

Man Has Walked On The Moon

In story-book fashion, man has traveled to the moon, landed, walked the surface and is now on his way back to earth, and is now on his way back to earth.

Civilian Neil Armstrong, 38, stepped down on the surface of the



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moon Sunday night and planted his name in history. Twenty minutes later West Point graduate Edwin E. (Buzz) Aldrin became the second man to touch the surface of the moon. Overhead, in the darkness of space Air Force Colonel Mike Collins orbited the moon awaiting the time on Monday afternoon when he would become the most important link in the moon mission.

And Monday afternoon shortly after 5 o'clock, The Eagle met Columbia in space, docked. Today, the trio are on the long trip back home. Splashdown is scheduled for Thursday.

Behind them lies millions of years of dreams and discovery; of hopes and curiosity. Perhaps since Adam, man has wanted to explore the moon. And since that time, men have contributed their collective knowledge toward that dot in time: Sunday, July 20, 1969 A.D. at precisely 4:17:40 P.M. when man first landed on a planet not his own.

Here at home, locals watched the events on television—marveling not only at the fact that man was landing on the moon, but that sitting in their own homes, they were privileged to witness all the exciting events.

The man walk was moved up from the scheduled 2 A.M. Monday time to late Sunday night. The 9 P.M. mark was however missed and Armstrong stepped on the moon's surface at 10:56 P.M. When both men were moon bound, they uncovered a special plaque mounted on the leg of the LM—or Eagle, Lunar Module.

It read: "Here Men From The Planet Earth First Set Foot Upon The Moon July 1969, A.D. We Came In Peace For All Mankind". It was signed by the three Astronauts and President Richard Nixon.

Armstrong's first words as he made the historic first step were: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". Aldrin followed with: "Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful. A magnificent desolation".

The first words radioed back to earth after the lunar landing were from Armstrong. He said: "Tranquility base. The Eagle has landed". Man—this said—was on the moon.

Federal, state and county government observed Monday as Moonday in what may become a national holiday of the future. Flags flew throughout the local area and citizens—some sleepy, most tired, all elated—kept a watchful eye on the TV screen. Man was on his way back from the moon, but Thursday was still a long way off.



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Franklin Man Drowns In Kerr Lake Sunday

Grady Nelson Blackley, 24, of Route 1, Franklinton, drowned in Kerr Lake at Satterwhite Point about two o'clock Sunday afternoon. The veteran of the Vietnam war was the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. (Doc) Blackley of Franklinton, Route 1. He was unmarried. He was employed in the Neuse river plant of Burlington Industries.

Blackley and two other men were attempting to pull a boat to shore near the Tarheel Marina boat ramp in water five to six feet deep, it was said.

The body was recovered within an hour by the Vance Rescue Squad.

Blackley's two companions were identified by Deputy Sheriff K. K. Roberson as Robert Milton White and Mack Cooper, both of Franklinton. After the boat was pushed into deep water the other two men swam out to it, and looking back noticed that Blackley, a non-swimmer, was bobbing in the water. White swam to the man's aid and grabbed him momentarily, but could not pull him to shallow water.

In addition to his parents, Blackley is survived by a sister, Mrs. Louise B. King of Route 2, Oxford; two brothers, Bruce Blackley of Route 4, Zebulon, and Billy Blackley of Greenville, Miss., and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Leah Blackley of Route

4, Franklinton.

The body was first taken to the Waite and White Funeral Home and later turned over to the Sandling Funeral Home in Franklinton to be prepared for burial.

Funeral services were held today at 3 p.m. at the Sandling Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Dana Sprivner. Burial followed in the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church cemetery near Franklinton.

Permits Due

Louisburg businesses have until July 31, 1969 to buy Privilege Licenses for the coming year, Town Tax Collector R. Lee Johnson said Thursday.

He reported that \$3,085.75 has been collected since the licenses went on sale May 19. His office expects to collect a total of \$4,450 from the sale of the licenses by the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1970.

Johnson estimated a total of 280 businesses and tradespeople doing business in town must purchase licenses. Businesses which do not buy a license by July 31, 1969 will be charged a monthly penalty of 5 per cent of the original cost of the license.

Area Gets Third Daylight Robbery

The E. C. Edwards home on Wake Forest, Route 3, was entered by thieves last Thursday and Deputy Sheriff Dave Batton reports this is the third daylight robbery in the area in the last month and a half.

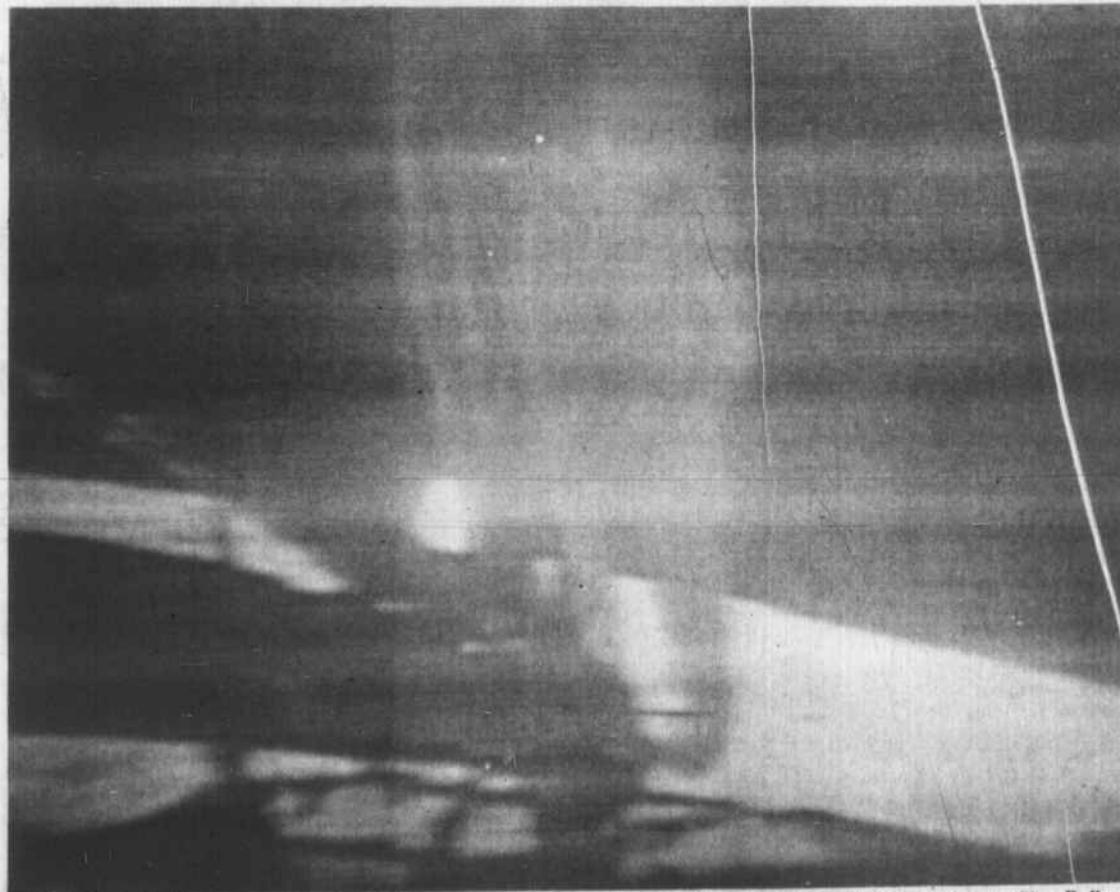
Batton says the haul from the Edwards home included an air conditioner, a television set, three shot guns, \$37 in silver and \$37 in paper money. Entry was made, according to Batton, by prying open a door.

The homes of A. C. Fuller, Route 2, Louisburg, and Clemon Pearce in the Red Bud Community have been entered in recent weeks, according to Batton and both were done during the daytime.

Sheriff William T. Dement issued a warning to citizens following this latest break-in, to securely lock their homes before leaving them. Dement is on vacation this week but investigation into this latest robbery is continuing.

as set up by state law.

Johnson said the cost of a license range from 50 cents, the rate for a shoe stand and up to \$67.50 for pool rooms. The charges vary as to the type of business one may be operating.



Staff Photo from CBS Television by Clint Fuller.

Man Steps On The Surface Of The Moon

Foul Play Suspected In Franklinton Death

The body of a 32-year-old Franklin Negro woman was discovered Sunday afternoon around 7:15 P.M. in a heavily wooded area in the Sour Wood Mountain section of the county eight miles northwest of Franklinton. The area where the body was found is near the Franklin, Granville, Vance County line.

Deputy Sheriff Dave Batton identified the woman as Maurine Cannady of Route 2, Franklinton. He said the woman's husband, Leroy Cannady identified the body.

Batton identified the two Negro men who discovered the body as Linwood Davis, 47, and Sol Perry, 56, both of Route 2, Franklinton.

The body was found down a path about a hundred yards from State Rural Road 1203 in a thicket. The woman's shoes were found across the path—the width of a car—in a position indicating that she had stepped from them. She was lying face down against an embankment.

Batton reports that Coroner James Edwards has ordered an autopsy performed on the body. He declined to

comment further on the investigation, but he did agree that foul play is suspected. He said he is awaiting the

Road Fatalities Below 1968

North Carolina is well on the way to its first reduction in traffic deaths in 12 years, the N.C. State Motor Club said today.

At the half-year mark on July 1, the state's traffic fatalities were running 102 less than the 868 counted at the same time last year, when the count was 113 deaths ahead of 1967. On July 15, this year's toll stood at 830 fatalities, 123 less than the same date in 1968.

If this rate of reduction is maintained for the rest of the year, the final 1969 tally could show the first significant decrease since 1956, when 57 fewer deaths were recorded than the 1,165 in 1955.

"The present downward trend in

highway deaths is the most encouraging factor in the state's safety picture in a long time," said Thomas B. Watkins, president of N. C. State Motor Club.

"We feel that it can be attributed in large measure to: (1) the leadership and teamwork of two capable veterans in the Motor Vehicles Department—Commissioner Joe Garrett and Col. Charles A. Speed, commander of the State Highway Patrol; and (2) the automobile inspection program that is keeping unsafe vehicles off the highways."

"The results seem to be bearing out Gov. Bob Scott's wisdom in selecting a career man to head the department."



Woman's Body Found

ARROW (1) WHERE BODY WAS FOUND. ARROW (2) WHERE SHOES WERE FOUND.