



A DISTRICT CONVENTION of local American Legionnaires was conducted in Malin Saturday. A business meeting followed dinner. Pictured, left to right, are Bonnie Stephens, District 4 vice commander; Fred Heilbronner, newly-appointed district commander; Merrill E. Johnson, state legion department commander; L. E. Elzner, commander of Malin Post 84; Elton P. Mickelsen, commander of Klamath Falls Post 8, and W. T. Moore, commander of Merrill Post 80. All attended.

Injured Women Remain In Hospital

A Bonanza woman and her daughter injured Sunday in a two-car crash on the Lakeview Highway near Olene were still in Klamath Valley Hospital Wednesday afternoon.

Milo Academy Choir Group To Perform Here March 10

The 75-voice choir from Milo Academy will appear in a free concert March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Mortimer and Main streets. The public is invited.

Training Ended

Marine Pvt. Eugene T. McFadden, son of Mrs. Ardis A. Smith, 1322 Riverside, completed four weeks of individual combat training Feb. 17 at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The course included the latest infantry tactics, first aid, demolitions, field fortifications and advanced schooling on weapons. Trainees learn that all Marines are basically infantrymen, whether they serve as cooks, typists, truck drivers, or with aviation units.

Conducts Services

The Rev. Paul Green, Arizona evangelist, will continue nightly services at the Bible Baptist Church, 2244 Ward Street, the remainder of this week through Sunday. Meetings start at 7 p.m. The services include special music by the evangelist and his wife and church groups. The public is invited.

Offer Seemed Fair

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Police said several housewives complained that salesman Roland Hicks called at their homes and offered to exchange trading stamps for kisses. Hicks, 45, was booked on a drunkenness charge Wednesday.

Fiddle Arts Classes Held

The fiddle arts class sponsored by the Klamath Art Association began Tuesday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in the community art gallery in Maple Park.

The course will continue each Tuesday from 7 to 9 p.m. for 10 weeks. Mrs. Margaret Knoll is the instructor.

Fee will be \$10 for the 10 sessions, or \$1.25 for each.

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Tremendous Problems Must Be Solved To Put Man Into Outer Space

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — There is a great deal more to launching a man into space than developing a powerful rocket.

The engineering and management problems involved in producing the Mercury space capsule are staggering.

However, McDonnell Aircraft

Needed Inspiration

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Booked on suspicion of stealing a garden sprinkler, Robert Bell White, 42, explained to police:

"I'm a songwriter, and I'm working on a song about rain. I need that sprinkler to spray water on the window and inspire me."

Corp. of St. Louis seized the challenge and began work on a capsule concept a full year before the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announced the man-in-space program.

Since the capsule will carry a human being it must be as nearly perfect as modern technology can make it. This is no small management problem when you consider McDonnell has 565 subcontractors working on the capsule and those firms have another 1,500 suppliers. In all, some 4,000 companies are working on the \$110 million NASA Mercury capsule project.

The engineers have had to provide room for the astronaut and all the complex systems and instruments and still retain the

specified size and shape. The capsule is nine feet tall, six feet wide at its base and weighs one ton. Every component essential to the safety and, indeed, the very life of the astronaut is backed up by at least one other method of achieving the same result.

For example, if something went wrong during the launching, the astronaut could manually set off a small but powerful rocket engine to send the capsule up and away from the rocket. The same thing would happen automatically, however, because the launching trouble would be "sensed" by various instruments.

The astronauts, each of whom has his own form-fitted "couch" for the capsule, have been frequent visitors at the McDonnell

plant. They have seen the delicate control systems assembled in the "super-clean white room," in which filters remove even the minute particles from the air. A particle of dandruff could break a circuit and knock out one of the systems intended to keep the astronaut alive.

The Mercury capsule is designed specifically for the Atlas rocket. As more powerful booster rockets are developed, changes will have to be made in the capsules because the capsule during the first phase of the launching is nothing more than the pointed nose of the rocket. It must be perfectly adapted to the rocket in every way.

To grasp the importance of the capsule, it is necessary to have

a basic understanding of the operation from launching pad to recovery.

After the Atlas boosts the capsule into space, the capsule blasts away with its own rockets. It turns itself around when it attains the orbit path so that its blunt end — the bottom — faces the direction of flight. The astronaut is now sitting up instead of lying on his back as he was when the capsule was on the rocket.

Retrograde rockets on the bot-

tom are fired to decrease speed and force it back toward earth. A small drag parachute comes out of the top and slows the descent. As it nears earth, the main parachute comes out of the top to further slow and stabilize the descent.

The capsule lands in the ocean and floats with all but the bottom extension out of the water. A bright dye in the water and radio communications lead the recovery party to the floating capsule.

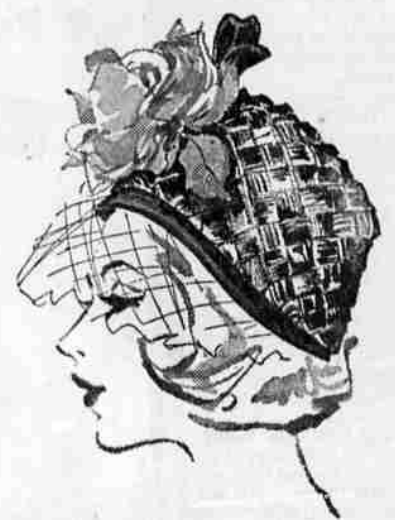
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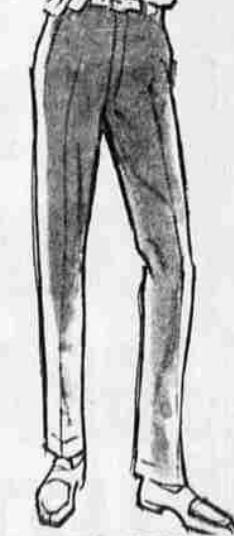
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