

Two Crews Finish Space Flight Tests

MARIETTA, Ga. (UPI) — Two Air Force crews have completed an earth-bound "space flight" here that could lead the way to manned space flights much sooner than originally expected, the Air Force announced today.

Two separate six-man crews from the Strategic Air Command went through a psychological study of 15 days each to find out how long a small crew can work efficiently on a prolonged space flight.

The test was conducted by Lockheed Aircraft Corporation's human factors research laboratory

for the Air Research and Development Command's Wright Air Development Division. Results of the test now are being analyzed. "If the test results show that six men can do the work which normally requires 12 men we will save tremendously in the amount of power required to send a manned rocket into outer space," Dr. W. Dean Chiles, project officer, said.

"This saving might mean that we could start the exploration of outer space several years sooner," he added.

The six-man crews sat at flight stations and operated "consoles" which made a continuous test of their performance. They were on duty four hours and off two around the clock while sealed in a tiny simulated "space cabin."

Multiple Sclerosis Drive Is Underway

The need for large sums of money to find the cause and a cure for multiple sclerosis, and the great need to acquaint the public with this crippling disease, are the two reasons the MS drive does not unite with a federated fund-raising campaign, Mrs. Vernon Hurst, Adams county MS chairman, announced the reasons through a statement from the state MS chapter.

Due to the general lack of knowledge about multiple sclerosis, it is felt by the state board that a separate drive focuses more attention on MS. This drive will attract the attention and interest of the public, so that in years to come, research can come up with a cure for this dreaded crippling.

The statement added that this separate drive policy has the approval and commendation of the American medical association.

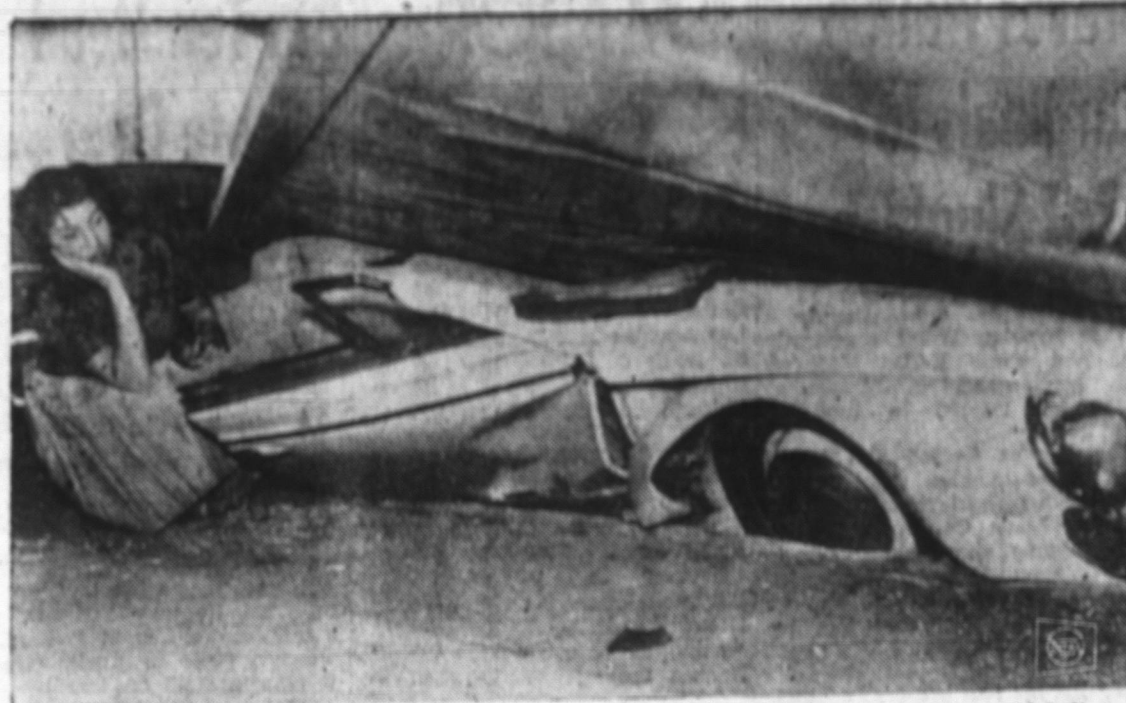
Cannisters for donations to the MS drive will be placed in stores in Decatur, Monroe, Geneva and Berne this week.

Merger Is Studied By Four Townships

One of the eight school district reorganization plans now being considered by Wells county includes a school district which would include Washington and Harrison townships of Blackford county, and Jackson and Chester townships in Wells county.

Johnny Staton Wins In Boxing Tourney

Johnny Staton was the light-heavy winner at the Gra-Y boxing tournament held Saturday at the YMCA in West Palm Beach, Florida. Johnny is the son of Mrs. Martha Staton and a great-grandson of Mrs. John H. Heller. Johnny attended Lincoln school last year, where he was in the sixth grade.



THAT LONG, LOW LOOK—Maggie Martinez views her new foreign economy car which lies squashed under a tipped tractor-trailer carrying 25,000 pounds of cargo in Los Angeles. It has that low-to-the-ground look so popular in Southern California.

Sen. Kennedy Opens Maryland Campaign

ROCKVILLE, Md. (UPI)—Sen. John F. Kennedy (Mass.) today opened his Maryland Democratic presidential primary campaign with a strong plea for immediate federal aid to education.

"American education today is in a crisis, and the sorry prospects are that without prompt federal action that crisis will only grow worse," he told the United Women's Democratic Club in this suburban community near the nation's capital.

The 42-year-old Massachusetts senator's only major rival for Maryland's 24 Democratic convention votes in next Tuesday's primary is Sen. Wayne Morse (Ore.).

Morse promised to step up his campaign in the wake of Kennedy's smashing victory in the West Virginia primary Tuesday.

Kennedy's Maryland campaign called for plenty of handshaking, speeches, and tight timetables for travel by car, bus, helicopter and plane. This was the same formula he used in winning the Wisconsin and West Virginia races.

He confined his first day of campaigning in Maryland to appearances in Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties, fast-growing areas adjacent to Washington.

In addition to the Rockville speech, Kennedy scheduled two early morning talks at scientific laboratories, a dedication of a county Democratic club building, a tea, and hand-shaking visits to several shopping centers.

In his prepared speech to the Women's Democratic Club, Kennedy urged President Eisenhower not to veto a "vital" Senate-passed aid-to-education bill if it reached his desk. The measure would provide federal funds for classroom construction and teachers' salaries.

To Receive Bids On Painting 23 Bridges

Bids will be taken at the state house annex in Indianapolis June 7 on the painting of 23 steel bridges in Adams county, the state highway department announced today.

Bids are invited on the scraping and cleaning of approximately 3,127 lineal feet of bridge and the applying of approximately 1,354 gallons of paint.

Grandmother Of Local Lady Dies Tuesday

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Charles C. Sherwood, 86, of Toronto, O., grandmother of Mrs. Jack Harker of Decatur. She had been in failing health for the past nine months, and died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. O. R. Steele, of Warren, O. Mr. and Mrs. Harker will leave Friday for the funeral services in Toronto, O.

To Give Report On Electra Airliners

BURBANK, Calif. (UPI) — The Electra prop-jets get their report card today—results of an urgent six-week multimillion dollar test program to find out why three of the passenger-laden airliners have crashed.

Lockheed Aircraft called a meeting with representatives from airlines now flying 136 Electras—at reduced speeds—the Airline Pilots Assn., federal aviation agencies and their own technical people.

At the session, the test results, any modifications and modification costs will be discussed. Although a closed meeting, Lockheed said it would have a formal announcement on the 2½ million dollar test program later in the day, probably early this afternoon.

Lockheed Chairman Robert Gross indicated there would be modifications when he said Wednesday the "improvement program" would cost not more than 25 million dollars.

One of the chief detectives in the mystery crashes of the five million dollar plane has been Herman (Fish) Salmon, Lockheed chief engineering test pilot who is a former airplane race winner and long-time research flyer.

He has conducted the most dangerous portion of the tests—flying a heavily-instrumented Electra into the worst turbulence he could find over the lofty Sierra Nevada range. He has flown the Electra at loads far above its design limit into the rough weather in a deliberate attempt to try to make it break apart.

Two crashes particularly interested the Lockheed technicians—those at Buffalo, Tex., and Tell City, Ind., where clear weather turbulence was believed the cause. The other Electra fell into the East River at New York.

"No air turbulence that I know of could possibly have caused the crashes," Salmon said. "The plane is strong enough to withstand extreme air turbulence."



GOOD SCOUT—Only 12 years old, Bruce Dreon is already an Eagle Scout, the highest scouting rank. The Minneapolis, Minn., lad has been a scout for only a year and a half. He has won 25 merit badges and is an assistant patrol leader.

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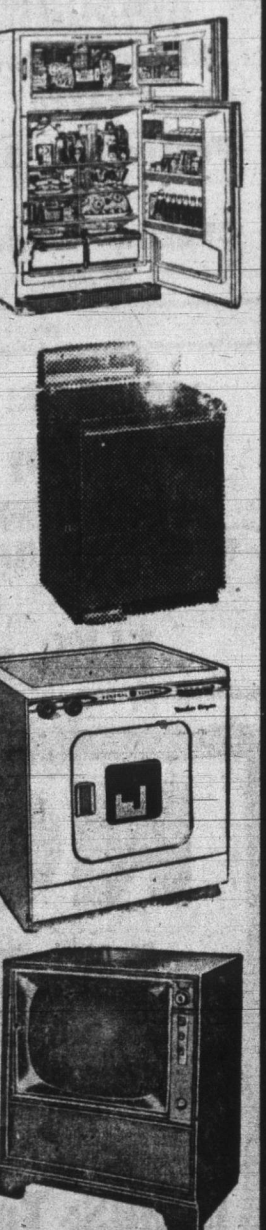
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