

# Astromouse 'Eek' Fired Into Space From Launch Pad at Bonny Oaks



COUNTDOWN—George Erdel Jr. is at master control ready to end the countdown as twins Carrol and Harold Waddle busily take care of incidentals prior to the blasting off of Eek, the mousetronaut.—(Staff photo by Bill Cooley.)

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The Bonny Oaks area became temporarily the Cape Canaveral of Tennessee Sunday — just long enough to permit the launching of Eek the "astro-mouse."

Eek took to the wild blue

yonder at 2:04 p.m. and after soaring an estimated 3,000 feet above Bonny Oaks School, lived to squeak about it.

Eek, a white mouse named for The News-Free Press comic strip character, is owned by Carrol and Harold Waddle, twin brothers who are two of about

15 teen-agers who comprise the Astron Rocket Society. Sunday, Eek was placed in a nosecone and fitted to a solid-fuel propelled rocket expertly designed by Carrol.

The scene panned out some-