

Seven Are Selected For First Spaceman

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Seven candidates have been selected for the honor and the danger of being the first American in space. But the final choice won't be known until 1961.

The seven were picked from 55 volunteers, all so highly qualified the experts had a hard time choosing the final team for the manned satellite program, dubbed Project Mercury.

Names of the seven candidates will be announced later this week by the Federal Space Agency. They will go to Langley Research Center, Hampton, Va., "in the

early future" for training as astronauts. Some time in 1961, if all goes well, one of the seven will be told to get into his gear. Not until launching day will he know that he is the chosen one.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration originally planned a 12-man Mercury team, but reduced the number to seven "to assure more complete participation" by each member in all phases of the project.

The seven, picked after thorough examination of their educational, mental, physical, and psychological qualifications, are "superbly adapted to the demands of the manned satellite program."

All are "highly motivated," which means, an NASA spokesman said, that "everyone of them wants like the devil to get the job" of being Mercury pilot No. 1.

No. 1 will be the candidate judged by flight surgeons to be "at the peak of physical and psychological readiness" on launching day.

His teammates will be dis-

Discuss Civic Music Drive On Television

Sean O'Dowd, representative of Civic Music Service, Inc., will be interviewed over station WANE-TV by Ann Colone on the "Women's Page" program at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. O'Dowd, who is here in connection with the annual membership drive of the Adams County Civic Music association, will talk about the work he is doing in Decatur, and his past experiences as a travel guide in Ireland.

pointed only temporarily. Deputy NASA Director Hugh L. Dryden has given assurance that "he will be followed by others" in subsequent Mercury flights.

All the candidates have a degree in engineering or science, are graduates of a military test pilot school, have 1,500 hours of flying time, are well under 40, and are no taller than 5 feet 11 inches. All are married.

Three-Year-Old Boy Drowns In Cistern

MADISON, Ind. (UPI) — Lonnie Ricketts, 3, drowned Monday when a rotten wooden cover on a cistern broke beneath his weight and plunged him into five feet of water.

The accident occurred on a farm west of here in view of the child's mother, Mrs. William Ricketts.

When Mrs. Ricketts saw her son fall into the well, she tried to rescue him but could not reach him. She ran to a nearby highway and flagged two motorists.

The motorists, David Kemper, 36, and Edward Rowe, 51, Seymour, lowered the distraught mother into the cistern by tying a sheet around her. She pulled Lonnie out, but artificial respiration failed to revive him.

District Meeting Of Elks At Huntington

Huntington, Ind. — Huntington Elks Lodge No. 805 will host the annual spring meeting of the northeast district Elks association April 11 and 12. Convention headquarters will be in the Elks lodge on West Park Drive. Indiana state Freeland will lead a delegation of Elks association president Norman state officers and their wives to the three-day meeting.

William P. Spencer, exalted ruler of Huntington lodge and chairman for the convention, expects between 300 and 400 Elks and their wives to attend. Lodges in the northeast district include Fort Wayne, Elkhart, Wabash, Ligonier, Kendallville, Decatur, Bluffton, Columbia City, Garrett, Goshen, Warsaw, Auburn and Huntington.

State Auditor Asks Purchase Head Fired

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — State Auditor Albert Steinwedel today called on Governor Handley to fire purchasing director Clarence T. Drayer for a "low, cowardly and irresponsible personal attack."

The controversy developed Monday after Drayer, a Republican, implied in published dispatches that Steinwedel, a Democrat, ordered an expensive state-owned car and tried to pass it off as an economy measure.

Steinwedel traded in his big state car for a Studebaker Lark, the new, small economy car produced at South Bend. But Drayer said Steinwedel ordered an eight-cylinder, rather than a six-cylinder model, and also ordered automatic transmission.

"I bought the automatic transmission because both my knees were injured in service during World War II which makes it necessary for me to use a car with automatic transmission," Steinwedel said. "I was advised by the Studebaker-Packard people that their automatic shift works best with the eight-cylinder model."

Steinwedel termed Drayer's remarks "a politically-inspired personal vendetta" and said it was his belief that no "high-handed employee is so indispensable that he can indulge in baseless and shamefully false accusations when by so doing he threatens an entire program of economy through attempted ridicule."

"It would appear that all an official has to do to become the target of a political attack is to suggest economy in government," he said.

Steinwedel also took exception to Drayer's statement that he was the first to buy the Hoosier-made car on a large scale.

Steinwedel said he talked to Studebaker president Harold Churchill in December, January and February and then advised Drayer "of my desire to have a Lark for myself and to see the state purchase more Hoosier-made automobiles."

Steinwedel also warned Drayer "I intend to look closely into his department, since it obviously is operated by one with so faulty a memory. He also forgot to mention that at the time I made my original request, he tried to talk me into buying a bigger, more expensive car."

Adenauer Will Seek German Presidency

BONN, Germany (UPI) — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer has accepted the nomination of his Christian Democratic Union for the presidency of West Germany, it was officially announced today.

Eugene Gerstenmaier, president of the lower house of parliament and a deputy chairman of the CDU, said Adenauer was nominated unanimously by a 50-member party committee this morning.

Adenauer accepted the nomination immediately, Gerstenmaier said.

The decision to run by the 83-year-old West German leader, symbol of his country's massive post-war recovery, means he will have to give up the post of chancellor he has held for the past 10 years.

He will thus exchange a position of great power for one with little more than symbolic worth.

Adenauer will step out of the active political leadership at a time when his traditional foreign policies are under fire both by the Soviet Union and by some of his Allies, specifically Britain.

Adenauer will be opposed by 62-year-old Carlo Schmid, the most popular orator of the Socialist opposition.

The new president will be chosen by the so-called Federal Assembly on July 1. The winner will take office in October at the end of the second five-year term of President Theodor Heuss.

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TV Contestant Is Burned During Show

NEW YORK (UPI) — A television stunt show contestant was reported in satisfactory condition today recovering from first and second degree burns received on the Bert Parks "County Fair" television show.

Manfred Weber, a builder of Eastchester, N.Y., was resting comfortably with burns of the face, neck and arms, Lawrence Hospital spokesman said in Bronxville, N.Y.

Weber was burned in a stunt with a dummy firecracker Monday. The program was being viewed by a nationwide audience when Weber caught fire. Several stagehands and show aides rushed on stage to smother the flames with towels and a blanket.

A viewer, Mrs. Daniel Hayward, a housewife of Marblehead, Mass., said a firecracker had been placed under a chair on which Weber was seated wearing a ragged suit costume.

His wife was blindfolded and told to stamp out the fuse before it reached the firecracker, Mrs. Hayward said.

"I thought it was a phony firecracker," Mrs. Weber said. "I heard an explosion but thought it was supposed to happen. I heard a lot of noise and rushing around. Then I felt heat on the plastic cover-all I was wearing and heard somebody say 'get it off...get it off.'"

Mrs. Weber said she was led off the stage. The first that she knew anything was wrong "I saw my husband stripped down to his underwear sitting on a chair backstage. He looked badly burned and in great pain."

Weber was taken to the NBC infirmary and from there went to the hospital. NBC later issued a statement saying an investigation was underway. Network spokesmen said both the firecracker and fuse were dummies.

CONNIE NICHOLAS

Continued from page one — housecleaning and the cooking." "Then did you have some jobs?"

"Yes, after school I worked in a grocery and cafeteria for a year or so."

At this point, Faulconer recessed the trial. Symmes said he expected to wind up the defense case tomorrow, depending on the length of cross-examination of Mrs. Nicholas. Her testimony was to take up the entire afternoon session of the trial today.

Mrs. Hortense Myers, reporter for United Press International, and Phil Clifford of the Indianapolis Star were witnesses called by the defense.

They testified that Mrs. Nicholas told them from a hospital bed two days after the killing of the Eli Lilly vice president, that he "twisted my arm until it cracked" in a struggle in the front seat of his white Cadillac.

Teel was shot to death July 31 outside the apartment of his new girl, Laura Mowrer, 30.

Mrs. Myers said that Mrs. Nicholas told the reporters she asked Teel about his affair with Laura.

"He told me he was only sewing his wild oats. He told me to wait, he would come back to me," the reporters quoted Mrs. Nicholas as saying.

"A Misunderstanding" "We agreed long ago if either of us found someone else we would be free," Mrs. Myers quoted Mrs. Nicholas.

"I accused him of breaking that agreement. He said it was the result of a misunderstanding."

Mrs. Myers quoted Mrs. Nicholas further:

"I meant to kill myself but after he said he was coming back, I didn't mean to. We didn't try to hide. He walked right into my apartment whenever he wanted."

"On one occasion my husband came home and Forrest was there and I told him he had just delivered a case of scotch. My husband didn't say anything but I don't think he believed me."

"We planned to get married in 1961. That was because of Tommy. He would graduate then and Teel told me he would get a divorce then."

Mrs. Myers said the reporters asked Mrs. Nicholas whether she had ever seen Mrs. Teel.

"I saw her ice-skating a long time ago—about 15 years ago."

Mrs. Myers said Mrs. Nicholas was asked why she married Curt Nicholas, her second husband, whom she divorced in April before Teel's death.

"I was trying to live my life for myself."

Never Saw Laura She was asked whether she had ever seen Laura Mowrer.

"No, but I'd like to," she said. "Forrest told me about remarks she made. I could see she was on the make for him."

Clifford told the all-husband jury it was his opinion that Mrs. Nicholas' injured eye had been inflamed by a blow.

Mrs. Myers and Clifford were among the first defense witnesses called this morning after the state rested yesterday. Defense attorneys planned to picture Mrs. Nicholas as a forsworn woman ready to take her own life, who shot her ex-lover accidentally in a final tryst to find out why he left her.

Farm Bureau Backs Labor Reform Bills

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The American Farm Bureau Federation today threw its support behind labor reform legislation it said was needed to protect the public — and farmers — against abuse of power by union leaders.

The Farm Bureau statement, prepared for presentation at a House Labor Committee hearing, also called for language in the final bill to prohibit union expenditures for election purposes.

"It is our position that any organization whose membership is other than voluntary should be prohibited from expending money for political purposes," testified Herbert W. Voorhees, president of the New Jersey Farm Bureau and a member of the federation's executive committee.

Voorhees said a poultry farmers' cooperative marketing association in New Jersey was picketed for nearly six months when the cooperative refused to "sign up" with a union. Secondary boycotts were instituted by "pressure on buyers" in a number of markets in which the cooperative marketed eggs, he testified.

Voorhees also said the "truck unloading fee racket" was another example of need for legislation to protect farmers. He said truckers hauling farm products to most middle Atlantic cities must pay \$18 to \$22 per truckload for unloading.

"If the trucker refuses to pay this charge and tries to unload himself, the warehouse employees will not forklift away the pallets on which the packages are stacked, so the driver has no alternative but to pay the fee," he said. "We submit this is not a legitimate labor union activity. It is pure and simple extortion."

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Agriculture Department predicted today that total supplies of feed concentrates may set another new record in the 1959-60 marketing year.

The department's feed situation report said production of feed grains this season may range between 150 and 155 million tons. The forecast was based on the assumption that of a normal growing season and on the guess that yields will be above average.

A crop of 150 to 155 million tons would be a little below last year's record of 158 million tons. But total supplies may go up because the carryover of feed grains is expected to be up at the end of the present season.

Agriculture Department experts don't expect as much strength in feed prices through the spring and summer as a year ago. Prices are expected to average below the 1958 level through this period.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Agriculture Department Solicitor Robert L. Farrington, Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson's top legal adviser since May, 1954, today was reported ready to resign in the near future.

Farrington was reported leaving to take a job with a wool marketing co-operative in Boston.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Herschel Newsom, master of the National Grange, said today the administration's proposed new wheat program would wreck the world market for wheat.

He also said the proposed program would threaten the economy of nations friendly to the United States.

Newsom's charge came in the current issue of the Grange's monthly magazine.

Under the administration proposal, Newsom said, government-owned wheat would be available for export at less than \$1.30 a bushel, well under the world price floor of \$1.50 provided in the international wheat agreement.

Newsom and the Grange urged Congress to reject the administration program and to adopt instead a two-price plan. It would set relatively high supports for the domestic market and lower prices for export.

Judith Locke To Be Honored Thursday

Judith Locke, of Decatur, will be among 30 juniors at Ball State college who will be honored for scholastic and other achievements at the annual class convocation in the college's assembly hall Thursday.

Miss Locke is co-chairman for the convocation's theme, "Time for 60," with Richard Hutson, Noblesville. Sonja Whitehead, Elkhart, will serve as mistress of ceremonies and John Calhoun, Portland, will be master of ceremonies.

Speed Delivery Of Security Checks

"Are you planning to retire in the near future and apply for your social security payments? If you are, you will be interested in an announcement made by Christian H. W. Luecke, manager of the Fort Wayne social security office located at 343 West Wayne street."

Luecke points out that in figuring the monthly benefits payable to workers who apply in 1959, his office must take account of wages and self-employment income received by the end of 1958. Workers now applying for their social security retirement benefits can help speed the delivery of their first social security checks if they will bring with them their withholding slips (Form W-2) for 1958, when they call at the office to file their claims. If a claimant for benefits is self-employed, he should bring with him a complete copy of his income tax return for 1958, including schedule C, which details his business income and expenses. He should also bring a cashier's receipt, cancelled check or other evidence showing that he has paid his 1958 income tax.

Luecke pointed out that earnings for years before 1958 have already been posted to the worker's individual social security account, but sufficient time hasn't elapsed for all 1958 earnings to be credited. This is especially true of 1958 self-employment earnings.

He also suggested that the retiring worker bring to the office any available documents which show his age or date of birth. "While a birth or baptismal certificate based on a record at the time of birth is preferable," Luecke stated, "we accept many types of evidence such as life insurance policies, naturalization certificates, union, hospital or lodge records, etc."

Luecke added that such a record should be several years old and show the date it was made as well as the worker's age or date of birth.

Workers who have reached retirement age, 62 for women or 65 for men, were invited by Luecke to call at the social security office to file their claims, or to discuss any social security problems they may have.

Decatur Couple On Television Today

A Decatur couple, John Sheets and Miss Donna McKean, will appear on "Dance Date," WANE-TV at 5 p.m. today. Sheets is a local artist and 1958 graduate of Decatur high school, while Miss McKean is employed as a waitress.

Sheets recently presented WPTA with an oil painting, and the studio has been using it on a few commercials. He has appeared on that station's "Club 21."

Local Principal On Planning Committee

Hubert Zerkel, principal at Decatur's Northwest elementary school, is a member of the planning committee for a two-day residential conference at Ball State College April 24-25.

The main discussion will center on the role of the elementary school in the changing society. Forty principals from 24 eastern Indiana counties will attend.

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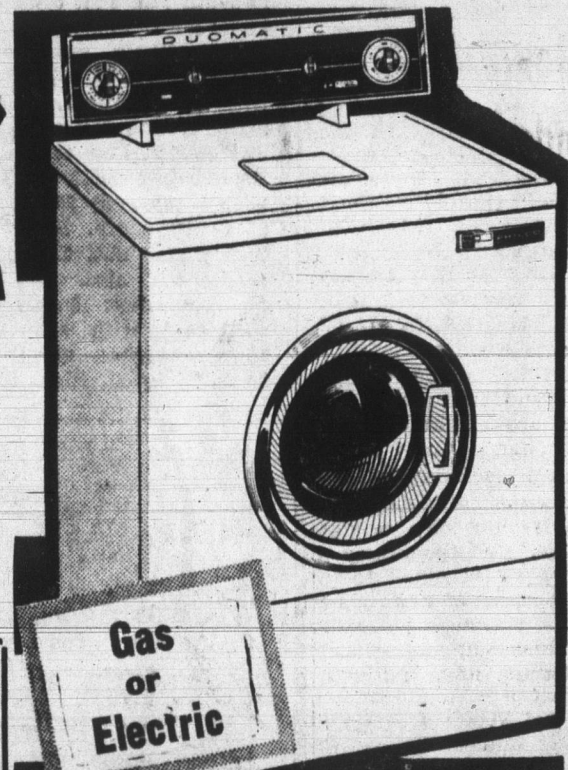
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