

EDITORIALS:

SPACE FLIGHT OPEN POLICY

Commander Alan Shepard has become the first American to soar into outer space. For this unprecedented feat he is due the nation's acclaim and, no doubt, the other free people of the world and more under the Communist yoke will join in recognizing Shepard and his achievement.

The Shepard flight, reaching 115 miles above the earth and 300 miles down range, stands out as a fine example of our nothing-to-hide policy. The world knew well beforehand what was about to take place, knew something about what went on during the flight and was kept informed about the successful return and recovery of the astronaut.

No such conditions prevailed about the flight which Moscow says Gagarin made some weeks ago. All we know is Gagarin's "beautiful sight" remark and a great volume of words from the Kremlin. The record shows that Kremlin

words have been as cheap as desert sand and we do not believe that there has been a change. What convincing evidence do we have that Gagarin got there? How many if any tried it before and failed to come back safely? The whole matter is debatable.

Again, the Shepard flight represents a planned scientific procedure without a motive to be "first" or to set a record. Nothing was left to chance insofar as humanly possible. The life and safety of the astronaut had a much higher priority than the matter of being first in space.

But this is only the beginning, officials say. More flights are scheduled involving greater distances and more astronauts. Cruises around the moon are on the planning boards and landings on the moon are contemplated. Certainly, Commander Shepard has set the pace and the end, if there is to be an end, is not in sight.

THAT YAWNING GAP

A full bow to Grandmother Conger for putting first things first in the dairy industry. Grandmother Conger is Mrs. Mary Conger of Iola, Kansas. She and her husband Carl own a 720-acre dairy at Iola. Both were reared on farms and met at Kansas State University. Carl works in the next county as a conservation agent and Grandmother (of four) Conger looks after their 225 holsteins when he is away. Mrs. Conger must know a thing or two about dairying for she was invited the other day to express her views before the U.S. House Agriculture committee, the invitation coming from Caiman Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina.

The committee listened while she told them that farmers just can't make out without some program to adjust supply and demand. Further, in her view, farmers are often at opposite ends on what the program should be. But the greatest fear, still her view, is that farmers will wind up with no government program at all. Then she got down to the situation which prevails between the cow and the consumer.

She said: For eight years there has been a yawning gap between the prices

she and her husband must pay for their equipment and the price of milk they sell. They have doubled and tripled their milking herds in an effort to close the gap. Her duty is to milk in the morning, getting up before dawn with coyotes yipping in the back pasture. The beams of her flashlight pick out 100 holsteins. They don't want to get up. They're as lazy as people. She walks around them and whoops and hollers. Then she thinks of how many people they are supporting.

These cows and others like them support the milk industry with its processors, shippers, and milkmen. They support the farm machine industry, pesticide makers, service organizations and dozens of others.

The picture is then inescapable, she went on, a giant inverted economic pyramid balanced with its apex resting on the farmer and his cows. So it's very important for the cows to get up in the morning.

So when you pick up that carton of fresh milk from the front door step in the morning, remember that the cows and a great mass of people had to get up hours earlier to get it to you.

REA OBJECTIVES OUTLINED

The recently confirmed director of the Rural Electrification administration, Mr. Norman Clapp of Wisconsin, had some significant views on the aims and objectives of the REA in a recent address in Oklahoma. If we were to boil down Mr. Clapp's address in two words, we would say that he emphasized the "security aspect" of the growing system of supplying electric power to rural areas. He points out two goals necessary to achieve security of the program:

The first would guarantee a secure power supply for cooperatives through fair power supply contracts or let the REA generate its own power.

The second goal would develop rural power systems to such an extent that the systems would be essential factors in the creation of new industries.

Then he assured his listeners that a study would be made looking toward the linking together of regional transmission lines. He went on to the effect that power supply would receive top

priority in the REA program and further that power supply facilities are going to be developed to meet the increasing demand.

These objectives, Mr. Clapp explained, are based on certain future demands. In 1960 REA demands totaled 29 billion kilowatt-hours. By 1970 these requirements will rise to 68.6 billion kilowatt-hours. In 1985 the demand is expected to climb to 196 billion kilowatt-hours.

He said REA is going to meet these demands by pursuing an aggressive policy leading toward more abundant power and low cost power for all rural Americans. In addition, he said REA is going to be in the fight to help cooperatives maintain their territorial integrity. We know, he explained, that protecting your territory is becoming a critical problem and we are going to assist you in every way possible in solving this problem.

PLEASE PUT IT ON THE FRONT PAGE

Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune, Storm Lake, Iowa

"Now, please put it on the front page where everybody will see it!" How often we newspaper folks hear that.

Why, bless your hearts, gentle read-

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ers, if we thought people read only the first page of our paper, we'd print one page every week and quit.

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"As far as we know, the U. S. is the only country that finds victory just as expensive as defeat."—D. O. Flynn.

"JONAS!"



Time and Tide

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Joe Mathes, baseball scout for the St. Louis Cardinals, had shown an interest in Jack Hughes, Southport pitcher; there was talk of erecting sweet potato dehydration plants in this area, including one in Brunswick county; and Banker Prince O'Brien had just returned from the State Bankers Convention at Pinehurst.

May 16, 1951, and menhaden fishing already was in progress, this fact being attested by a front page picture of a local boat crew at work. Early catches of king mackerel had been unusually good. The N. C. Society of County Historians had made a boat trip down the Cape Fear River on the previous Sunday and had been greatly impressed with the wealth of historic material in this area.

Facilities for taking care of summer visitors at the N. C. Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell had been expended in anticipation of needs during the forthcoming season; trustees of Doshier Memorial Hospital had set out to raise the sponsors' share of funds with which to renovate that building; Southern Bell was planning to install radio-telephone service at Shallotte; and Jerry Ball and Archie Thornhill had done another benefit show here in Southport.

Time moves on, and now it is just five years ago. Jerry Ball and Archie Thornhill were back again at the same old stand, and there was a front page picture to prove it. State Geologist Jasper L. Stuckey and Federal Geologist Harry LeGrand were in Brunswick to check the fantastic flow of freshwater from "Bouncing Log Spring."

Star Route mail service was now available to residents of Caswell Beach, Yaupon Beach and Long Beach; a grand total of \$1,600 in cash or useful gifts had been raised for Doshier Memorial Hospital in the annual supper put on under the leadership of Mrs. H. B. Smith; and members of Southport Presbyterian Church were getting ready to launch a building program, with an educational building being their first objective.

SHALLOTTE GIRL

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May 28 for Washington, D. C. and return the following Saturday.

The all-expense paid trip for the week's stay in the nation's capital, is awarded by the Star-News Newspapers as a public service.

The spotlight is not strange to this young lady, for she has been something of a child prodigy in an entirely different category. As one of the outstanding students of the Belcher Dance Studio she has appeared on countless programs, both in Brunswick county and in other parts of the state. On occasion she performed at the State Lions Convention.

She is a good student and earned the praise of Mrs. Musette Arnold, sponsor of the spelling contest at Shallotte, and of her home room teacher, Mrs. Betty Hewett.

TOO MUCH TALK

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court adjourned on Monday. Trial of several civil actions began on Tuesday morning and will continue for several days.

LELAND WOMAN

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son by a former marriage. Larry Edward Watson of the home; a brother, Clifton Barnhill of Wilmington; a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Wood, Baltimore, Md.; eight half-brothers, Linwood, Carlton, Eugene, and Hubert Barnhill of Lexington, Wilbur, Jr., Thomas,

David and Michael Barnhill, all of Wilmington; and four half-sisters, Mrs. Evelyn Becham, Lexington, Mrs. Elsie Brown, Leland, Mrs. Juanita Britt and Miss Helen Barnhill, both of Wilmington.

TWO BRUNSWICK

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ice. The course consisted of lectures and films and was designed to show town, county and state officials effective means of controlling mosquitoes.

Those attending the sessions went to Pamlico county Thursday to study a major drainage project to control mosquitoes.

On the instruction staff of the school are the following:

C. E. Gerhardt, entomologist, Region III, USPHS, Charlottesville, Va.; B. F. Bjornson, assistant chief, insect and rodent control, training branch, USPHS, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. A. F. Chestnut, director, Institute of Fisheries Research, UNC, Morehead City; Dr. E. W. Constable, state chemist, Department of Agriculture, Raleigh; Dr. George Jones, extension entomologist, State college, Raleigh; Charles J. McCotter, senior sanitarian, Pamlico County Health department, Bayboro.

Charles M. White, chief, insect and rodent control section, State Board of Health, Raleigh; Sidney H. Usty, sanitary engineer, State Board of Health, Raleigh; Dewey W. Boseman, sanitary engineer,

State Board of Health, Bath.

Norwood Keith Oates, sanitary engineer, State Board of Health, Beaufort, and Donald F. Ashton, entomologist, State Board of Health, Raleigh.

ARTISTS EXHIBIT

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ists gallery in Wilmington.

Both she and Mr. Berkman will speak at later meetings of the Association, and will participate in the coming Arts Festival on the Fourth of July weekend.

The Arts Festival plans are progressing well and it is hoped that the local organizations will send representatives to the next meeting of the Southport Art Association to arrange for concessions and entertainment. The meeting will be held in the library

Not Exactly News

R. V. Asbury, weekend guide at Brunswick Town, came to see us late Sunday afternoon, still dressed in his colonial costume. (See pix on front page of last week's State Port Pilot), as we walked across the street little redheaded Al Martin spied this gentleman in strange attire and called out, "Say, who's that?" For a quick, comprehensive answer he yelled back "He's a page out of the past." "Yeah," he said, "he looks like Captain Hook!"

Be it remembered that on the evening of May 16, 1961, it hailed in Southport, and not even the oldtimers could recall when there had been another storm like this. Hurricanes hit harder and perhaps leave greater damage, but the sight of houses and other buildings with broken window panes and street littered with debris that had been shredded by the falling ice were strange to see. . . . When the storm passed out to sea, the ground was literally covered with ice. Where it had drifted, it was several inches deep; and this morning there was still ice in many places about the town. . . . It is a miracle that there were no deaths or serious injuries.

When Vito Ragazzo, member of the football coaching staff at Carolina, was in Southport Monday night to see Ben Blake about going to school up there this fall he said that he wanted to talk to some of the younger boys, hoping to keep a line on them as they develop. We introduced him to one such prospect, and the last thing Coach Ragazzo said to him was, "Be sure and bear down on the books, boy. It doesn't make much difference how well you can play sports if you cannot stay in school." . . . The Shallotte track team last year and this year has done more to create local interest in this sport than everything that had been said or written about it before. Out at Supply and at Shallotte this week we have noticed a jumping standard, complete with sawdust pit, where youngsters are learning to pole vault and high jump.

The other day when we opened a new package of Palmolive soap and found a pink cake inside we felt like somebody was kidding us. For years we have felt that this was about the most masculine of the soft soaps, and somehow we had the idea that olive oil had something to do with the green color. So now it turns out to be pink, and sissy. We feel like we used to when one of our buddies started going with the girls. . . . Anybody watching TV last night—or trying to—must have known that something unusual was in the air. We never saw so much interference from electricity. Most of the folks in town had no idea who won the Emmy Awards until they read their morning newspaper.

"Carthage in Flames" is the Friday-Saturday show at the Amuza. . . . Down at Shallotte at Holiday Drive-In "Where The Boys Are" is the big attraction Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

at 8 p. m. on Monday night, May 29. The public and all interested in the Arts are urged to attend.

HAIL STORM BLASTS

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ings, in addition to homes in the community, had glasses smashed. Among the more serious losses appeared to be the two school houses and churches with stained glass windows. Hailstones beat in through the wood shingle roof at Trinity Methodist Church.

In other instances roofs that were covered by asbestos or slate shingles were seriously damaged by the hailstones.

As a result of the damage to trees, the ground was littered

with debris today, and early this morning City Manager C. D. Pickersrell and Mayor Eddie Hahn were supervising the job of cleaning up, with all of the city forces being used in this operation.

Ironically, most of the damage will not be covered by insurance since the \$100 deductible applies not only to windstorm damage but to damage caused by hail.

SHALLOTTE FINALS

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Judy Carol Varnam, Nancy Jane Varnam, James Reginald Walker, Larry Dillon Ward, Willie June White, Zadie Legwin Williams, Betty Pearl Woodard, Lenora Victoria Woodard.

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