

Bob Pratt and myself arrived in the town of Sanford to speak to Mrs. Herb about her UFO experience. We went first to the town offices to find out where she lived and received a warm reception.

Apon arriving at her place we found that she was waiting for us. She made it very clear that she did not want to tell us anything, and Bob found that he had to speak to her for quite a period of time before she consented to tell us her story. It appears that she had had her share of ridicule, and we found that even when the women at the office phoned to tell Mrs. Herb that we were coming, some guy in the background yelled out that Mrs. Herb should stop going to all those parties.

According to Mrs. Herb the incident took place on the World Day of Prayer, which was Feb. 20. There were two people involved, herself and Mrs. Phyllis Johnson of Starbuck. Both women were principals, Mrs. Herb at A.J. Cuddy in Sanford and Mrs. Johnson at Peace Valley School which is between Sanford and Starbuck.

Mrs. Herb and Mrs. Johnson were attending a banquet for principals at Morris Manitoba. There had been no drinking at the banquet as some people thought. After the banquet the two women set out for the return trip to Sanford across country. This trip would take them in a north-west path through Domain Manitoba. As Mrs. Herb told us " you have to go cross country as there are no highway through the area. As the women came out of Domain they took highway 334 which would take them north to Sanford. They drove two and one half miles west on the highway and then turned north.

From the time they turned they could see the light sitting above the trees on the right hand side of the road. Mrs. Herb stated that this was not the first time that she had seen this light, but now the two women questioned what the light could be, and one of the suggestions was the consideration of a Ufo.

Half a mile up the road the river crossed over the road. Mrs. Herb was watching the light and noted that it

lighting up the trees below it. As she commented to us, " You could see the shadow of every tree."

Just as the car was about to reach the bridge the object made its move. It came towards them just clearing the trees and made a bee-line for the car. Mrs. herb mentioned the fascination at how close the object flew over the trees.

The next thing that the two women knew the thing was sitting over the car. " It was just like the sun had come out," Mrs. Herb. told us. The whole area was lit up with a yellow light that represented the light of the sun than any artificial light. Mrs. Herb could not be to sure just how low the object was but she stated, " I could see the shadow of the hydro poles."

An interesting point should be made at this point in the story. Mrs. Herb was not an avid fan of all the UFO stories especially the abduction accounts. It was not that she did not believe in UFOs, as she told us that she had seen the lights in the sky before. Her problem with believing all the tales was the abduction cases. her husband was a great fan of the UFO cult and read "all the books." Therefore she was familiar with stalling cars and time lapses,

Now here she was, on a lonely country road, seemingly about to become another one of those unbelievable tales in her husbands books. Her husband should have been with her, but he was playing the organ at a special church service at the school. He would ~~love~~ have loved to have been here. it all seemed so ironic.

The situation was a tense one, and there was no time to be afraid. Flashing through Mrs. Herb's mind were little things, silly things, but important things. The first was of course to keep the car going. Cars stalled in the books, but Mrs. herb was determined that it was not going to happen here.

The bridge was coming up and the two women began to fight about hitting the bridge. Mrs. Johnson warned Mrs. Herb not to hit it and Mrs. Herb who still felt that she had things under control, made it very clear that it was a very stupid thing to suggest that she would ever hit it.

Mrs. Johnson, meanwhile

was rather quite interested by what was going on. As she told us she figured that this object above her was the same one that appeared in the east at harvest time. She felt that, now finally, she was going to find out what it was.

Due however, to the fact that the object was directly above the car, she would have to roll down the window and stick her head out the window in order to look up and see it. Consequently another disagreement broke out as to whether the window should be rolled down. It was still quite cold out, the window was frozen, and so Mrs. Herb won out.

Nevertheless Mrs. Johnson still wanted to see the object so she put her head against the window and looked up at it. What she saw was four lights in a square with a big light in the middle. When we talked to her she did not seem to be impressed by what she saw, but then again she was even less impressed than we had found out she saw it.

Now they were coming to the bridge and the light was reflecting off the ice on the river, and Mrs. Herb remembered seeing the scratches on the ice left by the people who skate on it. Now flashing through Mrs. Herb's mind was the fear that the object might drop down even farther. To do this she was subconsciously determined to stay on this particular road because it had hydro lines on one side and telephone poles on the other. If she stayed on this road the object would have to stay up high because if it tried to drop down any farther it would hit the poles on the side of the road. This assumes of course that the object was that big, and although neither women could confirm this Mrs. Herb stated that this was the impression that she got.

Another argument that was going on was whether they should stop at one of the farm houses on the road. Mrs. Herb was in favor of this, but Mrs. Johnson wanted to see more. She said " I want to see this and she continued to try and get a look at the craft above them.

Down the road they reached the Klassen farmhouse and at this point the object lifted and shot off towards the Brunkhild tower at a terrific speed. Both women stated that they could still see the object off in the distance, but it

could only been seen as a light. Just as they thought that everything was over the object had shot back and was again sitting back on top of the car. This time it remained only a short time, and then took off.

Although the women stated that they were not to frightened by what was happening at the time, the fear came after the craft had left. Coming to highway 3 at Sanford Mrs. Herb told us that she didn't even stop at the highway <sup>SHE WAS</sup> in her<sup>h</sup> hurry to get home.

Both women were very hesitent to tell anyone about their experience because of their positions and because of the ridicule that sometimes exists in small towns. Both stated that they did tell their students. The reaction by Mrs. Herb's students was undermined by the fact that many, from farms, had already seen them while working with their parents and this additional bit of information came as no great revelation. Mrs. Johnson students were interested but then as she told us "children are interested in anything that happens to their teachers."

As to what the crafts looked like we received two different ones, one from below and one from beside. Mrs. Johnson who was below stated that there were four lights in a square with a light in the middle. Mrs. Herb who saw the craft from the side stated that there were four big white lights with a big huge one in the middle. Mrs. herb stated that the one in the middle seemed to be the one that was casting the yellow light, whereas Mrs. Johnson stated that the lights looked sort of orangy.

The only side effect from the incident seemed to be Mrs. Johnsons eyes which hurt " days, even weeks." This might have been due to the fact that ~~that~~ Mrs. Johnson was looking up into the brilliance of the light as she remained above the car.

Both women are married and both have taught for long periods of time. Mrs. Johnson for 10 years and Mrs. Herb for 16 years.