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## Astronaut Likes Fast-Paced Life

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Walter M. Schirra Jr. was a natural for the manned space flight program. He likes his living fast-paced.

Some of his most enjoyable moments come when he has the stick of a jet plane, the wheel of a racing car or is zipping on water skis in the wake of a high-powered boat.

On or off the rigorous astronaut training, Schirra appears to have unlimited energy. Water lures him, and after many a strenuous day of training at Cape Canaveral, he has done many flips and muck for a dive into the ocean or motel pool.

The most easy-going of the original seven-man Mercury astronaut team, Schirra is always ready with the quick smile or wisecrack.

Wally, as he likes to be called, started early. "Oh, he was a handful," recalls his mother. He never got into any real trouble, she says, but was sometimes so mischievous "that I had to send him to his room often for punishment."

Wally's affection for flying was inherited. His father was an Army Air Corps ace in the First World War and after the war he and his wife barnstormed around the eastern United States in a light plane. Mrs. Schirra often walked along the wing of the airborne plane to the delight of the paying customers.

Wally Jr. was born March 12, 1928, in Hackensack, N.J., grew up in nearby Oradell and attended a naval academy at Annapolis, Md.

He married his wife, Josephine, soon after graduation in 1948 and they have two children, Walter III, 12, and Suzanne, 4. They now live in Houston, Tex.

After graduation from Annapolis, Schirra entered naval aviation. In Korea he flew 60 combat missions, shooting down one enemy MIG fighter and scoring a probable kill. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and two Air Medals.

When the war ended he was assigned to development of the Sidewinder air-to-air missile. One of his most ticklish situations occurred when a missile he fired went out of whack and its infra-red sensors zeroed in on his jet's exhaust. Schirra out-looped the pursuing missile, avoiding it until it exhausted its fuel and dropped harmlessly to the ground.

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## Astronaut's Parents Relax Once Launch Tension Over

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—The mother of astronaut Walter M. Schirra Jr. held her husband's hand as they watched their son shot into space Wednesday.

Then, when it was certain that he was safely in orbit around the earth, she straightened back in her chair and exclaimed, "Wow!"

The same relaxing from tension was apparent in the astronaut's father, a retired engineer and a First World War army air force ace.

With the Schirras before a television set in their Point

## Governor Of Mississippi Congratulated By Minister

CALEDON EAST, Ont. (CP)—An Anglican minister Tuesday night wired congratulations to Mississippi Governor Ross Barnett on his fight to keep Negro James Meredith out of the University of Mississippi.

Rev. E. L. M. Taylor, rector of St. James Church in this town 30 miles northwest of Toronto, said his congratulations involved the constitutional issues, not racial ones.

Mr. Taylor said he felt President Kennedy's stand in forcing enrollment of the Negro was "a brutal encroachment" upon the state's right.

The telegram he sent to the governor and signed on behalf of "all lovers of constitutional government in Canada," read:

"Rather than surrender the 'Old Miss' to tyrants, please close down.

"Once Kennedy can control who shall or who shall not be admitted into your schools and universities, it will not be long before he controls what shall be taught in your schools, thus paving

the way for a totalitarian control of Southern thought after the style of Stalin."

OTTAWA (CP)—The National

## Meredith Plans Brief Absence From 'Ole Miss'

OXFORD, Miss. (AP)—James H. Meredith plans to leave the University of Mississippi briefly after completing his initial week as the first forcibly integrated Negro student in the

Federation of Canadian University Students has condemned the "tricks and other outrageous efforts" made to prevent enrollment of Negro James Meredith at the University of Mississippi.

In a telegram to the United States National Student Association, MFUS president Stewart Goodings of Queen's University said his organization supports President Kennedy and the U.S. association in their efforts to "maintain Meredith as a student."

MFUS, representing 106,800 Canadian students in 30 universities, affirmed its "hottest solidarity" with the U.S. student association. It urged the University of Mississippi president and student body to uphold the Negro student's rights.

school's 114-year history. The announcement came Wednesday from federal officials, with an eye toward possible disorders on the coming football weekend.

Nearly 4,000 armed troops were withdrawn from the university as Meredith went through his third day as a student. Some 8,000 heavily

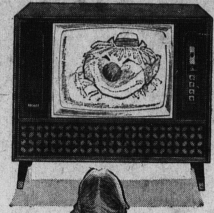
armed soldiers remained to keep tight control of the oak-encircled campus, where early week rioting claimed two lives. Tension continued high, although school activities were back to near normal. During the night an effigy of Meredith was burned, bottles thrown and several armed persons arrested near the campus.

Nearly 30,000 southerners, most of them bearing an ingrained hatred for racial integration, were expected in Oxford for Saturday's homecoming football game with the University of Houston. James McShane, in charge of U.S. marshals at the University, predicted: "There will be incidents."

University officials prepared to go ahead with the game, without any assurance of federal sanction. However, assistant Attorney-General Nicholas Katzenbach told a press conference: "Meredith has plans which will take him off the campus, irrespective of whether the game is played or not."

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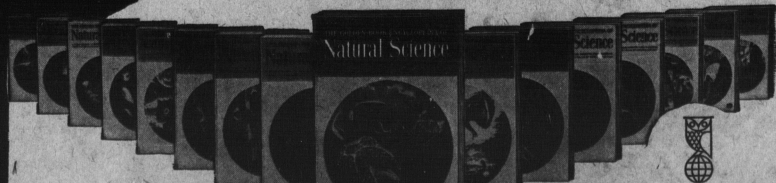
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