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## MAN ON THE STREET

### Reaction To Moon Landing Varies

Along with other people from the planet earth, Bessemer City citizens Sunday, July 27, observed with awe the wonder of man's landing and walking on a satellite in space. One Bessemer City native felt left behind. That was Samuel Martin Smith who offered his services for a first moon visit back in 1953. As an eight-year-oldster, he read that the Navy had developed and designed a space capsule capable for a moon visit. At the same time, the Army research announced that the United States could put two men on the moon at a cost of ten billion dollars. Sam was so excited over prospects of Man on the moon that he wrote a letter to President Dwight Eisenhower offering his services for being the first man to be sent to the moon. At that time, the idea of

going to the moon was so far-fetched, that Sam's letter and photo were picked up by wire services and published in newspapers throughout the United States.

His letter drew an answer from Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President, who wrote on White House blue-inked stationery to thank Sam and to express the President's appreciation.

Sixteen years later, NASA sent two men to the moon's surface for around twenty-four billion dollars--and Sam was not one of the men.

Now at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas working with the combined Arms Research Office, Smith called home during the moon walk and said, "Look--someone else got my job."

A local woman reported she got so upset when it took Neil Armstrong and Edward Aldrin so long to get ready to leave The Eagle for the moon's

surface, "I stopped looking and went to bed."

When she woke up the next morning, she said, "I was so afraid something had happened to them I wouldn't turn on the radio or television. I went out in the yard and got the morning newspaper--but I was too scared to open it."

Eventually she admitted she partially opened the paper and took a quick peek at the headlines.

"I was so relieved to see those large headlines," she exclaimed.

Another woman sort of lost a portion of her interest for personal reasons. Knowing that Neil Armstrong would be the first man to walk on the moon, she was real put-out when she found out the moon-walking Neil Armstrong was not the man she thought he was.

She had taken for granted he was Neil Armstrong, son of Preacher Earl Armstrong of Gastonia.

### At Apollo 11 Blastoff

When man's most historic moment took place in its first stage, a Bessemer City family was on hand to see the blast-off of Apollo 11 in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Newton requested to have their vacations this past week so that they could take their four-year-old daughter Mary Ann to see the send-off for man's first attempt to walk on a planet in space.

"Mary Ann will be studying about man landing and walking on the moon in school and we just wanted her to be able to say she saw Apollo 11 take off to carry the first men to the moon," said Mrs. Newton.

The Newtons visited with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goodman, who live fifteen miles from Cape Kennedy.

"There were so many people there to see the launching," Mrs. Newton said, "that we couldn't breathe. It was awful," she added.

"When the blast off took place, you saw a flash of fire in the sky. It shook the windows, even fifteen miles away."

Prior to the launching, the Newtons had explained to Mary Ann that she would see three astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Edwin Aldrin, going to the moon.

Following the first stage of the blast off, the Newtons left the place from where they had been watching. Mary Ann explained, "just one man's gone to the moon. I want to see the other two go."

The Newtons had to admit that in comparison, Mary Ann was more interested in visiting the Gater Farm in Orlando. But they figure in future years, she'll value telling about seeing the launching of Apollo 11 more than she will recalling her first look at an alligator.

The Newtons returned here to watch on television Armstrong and Aldrin walk on the moon.

Mrs. Newton is the former Shirley LaCount, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam LaCount. She works for Jenkins Comber Renedy & Metal Works, Inc. Mr. Newton works for North American Mills.



LAD LOOKING TO LUNAR LEAP

Samuel Martin Smith, above, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Smith of Bessemer City, let the moon get in his eyes recently. He wrote a letter to President Eisenhower asking permission to go along on the United States' first expedition to the moon. A second-grader, he is eagerly awaiting the President's reply.

### Free Swim Starts On The 30th

A portable swimming pool has been placed on the grounds of the Bessemer City Community Action Center at 127 West Pennsylvania Avenue. It is free to the public. The large swimming pool was donated by the Gaston County Red Cross and the Charlotte Observer Charities. The Red Cross is supervising its usage.

The pool is to be used throughout the county under the community Action organizations.

A life guard is to be on duty while the pool is open and in use. The town of Bessemer City is paying for the services of the life guard.

The pool is to open Wednesday, July 30, from the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. All age groups can take advantage of the free swimming. Tom Richie, the local Community Action director, says if necessary, swimmers may be divided into age groups, depending on the number of persons who take advantage of the opportunity of the free swimming program.

### Sisters Meet In France

Misses Dorothy, Gaynelle and Vickie Stinnett visited with one another while all three were in Europe. They met in Vichy, France.

Vickie, a '69 Bessemer City High School graduate, won on a study tour, studying for three weeks in Vichy, France, and touring for three weeks. She is now having orientation at Elon College where she has enrolled as a freshman.

Dorothy went to Europe in April. At the present, she is touring in London where she plans to work for the coming year.

Gaynelle taught in Germany for two years under the Dependents School program. While there, she traveled in twenty-seven countries, including Russia, Poland, etc. She says her favorite country was Morocco because "it is so completely different." She is now visiting here prior to leaving for Japan where she will teach the first grade for the coming school term in Yokohama.

After being in Europe for two years, Gaynelle says she notices a difference between Americans and Europeans in such things as manners, eating habits, shopping, etc.

They are the daughters of Mrs. Gay Stinnett and the late Mr. Stinnett.



MARY ANN NEWTON

### Crosby Stationed In Honolulu

William Crosby who has been serving aboard the U. S. S. Jenkins, is now with the U.S.S. Morris. The U. S. S. Jenkins was recently decommissioned.

Crosby's home port is now at Pearl Harbor.

His wife, the former Gail Carpenter, plans to leave for Honolulu to make it her home. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Carpenter.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen A. Crosby.



BATH HOUSE A REALITY-After a year of working on securing the finances, plans, Federal and State approvals, work is now underway to develop Phase One of the Bessemer City Recreation Park. A bath house is now under construction in the \$128,000 project. The town industries, individuals and clubs are paying half the costs of the park costs and the Federal Government has granted the remaining half. Town officials and a park committee appointed by the city council have worked together on the plans for the recreation park that is located off of South 14th Street Extension. Photo by Howard Thornburg, General chairman of the town's 1969 civic improvement program.

## Second Drowning Reported

### 25 Years Ago— In Bessemer City

The following news items were carried in THE GASTONIA GAZETTE twenty five years or more ago. Lois Lynette Sexton was correspondent:

Robert Lowe has completed his "boot training" at the naval base in Bainbridge, Md., and is spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forney Lowe...Mrs. Fred Kelso is recuperating from a recent tonsil operation...Mrs. M. E. Woody has returned from Fort Belvoir, Va., where her son William Woody has completed his officer's training course in the Engineers Corps....

Officers for Young People at Presbyterian Church are Emlyne Rhyne, president; Rachel Gamble, vice president; Marie Phifer, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Mattie Pharr, adult leader. The group held a picnic at the home of Fred Dameron...The Young Pianists Club met at the home of Mrs. Mary Keeter. Elizabeth Callis is president. Solos were played by Lenora Matkins, Jo Ann Styers and Mary Wolfe....

Avery Clark has returned to South Richmond, Va. after spending a furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark...Mrs. Dewey Clark is spending a few days with her husband in Norfolk, Va....

Mrs. A. J. Owen and daughters Pat and Frances of Lincolnton, visited with Mrs. Joe Rothman...Mrs. Roy Houser of Charlotte visited with her mother, Mrs. C. W. Fuller.... Mr. and Mrs. E. L. McMil-

lian have received word that their son, Glenn McMillian of Camp Maxey, Texas, is ill... Lt. Claude E. Short of Fort Sill, Okla., is home on leave. The annual Junior-Senior banquet took place in the dining room of the Baptist Church. Songs and readings were given by Kathryn Morrow, Miss Virgie Sellers, Miss Joyce Surratt, and Miss Kathryn Powell. Toasts were given by Hoke Coon, Fred Langford, Dorothy Sisk and Principal F. D. Kiser. Waitresses were Betty Sue Morgan, Kathryn Powell, Carolyn Kincaid, Margaret Poteat, Joyce Surratt, Dorothy McClean, Mildred Whitley and Lillian Payne....

Misses June and Pearl Smith entertained at a bridal shower for Miss Mattie Pharr whose engagement to Thomas Cooper, Jr. of Clayton, Ala., was recently announced. Prizes of war stamps were given to Mrs. Ed Winters, Miss Edna Creech, Miss Annie Dee Jackson, Mrs. Henderson Sarvis and Mrs. R. S. Plonk... George Phifer, A.S., stationed at Bainbridge, Md., spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Phifer...Pfc Madison Dameron is stationed at Keesler Field, Biloxi, Miss....

Following rehearsals for the wedding of Miss Dorothy Wolfe to Sgt. Theodore A. Lynn, Mrs. L. J. Gordon of Wilmington and Mrs. D. J. Wolfe entertained at a cake cutting at the home of the latter. Mrs. J. R. Curtis entertained at a party honoring Miss Eleanor Lindsay, bride-elect. Prizes were awarded Mrs. W. A. Lindsay Miss Lois Sexton and Mrs. Caesar Ramsey. Mrs. Lester Beam assisted in serving. Mrs. Robert Angle of Johnson City, Tenn., was an out of town guest....

A. W. Kincaid, Robert Kiser and Walter Whitley are in Raleigh attending the Masonic meeting being held there.... Sam Clemmer has been inducted into the Army at Fort Bragg. Pvt. Judd Harmon of Camp White, Ore., visited his mother, Mrs. C. W. Harmon...Sgt. William Ratchford of Fort Knox, Ky., visited his mother, Mrs. Nan Ratchford...Harry Ormand student at Davidson College, spent the weekend with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Ormand....

Pupils of Mrs. Mary F. Keeter presented a recital at Grace Lutheran Church. Pupils taking part were Eileen Best, Mary Lou Fortenbury, Billie Sue Richardson, Isabel Carson, Monique Barnes, Martha Albright, Rebecca Blackstone, Genora Robinson, Sara Kincaid, Joyce Ayers, Alma Tate, Mary Wolfe, Pauline Blackwood, Doris Watts, Lucille Best, Elizabeth Callis, Althea Gattings, Marvin Capps, Charlotte Thornburg, Sarah Maud Kincaid, Mary Albright, Margaret Bradley, Emelyn Rhyne, Barbara Robinson, Glista Kiser, Nancy Ruth Mauney and Peggy Pearson.

Sunday, just as The Eagle was sitting down on the moon, a Bessemer City teenager drowned in an artificial pond on the Watterson estate located behind Sisk Funeral Home.

Herbert E. Marlowe is the second teenage boy to drown this summer for the town. "Porky" Ashe, age fifteen, drowned earlier this year in Bessemer City Lake. He was the son of Mrs. Hazel Ashe.

The nineteen-year-old Marlowe was reported to be swimming alone ten feet from shore in ten feet of water when he sank beneath the water. Ronnie Cowart, age thirteen, heard his shout for help.

Ronnie said he kept his eyes on "the bubbles" while taking off his pants and inflating the legs. He used them to swim to Marlowe's rescue, but was unable to save him.

Meanwhile another youth ran for help. The Gastonia Life Saving Crew arrived and was able to recover Marlowe's body in five minutes time. Efforts to revive him failed.

A native of Madison County, Ga., Marlowe was the son of Clifford and Sarah Sorrows Marlowe of 418 E. Virginia Avenue. He worked for Parkdale Mill, Gastonia.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, at 11 a.m. at Sisk Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Ken Anthony officiating. Burial took place in Friendship Baptist Cemetery in Danielsville, Ga.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Sara Lee Snyder and Mary Frances and Susan of this city; six brothers, twins Rudolph and Randolph and Charles and Doyle Marlowe of this city, Johnny of Dallas and Cary of the U. S. Army stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga.

### Lindsay, Watt Return From Scout Jamboree

Scoutmaster George Lindsay and Scout Ronnie Watt have returned from Farragut State Park in northern Idaho where they attended the 7th National Boy Scouts of American Jamboree.

Scoutmaster Lindsay of Bessemer City Boy Scout Troop No. 37, served as an assistant Scout leader for boy scouts from the Piedmont Council. Watt is a patrol leader for Troop 37.

The Jamboree contingent representing the Piedmont Council left July 14 from Charlotte by jet. After leaving Charlotte, the group went north by Chicago and then west to Spokane, Washington, where it boarded a bus for the jamboree.

The Piedmont council was joined in nineteen camps by 35,000 fellow scouts from across America and twenty-three foreign countries.

The Jamboree week was one of high adventure, Watt reports, with numerous scouting activities taking place on the shores of Lake Pend Oreille in the northern Idaho Farragut State Park.

## Beauties Studying Make Up

The ten beauty contestants participating in the Miss Bessemer City 1970 pageant and their hostesses had a lesson Monday night for the study of the art of "make-up."

The pageant candidates and their hostesses met at the home of Miss Cynthia Lutz, Miss Bessemer City 1969, on North 12th Street Extension.

The course was taught by Mrs. Don McIntosh who with her husband conducts a school of dance and charm studio in Mt. Holly and Stanley.

The McIntoshes had assisted Cynthia prior to the Miss North Carolina pageant held in June in Charlotte. They worked with her in developing additional charm and in her talent entry.

Mrs. McIntosh gave a demonstration on make up to use both for street and stage lighting.

Contestants and their chaperones were: Camellia Lingerfeldt, and Mrs. Neil Barnes; Sandra Kay Ormand and Mrs. Robert Peck; Louise Davis and Mrs. Don Carver; Sherry Neal and Mrs. R. D. Coon; Josie Navey and Mrs. Eugene Bumgardner; Cynthia Lutz and Mrs. Jimmy Ramsey; Harriette Davis and Mrs. Phyllis Payne; Donna Davis and Mrs. Edgar Holbrook; Sandra Broome and Mrs. Wayne Isenhour; and Melva Whitesides and Mrs. Ann Wilson.

The Bessemer City Pageant takes place on August 23.

## Snapper Eatin' Time

For those who have the tooth and stomach - for turtle meat, now's the time to go turtle-baiting.

Warm days and nights are the times to stock the freezer with turtle meat, says Horace Darby who has the tooth, stomach and know-how for the turtle fare. His wife shares the ways of her husband when it comes to turtle-fried ones.

Mrs. Darby was the one who recently prodded her husband into making wire baskets which he bakes before he baits them with meat to lure turtles into the basket traps.

He set out three baskets near local streams and later in one, found a seven pound turtle. Just right for frying without parboiling, says Mrs. Darby.

The largest turtle Darby has caught weighed thirty-seven pounds. He caught it near Columbia in South Carolina several years ago. It had to be parboiled before frying.

In dressing turtles, Darby says he first cuts off their heads.

"The next morning, that mouth will still snap at you," he vows. "After you dress it, you can pick up the heart in your hand and it will still be beating."

In addition to snapping, turtles could be called jumping or leaping creatures. When it comes time for a snapping turtle to snap, he doesn't poke. He gives a big leap and he snaps at his prey.

Although both Mr. and Mrs. Darby like fried turtle, their children don't--and they have nine, five boys and four girls. "They'll look at turtles," says Mrs. Darby -- "but they won't eat them," she added.

## Strutts Hold Anniversary Celebration

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Strutt held a surprise family dinner in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

The dinner took place Friday night at the Strutt residence on North Inman Avenue where all the Strutts' children and their families were present.

Their children are Hoyle Strutt of Boone, Mrs. Creed Frazier III of Roanoke, Va., and Mrs. James Buchanan of Chester, S. C.

The Creeds remained for a visit prior to returning to their home.

Before her marriage, Mrs. Clyde Strutt was the former Grace Hoyle.

## Meet The Contestants



MISS JOSIE CLAUDETTE NAVEY

Josie Claudette Navey, pictured above, is one of the ten candidates competing for the Miss Bessemer City Pageant scheduled for Saturday, August 23. The pageant will take place in high school auditorium and is sponsored by Bessemer City News. Claudette is a rising senior at Bessemer City High School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Navey of Route 4, Clinton. She has studied piano for three years and plans to make a piano selection in the pageant for her talent entry. Claudette is secretary of the F. H. A., vice president of F. T. A., serving vice president of the Junior Class and belongs to the Monogram Club. Sewing is one of her hobbies. She plans to further education at Southeastern Beauty School, Charlotte. She is five feet-four inches tall, has blond hair, blue eyes and weighs 108 pounds. Mrs. Eugene Bumgardner is her pageant hostess.



MISS MELVA WHITESIDES

Melva Lena Whitesides is a 1969 graduate of Bessemer City High School and has enrolled in the freshman class at Appalachian State University, Boone. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harley Whitesides of Route 1. An English major, she plans to give a dramatic recitation of "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" for her talent. She won both Miss Golden Hours 1969 and Congeniality 1969 in BCHS Golden Hours Pageant, received Betty Crocker Award, was Who's Who, served on the annual, received a BCHS Dollars for Scholars scholarship, and belongs to the Beta Club and the Junior Civitan Club. Melva has brown hair and brown eyes, is five feet six inches tall and weighs 108 pounds. Mrs. Ann Wilson is her pageant hostess.