

3 women: We were chased by UFO Jan. 19'

EDITOR'S NOTE — Residents of the small southwest Arkansas town of Foreman began spotting unexplained lights in the night sky late last December. Since that time, the local sheriff's department has received more than 200 reports of unidentified objects flying over the Foreman/Ashdown area just north

1983, a completely unexplained, brightly-lit object chased them as they drove home from a basketball game.

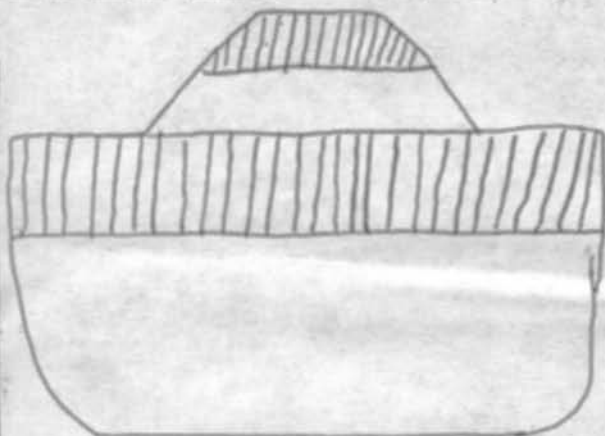
Foreman is home to approximately 1,300 people. The town is located just east of the Oklahoma state line on Ark. Hwy. 41. Texarkana sits to the south. To the east is Ashdown, Arkansas, a community dominated by the Nekoosa Paper Mill. The huge pine trees that feed the mill grow almost everywhere that hasn't been cleared for housing or agriculture.

Hwy. 41 runs north and south through Foreman. Hwy. 32 runs into town from the east.

The incident began at 10:15 p.m. Terri Jeanes, 30, was driving her

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of Texarkana. Rarely do such episodes continue as long as this one or involve as many people. Unless otherwise noted, all episodes re-



Deanna Irvan's drawing (above) depicts object she saw in the sky. The women said the brightly lit object chased them along Hwy. 32 (below) towards Ashdown.



counted in this five-part series on the Foreman sightings were told firsthand to Times reporter Bill Macomber on location there. At press time the sightings continue, and efforts to find military or commercial air explanations have yielded no answers. Part I in yesterday's Times outlined the background of the sightings. Today's Part II installment in this five-part series details the episode that brought the sightings to more widespread public attention.

white, 1968, Nissan Maxima home from a basketball game with two friends. Margaret Sharp, 23, was in the passenger seat of the car. Deanna Irvan, 33, was in the back seat. The women had not been drinking at the game that night, they said. "We wish we had been. We needed one after all that," Jeanes said later. Close friends and relatives affirm the women do not take drugs or drink heavily.

See orange light
As they drove south on Hwy. 41, Sharp told Jeanes to stop the car. She had spotted what she described as an orange light to the east less than a quarter of a mile away. From their position, the light would have been over what is known locally as

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Three Foreman women have reported that on Tuesday, Jan. 19,



Deanna Irvan runs a hairdresser shop on Ashdown mainstreet.

the Red River bottoms.

Jeanes pulled the car onto the shoulder. The three women watched as the orange light "lunged" three times at treetop level toward the north and then disappeared. Sharp described the vanishing light in the same words as almost everyone who has seen it: "It was like turning out a light."

The women pulled back onto Hwy. 41 and continued driving south to the Hwy. 32 turnoff. They then drove east towards Ashdown, eventually turning off on the Anderson lateral road, where Sharp and her husband live. The Anderson lateral is a ruler-straight road running south from Hwy. 32.

As Jeanes' car topped a small rise on the Anderson lateral, all three women saw the light again in the distance to the south. It appeared to hover over the "bottoms," they said. At first Jeanes thought the light might be Air Life, a medical helicopter operating out of Texarkana. What they were seeing contained four distinct lights: red, blue, green and amber. Standard light configurations on jets or airplanes include a green light on the right wing, a red light on the left wing, with various white lights. No aircraft operating in the United States flies with blue lights.

Light approaches them

Jeanes parked the car in a driveway so they could observe the light. They watched it hover for three to five minutes, during which time they became convinced that what they were looking at was not Air Life. Margaret Sharp's husband was at work that night, and Margaret now decided she didn't want to come home to an empty house. Jeanes backed the car out of the driveway to return to Foreman. It was then a "huge white light," according to Deanna Irvan, came on among the other lights. The object's light then turned bright red, she said, and began to approach them.

"We just nailed it," said Sharp. Sharp's uncle, Bob Taaffe, lived some two miles away on Hwy. 32.