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) — Passers-by made a double take when they passed Ollie Rodden's service station. He put several decoy ducks in a puddle of water in the street to draw attention of the city that the drainage was not good.

Heavy Dew In East Texas Curbs Scores Of Fires

MARSHALL, Tex. (AP) — A heavy dew in East Texas today curbed scores of grass fires that destroyed more than 40 homes Wednesday. But firemen expected new outbreaks during the day as the dew evaporated.

Texas Forest Service officials counted 70 fires at one time. They laid the outbreaks to careless burning of leaves and trash.

Firemen and volunteers used backfires, wet sacks, fire trucks, and bulldozers to fight the fires.

The Marshall Fire Department alone answered 36 calls. At least 15 grass fires were reported in Paris, including one which set afire a box car.

The worst outbreaks occurred in northeastern Texas, spreading into Louisiana and Oklahoma, but flames also sprang up in other parts of the Lone Star state.

Authorities estimated damage throughout the northeastern sec-

tion of Texas at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

One of the worst fires occurred at Hugo, Okla., headquarters for several circuses. Circus employees helped curb the blaze about 9 p.m. after it burned 2,000 acres. It burned to the city limits and within 50 yards of Booker T. Washington school. Fire lapped within 50 yards of some farm homes.

A threat to the Waskom oil field in East Texas died down during the night.

Seven homes and a small broom factory were destroyed near Marshall. Several houses were destroyed at Waskom, 20 miles east of Marshall. Three houses burned east of Jefferson in East Texas. Ten rural homes were leveled near Texarkana.

"The only thing we could do was go from house to house and burn the grass out so the fire would bypass the homes," he said. "We did it to dozens of houses. The people could see the fire coming and some left their homes. But there was no panic."

At Marshall, about 50 miles southeast of Gilmer, a few firefighters spent the night in the fields east and west of town.

G. B. Warnstaff of the Marshall fire department said "We used water, we beat the flames with sacks but it didn't help much. The way the wind was blowing we didn't have much effect on the fire. The velocity of the wind was terrific."

Most of the fires concentrated on rural areas of the northeast portion of Texas. Others dotted the countryside two-thirds of the way across the state.

Fire burning along a 20-mile front in Louisiana, east of Marshall, surged to the south edge of Waskom, a town of 1,200. The fire was within four miles of gas wells in the huge Waskom and Bocker fields.

W. W. Nichols of Jacksonville, Tex., flew home from Houston in south Texas and said "you could see the smoke for 75 miles and all east Texas appeared to be covered."

A railroad bridge at Ballinger in west central Texas was destroyed by flames blown from a cotton hull disposal fire. Damage to the bridge was estimated at \$50,000 by Gulf & Santa Fe Railway officials.

Other fires burned across rural areas outside Texarkana, Jefferson, Kilgore, Longview, Tyler and Paris in northeast Texas, in parts of three southeast counties, in farm sections near Dallas and Cleburne, on ranch lands west of Bowie in north central Texas, and near San Antonio in south Texas.



CHARLES W. SWITZER

KF Resident Rites Set

Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 28, for Charles Walter Switzer, 74, who died November 25. He was a native of Prairie Grove, Arkansas, and had been a resident of Klamath Falls for 23 years.

Survivors include the widow, Nancy, this city; sons, Clyde of Fresno, Van, Paul and Jerry D. Switzer, of this city; Charles Jr. of Crescent City; daughters, Mrs. Thelma Welsh of Prescott, Arizona, Mrs. Maribel English of this city, Mrs. Rowena Mistle of Sacramento and Mrs. Melba Jean Smith of Roseville; also 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funerals

STERNER

Funeral services for Anna M. Sterner will take place from the chapel of Ward's Klamath Funeral Home on Friday, November 27, 1959, at 3 p.m., the Rev. Leftoy Redal of Klamath Lutheran Church officiating. Graveside services will be in charge of Klamath Lunk No. 460. Order of Vasa to be conducted in Klamath Memorial Park.

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November 23, 1959

BUILDING PERMITS City of Klamath Falls

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8,500	new residence	W. Heman		419 & Lincoln
16,500	new duplex			592-594 Addison

TOTAL VALUATION: \$22,900

Scientists Can't Agree How Far Behind Russia U.S. Lags In Space Race

Editor's Note: How do scientists arrive at their estimates that America is so many years behind—or ahead—of the Russians in a given field of space exploration? What do these estimates mean? And what is the score sheet today in the various contests? UPI correspondent Joseph L. Myler gives some of the answers in the following dispatch.

By JOSEPH L. MYLER

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Scientist X says the United States is at least two years behind the Russians in space. Scientist Y says five years. Scientist Z says maybe a decade.

Such estimates are guesses. Even if one of them was right, no U.S. scientist can possibly know when or whether this country ever will catch up.

Only the Russians are in a position to make a logical estimate of the gap between them and us. They are privy to most of the U.S. space capabilities and plans, which are public property, whereas this country knows little about theirs.

When scientists say the United States is behind the Russians, they mean mainly that it lacks their space muscle. They have the more powerful rockets with which to boost scientific payloads into space. This country has launched more satellites and space probes—the score is about 15 to six.

But two years after 190-pound Sputnik I, the heaviest scientific satellite America had managed to put up was 90-pound Explorer VII. So it was more than two years behind Russia's first and feeblest space achievement.

U.S. officials say the Russians went to work on powerful boosters seven years before this country did. By some time in 1961 the United States expects to have a rocket vehicle capable of matching muscles with the boosters that put Russia's 2,925-pound Sputnik III in orbit May 15, 1958. By 1964-65 America may have a rocket roughly twice as powerful as those which flung the Soviet Luniks into the sky.

But no U.S. space official expects the Russians to rest on their laurels in the meantime. To catch up with the Russians and eventually take over the lead, the United States would have to come up with a rate of progress greater than theirs. Has the United States established a development program capable of pulling it even with the Russians? The answer, according to a noted American space scientist, is "no." According to this scientist, Dr. William H. Pickering, the United States is not competing with the Russians in space. Pickering, director of the jet propulsion laboratory at Pasadena, Calif., said this country must work harder or declare itself out of the race.

In many respects U.S. scientific accomplishments in space, despite weaker muscles, have been greater than the Russians'. We discovered the radiation zones named after Dr. James A. Van Allen of the State University of Iowa.

Americans discovered that the earth is slightly pear-shaped. They also learned that the atmosphere is denser and hotter at satellite altitudes than had been supposed.



"Don't get upset! It's just a phase—she'll soon stop calling you 'daddy-o' and go back to 'fuss-budget!'"

Most Powerful Rocket Fails To Go Into Orbit

By HOWARD BENEDICT
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The most powerful rocket ever developed by this nation failed on its maiden flight today and ruined a U.S. bid to put the first satellite into orbit around the moon.

The giant Atlas-Able rocket thundered aloft exactly on schedule at 2:26 a.m. Perched atop it was a 372-pound payload designed for the lunar orbit.

An hour after launch, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration reported that second-stage signals were lost 70 seconds after launching.

"There is no record of the second stage having fired and we must presume that the second stage did not fire," the NASA said.

"Visual observations were that a piece fell off the rocket. Apparently this was above the liquid oxygen tank on the Atlas."

Observers saw a fiery chunk break loose from the rocket about 20 seconds after launch and spiral into the Atlantic Ocean.

The failure was a bitter blow to U.S. hopes of jumping back into the space race with the Soviet Union, which in recent weeks has scored spectacularly with its Lunik II and III rockets. One whirled into a wide orbit around the moon and earth and took the first pictures of the moon's dark side.

There is no backup vehicle for today's shot, so it probably will be several months before another can be attempted.

This was the second failure for an Atlas-Able ticketed for a shot at the moon. On Sept. 24, another one of the 10-story high rockets blew up on its pad during a static test.

That rocket was set for an early October launching. If it had been successful, the United States would have beaten the Soviet Union to the first pictures of the moon's far side.

Today's ill-fated satellite carried a scanning device to take crude pictures of the lunar surface. It also contained instruments to study the moon's environment.

A successful orbit would have given the U.S. a space first. Scientists here believe this would have been a greater accomplishment than either of the last two Lunik shots because of the difficulty of placing the payload in a precise position in relation to the moon.

A flash in the sky about four minutes after liftoff indicated burnout of the Atlas booster. The second stage was to ignite almost immediately and many persons mistook the Atlas burnout for ignition.

The fiery launching was witnessed by hundreds of persons who jammed nearby beaches with their cars. They watched with awe as the 88-foot, three-stage vehicle climbed into the sky, driven by flames created by the 360,000 pounds of thrust generated at blastoff.

Cheers were heard as the rocket rose. When it vanished among the stars, the onlookers climbed into their cars and went home, unaware that anything was wrong.

A perfect flight would have taken the payload—called Pioneer V—to the moon in 62 hours. At launch, the moon was 231,000 miles away.

If all had gone right, Pioneer V would have sped to within 5,000 miles of the moon. Then a "start-and-stop" rocket would have been fired in reverse to slow the speed down to 3,000 miles an hour so the package would be drawn into the moon's gravitational field.

Melbourne J. Pestana, 19, 408 Cameron, was ordered to appear before Judge D. E. Van Vactor Friday at 9 a.m. for sentencing. Bail was set at \$500 and Pestana was committed.

A companion Dale Ross Smelser, 18, also of 408 Cameron, requested time to enter a plea. He will be allowed to plead at the same time Friday.

Police said they sneaked up on the pair late Monday night as they worked beneath a car in the Balisger wrecked car yard, Main and Broad streets.

Smelser's bail also was set at \$500 and he was committed.

Brakes on a car driven by a Klamath Falls housewife failed on Klamath Avenue Wednesday morning, city police said. The auto flattened a parking meter and a bumper against the Sears, Roebuck and Company store, Eighth Street and Klamath Avenue.

Mrs. V. M. DeFord, 1012 Donald Street, told police she was pulling into a parking place when she discovered the brakes were not working. To avoid hitting a parked car, she aimed for the meter.

The meter was nearly destroyed. The car received some damage. The store was not damaged. No injuries resulted.

Mrs. DeFord was cited for inadequate brakes.

Heiress Named In Divorce Suit
TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — David M'Divani, last of the so-called Georgian princes, has filed a one-million-dollar suit against Virginia Kent Catherwood of Tucson, daughter of the late radio manufacturer Atwater Kent.

M'Divani seeks \$500,000 in compensation and a like amount in punitive damages for the loss of affection of his wife, Virginia Sinclair M'Divani.

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CITY BRIEFS

Film Classics—Group will meet for the November program, Friday, November 27, at 8 p.m. in the Roosevelt School Auditorium. The films will be "Albert Schweitzer," two short Charley Chaplin comedies and "House," a museum of modern film. Admittance will be by subscription only.

Ladies' Encampment—LEA No. 46, will meet Friday, November 27, at 8 p.m. in the IOOF Hall.

PTA — Speaker at the county PTA council meeting December 1 at 1:30 p.m. in Pelican School will be Joe Searles, county civil defense director, outlining plans for PTA cooperation in school CD preparations. PTA civil defense chairmen are urged to come. Founders Day workshop has been postponed until January.

Sheriff's Posse — The county Sheriff's Posse will dine and meet at Sari's Restaurant, 7:30 p.m. Monday, November 30. It is an important meeting. Officers will be elected for the coming year.

Maverick — Square Dance Club members will sponsor a benefit dance for the hospital fund Saturday, December 5, at the Summers School starting at 8 p.m. All square dancers are urged to attend.

Traveler—Dr. Robert E. Garrison, Klamath Falls chiropractor, took an active part in the 53rd annual convention of the Oregon Association of Chiropractic Physicians in Salem last week.

Peace Memorial — Chapter of Presbyterian Men will meet for a regular monthly breakfast Sunday, November 29, 7:30 a.m. The Bible study will be continued. All men of the church are welcome.

The First Advent — service in Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday evening, November 29, beginning at 8 o'clock and ending at 8:45. This will be a candlelight service and will usher in the Christmas season in the church. Senior Westminster young people are in charge.

Benefit Dance — VFW hospital benefit dance will be held Saturday night, November 28, at the club on Klamath Avenue. Adults only. The Erv Pool orchestra will play. Dancing 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Keith Walrath is general chairman.

Leaders — The Bible Baptist Church will lead the service tonight at the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission. Lloyd Day will be the speaker. All offerings of Bible Baptist Church Sunday, November 29, will go to the building fund.

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