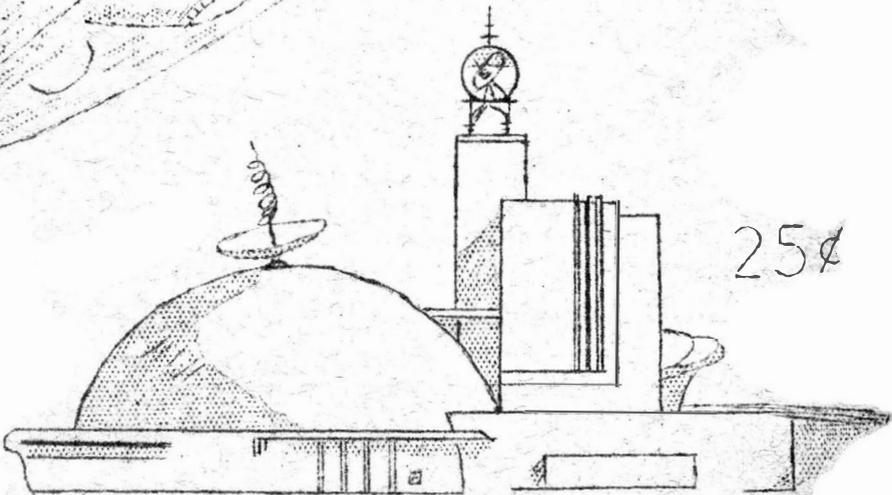
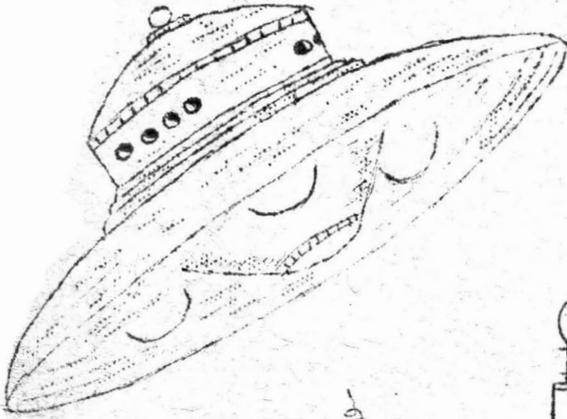


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## BUCK NELSON to RETURN in JULY

We have received by mail a letter from Mrs. Sherman Lowery of Clarkston, Michigan. She has been in contact with Buck Nelson. Buck has been in the east for the past few months and so we are printing in part the letter for those who may be interested.

"When Mr. Nelson spoke at the Veterans Memorial Building in Detroit last year, my family and I met him. On October 4th, 1955, my sister, Florence Collins and I stopped to see him (at Mountain View, Missouri) when on our way home from New Orleans".....

"My youngest son (a senior in school) and I went down to Mr. Nelson's on December 26, 1955 and stayed until Dec. 29th. We arrived about 15 hours after Mr. Nelson's cousin (Bucky) had been there. He left a tape-recording. He spoke to me on this tape recording, which, of course, made me very happy. I enclose a copy of it, although you have no doubt read it before now." (we have not heard the message and know of no one in Grand Rapids who has... we are reprinting it as part of this article...Ed!).

"My husband and I are going down to Buck's on our vacation in the last half of June. Mr. Nelson will return with us. He will talk to some small groups here in our home and in Flint and Grand Rapids, of course."

"I have had a number of pieces of proof that Buck Nelson's story is true." ...

"I have seen quite a number of UFO's. The last was last evening. None so very close, but close enough to know they weren't anything we on earth have. (Last evening would be May 13th, 1956) The one before that was on April 27th. Enclosed is a drawing or rather a tracing of a picture Mr. Nelson sent me. It was too light (see figure A) for newsprint but would have been alright for a different type of paper. That's why it had to be traced. "

"Your whole magazine is most interesting, every article!

"Mr. Nelson's pension has been taken away from him (by the gov't.), I think because he spent so much

for postage, etc...If anyone writes to him they should put in stationary and postage, at least if they want an answer, as he has no income at all now."

"I will be driving Mr. Nelson over to Grand Rapids when he comes, which will be the fore-part of July. So hope to meet some of you folks then."

"Sincerely and Fraternally yours, Fanny Lowery"

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#### BUCKY'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

It's a bit warm around here for Christmas messages at the moment but maybe just the thought will be sufficient to cool it off a bit, so here goes....

"This is a tape recording made in the home of Buck Nelson on Christmas Day 1955. My 'distant' cousin, 'Bucky', is here with me. Bucky will say a few words to all of you in America and all the world. The next voice you hear will be of 'Bucky' from planet Venus. O. K., Bucky.....

" 'I wish to tell all a Merry Christmas, and especially thank Fanny Lowery for her card. Also give her the answer to her question.---Yes, it has happened to our ships, torn apart for souvenirs.

" 'I appreciate such gifts and I know that the giver does not expect anything in return, as we cannot as yet exchange goods with this earth. Many know the reason. Buck, here can tell all that ask.

" 'Will tell you why I am here. I have just returned from California, then on to see my folks in Colorado. Now here to see you, Buck, and tell the world on this tape recording that this world must give up ATOMIC WEAPONS and WARFARE. The next war, if fought, will be on American soil. America will be destroyed, then civilization all over the world will be destroyed. We are here to see which way this world will use Atomic power, for peace or war. We have stood by and seen other planets, one other, destroy itself. Is this world next? We wonder, and watch and wait!

" 'Again I say, give up your atomic weapons, and may peace be on this earth.

" 'I will tell Buck much more than he can tell the world. I know that Buck will want my time here to be spent in a private home-like way, and I also desire

it that way, so must say Goodbye to all the world.'

From, BUCKY of VENUS

"I thank you, Bucky, for your talk to the people of the World. This is recorded at Buck's Mountain View Ranch, Mountain View, Missouri, Route 1."

END OF TAPE

"Bucky came to see me Dec. 25th, 1955 at about 1:30 A.M. Left my place Dec. 25th, 1955, about midnight."

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Following is the clipping which Mrs. Lowery sent us. It appeared in an Eastern Michigan paper. (Date or name of paper not given, but assume it is a Flint daily or weekly. Ed!)

" SIGNS IN THE HEAVENS?"

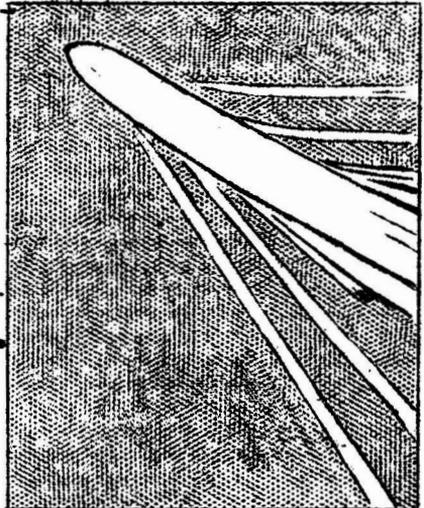
"This is a tracing (of a tracing of a photograph, as produced here, ED!) of a  $2\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{4}$  print of an object photographed by Buck Nelson of Mountain View, Missouri, on January 1, 1956.

"The print was sent to friends in Clarkston and here is what he had to say about it:

" I photographed it with a reflex camera. Used TRI-X film, as fast a film as I can get.

"I photographed it January 1, 1956, early evening, coming dark and a little cloudy. It was of a blue-green color. I had camera set at infinity. 8-stop lens opening. Shutter at  $1/50$ .

"This thing would dart from one side to the other, going at terrific speed, raised and lowered. Then, took off, straight up, came back again, and that was when I took my snap, as it was gaining altitude again. It had a very long, fiery tail and streaks of flame shot out on each side. Mr. Nelson also sent a sketch of the fiery tail, which shows it as four times the length of the photograph."



## VENUS and FLYING SAUCERS

The Planet Venus has probably been the cause of a large number of Saucer sightings this spring. The planet reached its greatest brilliancy (for 1956) on May 15th and has since been dwindling in brilliancy and prominence in the evening sky. As of now it is setting well ahead of the sun.

Undoubtedly a large number of saucers have been explained away as the planet Venus, but many avid saucer searchers have mistaken the bright planet for a U.F.O. These people apparently know nothing about astronomy and care little about finding out as they do not take the trouble to check the position of the brighter planets (Jupiter, Venus & Mars) before staking their claim to their own personal saucer.

C.R.I.F.O. ORBIT of April 6, 1956 reports that the Cincinnati "Enquirer" for March 22, 1956 carried glaring headlines about "An unidentified object (that) burned like a bright beacon in the western sky (it was observed for 45 minutes by the "Enquirer" reporter and photographer...following telephone calls). To the naked eye, the object appeared to be an extraordinarily intense bluish-white light, suspended at about a 30-degree angle above the horizon. However, through binoculars, the object appeared to be a compact galaxy of lights, changing form as they revolved slowly. At one point, with binoculars set slightly out of focus, it assumed the appearance of a diamond brooch ringed with emeralds, turning lazily on an eccentric axis... The object moved almost imperceptibly away to the northwest, growing smaller and dimmer until, at 9:45 PM it disappeared. Residents of a large area in the downriver section reported that it was the third consecutive night 'the thing' has appeared."

The "Enquirer's" jaunty play-up of the incident touched off a flurry of saucer reports and the proverbial controversy. Stringfield, the editor of ORBIT was called by the "Enquirer" and his statement was published. It follows in part: "...the period of lull may be breaking into a cycle of concentration." With this, CRIFO's phone jangled repeatedly. Most

callers reported the bright luminous object hovering in the west. Living in Cincinnati (eastern part), I jogged outdoors several times but saw nothing save the usual array of stars and VENUS. One told of a low-flying object changing from red to white, making no sound; another reported a steady green light darting away swiftly after hovering; another described an object with swept-back wings, but the most astounding of all was an incomplete report received during the daylight hours. Coming before the evening's rash of sightings, it told of a long metallic cigar-shaped object flying low over a highway near Harrison, Ohio. The object 'without windows or protruding parts', buzzed an automobile, terrifying 3 male occupants.

As it turned out, the mysterious object in Cincinnati's west was the celebrated 'Whipping girl', Venus--long used to explain away saucers. Stringfield knew this, but his version was muffled by the experts, who were called in for professional vociferation. Dr. Paul Herget, director of Cincinnati's observatory, said "The planet Venus will keep getting brighter until the middle of May, and every fool who goes out and looks at it for the first time will see a Flying Saucer." When asked to explain why the object appeared to change shapes and looked like emeralds, Herget commented, "A completely spurious image--your observation must have been made under poor conditions. And I don't want to explain your poor binoculars." Herget's voice was final. The "Enquirer" closed the case, and later refused to see CRIFO's analysis of the collective UFO reports. Stringfield agrees with Dr. Herget in regards to Venus, however, the astronomer's prejudice against 'saucers' precludes his making a complete and objective analysis. To make certain that Cincinnatians were impressed by the Venus explanation an Air National Guard jet was sent in with General Edsel Clark aboard. 'Probably Venus', he said and it made the front page. By the weekend everybody was happy with the Venus-explanation--save for CRIFO who felt that the public should know that only 10 were explainable by Venus, Six defied all conventional explanation. (Orbit)

## SIGNALS FROM VENUS

While Venus was apparently causing a good deal of confusion among Saucer Researchers, the Navy announced from Washington that Navy scientists have picked up radio waves from Venus, indicating that the nearest planet is much too warm for life as earthlings understand it.

The radio contact was reported by three civilians working for the naval research laboratory here. They said this was the first time they have detected very weak radio waves from the planet which has been prominent this Spring as the bright evening star in the sky.

Dr. John D. Kraus, director of Ohio State University's radio observatory, said last Friday that several times during May the observatory received strong radio signals from the planet.

He said the signals were observed on each occasion for a period of several hours. The distinct signals, Dr. Kraus said, consisted of crackling sounds somewhat similar to radio static from thunderstorms.

Navy scientists Cornell H. Mayer, Russell M. Sloannaker and Timothy P. McCullough said that their readings, which can be heard as a faint hissing, show that the temperature in the cloud bank surrounding Venus is about 220 degrees fahrenheit.

They explained that it was the heat around Venus that set up the radio emissions. (AP release)

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### "SAUCERS ARE REAL," SAYS V.I.P.

The FLYING SAUCER REVIEW of London, England states that in an interview with their correspondent in Mexico, an American VIP revealed that saucers were manned by visitors from another planet, were friendly and that they were undoubtedly trying to work out a method of remaining alive in our atmosphere before landing & establishing friendly communications. Asked why the AF had so vehemently denied their existence, this VIP said the U.S. wants her people to concentrate on the "real menace" -- Communism, with no distraction from outer-space.

## THE PADRE ISLAND SAUCER

Ray Sanford tells in the March, 1955 issue of SAUCERS and the May 1956 issue of FATE of his 'contact' with a flying saucer. This contact took place on Padre Island which is just off-shore from Brownsville, Texas. Sanford began the article by saying that for the past year-and-a-half he had had a great desire to contact a being from a flying saucer.

Sanford and his friend John McCoy headed towards Brownsville on 11-6-54 to meet representatives from Brownsville to form the Texas Flying Saucer Research Society. It was agreed by those present to try for a contact that night on Padre Island.

At 7:30 PM the group: Jimmy Rutledge, Jerry Lee Steele, John Brand, David Piller, Uvaldo Champion, Jr., Robert Colberge, McCoy and Sanford arrived at Padre Island and drove up the beach for five miles. Since 8 was considered too large a group, they split into two parts, which took up stations about two miles apart. Basing their actions on the theory that any race advanced enough for space travel would also be mentally advanced, they decided to attempt a mental contact by deep concentration.

Sanford then relates that a strange feeling gripped the entire group and a mental picture of a saucer flashed across his mind. Almost as soon as he had described it to his three comrades, "a white globe of great brilliance" appeared parallel to the horizon.

Checking with the other group, Sanford found that they, too, had made the same type of contact with one member of the group receiving a mental impression followed by the sighting of the bright light.

The eight all got a message, seemingly as one, that a "space ship would approach at 11 PM". At exactly 10:55 a glowing object appeared out over the gulf. As it neared they were able to make out a dome and flat bottom. Instead of landing, however, the object started to move away. The cause of this "frightening-away" was an approaching car. Several times the object would approach the group only to fade away when a car came into sight. But the last time it came near, it didn't

flee at the approach of a car. The car in this case happened to be a State Highway Patrol car. Inside were a highway patrolman, a constable, and a deputy constable.

When the officer asked what they were doing, Sanford first stated that they were "conducting experiments". But, after the suspicion of the officers was aroused and a good deal of conversation had taken place, Sanford felt that it would be better to tell the truth and he finally said, "We came out here to contact Flying Saucers....In fact you can see one hovering out there right now."

They were startled by such an amazing sight. One of the group gave the highway patrolman a pair of 8X binoculars, with which he watched the saucer for 15 minutes. The patrolman exclaimed that the object had a dome on top and was flat on the bottom.

The constable expressed his wishes that the object would land, but Sanford assured them that it probably wouldn't land because of their firearms.

The constable told Sanford that at "secret government briefings", he had been told some amazing things about Flying Saucers,...and he said, "I am not so sure you would be so anxious for it to land if you had seen some of the secret photographs of these things that I have seen."

The patrol car and officers left at about 1:30 AM after almost an hour's stay and Sanford left with the group between 2 and 3 AM. The saucer soon left also.

The story in SAUCERS was accompanied by an affidavit, signed by Sanford and McCoy and anotary public who merely witnessed their signatures. This is rather unconvincing evidence in your editor's opinion, but in the FATE article he adds affidavits by Ray Hoyd and Steve Woods, two of the policemen, which attests to their having witnessed the incident. He also includes a photo of two of the patrolmen, who were completely anonymous in the SAUCERS article. In both of the articles Sanford includes the names of his seven companions, but only McCoy signed an affidavit. This editor believes the article to be quite convincing as presented in FATE and accompanied by so much corroborating evidence.

## SAUCER SIGHTING ???

In April 1955 your editor was standing in a backyard in South-East Grand Rapids admiring the stars when an unidentifiable object came into view in the south-east. This object glowed a red color, and this red light, which was about 3 times as bright as Jupiter, was the only part of the object that was visible.

There was a train pulling out of the Grand Rapids downtown freight terminal and this made some noise but certainly not enough to drown out the noise of a jet. The object was at a relatively low altitude, and jets at even a high altitude make a deafening amount of noise, but this object made no discernable noise. Even a propeller driven plane would have made enough noise to be heard. All civilian and military aircraft carry the red, white and green running lights. Only the red light was visible on this object.

As the object traversed the eastern sky, the person I was with caught sight of it and we followed it on around a circular orbit which seemed to take in the entire city of Grand Rapids. It moved across the northern horizon and continued across the western sky.

At this point two friends drove up and watched it as it flew across the southern sky and took off in a south-easterly direction.

The entire trip around the city had taken the object no more than a minute by my estimate.

In attempting to analyze the occurrence, I came to the following conclusions:

1. It could not have been a jet, for it made no noise, and on a circular orbit the exhaust flame would not be as brilliant and would not be visible all the time.

2. It was not a conventional aircraft because of the lack of noise and silhouette.

3. It was not a light reflection because the sun had at this time (about 8:40 PM) already been down for quite some time, although there was some twilight.

4. It was not a balloon, bird, temperature inversion, meteorite, or hallucination (4 people saw it).

Then what on earth was it? You name it! (AG)

## THIRD ANNUAL SPACECRAFT CONVENTION

by Evelyn Doric Nicolais - "Understanding"

Between 7 and 8 thousand space fans gathered at Giant Rock Airport, Yucca Valley, California for the Third Annual Spacecraft Convention on April 28 & 29.

Shortly after 10 AM (Saturday, 28th) George Van Tassel opened the two-day session with a brief greeting to those present and to all space friends around our planet. "Space people are still people," he said, "in spite of their higher culture and evolution. We of earth share much with them, among other things, the same concept of a higher Deity."

The Reverend Morris Ludwig of Portland, Oreg. set the tone for the convention, when, in his invocation he expressed thanks to God for being part of a group interested in searching for the higher purposes of life. "Help us not to force our opinions on others," he said, "but only to point the way to right living and understanding."

First speaker was Mrs. Dana Howard of Palm Springs. She stated, "A large percentage of the world's people live in a shell, and like turtles, are afraid to stick out their necks! We know that we saucer enthusiasts are the laughing stock of the world, but we take it in good grace, knowing that the picture will soon be far different....We are seeking peace and contentment for the entire world! We are trying to open the avenues of space, to build a bridge across eternity!"

Truman Betherum, of Prescott, Arizona, was next on the speaker's stand. He mentioned the strange policy of the Air Force which, on one hand denies the existence of UFO's and on the other hand spends great sums of money to investigate them. Betherum stated that "When we turn our attention from construction for destruction to construction for production, we may expect to learn the secret of Flying Saucers." He concluded that, "Our space friends will lend us a hand to see that we do not destroy ourselves. If the agitators for war were equalled by the agitators for peace -- that would really be something! We must elect people of intelligence to places of power so that America can

become the leader in the ways of peace."

Dan Fry of El Monte, Calif., speaking of the relativity of reality, said: "The realities of today are not the realities of yesterday, and they will not be the realities of tomorrow. Let us, therefore be tolerant of those whose reality includes things beyond our comprehension."

George Van Tassel, the convention's official host, spoke on the great scientific knowledge which the space people could give us if we were willing to cooperate with them...it would include knowledge of how to use a free energy principle -- the principle used by space people in propelling their craft. Said Van, "Our money system will not permit this free energy principle to become known. But people must demand to know. Science knows what this principle is and so does the Air Force. The truth about flying saucers is being hidden from the public because it will demand to know about the power used by space people. Everything in the universe is powered by primary energy. Discs generate their own field. They depend on our gravity and on the magnetic field generated by the planets and called secondary energy. Electricity is a third effect. Atomic energy is a combination of all these forces and is a destructive force. One of our big problems is that of converting our money system to a non-money system."

Van Tassel said that one carrier space-craft alone can carry 25,000,000 people. As many as 38,000 ships fit in one carrier which is 14 to 16 miles long. "There is a Space Confederation of fifty-two solar systems and 601 planets," Van Tassel stated.

Orfeo Angelucci of Glendale, said that we must spread the space beings' message to all people .... He added that, "There is not a human being that could believe in flying saucers and at the same time believe in things that are destructive." He concluded that, "We need new concepts for living." Later he asked, "are we really prepared to meet space people? If the world will accept the fact, publicly and officially, that space beings are in our skies, within a year, we should be on the scientific road to the cure of all disease; we would be on the way to making a Utopia out of

our planet, and within three years, we could have space visitors dining at our tables -- all this merely by announcing that we have space visitors in our skies." Angelucci finished by saying, "We have the choice now of destroying our earth or of entering, with space-people's help, into the infiniteness of the universe. But the world is beginning to waken. An undertow and undercurrent are building up. There is a promise for all of us."

Dick Miller, recently of Detroit, now making his home at Hollywood said, "People have become a little more conscious of the flying saucer story and are willing to listen to what they would have ridiculed a year ago."

Frank Scully, "Dean of Saucer Writers," said, "Knowing the truth about saucers is like being too far ahead of a parade -- nobody sees you or knows that you are there. If you're ahead in this world, you are out of step with the parade. So it is with the flying saucer information."

Dr. Laughhead pointed out that we are entering a new phase in metaphysical work, too. "The mystery schools, long the repositories of eternal truths, will come out in the open now to disseminate their ancient wisdom. This is a time of bringing together the groups who will forge the new age. We are moving into a new time scale. Now is the time of graduation and initiation for those who have completed the classroom work on earth. It is hard to realize that the Kingdom is here and that we are the people of the Kingdom!"

Saturday evening, a film "We've Seen The Saucers" was shown. (It was shown in Grand Rapids in February 1954)..(Ed!)

During the convention, "regrets" were read from George Adamski, Donald Keyhoe, Edward J. Ruppelt and Frank Edwards, who were absent. (Adamski has returned to Mexico but will return to U.S.A. in July, says Laura Marxer... The Detroit Visitor reports that Adamski was forced by poor health & doctors orders to cancel all lectures. He is reportedly working on a new book, on "Universal Law" --Ed.) --- credit UNDERSTANDING, 4720 Peck Road, El Monte, California.

## MICHIGAN FLYING SAUCER FEDERATION NEWS

Laura Marxer, of the newly formed Interplanetary Foundation of Detroit has offered her co-operation to our new organization, the Michigan Flying Saucer Federation. She helped promote the new movie "Unidentified Flying Objects" at the Broadway-Capitol Theater in Detroit.

Laura also promoted the Ed Ruppelt lecture in Detroit which was a financial flop, with only 200-or-less people showing up. She thinks, "the people like the philosophical better than the factual aspects."

The INTERPLANETARY FOUNDATION has scheduled a moonlight cruise on the Bob-lo boat on June 24th and a lecture by M.K. Jessup, author of "The Case For the UFO" on August 23, 1956 at the Veteran's Memorial Bldg. in Detroit

Mrs. Marxer states that IF now has 125 paid-up members. The IF group lists the following pamphlets for sale: "The World Tomorrow"- George Adamski lecture of 9-20-55 (Detroit) - \$1. -- "Saucers--Simple as ABC" by Laura Marxer, tells of her experiences and how to understand saucers - \$.50 -- "Private Group Lecture" by Geo. Adamski (5-4-55) - \$1. -- "Whirling Wheels" (Saucers & the Bible) by Rev. John Miller - \$.50 -- "Flying Saucers & Religion"-lecture by Geo. Adamski at Detroit, 9-19-55 - \$1. -- "Minister's Conference" at which Adamski challenges the clergy to investigate the Flying Saucer (9-18-55) - \$1. *(add 5¢-each for mailing)*

For pamphlets, membership or information, write to Interplanetary Foundation, 643 West Forest, Detroit.

The Interplanetary Relations group of Detroit which is an independent, non-profit organization, composed of a small number of civilian saucer investigators, through their representative Don Wysocki, have extended an invitation to all Michigan Flying Saucer Federation groups to hold the next state-wide meeting in Detroit in the month of September 1956... "Definite date will be set later... Meals and accommodations will be furnished by I.R. ... It will be a 2-day convention over a week-end (Sat & Sun)... request an early reply

from the groups as we are anxious to go ahead with arrangements as soon as we receive an affirmative answer"... The IR is opening a Saucer Reference Library which will have books, periodicals, clippings, and tape recordings available for all interested individuals or groups...IR encourages independent research & does not sponsor lectures or any public activity outside of presenting any reliable saucer information it may uncover...Meetings are held once a month at IR HQ's in Detroit...IR makes available the following publications -- "Whirling Wheels" by Rev. John Miller - \$.55 -- "Press Conference" - Geo. Adamski issues challenge to Ministers (same as offered above by IF ) -\$.10 --"Saucers and Religion" by Adamski - \$.10 -- 'Biometric Analysis of Flying Saucer Photographs' by Archer's Court Research Group, Hastings, England, an analysis of Adamski's, Coniston, and Brazilian saucer photos, using newly-developed aurabiometer of Dr. W.E. Benham - \$.10 (prices include postage) -- Also THE VISITOR, official publication of IR - 15¢ or \$1. per year ... for any publication or pamphlets write to: Publications Department, "Interplanetary Relations", 14315 Haggerty Rd, Belleville, Michigan ... for info on group activities, meetings, photographs of saucers write to:"Interplanetary Relations", 90 Pingree St., Detroit 2, Michigan.

The other groups which are active in the Michigan Flying Saucer Federation and their addresses:  
Kalamazoo Flying Saucer Study Club

E. William Maier, 630 Marion Av, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Detroit Flying Saucer Club

Henry Maday, 6432 Cass Ave, Detroit, Michigan

Grand Rapids Flying Saucer Club

Art Gibson, 1221 Philadelphia S.E. or

UForum, Box 60, Route 1, Ada, Michigan

Flying Saucer Research Club, Mrs. Frank Cleary, 1065 Marion St. Benton Harbor

Plainwell Flying Saucer Club, Mrs. A.L.

Wakefield, Plainwell, Michigan

Battle Creek Flying Saucer Club &

Michigan Flying Saucer Federation -- Mrs Edward Johnson, secretary, 110 W. Manchester, Battle Creek.



## THE MYSTERIOUS MARSHALL MONSTER

Perhaps this story has no place in a 'saucer' magazine, but due to the similarity between this story and 'monsters' that have been reported near flying saucers we have investigated the recent report of a hairy monster seen in the Marshall area.

The following story (edited for sake of brevity) appeared in the Marshall Evening Chronicle of June 14, 1956...

"When initial reports of the 'Wilder Creek' monster filtered out nearly a month ago, it touched off whispers which have carried across Calhoun county. The whispers have resulted in a twisting of the original report; the area where 'it' was allegedly spotted has been changed; the nationality of the men who were picked up by the snarling beast has been altered, and some people contend that the whole incident is the figment of an overwrought imagination.

"But three Marshall-area young men will swear that their story is not fiction; one was so shocked by the event he broke down and cried.

"It happened on a Saturday night about a month ago, when brothers Herman and Philip Williams, part Indian and their friend Otto Collins, 20, a full-blooded Indian, returned home from dates in Marshall. The 3 stopped off at a local coffee shop and then drove their 1949 car to their home, southeast of Marshall, just past Wilder Creek.

"The time was about 11:30 PM. Philip, 17, stepping outside the one-story building for a breath of fresh air, saw 'something big' and ran to tell the other two. While Herman, 20, searched for a shotgun, Otto and Philip went outside.

"Evidently, it was behind us,' Philip said. He told of feeling arms wrapping around him and of thinking it was his friend 'fooling around'. Then he felt himself being hoisted off the ground.

"We couldn't see it - it was dark. It had big green eyes, that were big as light bulbs; they were enough to scare you to death! "

"Herman, who couldn't find his gun, ran out.

of the building and saw the creature toting the two boys, who have a combined weight of around 300 pounds, down a dirt road that leads off the Homer road, past the front door of the house and through an abandoned village of some 22 huts.

"Herman flicked on the car lights and turned the car around. All this time one or both of the boys had been screaming. When the lights hit the monster, it veered from the flat stretch surrounding the eastern end of the house, and brushed a table, losing its balance and its grip on Otto, who landed in an upright position. Otto then pushed the beast, causing it to lose its balance again, thus releasing Philip.

"It stood there and watched us; probably wondered what we were," Philip recalled.

"The 3 boys described their experience to their employer, who informed sheriff's deputies. So frightened were the young men that they vacated their 3-room residence and now occupy one room.

"Herman reported, 'I don't know what it was, but we saw something.' Philip added, 'It could have killed us if it wanted to.' The boys returned to the area with a dog the first part of the week following the incident. It appeared nervous when they kicked at what appeared to be footprints in the grass.

"Sheriff's deputies who might be expected to scoff at reports of monsters, nevertheless sat with sawed-off shotguns in the area for 3 nights, but found no trace of the green eyed monster." (Sid Cato, rptr)

Your editor went to Marshall to investigate and talked to Cato, who was unable to add anything except that the 3 boys were still sticking to their story, which has not varied any as might be expected if they were making it up.

Your editor was unable to interview the brothers personally, but talked to friends and saucer-investigators in Kalamazoo who did talk to the boys.

They added that the boys seemed to be telling the truth and as far as they were concerned were very sincere about the whole affair and seemed genuinely scared. The Kalamazoo group went to the scene of the incident. They were told that the woods along Wilder

Creek were an impenetrable tangle of trees and bushes which would make a thorough search of the area an impossibility even in the winter months.

The Kalamazoo people gathered the following information from their interview in Marshall...

The sheriff was rather hostile towards them and preferred not to discuss the incident.

The boys gauged the height of the monster at near ten feet. They had a glimpse of him in the car lights as he stood near the house and were able to compare his size to that of the house.

The boys said the monster had hands instead of paws and claws. He held one of the boys' jaw shut with a huge hand which gripped both chin and the top of his head at once. When one of the boys started to scream the creature throttled him with the huge hand.

When asked if the thing had an odor the boys said that he had a rather strong odor that smelled like spoiled meat. This is interesting because the monsters in several saucer stories have had a similar odor about them. Keyhoe reported the tale of two South American Indian boys who encountered a monster near an object that looked like a space ship. The monster grabbed one of the boys and started off with him, while the other boy broke his most prized possession, his rifle, on the monster in an effort to free his companion. His struggle was a success and the boy was dropped by the evil-smelling creature. When the boys showed their bruises and told their story to authorities they were locked up for drunkenness, but were later released.

Gray Barker, author of "They Knew Too Much About the Flying Saucers" has written to the Marshall Chronicle and intends to investigate the matter.

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