

An Editorial

# Healthy Respect For The Unknown

The recent nerve-shattering experience of Charles Knee, who was formerly associated with this newspaper, raises once again the question of whether there are people or forces in other parts of the universe who occasionally enter the atmosphere of our world and look us over. In the case of Mr. Knee's experience, we know the individual involved and are sure that what he saw was not a hoax or a product of his imagination.

While Knee was driving his car down the highway, his radio, lights and engine all went out at the same time. Simultaneously he saw a strange object which looked like a very bright light—which emitted a loud hum, like a high frequency whine—crossing the sky.

Over the years there have been too many such unexplained flying objects, seen by too many reputable and honorable and responsible people, not to raise a reasonable belief that something we do not understand is going on here.

In the case of Mr. Knee, he was driving briskly along Route 4-A, between Wilmot and Enfield at 10 p. m., when the evening news from WNAC had just started on his car radio. Suddenly the radio, lights and engine of his car all stopped. He had hardly gotten out of his car to see what was the matter with it when he heard this loud hum and saw a bright light in the clouds above the car. The light seemed to hover overhead for a moment and then took off south, traveling very fast, and disappeared. Immediately thereafter his lights went on, his radio came on and the motor started. Other Southern New Hampshire residents reported mildly curious happenings to their electrical equipment at about the same time.

It is easy for the down-to-earth, practical, hard-headed folks to say there was some temporary electrical failure in Mr. Knee's motor which corrected itself, that the hum he heard was from the wind and the light he saw was a falling star. However, somewhat similar experiences happen too often to too many individuals to allow us to conclude that this is always a coincidence happening to individuals suffering from temporary delusions.

It would be interesting to hear from some of our readers as to what they think is going on in situations such as this. While we are not inclined to believe in old wives' tales, this newspaper has a very healthy respect for the unknown.