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WELCOME, BUZZ!

Town and College Plan Big Blast

THEY'RE SITTING ON TOP O' THE MOON

The Apollo II crew look their superbest as they examine a moon-globe at NASA headquarters. They are (from left) Montclair's Buzz, Mike Collins and Neil Armstrong.
A copy of the Newark News was ordered by the Public Information Office of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as isolation reading material for astronaut Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr. in Houston.

The issue carries a front page color picture of the three astronauts. The News also sent copies to the wives and families of the three men.

We love you Buzz.

Best Wishes to Buzz. The Calabrese Family.

Best Wishes to Buzz.

We hope all the Aldrins boost The Newark News!

A set of nine commemorative postage stamps have been released by the British West Indian island of Grenada honoring the Apollo II moonflight. The 3 cent and $1 releases are shown here. The 3 cent denomination depicts the famous plaque with President Nixon's signature and those of the three astronauts, and the $1 design features an astronaut collecting rock samples on the moon.
Town Plans Big Blast for Buzz

College Joins

In Festivities

Colonel Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin Jr., one of America's first two men to set foot on the moon, returns to his hometown today as thousands of Montclair and Essex county residents prepare to celebrate the arrival of the world-famous Apollo 11 astronaut.

Aldrin and his family will follow a tightly-knit schedule of events during their stay in Montclair which will last approximately 10 hours. Montclair Town Commissioner Theodore MacLachlan, director of parks and property who heads the planning committee for today's events, has outlined the celebration schedule:

Newark Airport will be the landing site for the Aldrin family some time early this morning. The first event scheduled is a half-hour press conference to be held in the board room of the town library on South Fullerton avenue. The conference is open only to reporters with formal press credentials.

Nine bands and 15 floats will headline the Buzz Aldrin Day parade to begin at 2:30 p.m., on Bloomfield avenue, rain or shine at 2:25 p.m., the town's air-raid sirens will sound a two-minute blast, heralding the start of the parade. Floats scheduled to appear are from the Knights of Columbus, the Jaycees, YWCA, Elks, Masons, St. Paul's Baptist Church of Montclair and the Boy Scouts.

A fire prevention float sponsored by the Montclair Savings Bank, and floats from the Kennedy Human Relations Project, Rounds Travel Agency, Applegate Farms, and the John J. Curley Stone Company will also appear. The Junior Essex Troop with 16 horses and a marching unit will be represented. Decorated cars will represent the Sherrifs office and the Girl Scouts. The Millburn Police drill team will perform precision marching.

The spotlight of the parade will be held by the float presented by the Montclair High School undefeated football team of 1946 of which Aldrin was the center. Clay Anderson, former football coach of Montclair High School, now Varsity coach at Montclair State College, will ride on the float along with Coach Angelo (Butch) Amott, town clerk, who has assisted MacLachlan with the celebration preparations. They were quickly sold out, however.

The menu will consist of Gulfport shrimp cocktail; individual beef Wellington, Bourdelaise sauce (beef tenderloin encased in puff pastry dough); stuffed baked potato; green beans with water chestnuts; princess salad, vinaigrette dressing (straw of lettuce, tomato, asparagus, green pepper and hard cooked egg garni); assorted hot rolls; ice cream parfait; coffee, milk or tea.

Mr. Seymour Rothman is director of dining services at Montclair State College for the ABC Gladieux Corp. which is catering the affair.

Dallas S. Townsend, CBS newscaster and Montclair resident, who covered the recovery of the Apollo 11 spacecraft, will be toastmaster at the dinner. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led by the Eagle Rock Council of the Boy Scouts. Clay Anderson is scheduled to speak at the dinner.

Fortunato and at least 14 members of the 1946 team. Participating bands and marching units will hail from Montclair, Glen Ridge, Bloomfield, Clifford Scott (East Orange) and Chatham Boro high schools, Morris County Militia Band, Newark Police Band sponsored by the Montclair Police Department, a Fort Dix Army Band and a bagpipe band sponsored by members of the Montclair Fire Department.

Twirlers from Montclair State College as well as from several of the above mentioned high schools will also appear. Immaculate Conception High School and Montclair Academy will be represented by cheerleaders.

The parade will proceed from Montclair center, west to Park street, north along Park to Chestnut street, east to Essex avenue and north to Woodman Field. In case of rain, the Woodman Field activities will be held in the Montclair High School auditorium.

Colonel and Mrs. Aldrin will be seated at the speaker's stand at the north end of the Woodman Field gridiron. Spectators will sit in the bleacher seats. Parade participants will enter the field to stand before the speakers. MacLachlan will preside as master of ceremonies. Opening the program will be the "Star Spangled Banner" sung by Phil Bennett, a Montclair band leader.

New Jersey Governor Richard J. Hughes will arrive by helicopter to attend the Woodman Field ceremonies. He will announce the initiation of a New Jersey Aldrin Scholarship fund for which $100,000 has already been allocated by the state legislature.

After the ceremony, Aldrin will ride through the Watchung plaza and Upper Montclair business districts.

Life Hall at Montclair State College will seat approximately 800 guests attending the banquet in honor of Aldrin, scheduled for 6:45 p.m. Mr. James Cottingham and Mr. Vincent Calabrese of the college are coordinators for the dining arrangements.

Tickets were available to the public for $10 apiece through Constance B. Calabrese of the college are coordinators for the dining arrangements.

Presentation of an honorary doctor of letters degree will be awarded to Aldrin, the first such degree to be granted by Montclair State College.

Notables who will attend the dinner are Sens. Clifford P. Case (R-NJ) and Harrison A. Williams Jr. (D-NJ), Montclair Mayor Matthew Carter, Rep. Peter Rodino (10th district) State Sen. James H. Wallwork, who attended Montclair High School and West Point with Aldrin, and ex-Senator Hawkes appointed Aldrin to the U. S. Military Academy.

Aldrin is scheduled to leave Montclair by 10 p.m.

Today will also be celebrated by the Essex County Freeholders as they voted unanimously on a resolution proclaiming Buzz Aldrin Day as a county event.

Funds raised through the Aldrin activities "may go to a scholarship fund, but plans are still up in the air," MacLachlan told the MONTCLARION recently.

LIFE HALL: The student union building at Montclair State College will house the banquet in honor of Buzz Aldrin. Some 800 guests are expected to attend.
The voyage of mankind has been one of experimentation, discovery and a search for self-fulfillment. Consequently, the walk on the moon taken by Col. Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. is the natural outgrowth of a highly-technological society.

We are all living in an era filled with insurmountable problems which we constantly read about in the daily press. The deep gaps that divide our nation have intensified harsh feelings toward America on the international scene. America, the ripest democratic society, is usually viewed with a magnifying glass by detractors and friends alike.

America is alone. We strive in our own way to make peace in a troubled world, yet there is war. We strive to halt poverty in our nation, yet there is hunger. We seek to compromise, yet there is filth, corruption, indecency and moral decay.

But no matter what the root cause of America's perplexing problems may be, the spirits of all humans have joined in prayer for the future of our nation as men walked on the moon.

Mankind, in its infinite struggle for self-fulfillment, can find inspiration in our nation's moonflight. Time is bound to work out the problems that foster hatred and indecency. And that journey to the moon can speed goodwill along.

To Buzz, we welcome you home. You and your colleagues have served to bring about a sense of pride and unity to our nation in these troubled times.

Your footprint upon the moon has left an imprint around the world.

Will you speak to your son? He claims some funny looking creatures put Uncle Harvey and Aunt Harriet into a box and flew off into outer space."

Thank You, One and All

This edition of the MONTCLARION is special for us in so many ways. Most importantly, the students of Montclair State College wish to join the thousands of town residents in welcoming its world-famous son.

The MONTCLARION, like so many other collegiate newspapers, is dependent upon many sources for its survival. And without the help of our many valued friends and resources, the publication of this edition would surely have never been.

Our sincerest thanks goes to the Daily News of New York City—one of the nation's leading newspapers—for giving us 10,000 front and back pages printed in color. And to The Montclair Times, grateful appreciation for loaning us pictures and allowing us to peruse their files. The Herald-News of Passaic and Life magazine have also aided us with photos and valuable information. And to NASA, United Press International and Gannett Newspapers of Florida, thank you all.

An early publication date also meant for us the lack of reporters to handle assignments. Despite prior commitments, we appreciate the time many have given us to put out this historic edition.

Individual thanks goes to Town Commissioner Theodore MacLachlan; Montclair State Vice-President for Business and Finance, Vincent Calabrese; James Cottingham, assistant to the president of the college; Harry W. Goas, news editor of The Montclair Times; Gene Murphy of The Passaic Herald-News; and Hugh Connors of United Press International.

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Sky Was Never the Limit for Buzz
Astro Was Always Filled With Determination, Friends Say

By Don Pendley
Editorial Assistant

The sky was not the limit for the Montclair lad who grew up and up to eventually walk on the moon. Ever since his first steps as a toddler on the earth’s surface, “Buzz” has maintained a record of excellence in all his undertakings.

Edwin E. Aldrin Jr. was born on Jan. 20, 1930 in Montclair, already seemingly destined for a career with the skies. His father, Edwin Aldrin Sr., was an Air Force colonel and a pilot during the early days of American aviation, earning his pilot’s license in 1919, a scant 16 years after the Wright brothers started getting man up in the air. His father knew flying, but his late mother seemed to set the goal — her maiden name was Marion Moon. His nickname was given by his parents who, according to Buzz, “felt they needed something else for me,” his father’s name also being Edwin.

Buzz attended elementary school at the Edgemont and Mount Hebron schools while living at 180 Walnut St., Montclair. He started kindergarten at age four, and first grade a full year earlier than the rest of his age-group. He was the first to make the second grade five years old, and first grade a full year ahead of the rest of his age-group. He was the first to make the second grade five years old, and first grade a full year ahead of the rest of his age-group. He was the “bent over backwards to prove that he could stay,” remembers his first grade teacher, Rita Hogan. According to his elementary school principal Al Hartman, Buzz had an I.Q. of 150, and was always in the upper-half of the top 5% of his class.

ACADEMICS AND ATHLETICS

Continuing his education at Montclair High, Buzz showed his trait of excellence in both academics and athletics. He graduated in the top 10% of his class, and in his senior year, Buzz won top honors in a local history essay contest. Later that year, he was voted “Most Likely to Succeed” by his fellow classmates.

After two years on Montclair High’s football team as a second-string back, Aldrin became a center through the will of Coach Clary Anderson (now football coach at Montclair State). Recalls Anderson, “I needed a center. Buzz was a blond, curly-haired 160-pounder, so I said, you’re the center.” He was friendly, all right, and one of the guys. But when there was horseplay, he would be the last to take part. He was too busy. Line Coach Anthony J. (Butch) Fortunato said “he didn’t have a lot of natural athletic ability, but he had determination. He was varsity over players that actually had better ability.”

During 1946, his year as Montclair High’s center, the team was the undefeated state champion. During the spring, his thoughts turned to track and his senior year brought him the Wheaton Track Trophy “for excellence in track accomplishments, leadership and scholastic pursuits.”

Upon graduating, Aldrin had two choices: he could accept a scholarship from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), his father’s alma mater, or he could accept an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy. He chose West Point, following a three generation family tradition because it offered more athletics than MIT, and he was a “football nut,” said his father.

At West Point, Aldrin was a member of the Plebe swimming team, and in his remaining three years he pole-vaulted as a member of the Cadet track team. His physical training teacher, W.F. Lewis, recalls that “he wasn’t frivolous. He wasn’t any playboy. He was a hell of a good cadet.” Aldrin was first in scholastic rating in his plebe class, and graduated third out of a class of 475 cadets in 1951.

After graduating from the Point, Lt. Aldrin received his pilot’s wings in 1952 and journeyed to Korea for the closing months of the war there. In his Sabrejet during his 66 combat missions with the 51st Fighter Interceptor Wing, he shot down two enemy MIG jets and crippled another, winning the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Returning home for a short time before accepting another Air Force post, he married Joan Archer of Hobokus, N.J. After assignment to three posts in the U.S., Aldrin was transferred to Germany in 1958, and was in Berlin during the crisis of 1961 which resulted in the construction of the Berlin wall.

Aldrin received his Ph.D. in aerospace med. His doctoral thesis was concerned with manned orbital rendezvous techniques, and his suggestions were accepted by NASA for the Gemini and Apollo programs in part. Although he is the only Ph.D. ever to be appointed to the astronaut program, Aldrin refrains from using the title. He states that “people can go to school all their lives and not be sharper than people who haven’t. I think that the education I’ve been exposed to has served to give me an open mind rather than fill me with a particular type of knowledge.”

REJECTED BY NASA

In October 1963, Aldrin achieved a life-long ambition and became an astronaut, after being rejected twice by the NASA program. His first space flight was during the Gemini 12 mission in late 1966 with Capt. James A. Lowell Jr. During the flight, Aldrin set a still-standing record for spacewalking, over five hours of extravehicular activity.

Following the Gemini 12 flight, Aldrin experienced something new: Montclair’s first Buzz Aldrin Day on Oct. 6, 1966. The town turned out to welcome Buzz with a parade and dinner.

And in January of this year, Lt. Col. Aldrin was named to the Apollo 11 crew to be later named one of the "men on the moon." In a flight with Michael Collins and Neil Armstrong on July 16, he experimented and explored the moon's remote and desolate surface. And today, Montclair’s Buzz will walk on much more familiar territory, his hometown, where he'll be welcomed with a dinner, parade, rallies, and speeches.
A Friend Remembers

'She Helped Me Get Where I am Today,'

Says Montclair High Schoolmate.

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TETERBORO, N.J. — "Corie: You're one guy I wish I knew better.

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street, East Orange, that's quite a

tribute, for the sentiments are those of

Astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin.

Buzz penned his message by his

photograph in Lowe's copy of

year book, when they graduated

Amphitheatre, Montclair High School's

Jr. . . . "Buzz" . . . Center of

the copy reads: "Edwin Eugene Aldrin

together in 1947. Under the photograph

Those shoulders! USMA (U. S. Military

Academy)."

Through the years Lowe had no idea

Buzz would become one of the most

famous men in the world. What Lowe

does remember is that Buzz was "the

friendliest fellow in school" and that Buzz was the ideal and inspiration that kept him from quitting high school.

It wasn't just a case of "to drop out

or not drop out." The hard facts were that at that time the Lowe family needed money at home and he considered leaving school to provide that extra income. But then Lowe saw something special in Buzz and he decided he wanted to make the best of his life, too — even if it meant postponing a needed job.

Lowe stayed in school, and that has made all the difference.

He remembers the day his book was autographed. "When Buzz signed my book," he recalled, "I thought, 'Here is one real sincere fellow,' and it made me feel real good to know him. I knew he'd go far; but, of course, I never dreamed he'd go to the moon."

"You know, he doesn't know it but in some ways he really helped me get where I am today. It makes me feel good to know that when he was up there on the moon, I had just a little part in helping him get where he was, too."

Lowe had helped. As assembly forman at the Bendix Corporation's navigation and control division, Teterboro, he helped produce the electronic portion of the Saturn inertial guidance platform. The Bendix platform provides the attitude and acceleration data needed to keep the astronaut's space-bound rocket on its exacting course.

When Aldrin was talking to earth during his return trip from the moon, he praised the people in industry and said that the success of their moon mission could never have been possible without the help and talents of all the men and women who worked on the project.

"When Buzz mentioned this," Lowe said, "I thought how typical and sincere it was of him to remember all of us.

Lowe has been building aerospace equipment ever since he joined Bendix more than 10 years ago. He had held a variety of jobs following his graduation from high school, but with the same determination and ideals that earned him his high school diploma, he completed a home study course in electronics. He then applied for work at Bendix, passed the company's electronics test and started his climb in industry.

Lowe, his wife Patricia and their three daughters take education seriously. Gaal, a junior at Norfolk State College, Norfolk, Va., is studying to be a teacher. Claudette, who will return to school yearbook is the Hall of Fame at Ashland Public School, East Orange.

 Buzz's early education and advancement were part of a high school book is the Hall of Fame section," Lowe said with a big smile. "Buzz is shown as the guy 'most likely to succeed.'"
Excitement High as Wives Wait for Apollo Liftoff

“Break a leg!”

Joan Aldrin surprised a few people when she said that this was what she told her husband to do before he left for the moon. Mrs. Aldrin, lovely wife of Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin, later explained that it was just an old theatrical expression meaning good luck.

All three wives of the Apollo 11 astronauts were hoping for good luck during the lunar landing mission of last July.

Jan Armstrong, wife of Apollo 11 commander Neil Armstrong, took her two sons Ricky, 12 and Mark, six, to Cape Kennedy for the blastoff on July 16. The boys watched their father launched into space from aboard a private boat in the Banana River.

Mrs. Armstrong admitted that she was extremely excited after returning to her home. She had a small package wrapped in red, white and blue paper with her but would not disclose any specifics concerning the package.

At the Collins home an American flag was hoisted outside, but the flag was not displayed until the liftoff was proven successful. Pat Collins, wife of astronaut Michael Collins, said that she thought the rocket carrying her husband climbed more slowly than it was supposed to but afterwards commented: “I think it’s beautiful and I’m glad the flight is underway.”

Mrs. Aldrin, an attractive blonde amateur actress, also hoisted an American flag from a staff on her front lawn on the day of the blastoff. Buzz Aldrin’s wife said she would go shopping that day to purchase a present but would not say for whom.

Mrs. Aldrin also would not say what her husband was carrying to the moon for her. She only admitted that it was personal.

All the astronauts were allowed to carry personal materials with them on their historic flight. It was believed that all three carried items for their wives and families.

Inside the Aldrin home a good luck candle burned. Mrs. Aldrin watched the start of the moon mission on color television with her three children.

“Things were very quiet,” she said, describing the scene at her home at the time of the liftoff. She explained that everyone was moving, but no one was making noise.

So the homes of Apollo astronauts Aldrin, Armstrong and Collins were comparatively quiet on July 16, the day that the Saturn rocket climbed into space. Probably much more so than now.

Aldrin’s Father a Cool Guy

By Chris MacMurray
Staff Reporter

If Edwin E. “Buzz” Aldrin Jr. took the July space flight to the moon in stride with a registered heart rate of 88 beats per minute, his dad just as calmly watched the blastoff on television from the living room of his Brielle home.

“Excellent; they’re off to a good start,” was Aldrin Sr.’s comment seconds after the liftoff occurred last July 16. “I was hoping everything would go smoothly, but you never know.”

Col. Aldrin’s hopes were granted. When asked why he stayed home for the blastoff, Edwin E. Aldrin Sr., a retired Air Force Colonel, admitted that he has seen all of Cape Kennedy before and did not like the “carnival atmosphere.”

Almost to prove his cool, Col. Aldrin refused phone calls from the press and appeared two hours late for pictures in front of his home.

When questioned as to whether or not he was nervous about the lunar launch involving his son Col. Aldrin replied, “I’m sort of a cool guy. I just get into a flap once in a while. You might say I’m phlegmatic.”

Aldrin Sr. did say that the portion of the Apollo 11 mission which most concerned him was the separation which carried the astronauts to the lunar surface.

But he added, “We’ll be excited when Buzz steps on the moon.”

Col. Aldrin said that he was very proud of the fact that his son Buzz was to plant an American flag on the moon.

Buzz Aldrin called his father from Cape Kennedy on the night before the liftoff “just to say hello.” Col. Aldrin said he told Buzz, “God bless you and safe trip.”

“What else could I say?”

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ALDRIN RELAXES at the Kennedy Space Center, Fla., (above) after suiting up to participate in a space vehicle countdown demonstration test. Right: Aldrin and Neil Armstrong inventory the mobile quarantine facility.

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50 Writers Charter TWA Moon Flight
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WASHINGTON, D.C. — A group of 50 writers who meet each summer at Georgetown University have made reservations for a charter flight to the moon.

The moon trip, via Trans-World Airlines, was announced at the opening session of the 10th annual Georgetown University Writers Conference.

A TWA spokesman said charter flights to the moon are uncommon but more than 5000 persons have signed up individually to take a rocket flight to the moon. Nearly 200 have told TWA that they want to go on the first trip to Mars.

“Wherever American ingenuity, daring and enterprise establish themselves, American writers will wish to go also.”

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would be Russians. I said that if anyone 
would walk on the moon Buzz would 
and The Star-Ledger picked the quote 
It was not the first time that Clary 
who had decided right about Buzz Aldrin.

In 1946 Anderson returned to 
Montclair High after four years in 
military service to find an excess of 
good football players and a need for 
centers. “One day”, Anderson 
related, “I walked up to Buzz who had 
developed from a 130 pounder his 
junior year into a solidly built 160, and 
said ‘Buzz you’re a center.’ ‘A surprised 
look was his only reply was ‘What do I do?’”.

“Told him to flip the ball with 
one hand between his legs, gripping it 
as a forward pass,” Anderson remembered. 
“He centered on punts and extra points 
and I can’t remember him making a bad 
pass all year.” In fact Buzz learned 
new position well enough to make third 
team All-County at center.

How did the team do? They managed 
to do quite well that year with an 
unembellished 9-0 season’s log.

If anyone knew Buzz Aldrin’s 
character, a man like Clary Anderson 
with 27 years of experience coaching 
boys into men would. When asked if he 
awarded any special qualities in Buzz as 
a high school football player that might 
have helped in his career in space, Clary 
responded immediately: “Buzz was a 
quick agile boy who always knew the 
starting signal, but his best quality was 
that he did what he was told and he 
only had to be told once.

Before Aldrin’s trip to the moon, 
Buzz contacted Clary through his father 
who resides in Spring Lake, N.J., to 
invite him to the blastoff.

“I understand that each astronaut 
can invite only about six guests”, Clary 
replied. When the engraved invitation
from NASA came in the mail, I knew it 
was for real. We were close enough to 
the rocket that I could have thrown a 
baseball and hit it.”

The day before the launch Anderson 
received another surprise—Aldrin’s 
brother-in-law contacted Clary and told 
him that Buzz wanted to talk to him.

“I called at 7:30 but Buzz was still 
in the briefing session,” Anderson recalled.

“I thought I might be making a pest of 
myself” but I decided to call back at 9:00. We talked about 17 minutes and 
Buzz sounded cool, calm and poised. He 
congratulated me on my new coaching position at Montclair State. I wished 
him good luck, but I seemed to be 
running out of words to say.”

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roar. We then were hit with a 
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The Dentist, Too

By Ginny Sauder

"I taught him to pole vault, but I never thought he would go that high," mused Dr. Richard C. Ferguson, over Col. Buzz Aldrin's walk on the moon.

A resident of Montclair since 1926, Ferguson recalls walking Aldrin's sisters, Madeline and Faye, to Sunday school and, "even doing dentistry on him."

Aldrin, he recalls, loved any kind of sport, was "gusty" and willing to take a lot. The astronaut became a counselor at Trout Lake Camp, which he had attended while Ferguson was a counselor, and the dentist remembers Aldrin as being liked by everyone, especially the children.

"It was an honor for Col. Aldrin to remember me," remarked the brilliantly-smiling dentist concerning his invitation from Aldrin to attend the launch of the Apollo 11 at Cape Kennedy.

Although unable to see Col. Aldrin due to a busy schedule, Ferguson was able to speak to the astronaut on the telephone. "He couldn't have been more relaxed — he was more concerned about us and our families," observed Ferguson. "We were more excited than he was!"

Of the atmosphere at Cape Kennedy, he said:

"It was like Indianapolis on Memorial Day — there were thousands of people, all excited, trying to get as close as they could, which was about 20 miles away."

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As an invited guest, Ferguson sat in the bleachers erected for the occasion and had a good view of the launch. "At first you don't think that the rocket is close as they could, which was about 20 miles away."

Reminiscing again about his childhood days with Aldrin, Ferguson said that he enjoyed playing with the older boys. As a member of a group which met for football at Anderson park, Aldrin was constantly being told to be careful lest the older boys hurt him. "Nine times out of 10, he would be the one to tackle you!"

Future Lunar Funds Appropriated

— But Questions Raised.

By Frank Macomber

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Aero Space Writer

Apollo Astronaut James A. McDivitt's selection as the federal space agency's chief of planning for future manned moon missions raises one question but raises another.

NASA has decided to launch at least four Apollo manned expeditions to the moon by the end of 1970, assuming each successive mission continues to be successful.

Two of the missions will be aimed at the lunar "seas" or smooth lowlands and two at the mountainous region or "highlands" of the moon.

FUNDS APPROPRIATED

Congress already has committed itself to financing these four missions by appropriating funds to finance at least some phases of all four.

But beyond the four Apollo lunar landings, will America continue with its moon exploration, concern itself with permanent-type manned earth-orbiting space stations or head out for the planets?

"It's too expensive, admittedly, to attempt all three, and even two would be a great dollar drain."

NASA, it appears, already is seeking to answer the question on its own manned lunar exploration for at least the next five years.

The NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center at Huntsville, Ala., has named a project manager to direct development of a small, manned lunar "rover" which will be ready to carry astronauts around on the moon's surface.

The Marshall Center has been directed to develop and build four "rover" models, the first to be delivered to the moon by a manned Apollo lunar module in 1971.

Manager of the "rover" project is Saverio F. Morea, who has served as manager of the giant F-1 engine project for six years and the J-2 engine project for two years. These engines power the mighty Saturn V moon rocket.

SMALLER THAN A CAR

The lunar rover vehicle is to be smaller than a five-passenger automobile, will have four extremely "wide-track" wheels. The 400 pound "taxi" will provide lunar surface transportation for two astronauts and their hand tools, lunar samples and whatever other equipment or experiments they carry.

WIDE-TRACE MOON ROVER: This contraption is the prototype of a moon "rover" which someday — possibly by the early 1970s — will carry Apollo astronauts over a wide stretch of the moon.

READY FOR SERVICE

This advanced "rover" version will be ready for moon service in the 1973-74 period. It will supplant the one to be taken to the moon in 1971.

NASA's own timetable for lunar "rovers" indicates agency officials from Director Thomas O. Paine on down envision lunar exploration for at least the next five years and perhaps longer.

Grumman, which built the Apollo lunar module assigned to carry Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin to the moon, recently placed an ad in a national aerospace magazine showing a sketch of the wide-track moon "rover." The ad claims the vehicle "provides the range and scientific capabilities for the next phases of lunar exploration."
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RENDEZVOUS AT BUZZ'S

Wives of the Apollo II crew flash a moonbeam smile as they gathered at the Aldrin home in Seabrook, Tex. recently. They are (from left) Mrs. Janet Armstrong, Mrs. Pat Collins and Mrs. Pat Aldrin.