

Women celebrate 55 years of voting

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Women around the nation celebrated a 55-year-old victory on Tuesday by pledging to fight for further gains in their struggle for full equality.

Most of the activities marking the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote were low key in contrast to the fervor of previous equal rights demonstrations.

President Ford declared his determination "to make our government a showcase of equal opportunity." He said Women's Equality Day "reminds us of how much more needs to be done to make equal opportunity a reality in our national life."

One of Ford's own staff members, Patricia Lindh, a presidential assistant on women, said in a speech in Kittery, Maine, that the federal government remains a male-dominated institution.

But she said there are signs of progress. "Bit by bit, bill by bill, case by case and decision by decision, we are closing the gap," she said.

The National Organization for Women sponsored a series of demonstrations around the country focusing on everything from equal employment opportunities to crime in the streets.

A major aim of some of the demonstrators is ratification of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment banning discrimination because of sex. The amendment must be ratified by 38 states by 1979 to become law and thus far has won approval in 34.

Some of Tuesday's celebrations harked to the days of the suffragettes. Three women who fought for adoption of the 19th Amendment and who voted for the first time in 1920 were special guests as Pennsylvania Gov. Milton Shapp signed a proclamation designating Aug. 26 as Equal Rights Day.

Gov. Daniel Walker of Illinois prepared to sign a bill making the birthday of suffrage leader Susan B. Anthony a state holiday.

The U.S. Postal Service chose Seneca Falls, N.Y., scene of the first women's suffrage convention in the United States, to issue a com-

memorative stamp celebrating 1975 as International Women's Year.

Women today are in the majority, comprising more than half the U.S. population. A Census Bureau sur-

vey also showed that almost four million more women than men voted in 1972, although the percentage of eligible women actually casting ballots was smaller than the percentage of eligible men who did so.

Surgery on astronaut reveals benign lesion

HOUSTON — Surgeons removed a small, benign nodule from the left lung of astronaut Donald K. Slayton on Tuesday and said the spaceman should recover fully.

Dr. Charles Berry, Slayton's long-time physician, said a three-to-four-centimeter wedge was removed from Slayton's lung and that studies showed that a nodule within the specimen was not malignant.

Berry told a news conference following the 2½-hour operation that there is no way to determine what caused the nodule and there was no evidence of other lesions.

Slayton, 51, one of the nation's original seven Mercury astronauts, was discovered to have the lesion — about the size of a pencil eraser — during detailed X-ray examinations following the Apollo-Soyuz spaceflight.

Slayton and his crewmates, Thomas P. Stafford and Vance Brand, inhaled poison gas during the final minutes of their mission last month. They were confined to a Hawaiian hospital and doctors conducting detailed X-rays found the nodule in Slayton's lung.

Berry called Slayton "an extremely lucky man."

"The odds are about 50-50 in persons of this age range, slightly more toward malignancy with a history of

previous smoking such as Mr. Slayton has," Berry said.

Slayton was a moderate to heavy smoker for about 30 years but quit 2½ years ago.

"I fully expect to see him qualified to return to flying status," said Berry, former chief flight surgeon for the space agency.

Slayton is expected to be hospitalized another 10-12 days. Berry said it is "a reasonable expectation" that Slayton will be able to make a Sept. 22 tour of the Soviet Union with his Apollo crewmates and with the two cosmonauts of the Soyuz.

Sixth 'Aggie Jokes' book released

DALLAS — Two Texas A&M students went on their first ice-fishing trip, caught 300 pounds of ice and drowned when they tried to fry it.

That's one of the new ones in the sixth edition of the book "Aggie Jokes," released Monday during a meeting of the Dallas Advertising League.

The book has been coming out for the past 10 years, long before the Polish jokes became the craze of the country.

By the way, one Aggie said his gal kissed him. The second Aggie asked, "Did you kiss her back?"

"Nope," came the answer, "I kissed her mouth."

There were even awards given

this year to the three best new Aggie jokes submitted for the latest edition. The winners received frog gags, because Texas A&M's favorite football yell is "Gig 'em Aggies."

The book is published by three Dallas advertising executives who wish to remain anonymous but are graduates of Texas Christian Uni-

versity, Georgia Tech and Missouri. The 113 new jokes were selected from 578 mailed in from 52 Texas towns, 10 other states and Quito, Ecuador.

Everybody at the advertising league meeting thought the book was a dandy, everybody but Horace Thomas of Dallas, the only Texas

Aggie in the crowd. Thomas said, "I guess I view this whole thing with mixed emotions. I know it's all in fun, but there is a spirit at Texas A&M that will never die."

And, there was the Aggie who tried to stand on his hands and broke both of them.

Lion for sale: smart but vain

AUSTIN — Two Austin men are trying to sell a big cat who is smart enough to open doors with her paw and loves to look at herself — for hours — in the mirror.

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here but were unable to buy one.

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