

# Space Medic Set To Explain Work

Astronaut William E. Thornton, M.D., will be in Scranton Wednesday to acquaint area residents with recent developments in NASA's manned space program.

The public is invited to attend the scientist-astronaut's major address at 8 p.m. at Everhart Museum. Dr. Thornton will detail NASA's past, present and future space explorations and summarize the many spin-off benefits.

Sponsored by the Museum Association of Scranton, Inc., the program is free of charge. Jeffery Graham, program chairman, urged high school students to attend.

Dr. Thornton is expected to arrive at 11 a.m. at the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Airport and will be greeted by members of the Museum Association, headed by Mr. Graham and William Speare, science curator at the museum.

The space doctor will first stop at Community Medical Center, where he will hold a news conference and discuss

with area doctors how space medicine research and NASA innovations can be used effectively in modern hospitals.

Dr. Thornton will be the guest speaker at 1 p.m. at the Kiwanis Club meeting at the Jermyn Motor Inn. Immediately following, Mayor Eugene Peters will officially welcome him during ceremonies at City Hall.

The astronaut also will be a special guest at the annual Chamber of Commerce dinner at 7 p.m.

Dr. Thornton holds a bachelor of science degree in physics and a doctorate in medicine from the University of North Carolina. He served with the United States Air Force Aerospace Medical Division in San Antonio, Tex., and subsequently applied for astronaut training.

Since his selection in 1967 as a scientist-astronaut, Dr. Thornton has embarked on a program of intensive training in preparation for future manned space flights.

The Museum Association has previously offered programs of science, Far Eastern intelligence reports, modern dance, jazz, and other museum-related art forms.