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## Project Mercury

The recent Russian rocket to the moon has caused considerable comment and widespread admiration among space pioneers regardless of nationality. Of course, by Nikita Khrushchev's own admission, success in this attempt was preceded by several failures.

Senator Vance Hartke, Indiana's Democratic senator, feels that a report on our own nation's attempt to put a man into outer space is both timely and necessary in order to get the whole space race in its proper perspective.

This nation's pioneer astronauts are learning to fly a space ship that does not yet exist. But it may within a year.

The men practice take-offs, orbital flight and landings in a chamber designed at the Naval Air Development center at Johnsville, Pa., a remote Philadelphia suburb.

They train inside an aluminum enclosure, shaped like a giant clam, 11 feet in diameter, which rotates at the end of a 50-foot swinging arm. A 180-ton motor sends the chamber—oblate spheroidal gondola is the official name—whipping in a circle at speeds up to 180 miles an hour. It takes the apparatus, a centrifuge, seven seconds to work up to that speed.

The trainees are the seven astronauts who were chosen in April for Project Mercury, among them Indiana's air force Capt. Virgil I. Grissom, of Mitchell. The project received its name from Mercury, the winged messenger of Roman mythology.

All the astronauts are volunteers, family men, crack military pilots and engineers. They are as fine a group of physical specimens as could be found. Each will spend 10 hours learning to manipulate the delicate controls of a space ship they hope will take one of them three times around the earth 100 to 150 miles up, and bring them safely back.

## TV PROGRAMS

## Central Daylight Time

**WANE-TV**  
Channel 15  
FRIDAY

Evening  
11:00—*Amos and Andy*  
11:30—*Tom Clenberry News*  
12:00—*Edgar Bergen-News*  
12:30—*Death Valley Days*  
1:00—*Rawhide*  
1:30—*New York Confidential*  
1:45—*Lucy*  
1:55—*Mike Hammer*  
2:00—*Bold Venture*  
2:15—*Hold Your Breath*  
2:30—*Hers to Hold*  
2:45—*To the Shores of Tripoli*  
3:00—*Blind Spot*  
**SATURDAY**  
Morning  
11:30—*Agriculture U.S.A.*  
12:00—*Kastoor Klub*  
12:30—*Captain Kangaroo*  
1:00—*Howdy Doody*  
1:15—*Huckle & Jockle*  
1:30—*Robin Hood*  
Afternoons  
11:00—*Saturday News*  
11:30—*Week End Sports*  
12:00—*Baseball*  
12:30—*Mystery Matinee*  
1:00—*Mystery Matinee*  
1:30—*Charlie Chan*  
Evening  
11:00—*Tugboat Annie*  
11:30—*Howdy Doody*  
12:00—*Jeff's Colle*  
12:30—*Reckoning*  
1:00—*Wanted-Dead or Alive*  
1:30—*Have Gun Will Travel*  
10:00—*Flight*  
11:00—*Corvette K-225*  
12:00—*One Way Ticket*  
**SUNDAY**  
Morning  
11:00—*Smith For Today*  
11:30—*This Is The Life*  
12:00—*Lamp Unto My Feet*  
12:30—*Look Up And Live*  
1:00—*I'm In Action*  
1:30—*Cameraman*  
11:00—*O'Henry Playhouse*  
11:30—*Touchdown Quiz*  
12:00—*Football*  
Afternoons  
11:00—*Football Preview*  
12:00—*Pro Football*  
12:30—*Mystery Matinee*  
1:00—*Alfred Hitchcock*  
1:30—*Conquest*  
1:45—*20th Century*  
2:00—*Lassie*  
2:15—*That's My Boy*  
2:30—*Ed Sullivan*  
2:45—*E Theatre*  
3:00—*Alfred Hitchcock*  
3:15—*Reckoning*  
3:30—*What's My Line*  
3:45—*Sunday News Special*  
11:15—*After The Ball*  
**SATURDAY**  
Evening  
6:00—*Fun 'N Stuff*  
7:15—*Tom Atkins Reporting*  
7:30—*Walt Disney Presents*  
8:00—*3rd Man in the Bed*  
8:30—*Thunderbirds Territory*  
9:00—*77 Sun Strip*  
10:30—*Decoy*  
11:00—*Black Cat*  
**SUNDAY**  
Afternoons  
12:00—*Uncle Al*  
1:00—*Action Theatre*  
1:30—*Hopalong Cassidy*  
2:00—*Gen. Autry*  
3:00—*Jungle Jim*  
3:30—*Jet Jackson*  
4:00—*Racing*  
5:00—*Action Theatre*  
Evening  
6:00—*Kirkwood of the Sea*  
6:30—*Sights of Freedom*  
7:00—*Small World*  
9:00—*Lawrence Welk*  
10:30—*Club 21*  
**SUNDAY**  
Afternoons  
12:00—*Homestead U.S.A.*  
1:00—*John Hopkins File 7*  
1:30—*College News Conference*  
2:00—*World Travel*  
2:30—*Oral Roberts*  
2:45—*Open Hearing*  
3:00—*Empire Performance*  
5:30—*Highline Bonanza*  
5:30—*Sights On Africa*  
6:00—*James The Theater*  
6:30—*Police Rangers*  
7:30—*Maverick*  
8:30—*Lawman*  
9:00—*Colt 45*  
10:30—*Deadlines for Action*  
11:00—*Seven Days Leave*  
**Movies**  
—DRIVE-IN—  
"Gunfight at Dodge City" Fri. and Sat. at 7:15 and 10:30. "Northwest Mounted Police" at 8:45. "The Earth Is Mine" Sun. and Mon. 7:30, 10:00.

WKJG-TV  
Channel 33  
FRIDAY

Evening  
11:00—*Gatesway To Sports*  
11:15—*Newspaper Gray*  
11:30—*Big Weatherman*  
12:00—*People are Funny*  
12:30—*Troubleshooters*  
1:00—*Best of Durante*  
1:30—*Horowitz Cassidy*  
2:00—*Drinking*  
2:30—*Jackpot, Bawling*  
2:45—*City Detective*  
3:00—*Reckoning*  
3:15—*Sports Today*  
3:30—*The Best of Paar*  
**SATURDAY**  
Morning  
11:00—*Cartoon Express*  
11:30—*Howdy Doody*  
12:00—*Ruff and Reddy*  
12:30—*Fury*  
1:00—*Cartoon Express*  
1:30—*Cartoon Express*  
2:00—*Howdy Doody*  
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## The School Reporter

## DECATUR CATHOLIC HIGH

—D.C.H.S.—

Number Please! Will this be the telephone operator's acknowledgment to anyone who deems it necessary to make a phone call from school? Not at D.C.H.S., for the latest convenience added to our school is a new dial phone. The phone was installed last Friday by the Citizens Telephone company, for the students use. No incoming calls will be received as it will serve only for out-going calls. Now it will no longer be necessary for the students to make personal calls from the office phone.

—D.C.H.S.—

After some delay, the senior literature books have now arrived. The cost of the books this year is \$4.44.

—D.C.H.S.—

Congratulations, class officers!! To the senior class officers: Sr. Schuriger, president; Jerry Gillig, vice president; Paul Hess, treasurer, and Steve Omlor, secretary, we all extend our congratulations.

—D.C.H.S.—

One of the problems the senior class officers and class members must decide upon at the present time, is the choice of a photograph for the senior class pictures.

—D.C.H.S.—

The new junior class officers are president, Patsy Cook; vice president, Phil Lose; treasurer, Nancy Colchin; and Secretary, Ann LaFontaine.

—D.C.H.S.—

The sophomore class has elected as their class officers the following persons, president, Steve Blythe; vice president, Tom Kohne; secretary, Fred Zintmaster, and treasurer, Fred Kauffman.

—D.C.H.S.—

Our new freshman students are almost settled in the class routine but some still think they haven't much time to get to classes. Their new class officers are: president, James Kaeber; vice president, Louise Wilder; secretary, Ruth LaFon; and treasurer, Mike Baker.

—D.C.H.S.—

The new lockers have now been assigned, and all the students are aware of the rules which have been made for the use of them.

—D.C.H.S.—

The senior girls homemaking class has been doing needlepoint work on the linen purifiers used for the cleaning of sacred vessels.

—D.C.H.S.—

Cross country meets are in action again!! Our first meet was held with Monmouth September 22. The Decatur Golf course was the scene of action. Monmouth's scoring points of 16 to 64 over our own team opened the season. Those going out for cross-country are: seniors, Jim Heimann, Ed Wiseman, and Don Weitfeldt; sophomores, Fred Zintmaster; freshmen, Kenny Miller, Tom Wiseman, Ted Boch, and Elias Caciano.

—D.C.H.S.—

In the freshman class meeting, Don Brown was elected president. Other officers are: Ruth Ann Beery, vice president; Karen Biebrick, secretary; Kay Stevens, treasurer; and Bob Auer, reporter. Their student council member is Eugene Buack. James Woolsey is in charge of this class.

—D.C.H.S.—

Monmouth won 7-6 in overtime in the eighth inning when they played Decatur Catholic September 17. The score was tied 3 times.

—D.C.H.S.—

**DECATUR HIGH**  
By Alice Allwein

This year, new members of the D. H. S. faculty are Mr. Able and Mr. Butler. Mr.

Able teaches

eighth and ninth grade English, and Mr. Butler instructs eighth grade history. The faculty and students welcome these new teachers to D.H.S.

—D.H.S.—

The senior girls are anxiously awaiting the next D.H.S. dance, the first big opportunity to wear their "senior creams."

—D.H.S.—

The juniors will be sponsoring the next dance which will be held at the Youth and Community Center following the Decatur-Bluffton football game October 9.

—D.H.S.—

The seniors are now selecting name cards that are being sold by the following members of the class: Dave Sheets, Jim Gay, Joe Smith, Jan Aumann, and Dee Schroeder.

—D.H.S.—

Mary Heller and Diana Hill, the football cheerleaders, are doing a swell job. The girls look sharp in their outfits of white corduroy pedal pushers and white V-neck sweaters.

—D.H.S.—

Only a handful of fans went to the Decatur-Garrett football game Friday night. The adults outnumbered the students by far. Be sure to follow the Jackets to New Haven Friday night!

—D.H.S.—

The final election of class sponsors and officers was held today. The results of these elections will be published next week.

—D.H.S.—

Members of the yearbook staff held their first meeting last week. Each member is trying to decide upon a capable junior assistant. This year, the "Ravelings" will be the 50th anniversary edition, which promises to be a big one.

—D.H.S.—

Last week, the students in the chemistry classes were assigned their lockers and laboratory equipment. This week they have been

Kenny Fuhrman was elected chorus president. Other officers serving with him are: Winnie Raffert, vice president; Linda Kruetzman, secretary-treasurer; Rosie Bultemeyer and Lila Kruetzman, librarians; and Dave Singleton and Roger Spencer, property managers.

—M.H.S.—

Congratulations to the D.H.S. band, the director Mr. Reed, and the majorettes for their fine performance in the Bluffton fair last week.

—M.H.S.—

Lois Gerke returned home Sunday after spending a week in Washington, D.C., and New York City on a 4-H trip. Lois was one of the 32 girls selected from Indiana.

—M.H.S.—

Not to forget sports, the MHS baseball team has played several games in the past weeks. The second game of the season, with Geneva, was lost by the score of 5 to 3. The next game, with Decatur Catholic, was another story. Monmouth won by the score of 7 to 6. The game on September 21 with Hartford was also won by the MHS team.

—M.H.S.—

John Lands, a junior at Central, suffered a crushed shoulder in a recent tractor mishap. On Friday he underwent an operation at the Lutheran hospital in Fort Wayne. How about everyone sending him a card. His room number is 229. Central students wish John a speedy recovery.

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