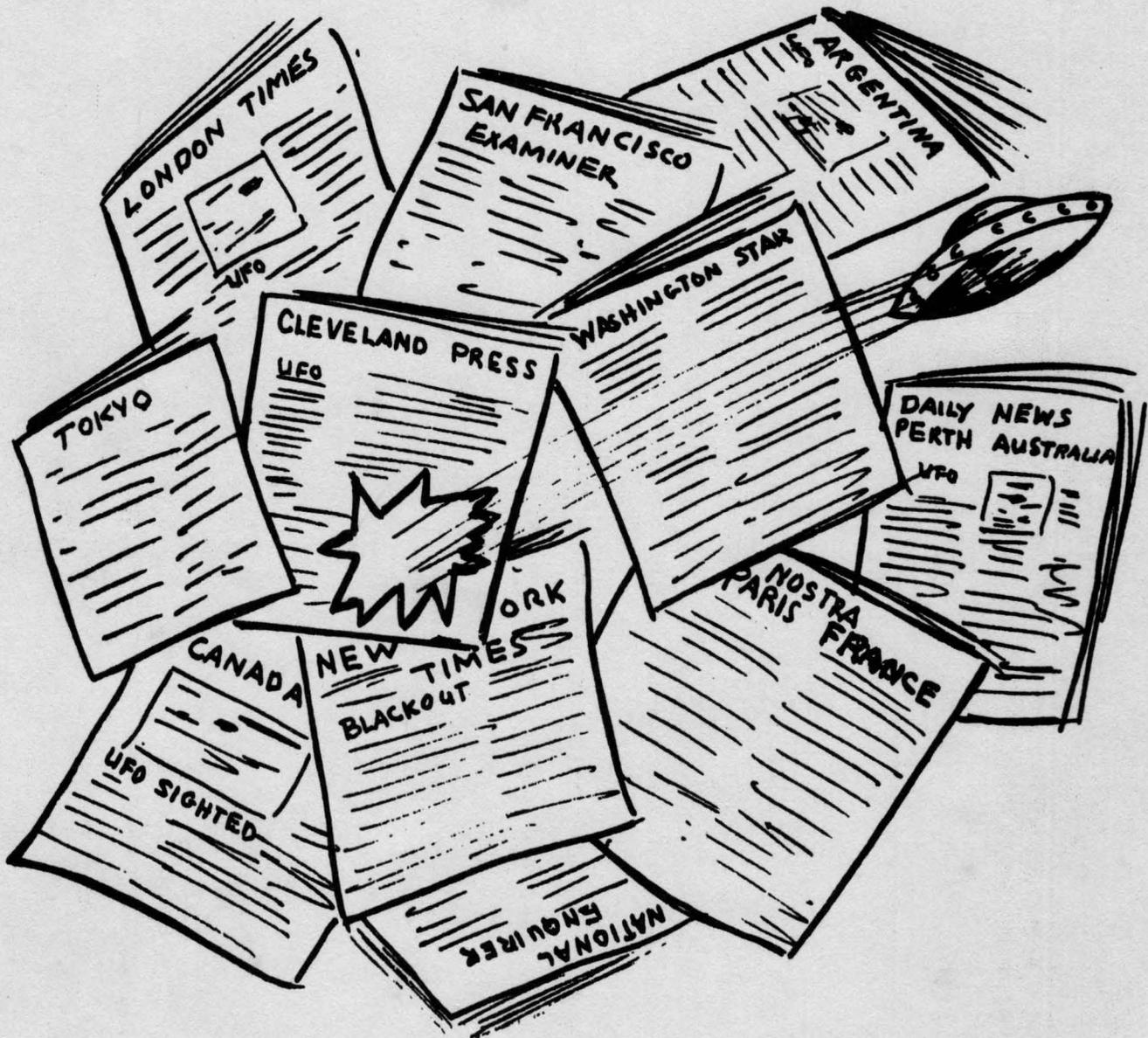


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# You might have your doubts, but Phila people saw something

By KAY WILLIAMS

A lot of unanswered questions remain, but recent reports indicate that some type of objects have been seen hovering in the skies around New Philadelphia during the past few weeks.

The official designation — unidentified flying object — in itself suggests the unknown.

However, something has been sighted by at least eight persons who made reports, and probably others who didn't.

The sightings were reported on two occasions, the nights of March 1 and March 6, both around 8 p.m.

The locations have been on County Rd. 24 (Oldtown Valley Rd.) south of New Philadelphia, in the Barnhill area southeast of the city and east on County Rds. 86 and 34 and Pleasant Valley.

MRS. WILMA BAIR who saw a UFO March 6 on Pleasant Valley rd. where she lives, feels she was "privileged to view a 20th century phenomenon."

Mrs. Bair presented a vivid

description of what she saw, while she was alone in her car.

"When I approached our row of evergreen trees, it was there, over the vicinity of (Eddie) Kohl's mine and airfield, hovering over the ridge of the hills," she said.

"It was a luminous, brilliant green, and was perfectly round with a curved tail."

She speculated that the round portion, estimated at 40 feet in diameter, was the underside of the UFO and the curve was part of some type of exhaust system.

She said when she first spotted the object, it was 50 to 60 feet above the trees against a clear and beautiful sky. As she got nearer, the UFO suddenly was gone.

"It was gone in a flash," she said. "There was no sound — nothing — and it was dark again."

THAT SAME night, Gregg Leggett of RD 1, New Philadelphia, told sheriff deputies he and his wife saw a UFO on County Rd. 68 near Barnhill.

He said it hovered about 1000 to 2000 feet above the ground. It was

seen between 8 p.m. and 8:30.

Leggett said the UFO had white, green and red lights.

A reserve sheriff deputy, Joe Leggett, also was in the vicinity and said he saw strange lights in the sky along County Rds. 84, 85 and 86 between 8:30 and 8:45.

A state trooper called to the area told deputies that he also saw something in the sky. The official log, however, reports a falling star was sighted.

On March 1, Mrs. Richard Wyatt and her young son of RD 3, New Philadelphia, reported a UFO on County Rd. 24 (Oldtown Valley) around 8 p.m.

That also was a clear night and she said it was "huge" and triangular-shaped, with red and green lights.

The colored lights, she said, were "about as big as a kitchen table."

She told sheriff deputies the object stayed still for about two minutes, making no noise.

After getting out of her car at one point, Mrs. Wyatt reported she suddenly became frightened and the object disappeared.

The UFO also was seen, she said, by her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Spring.

MANY PEOPLE are reluctant to report such sightings to the authorities, for fear they will not be taken seriously. In general, that is not the case.

Many area law enforcement officers take the reports seriously and they have been supplied with telephone numbers of national centers interested in recording UFO sightings.

"We do report these sightings," Sheriff Lou Clark said, "but I can't guarantee what is done about them."

Skeptics point out that such recent movies as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and the new Sunday night television series, "Project UFO," might encourage some people's imaginations.

To the New Philadelphia area residents who have seen objects in the March skies, however, there is no doubt in their minds — they saw something.

UHRICHVILLE, OHIO - CHRONICLE  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 3, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO Information Sent To Institute

Information on a UFO sighting in Tuscarawas County has been forwarded to the UFO Institute in Chicago, according to sheriff's deputies.

The sighting, which occurred Wednesday at 8 p.m., was reported yesterday at 10:48 a.m. by Mrs. Richard Wyatt of RD 3, New Philadelphia. According to reports, the object was spotted in the County Road 24 area, three miles south of New Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Spring also reported spotting the object.

MELTON MOWBRAY TIMES - LEICS, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 3, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO mystery

FOLLOWING last week's appeal by the Melton Ufologists for people to contact them about unidentified flying objects, a man from the Wimpey Estate in Burton-road, Melton, has reported a sighting.

He says he saw "a small star-like object giving off red, white, and green rays".

The object was glimpsed in October, and the Ufologists have filed details about its appearance.

Other sightings of UFOs can be reported to the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation of Leicester, which has a 24-hour hotline. Ring Leicester 826545.

# Japanese May Have Answer To Many UFO Sightings

By JACK PAYNE  
T-N Tri-City Bureau

They are seen in all kinds of shapes and colors. Some are described as X shaped, a boomerang, diamond looking, tubular, pie shaped or like a whirling disc. Some have panels and lights and some change color like a chameleon.

A pilot, flying a small private plane southbound from the Jamestown, N. Y. area on a recent dark but clear night, radioed the approach radar control at Erie International Airport and reported that something, not a plane, just flew across his path. He wanted to know if they had him and the object on their scope.

Erie had neither. Both the plane and the reported "object" were below the range altitude at that distance. Nothing further was heard from the pilot and his message was filed.

About the same moment a young Warren, Pa. couple, out for an evening ride on the road toward Scandia, saw something low in the sky ahead of them. They later described it as an extremely bright hovering disc. They stopped the car and got out with a set of binoculars for a closer look. Both agreed that the object, whatever it was, remained motionless just above the horizon northeast of them for several minutes before moving off slowly in an eastward direction for several additional minutes. Then, all of a sudden, the bright disc shot straight up and out of sight. The time was 8:40 p.m.

The young people contacted state police at Warren and later reported to Joan Jeffers of Bradford who is a board member of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research. Jeffers confirmed the report and said there had been others from the general area of Scandia.

Scandia is a small crossroads about nine miles northeast of Warren, five miles south of the New York border near Jamestown and 18 miles west of Bradford. It is the site of a private airstrip with a turf runway about 2,200 feet long and 200 feet wide. The altitude of the runway is listed on flight maps as 2,050 feet above sea level. There were no reported flights in or out of Scandia that night and the field is not used for commercial flights.

Jeffers said as recently as last August a teenage boy, riding a bicycle in the Scandia area, reported that a huge bright disc hovered about 100 feet above him. This particular sighting is still under investigation, according to Jeffers.

The young Warren couple have been asked to submit a full written report based on their sighting and also to furnish a sketch to the UFO research group. Jeffers said this sighting could have been the giant red star, Arcturus, seen at this time of year in the northeast and low on the horizon. The Warren people had said they have seen red to blue lights on other occasions when they ventured toward Scandia.

But what explains the sudden disappearance of the object in a great burst of speed?

Jeffers attended a board meeting following the Warren-Jamestown incidents at the UFO research headquarters in Pittsburgh. There she was informed about some additional UFO sightings in the Fox Chapel and Monroeville area the same evening as those taking place in her general Bradford area. She said that at least 150 reports were received at the Center.

The information received from the Fox Chapel incident was considered an "encounter" and the information was not released to the public. It was withheld so that the report would not interfere with any additional sightings received.

Most of the 150 reports that followed to the Pittsburgh office agreed that what was seen was very bright, very big, made no noise and moved at incredible speeds. Most reports also agreed that the object was triangular in shape and capable of stopping or changing direction at will.

These UFO sightings, plus a number of reportings from Crawford County citizens a week later seem to beg for some explanation and perhaps a partial answer comes to us from across the Pacific Ocean.

A wire service story out of Tokyo said that Japanese police there were swamped by phone calls reporting a rash of UFO sightings within hours of those reported in the United States.

Police said the whole thing started since the movie "Close Encounters of a Third Kind" opened in theaters in the Japanese capitol the previous week.

MONTEREY, CAL. - HERALD  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB 27, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Unknown Flying Object Vanishes

# 7424 UFO  
Salinas police and fire units searched a five square-mile area Sunday night after a mysterious flying object appeared to have landed or crashed there.

Two air traffic controllers and three citizens reported seeing the object, described variously as four "very, very large" green lights and "a solid mass of green."

"Something did happen in that area, but what it was is unknown," said Salinas Police Lt. Ray Jackson.

Jackson said five square miles of farmland were checked with geiger counters, infrared devices and fire trucks with searchlights, but nothing unusual was found.

Richard Lockwood, an air traffic controller in the Salinas Airport tower, said he and his partner were preparing to give takeoff instructions to a light plane at 7:10 p.m. when his partner yelled, "What the hell is that?"

"I jumped up out of the chair, and it was a — this sounds dumb — it was a big green ball," said Lockwood, who has five years experience.

Lockwood said the light, which appeared to be two to four miles away, about 30 feet in diameter, and about 200 feet above the ground, was crossing the runway at high speed. He said it was gone in about three seconds.

Lockwood asked the pilot of the craft that was taking off to fly over the area. The pilot complied, but said he saw nothing.

Later three citizens in the vicinity of Alisal High School, about a mile north of the airport, reported seeing the object, which they described as four large green lights.

They said the object descended to the ground in a large field between the high school and the airport with no fire or explosion.

Army authorities at Fort Ord said they had no aircraft in the vicinity at the time.

# Second UFO spotted in Bronte, light plane scared it away: Youths

By DOUGLAS SWEET

Another unidentified flying object has been sighted in Bronte.

The sighting, by two youths Thursday night on the shore of Lake Ontario, marks the second time in two months a UFO has been reported in the Bronte area.

Peter Fairweather, 13, and Paul Wagner,

16, both of Marine Dr. in Oakville were sitting in an "ice cave" along the shore near Ontario St. at about 7:45 p.m. when they turned out toward the lake and saw a colorful object hovering over the lake, apparently sucking up water.

Wagner says the object, with an oval shaped top of glowing white, a cone beneath it of various colors, a glowing

white ball at the bottom and two flanking shapes of orange and white, appeared for between five and 10 minutes.

The approach of a light plane, heading toward Hamilton, caused the object to "take off" straight up into the air.

It made no noise, the boys say.

"I think it was quite close into the shore," Wagner said. "Maybe between 400 and 600 feet away."

His friend disagrees. "I think it was about a mile out," says Fairweather.

Mississauga UFO expert Tom Grey, head of the Northeastern UFO Organization in Toronto said yesterday in an interview the number of sightings over the western end of the lake is increasing.

"Over Lake Ontario, I can well believe it," Grey said.

A number of the objects sighted have been orange, he said.

The January Bronte sighting, made by four youths and investigated by Grey, was confirmed by an Oakville woman who was travelling along Speers Road at the time of the sighting, he said.

After reading articles in the Journal Record on the sighting, the woman telephoned Grey and "to my satisfaction, their story was backed up 100 per cent," he said.

Grey said three separate occurrences on Friday night were reported in the Toronto area and there is "all kinds of activity" over Lakes Ontario and Erie.

A Halton Regional police spokesman said local police had not had any report of a Thursday sighting.

"I've got to believe there's life on other planets," said Wagner, a student at Queen Elizabeth Park School. "But I find it hard to believe there is a planet that has the technology to build a ship like this."

"I didn't think it was a UFO until it went up into the air. It went up slowly."



Paul Wagner and Peter Fairweather: UFO appeared to be sucking up water from Lake Ontario. Photo by JIM McKELVIE

LAPEER, MICH. - PRESS  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR 8, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO's in N. Branch?

An unidentified flying object was seen hovering over North Branch last week.

Officer Glenn Grinnell said a young couple called and reported the sighting.

"They saw something with flashing lights they didn't recognize," said Grinnell.

He was unable to locate the object.

The skeptical officer was unable to provide details of the report. He said he did

call the Sheriff's Dept to ask if deputies had seen anything.

"All they saw was airplanes," said Grinnell.

HUNTLEY, ILL. - FARMSIDE  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB 16, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## SIGHTING AT GRADE SCHOOL

Last Tue. evening a A.F. U.F.O. was sighted over the Huntley Grade School about 7:30 P.M. An investigation is underway by the B.S.I.T. Every expense is being ignored in an insignificant investigation into the matter. Anyone having any information please drop a post card to P. O. Box 91, Huntley, Il. 60142. Watch this column for continued progress and details.



ATLANTIC CITY PRESS - N.J.  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 8, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# UFO Sightings Stir S.J. 'Flap'

By ROBERT BELL  
Press Staff Writer

SOMERS POINT — Albert Tappeiner couldn't believe his eyes.

Two bright white lights, perhaps 100 feet apart, hovering about 1,000 feet above the earth. They hovered there, above the wetlands, for about 10 minutes before moving directly overhead, silently, and eventually passing out of sight.

"The damndest thing I ever saw," Tappeiner said. "I thought I was cracking up."

Albert Tappeiner spotted a UFO in this town Sunday, and his sighting was the first of several reported over the past 72 hours by Mainland residents. The "flap" of sightings, a term UFO experts use to describe a number of reports in a short time, has typically gone unexplained so far.

"It was an object. I saw an object," said Tappeiner, a sergeant with the Somers Point police.

"I'm convinced I saw something in the sky that looked like it didn't belong there."

Sgt. Tappeiner first spotted the lights about 4 a.m. Sunday while on patrol. They hovered above the meadows between the Longport and Margate boulevards as he watched from the Mainland.

"It was just hanging there, not moving."

To determine whether he was indeed cracking up, Sgt. Tappeiner radioed for another patrol car to drive to his vantage point to see if the driver "saw anything in the sky." But he was careful not to give the other car's driver any preconceived notions.

Tappeiner then put his car into gear to answer an emergency call. As he did, the lights moved toward him, then right over him. He saw an elliptical shape between the lights, but the object was perfectly silent as it passed.

"That really got me. I couldn't understand anything that big, that close, moving through the sky without making any noise."

Sure enough, Patrolmen Stanley Ogonowski, driving the other patrol car, also spotted the lights as they crossed Shore Road. And just a little later, Tappeiner and his emergency passenger saw the lights again.

The air was crystal clear that night, according to

Tappeiner, and he discounts the possibility he misinterpreted the phenomenon.

He and Ogonowski have filed an official report with their department and Tappeiner has also reported the sighting to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

"That's about all I can do with it for now," he said.

Charles Rabey Jr., 19, of Northfield had an encounter much more brief, but no less close, than Tappeiner's about a day and a half later, at 8:15 p.m. Monday night.

He pulled his car into his driveway and was waiting for his father to follow when he spotted it: three bright lights shining right at him, maybe 500 feet away, and only 100 feet up.

"It just stayed there for about 30 seconds, then it turned and moved a little left, and I could see a red and green light," Rabey said.

Those colors could have meant a conventional aircraft, but this object, as close as it was to Rabey, was silent.

"I figured it was a helicopter at first, but it was much too big, maybe 60 feet by 100 feet, and there was no noise at all."

Rabey said it vanished as quickly as it appeared, before his father even had a chance to get out of his car and take a look.

In addition to those two incidents, local radio stations have reported similar sightings of white lights in Bargaintown, on Zion Road between Mill and Fire roads, and in Pleasantville.

One station reported a man saying he saw an object "as big as a house, and making no sound."

An investigator for the national UFO center, contacted at his home in Ontario, Canada, said the descriptions of the local sightings are typical.

"The classical elliptical shape, with or without lights, the silent, slow movement..."

Terence Dickinson, an astronomy professor and consultant to several scientific firms, said "flaps" like this one just add weight to his belief in the UFO phenomenon.

"There are just too many independent sightings like this to dismiss them," he said. But he agreed that they are nonetheless inexplicable.

"There's no question these objects are defying the laws of physics, at least as far as we understand them," Dickinson said. "In order to understand whatever they are, we're going to have to have a breakthrough in our understanding of nature."

## U.F.O.?

CONSTANTINE — Mike Kelley, 1040 South Washington Street, Constantine, reported to the Commercial today that he had seen an unexplained phenomenon between 12:30 and 1 a.m. today.

Kelly reported that he had been in his yard when he observed a bright light streaking from north to south from Constantine toward White Pigeon. The blurry white light then seemed to break up according to Kelly before each section of the light went out.

Kelly could not explain the occurrence since it was cloudy he said and no stars were visible.

Constantine police who were on patrol at the time of the alleged sighting had no report of the occurrence.

State police at the White Pigeon Post had an earlier report of a sighting at about 9 p.m. but were able to find nothing conclusive following their investigation.

A check today with the Flight Service out of South Bend Airport verified that no official reportings of sighting any unusual phenomenon in St. Joseph County occurred in the past 24 hours. South Bend Air Traffic Radar also had a negative report regarding any other than normal air traffic in the area during the past two years.

THREE RIVERS, MICH. - COMMERCIAL  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 7, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

SARASOTA, FLA. - JOURNAL  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB 28, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## 'Strange' Light Observed

UFO or meteor? Sarasotans weren't sure, but several residents reported a strange light hovering in the sky Monday night. Some described it as having a bright blue center and a "tremendous yellow tail." To others the object appeared bright green.

The object, thought by most to be either a meteor or a piece of Russian or American space hardware, appeared to be moving north over Lido Beach and St. Armand's Key.

HINTON, W.VA. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB 24, 1978\*\*\*  
UFO?

The Rev. Thomas Johnston of Third Ave. reported to the Summers County Emergency Service at 7:46 p.m. Thursday that he saw what appeared to be an unidentified flying object hovering in the sky in the vicinity of Madams Creek. The emergency service did not investigate the report as Rev. Johnston said the lights went out soon after they got the call.

# UFO sightings on upswing

By BILL FLEMING

Macomb Daily Staff Writer

Unidentified flying objects, flying saucers.

The words themselves seem to tug at the corners of the mouth, eliciting a smile that may only be part amusement and the rest nervous reaction to what others might think.

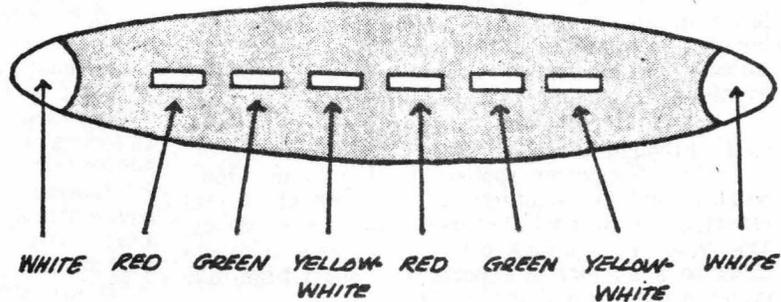
More and more persons are losing their disbelief in flying saucers, lacking only the personal experience of seeing one to become believers.

Judi Sist, of Sterling Heights, had that kind of personal experience last week while, unknown to her, she and her daughter, babysitting next door, watched the same objects in the sky.

Mrs. Sist, 34, said she observed two different UFOs about 200 feet above the woods behind her home in the Hayes-18 Mile Road area of Sterling Heights.

The first object was cigar-shaped,

about the size of a commercial airliner, had bright white lights on either end and a row of six lights along the side, according to her description.



This is an artist's sketch of a UFO sighted over Sterling Heights last Wednesday by Mrs. Judi Sist and her 15-year-old daughter, Karen. The National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a civilian organization, has taken a report of the incident for its UFO data bank located in Maryland.

The lights were alternately colored red, green and yellowish-white, she said, and were flashing in sequence.

"I knew it was a flying saucer the minute I saw it," she said. "All I can tell you is that whatever it was, it didn't come from this planet. We don't have anything like it."

Mrs. Sist said the second object she observed was about 15 times the size of the first.

"I couldn't see any shape," she said. "It just glowed a bright white with a bluish tinge. It was like a ball of light."

The sighting occurred at 9 p.m. Wednesday. Mrs. Sist's 15-year-old daughter Karen, was babysitting at the house next door.

Karen's description of the UFOs corresponded with her mother's, except that Karen said she could see an outline of the second object. She described it as saucer-shaped, with a dome on top.

"The smaller one moved northeast very smoothly until it went out of sight," she said. "The larger one hovered for awhile, then seemed to just disappear and reappear in the same place, as though someone were switching a light on and off."

"After about 20 minutes, the large one moved northeast out of sight, too."

Both Mrs. Sist and Karen reported seeing helicopters flying in the same area at the same time they saw the UFOs. The neighbor children with whom Karen was sitting also saw the UFOs as did Mrs. Sist's 11-year-old daughter, Andrea.

Jack Thompson, regional investigator for the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), interviewed Judi and Karen Sist Friday for a UFO sighting report to be filed with NICAP.

NICAP was organized in 1956 to collect data on UFO sightings and to provide information to persons interested in the subject.

Thompson, a resident of Warren, said the organization's role has become even more important since 1969, when the Air Force abandoned the government's formal UFO investigation, called Project Blue Book.

Anyone who has observed a UFO and would like to report the sighting may call Thompson at 756-8808.

"UFO sightings seem to occur in spurts, or flashes," he said. "We seem to be in the beginning stages of one right now."

Thompson said UFO sightings have been reported in Roseville, Utica and Brighton within the past two weeks.

Macomb County sheriff's deputies tracked a possible UFO recently in the Macomb Township and Mount Clemens area and children in Clinton Township reported a UFO sighting last week.

Thompson said membership in NICAP is open to the public, with annual dues of \$10. NICAP is located at 3535 University Blvd. West, Suite 23, Kensington, Md. 20795.

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15, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Youths Report UFO Sightings

PARSIPPANY — Several Lake ParsIPPANY youths reported sighting unidentified flying objects over their homes at about 9 p.m. Monday.

The incident was the latest in a series of recent sightings here.

Two brothers, Stephen and David Daniello, 14 and 12, 70 Harrison Road, said that they sighted the first UFO at about 8:45 p.m. It was shaped like a cigar and had a red and a blue light on it, they said. It passed over their house at a low altitude. It was "pretty big and made a noise," they said.

At about 9, something resembling "a bright star, but bigger than a star" appeared, they said. It too was festooned with a red and a blue light. It was "sitting up in the sky by Everett Road," said David, and then it started moving slowly.

"A lot of my friends seen it too," said David.

He said one of his friends reported the sightings to police.

He said his friend, Ronnie Mangini, 12, Northfield Road and his sister, Doreen, 9, also saw the UFOs.

# Pocatellans Report Seeing Red UFO

By MARK GEERS  
Journal Staff Writer

The weird red light seen by a number of people over North Pocatello Thursday night rattled Lewis Ward so much that he missed a night's sleep—and it seems to have disturbed a few other Pocatellans, too.

Ward was the only person who called the Pocatello Police Department Thursday night to report seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO). But, to paraphrase an advertisement for a current motion picture, he was not alone.

KSEI radio salesman Sandy Beall told the Journal his station received about 15 calls on the sightings Thursday night.

"They were talking about a red glow in the sky," Beall said.

Western Airlines customer service representative Ken Mendenhall said Western's office at Pocatello Municipal Airport had from five to 10 calls to report sightings. And at least one local television news broadcast carried the news of a UFO sighting in the area.

Several people who said they saw the light gave similar descriptions of it, and placed it in the same general area. Ward, a painting contractor who lives at 1754 Cottage, said he saw it hovering over the West Bench while driving with his wife, Kathy, where Hawthorne Road crosses I-86 about 9:30 p.m.

While he drove along, "The damn thing moved. The next thing I knew, it was almost right above us." Ward is sure about a few things: It wasn't a plane or a weather balloon. And he's positive it wasn't gas reflecting light.

Whatever it was, "The light may have been egg-shaped" and it was red, Ward said.

He still could see it after he made it home and called police. But while he was on the phone, the light "disappeared in front of my eyes. I swear to God on a stack of Bibles."

He admitted the experience shook him up.

"It was just a large light, not like the light you'd see on an airplane," said Kathy Ward. How high did it seem to be? "I'm really bad at distances, but it seemed like it would be lower than what a plane would fly." Mrs. Ward had been skeptical at first.

"I don't believe in stuff like this. I felt like a fool" when her husband pulled their truck over after catching sight of the light, she said. But she saw it too, the light was "bright red, or maybe reddish orange." Any shape to it? "No, but it wasn't round. It was kind of spread out.

"Those that haven't seen it probably think we're nuts," she added. "But if you haven't seen it, you wouldn't believe it."

Ruth Shelton believes it, though. She looked out the back of her mobile home in a park at 1331 Yellowstone about 7 p.m. and saw an orange-red object "just hanging there" above a field between her home and the Bucyrus-Erie plant. Asked to describe the light's shape, she said, "That's the part that's hard to describe. On one side there seemed to be a sort of a round thing."

She called her daughter-in-law, Barbara Porter, who also saw it. Mrs. Shelton, who manages the Salvation

Army store on North Main, said, "I'm glad I'm not alone" when she learned other people had reported seeing the light.

Ron Porter, station manager at KSIH-FM radio told the Journal today his wife "saw kind of a reddish light, bigger than a star." Parts of it shone more intensely, other parts were not as bright.

A plane was headed in the direction of Idaho Falls at the same time, he said, so his wife could see that the red light wasn't part of a plane. Porter himself wasn't home and didn't see the light.

Another woman said she saw the light about two hours after Mrs. Shelton called her—about 9:15 p.m., that is. Her description of the light—bright red, unmoving, "slightly bigger than a large star"—matched the descriptions of other folks who saw it. It disappeared while she was watching it, too, she said.

Jerry Turner, local official in charge for the National Weather Service here, said the light probably wasn't a weather balloon. They're released from Salt Lake City and Boise at 4 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day, Turner said, and usually don't stay aloft for more than an hour; they float so high that they eventually burst.

Besides, weather balloons have a milky white color, he said. And they probably wouldn't reflect light after 5 p.m., when the sun is over the horizon.

There may be a good explanation for the thing that kept Lewis Ward awake last night, and prompted other people to phone radio and TV stations. But what if it was a bona fide flying saucer, or some other vehicle one can't explain away?

Kathy Ward wonders if we'll ever learn what it was.

"Like I told my neighbor, if it was a UFO, we'd never know because the government would never tell. You'd never find out."

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## Has anyone else seen the Shaw Island U.F.O.?

If someone else around Shaw Island in the San Juans has seen a blinding, white light in the sky during the past couple of weeks, Eve Shaw would like to hear about it.

"People will think I am just making up a story or something, but I certainly would like to know if someone else saw it," Mrs. Shaw said.

Mrs. Shaw said she last saw the object around 6:45 p.m. February 9. Her husband, Clayton, has seen the object at least eight times in the past 15 months, "but I never believed him," she said.

"It was an oblong object that was oval-shaped on the top and flat on the bottom," she said.

"In the center there was a bright light like it had windows. I never saw anything so bright."

Mrs. Shaw said the object, which appears at 6:45 a.m. or p.m., first appears to be a star, "then gets bigger and bigger."

She said the object hovers over the bay for 5 to 8 minutes, "then it starts to fade away until it becomes a pink color and then in a flash it is gone."

Mrs. Shaw said the object looks something like a chicken brooder.

The Federal Aviation Administration in Seattle said it has not received any reports about U.F.O.s in the Shaw Island area.

POCATELLO, IDAHO - JOURNAL  
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\*\*\*\*\*MAR 5, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFOs at work in Etobicoke?

Did UFOs zap a large part of Etobicoke dry of electrical power Friday night? UFO buff Tom Grey says it may not have been just a coincidence that there were some UFO sightings over Brampton the same night.

An Etobicoke Hydro spokesman said last night "no definite cause" of the blackout has been determined.

# UFO Tale Told; Reports Compare

By HENRY W. PIERCE  
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

Nearly 30 reports of unidentified flying objects allegedly seen in the Pittsburgh area Wednesday night were logged yesterday during an experiment aimed at bringing more objectivity to UFO reports.

The experiment, carried out by a statewide group of UFO investigators based in Westmoreland County, was prompted by an initial report from a district construction worker and his girlfriend who claimed they saw a massive disc-shaped object settle about 2,000 feet over Highland Reservoir about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday.

At the suggestion of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research—formerly the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group—the *Post-Gazette* withheld details of the sighting so reports from other persons, asked by the UFO group to phone in any sightings, would not be influenced.

The investigators are comparing the reports received yesterday with that of the construction worker and his friend, published here for the first time.

The construction worker—Glenn A. Ricci, 22, of 6921 Bishop St., Morningside—said he and his girlfriend first saw the object at 10:15 p.m. in the vicinity of the O'Hara Township Municipal Building during a drive in the North Hills area.

Ricci said he and Claire Gallery of 1026 Woodvine St., Stanton Heights, paused for about two minutes along Fox Chapel Road to watch the object, which they agreed was "very bright, much brighter than a star."

A second object, which Ricci described as "incredibly fast, much faster than a plane," flew into view from the north, then turned abruptly and headed directly toward the first object.

They drew close and then disappeared over a hill in the direction of Highland Park, he said.

"I wanted to follow it and find out what it was," Ricci said. "So I drove up Delafield Road and across the Highland Park Bridge to Highland Park, where I figured I could get a better view."

A minute or two later, he said, the object reappeared from the general direction of Downtown.

The object approached from a fairly high altitude, he said, descended steadily and paused over Highland Park reservoir.

He estimated its size as larger than the reservoir itself and its elevation at about 2,000 feet.

He said Claire seemed "in awe of" the object and was asking, "What will we do if it lands?"

He said it carried three triangular lights on the bottom and two red lights at the end.

At the same time, he said, it emitted a low humming sound "unlike any plane I ever heard."

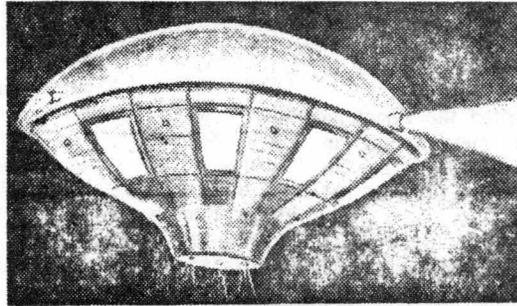
He denied it could have been a weather balloon.

Nearby city lights combined with lights from the object revealed structural features that resembled paneling, Ricci said.

It hovered briefly over the reservoir, then headed back in the general direction of Downtown and angled upward, he said.

When Paul Oles, program director for Buhl Planetarium, was asked whether he had noticed any unusual phenomena that night, he said he had seen "a peculiar thing I can't explain."

"I was on Perrysville Road (on the Northside) about 9 p.m. and observed a bright light in the sky,"



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## UFO as described by Ricci, Miss Gallery.

he said. "I initially thought it was a floodlight from a plane, but after watching it for a few seconds I became uncomfortable with that explanation. For one thing, it didn't seem to be moving in any direction, and for another, the light appeared to be scanning. I finally satisfied myself by saying it must be a floodlight from a lane and that the angle I was seeing it from made it appear stationary. Perhaps, I thought, the actual movement of the plane produced what appeared to me to be the scanning quality."

There appeared to be at least one major discrepancy between Oles' and Ricci's stories—the time. If they both saw the same object, it would have had to remain in the area for more than an hour.

But suppose other people in the Pittsburgh area had seen a similar object. A news account might encourage them to come forward with their own stories—but their stories might be colored by Ricci's description.

Readers were encouraged to notify the UFO investigating group at 863-3874 and let the ufologists make their own comparisons.

The resulting calls are still being evaluated, but Robert Cowell, the organization's director, said late yesterday that it "appears that something very large, low and bright" did appear in Pittsburgh-area skies between 10:15 and 11 a.m. that evening.

Most of the calls, he said, came, not from the North Hills, but from eastern and southern districts — Monroeville, Penn Hills, Edgewood and the South Hills.

The closest sighting, he said, was reported by three women who were standing in a golf house in Schenley Park, who described a circular object carrying small white lights, relatively close to the ground. "They insisted it couldn't have been a plane," he said.

"We are still studying the reports and, at the moment, have no firm conclusions to report."

Meanwhile Ricci and Claire, at the request of the *Post-Gazette*, cooperated with P-G artist Leo Walker to reproduce their impression of what they saw.

BENTON HARBOR, MICH. - HERALD \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR 7, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Sightings Of UFOs Reported

By TOM RENNER  
South Haven Correspondent

SOUTH HAVEN — State police here and Allegan County Sheriff deputies said this morning they received several reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) Monday night in the areas of Grand Junction, Saugatuck and Douglas.

Officers said Arthur Collins, Route 2, Grand Junction, told troopers that while sitting in his house at approximately 9 p.m. he and a son saw a bright light in the sky. Upon further investigation, they said that the light appeared to be 100 to 200 feet in the air and was blinking on and off. They said there was no noise and that the light eventually disappeared behind a neighbor's house.

Allegan deputies, according to state police troopers, received four reports of UFO sightings at about the same time. Deputies said the light was reported as egg-shaped and having a green glow.

A state police trooper from the Benton Harbor post reported what appeared to be a meteor over Lake Michigan at approximately 7:45 p.m.

PORT HURON, MICH. - HERALD \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR 15, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Women see UFO near Ubyly

UBLY — An Austin Township woman today told Michigan State Police that she saw a UFO while driving home from work about 3 a.m.

Lucille H. Burns, Spencer Road, told troopers from the Sandusky Post that she and Bernice Skipinski, Ubyly Road, watched a large round blue light blinking on and off over a neighbor's barn near Spencer Road and M-19.

Police said they were unable to confirm the sighting.

# Some close encounters of local kind reported

By CHRIS GOLEMBIEWSKI

Night skies in southeastern Livingston County twinkled with mysterious moving lights and objects last week and set conversation aglow with the possibility of visits by unidentified flying objects.

The reports centered in Green Oak and Brighton Townships on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Several Island Lake residents are so certain they clearly saw a "huge" lighted oval object hovering above their homes Thursday night (February 9) that they are searching for authorities who'll believe them and serious UFO scholars with whom to file descriptions of their experiences.

Tom Beauchamp, a former Air Force aircraft mechanic, provided The Argus with diagrams and detailed

descriptions of his observations at Island Lake Thursday.

He claims to have gotten "A pretty good side bottom view" of a craft flying from the west at a low rate of speed at 7:45 p.m. and which he judged to be "at least the size of three 747 jets."

Beauchamp, who noted that he was alerted to come view the craft by others — half the neighborhood was outdoors that night, he says — said "It sure wasn't any (American) aircraft. There were too many lights and its shape was not of any conventional or experimental aircraft I saw in the service.

"It was in a boomerang shape with a great intensity of light coming from the center fuselage area. They were definitely not landing lights for they were confined in a small area."

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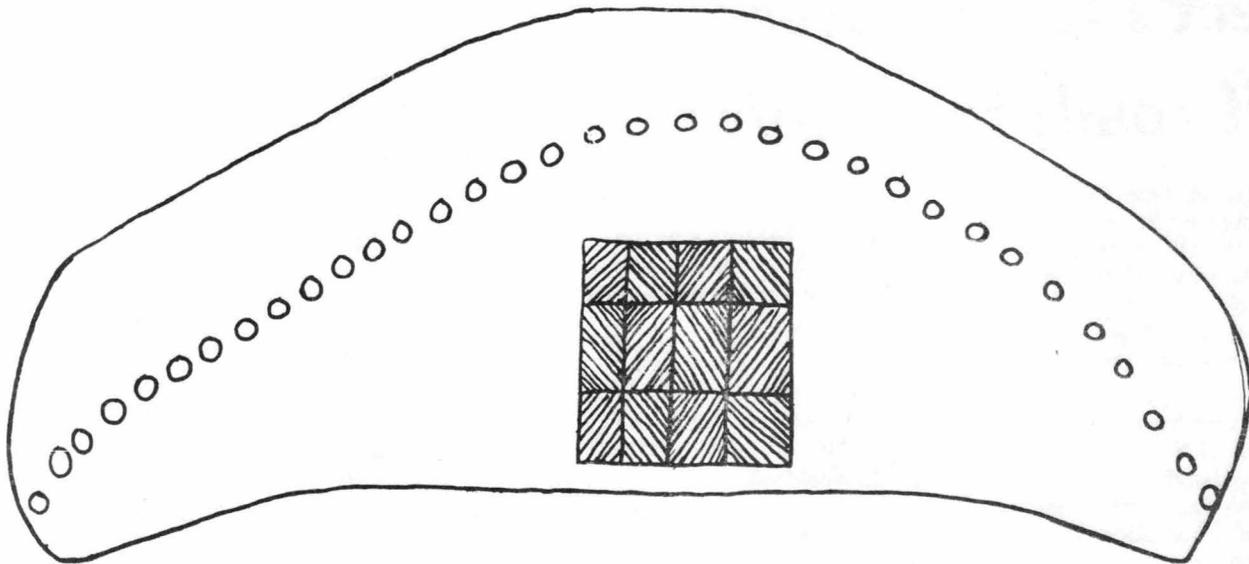
## UFO Sighting Near Underhill

UNDERHILL — A resident of the Town of Gillett, Edward Erickson, 30, reported to the Oconto County sheriff's department at 11:55 p.m. Friday that he had sighted what he believed to be an unidentified flying object.

Erickson said he and his wife were returning from Underhill about 11 p.m. when his wife observed stationary lights blinking in the sky about tree top level.

According to the observer, the lights were red and green. As they watched, he said, the red lights went out and the UFO took off in a wide circle. When the craft rose to a height of about 2,000 feet, he said, a rotating bright white light was observed. The couple watched the craft for about an hour, Erickson said, before it moved off to the southwest.

Erickson reported that a neighbor, David Cullen, also sighted the object.



This is the flying object which one Brighton residentsays he saw

## Alleged UFO Spotted

An unidentified flying object was reportedly spotted by a Rhinelander man Friday night. Oneida County authorities were told about the apparent sighting.

Richard Hazelquist of Star Rte. 2, said he saw the alleged UFO from the 1200 block of Eagle Street

around 6:30 p.m. He told deputies he was looking at the object with binoculars, but couldn't identify it. He described it as having a red top and the bottom was flashing different colors. It was stationary for a while and then flew upward, he added.

## UFO Reported

Another UFO was reported to the Oneida County Sheriff's Department — this one had pulsating yellow lights, according to the report.

Trudy Walti, Crescent Road, reported at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday that a round object which appeared to be quite a distance away was moving through the east sky. It was yellow and went brighter and dimmer, Walti reported.

# Close encounter reported

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At least three adults and a number of children near Beauchamp's home said they saw the object from their yards at a slightly different angle. Evan Peelle described the bottom of a huge oval craft which passed slowly overhead with yellow-gold lights in a v-shape, and making a humming noise.

Her friend, who asked not to be identified because of her job, said it was "so big, so real. We were ecstatic, hugging each other. I always expected I would run, but there was no fear at all. We felt it was a privilege to have seen it."

"This was the real thing," the woman went on. "No one could have disputed this if they had been there. No

way at all."

Peelle, who said she did not hesitate to give her name "because so many people saw it," also said she had no doubt that she saw more than aircraft lights in the sky Thursday.

Another Island Lake resident, Mike Sixbey, alerted by a radio report of a Wednesday night sighting near Kensington Road and I-96, armed himself with Super 8mm color film and says he captured the mystery craft on film.

That cassette of film was supplied to WJBK-TV News, Detroit, on Friday, and word on its contents was not available at press time. The film was to be aired Tuesday evening.

These objects were reported to

have darted back and forth and moved away from each other and back again in patterns.

They also were said to have hovered, sped off at a high rate of speed, made sharp right angle turns or suddenly disappeared.

Beauchamp said the largest craft's slight noise confounded him. "Any of the aircraft we have couldn't be that quiet, for the conventional power plants in even the most advanced aircraft used to power a craft that size would have made enough noise to blow out every window in the area."

All viewers said that the object was then approached by a small craft about the size of a helicopter, suddenly the large one took off at a high rate of speed and went out of sight. "It was like a bat out of hell," Beauchamp said.

Green Oak Township and Brighton post state police received about two dozen calls Wednesday and Thursday nights about the sightings but say they are satisfied with explanations of unusually busy air traffic those nights because of clear skies, reasonable temperatures, small plane landing fields in Livingston and the number of small plane landing fields in Livingston area.

State police said they received an estimated 10-15 calls Thursday but didn't record most of them because "It's not a practice here since it is not a criminal matter." Sgt. Wright, who manned the night desk, told callers the objects were conventional aircraft because a Green Oak Township officer had checked out an early evening report and had said so.

"About half of them (the callers) believed me and half didn't. After he saw planes I wasn't going to get too concerned about it."

Beauchamp was among those who said he was frustrated in attempts to give his detailed information to authorities. He said he called both Green Oak Township and state police and CIA and FBI offices in Detroit. "Both agencies said they didn't want to hear about it."

He also said he was told by state police that the craft were experimental ones from Selfridge Air Base in Macomb County. He called the base, as did The Argus, and was told by Base Operations they had no experimental craft or muffled helicopters at the facility. Beauchamp, once himself stationed at Selfridge, said it was a reserve base not equipped to handle research craft.

CLEVE. PLAIN DEALER - OHIO  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 21, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Sect's truck careens off road; four killed

MONTEAGLE, Tenn. (AP) — A truck refted by 22 members of a fundamentalist sect left a mountain highway and tumbled 100 feet into a ravine, killing four people. The driver was charged with murder by drunk driving.

Irwin C. Schmidt, 51, of Alamogordo, N.M., one of 18 persons injured in the wreck, was named in the warrant yesterday. His wife, Mary, was among those killed in the accident Sunday night.

State troopers said the rented truck missed a mountain curve and careened over a steep embankment.

Peter Thomas, 25, a self-proclaimed evangelist who was leader of the group, said he had been warned of death in a dream that included a flying saucer.

Most of the sect's members were Arizonans and New Mexicans who drifted to the French Quarter of New Orleans, Thomas said.

On Friday, he said, he leased a 12-foot truck to take the group

on a vacation to the mountains.

"We thought that would be the most economical," he said. "And everybody could sleep in the back while we were traveling."

Thomas said the group came first to Beersheba Springs, a mountaintop town of some 600 residents about 50 miles northwest of Chattanooga, to look at a piece of property that it was interested in buying and to wade in the cold mountain springs.

"We saw a flying saucer that night — all of us did," he said. "It was a big ball of fire that came in over the moon and came across the sky before it vanished."

Thomas said the saucer also figured in a dream in which he was warned of a terrible accident. He said the dream ended in his death.

"Some people blame this on me," he said. "They say this wouldn't have happened if these people hadn't been with me. I expect to be shot very soon, perhaps within a week."

# Unexplained Lights

By PAUL BONASERA

Two huge lights — one red, the other blue — that would very slowly appear and disappear is the latest description that was reported this weekend of a UFO apparently seen by many late last week.

The two large lights were very close together and just below and between them was a very small bright white light, recounted Kathy Krogstad, a member of Vestigia, a volunteer group that investigates UFO sightings.

On Thursday, Mrs. Krogstad was driving on Route 80 east-

bound, near the Townsquare mall in Rockaway Township, when she spotted the UFO to the left. It was 7:45 p.m., she estimated. The object was along side her, about a half mile away, until she reached Route 287 in Parsippany. She got on 287 toward Morristown and the object was behind her.

She cannot explain the object, Mrs. Krogstad said, although positive it was not an airplane.

"The lights were simply too large and when I opened my window, there was no noise coming from the object," she said.

Later that evening, Mrs. Krogstad received a call from Lee Kasat, Rockaway Township, who called Vestigia to report a sighting.

Mrs. Kasat was looking through her kitchen window at 20 Barry Lane when she saw very bright red, blue and white lights in the sky. They turned off and on, she said. Her husband also saw them, but neither has been able to explain them, Mrs. Kasat said. It was about 9:30 p.m. when she first spotted the lights. The sighting, she said, continued for about a half hour, the object first hovering over White Meadow Lake and then shooting across Route 80 and eventually away toward Morris Plains.

What witnesses described as UFOs were spotted in four other locations in Morris Plains and Parsippany Thursday night.

The first call was received at

## Puzzle Local Residents

8:51 p.m. by Morris Plains police when William Keating of Janeway Place reported that he and his children had just seen a strange object in the sky. It looked like a football, made a loud sound and was heading toward Lake Parsippany, Keating said.

Another call came in at about the same time from a Hanover Avenue resident in Morris Plains.

At 9:03 p.m., Herbert Charner,

26, 64 Summit Road, reported to police that he had seen four red and green lights hovering motionless over the Banker's Life building and a surrounding field. It started to slowly approach his house while he and his wife watched. Suddenly there was a loud roar, he said. By the time police arrived the object was no longer in view.

At 10:30 p.m., Robin Young of

Maple Avenue, Morris Plains, called police to say she had just seen a large object with two red lights that made "lots of noise."

At about 10:45 p.m., Parsippany police received a call from Phenomenon Research Center in Seattle in Washington, who asked for copies of the sighting reports. A spokesman for the center said he had been alerted to the sighting by a caller from Parsippany.

## Their encounter fast on getaway

MILWAUKEE — What is bright orange, shaped like a canister vacuum cleaner, larger than a helicopter and fast on the getaway?

Harold and Shirley Peters don't know after about three weeks of thinking and talking about their encounter of the first kind. But they believe it was a UFO.

And they say the reaction of their friends and neighbors — aside from a few prank telephone calls — has been one of curiosity rather than disbelief.

"... on the whole, most people, I think, really believe in it now, especially the people who know us," Mrs. Peters said. "They saw how excited about it we were."

The couple was en route to a bowling alley at Rhineland in northern Wisconsin last month when they saw an object in the sky above their car.

"It was bright orange," she said. "It was shaped like a canister vacuum cleaner — that's the only way I can describe it. It was going very fast."

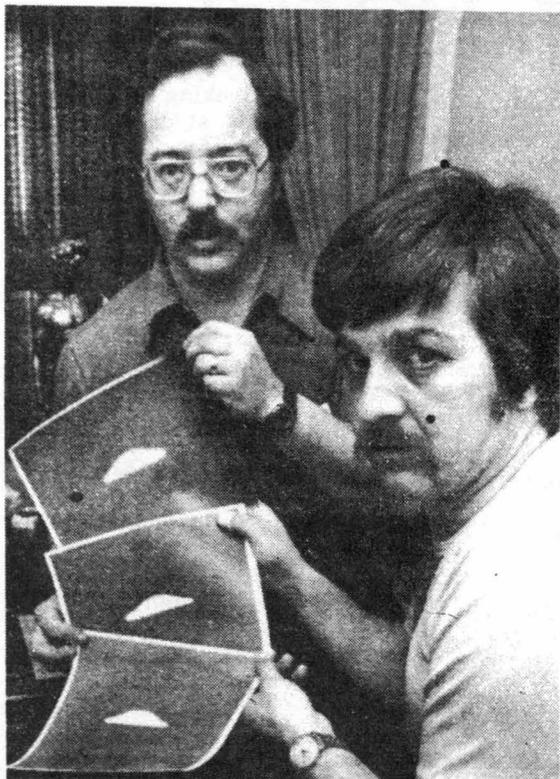
The UFO appeared to move alongside their car for a time, they said, then crossed in front of it and hovered over a supermarket.

"Then it went up, straight up — real fast until we couldn't see it any more," said Mrs. Peters. She said the object — "larger than a helicopter" — wasn't a star, meteorite or balloon or anything she had ever seen before.

"At first, we weren't going to tell anyone about it. But we were pretty excited and when we got to the bowling alley we started talking. We just had to tell somebody. I guess most of the people believed us because they knew us. They said they wished they could see one."

"When I run into someone who doesn't believe it, I don't push it," said Peters, 52, a paper firm worker. "I just tell them. 'There's no sense talking about it with me when you don't know what I'm talking about.' I just drop it there."

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RICHARD Huot, left, Jacques Lavoie and their photos.

## They caught 'UFO' on film

MONTREAL (CP-Special) — Two men say they had a terrifying close encounter of the first kind — and claim their pictures back it up.

Jacques Lavoie, 30, and Richard Huot, 36, of nearby Ile Perrot, said they were camping near Lake Baskatong — in the hills of La Verendrye Park about 320 kilometres northwest of Montreal — on Saturday night when a bright, glowing object hurtled out of the sky and sent them running through the snow in terror.

When it seemed to disappear the two came back and found it near the lake, "hovering silently over the water."

They say they photographed the object with a 35-millimetre camera. The coarse-grain prints show a blurred, oval-shaped white object in a sea of black. A faint outline of what could be trees and the surface of the lake is visible on some negatives.

Lavoie and Huot said the object appeared for about 30 seconds.

"If we get the (UFO) pictures, we will analyse them to prove or disprove this sighting," Marc Leduc of UFO Quebec told the Sun last night.

# UFO Reports Flood Area

In a situation reminiscent of the 1966 UFO sightings in the Dexter area, Washtenaw and Livingston counties, with Dexter-Pinckney Rd. as the focal point, were the scene of a rash of reports of unidentified flying objects during the opening weeks of February.

Television newsrooms in Detroit took serious notice of the situation after a flood of reports came in concerning a brace of lights seen hovering over Dexter and Pinckney Thursday night, Feb. 9, and at least one local radio station, WAAM in Ann Arbor, interviewed eye-witnesses over the air regarding the phenomenon. In addition, authorities in Brighton and Howell have been besieged with similar reports since the beginning of the month.

Esther Gibb of 9620 Winston Dr., Pinckney, whose husband, Donald, is a supervisor for Michigan Bell Telephone Co. in Ann Arbor, called WAAM after seeing "two huge, huge white lights" in the skies over Dexter at approximately 9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9.

"I had taken my son, Mark, to his trombone lesson and then gone to Briarwood, and was on my way home along Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd. when Mark said, 'Oh, Mama, look at those big lights,'" recalled Mrs. Gibb. "I said it was probably an airplane. I got my first good look at it right over Broad St. while caught at the light.

"I've never seen lights like it in my life. It didn't move like a plane, and there was no sound to it. Absolutely none. It didn't bank like a plane, but turned right around at a right angle. I followed it as far as Fleming Rd., when it turned again and disappeared.

"They say there were a lot of  
**DEXTER, MICH. - LEADER**  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 2, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

airplanes up that night, but I know an airplane when I see one, and that wasn't one. My parents saw the same thing, and so did another woman along the Huron River. She saw it at 8 o'clock."

This was not the first UFO sighting for Mrs. Gibb, who said that she was in on the big 1966 scare. "My husband and I were standing on the porch when we saw something hovering over Portage Lake one night. I didn't say anything at the time. They'd think I was crazy."

Mrs. Gibb's mother, Mrs. George (Verna) Neuman of 1115 Camelot, Pinckney, supported her daughter's claim. "It was around 7:30," she said. "My husband and I backed out of our garage onto Camelot to go over to our daughter's. I always look up to see the moon. What I saw was two big lights in the sky, and they turned right around without banking. I looked for a beam as it turned, but there wasn't any. If there had been a big moon, I might have seen something more, but that was it." The Neumans are retired, Mr. Neuman having operated a dry cleaning business with his two brothers for some years in Detroit.

Others who reported the phenomenon that night included Mr. and Mrs. William Lerch of 2939 Tamarack Lake Dr., Pinckney. Said Lerch: "Our neighbor, Peggy Lipert, called us and told us to look out the window. We saw something in the sky. I couldn't say it was so unusual. It was unusual for us, but I won't say for sure it was a UFO."

Many of those who reported seeing the UFO were members of the congregation of Shalom Lutheran church in Pinckney, presided over by the Rev. Ronald E. Rein. Questioned about the reports, Rein, who says he didn't see anything himself, refused to laugh them off. "These are individuals whose credibility is beyond doubt. There is not a one of them about whom I would say, 'They're making it up.'"

# Was it close encounter

While most residents were still asleep Feb. 3, a close encounter of the first kind may have taken place here.

Steve Story of Skokie says he saw a UFO above the A&P parking lot on Green Bay Rd. in Winnetka at approximately 5:40 a.m.

Story, a Tower Rd. Texaco station employe, says he was sitting in his parking car in the A&P lot drinking his morning coffee when he noticed a light in the distance moving east.

"It was foggy. At first I thought it was an airplane and then it came closer."

"In front there were three square windows. They looked like picture windows, 5 feet by 6 feet."

**ACCORDING TO STORY**, white light was shining out the windows.

"The front was square and then became oval towards the rear. It came almost directly overhead about 500 yards high. That's when I could tell there was no noise but I couldn't see the color of it. I shut off my engine and lights and got out of the car."

"The three lights went out and two red ones from underneath came on. They were circular...one on each side of the craft."

Story then drove to the police station.

"I wasn't that scared but I wanted someone else to see it and no one was on the roads. But when the police came out there was nothing to see."

According to Allan Hendry of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, the report sounded very similar to an airplane taking off from O'Hare Airport.

**THE SQUARE LIGHTS WERE** the only things which differentiated it from a plane and "in many of these reports the first lesson is to determine what is accurate. In nine cases out of ten people will take a row of lights and swear they are saucer-shaped. It is a complicated game, that is why we place so much emphasis on multiple sightings."

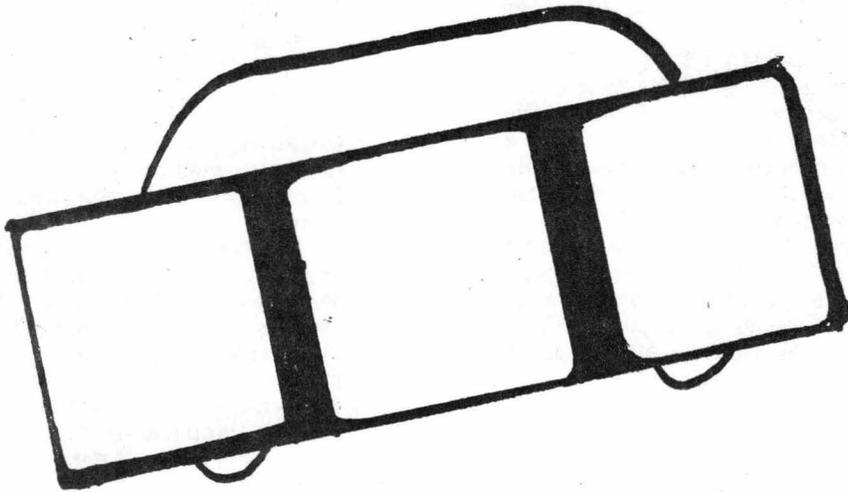
"Also, he did not see it disappear and we place a great deal of importance on how it disappears."

But Story insists the object was not a plane.

"It was much larger than a plane and it didn't make any noise."

On Feb. 2, a similar sighting was made in Wilmette. A person called into the center reporting that he had seen a

# or plane encounter?



Steve Story told Winnetka police he sighted this object flying east about 500 yards above the A&P parking lot on Green Bay Rd. According to Story, the front was oval with white light shining from three large picture windows. An unlit dome was above the lights. When almost directly above him, the white lights went out and two red ones beneath them came on, says Story.

formation of lights — three red and three white with two red ones on top. The report said it turned off its lights

and took off into the distance.

According to the center, this sighting also was probably a plane.

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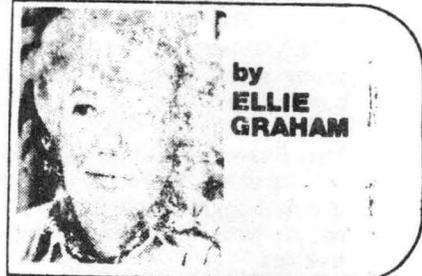
**WHAT DO YOU** do when you sight an unidentified flying object?

Judy Hinote and her son were driving south on Napier when they spotted one at North Territorial.

It was hovering about 30 feet over the ground, according to Judy's estimate. A very bright spotlight flicked over the ground. There were four lights, one on each side, but they could not determine the shape of the craft. It made no sound and "the lights were not in the right place for a helicopter."

Mrs. Hinote wanted to stop and observe the UFO, but her son persuaded her to head for home before they were "zapped."

She called the state police, the sheriff department, Selfridge field, and two television stations. She was told her first move should have been to report it to someone. She thought she had done a pretty thorough job of reporting it.



by  
**ELLIE  
GRAHAM**

**TIM FORD**, Plymouth police chief, gave the same advice when asked, "What do you do when you see a UFO?"

"The first thing to do is observe it carefully, then call us. We have a direct line to the UFO sighting center in Chicago.

"The sighter should give his name, address and telephone number—they have to be accountable. They have to tell where they saw it, when they saw it and the direction it was traveling.

"They should give their estimate of size, shape and color. Was there any sound? What was its estimated speed of travel. The more details, the better."

Ford added, "About every two years we get a new sticker with the directive to call this number to report UFO sightings. The national center is operational and they want the information."

When asked if the center was a United States government organization, he said he did not know who funded it, "but it's there and we will make immediate contact when sightings are reported to us."

The chief said he believed in the probability of extraterrestrial observers and residents should not hesitate to report their observations of UFOs. "But they should have very definite information," he said.

The number for the Plymouth Police Department is 453-1234.

# Walled Lake residents spot UFO

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It was only a matter of time before those unidentified flying objects left the "Close Encounters" screen and started visiting Oakland County.

Although sightings were reported over a large segment of the suburban Detroit area, perhaps none made an impression like the objects spotted by students and parents of the Keith Ski Club at Alpine Valley Ski Lodge on Monday, March 6.

Sally Russell, mother of one of the young skiers, sighted a UFO about 8 p.m. while sitting in the Alpine Ski Lodge waiting for her son, Matthew. Mrs. Russell said the object was about the size of a large kite and was moving in a 10-15 degree angle from the horizon on a horizontal plane above the treetops.

"It was shaped like a polywog," said Mrs. Russell, "and it looked like the tail was propelling it."

Mrs. Russell also noted that the main body appeared to be a bright light, outlined in a bright green light. The tail was composed of red or orange lights, making a very striking appearance.

"It was pretty," said Mrs. Russell, "and it didn't make a sound. It moved kind of like a glider plane and was only visible for a few seconds."

Mrs. Russell also explained that the object was moving eastward and did not fly off into the distance, but merely vanished.

Upon leaving the lodge and meeting her son, Mrs. Russell was met by several students who also saw the object.

Mike Van Sicklen, 11, viewed the object as "a big ball with fire behind it." Van Sicklen agreed with Mrs.

Russell on the object's polywog shape, and said it also might look like a pregnant fish. Van Sicklen stated that eight or ten of his fellow skiers saw it also.

Another skier, John Boone, 12, said the object was "a bright green light with red at the back and a little yellow light." Boone estimated the object to be flying about 50 feet over the treetops before disappearing over a hill.

The Alpine UFO was reported to the West Bloomfield police by Mrs. Russell. According to officials in that department, the West Bloomfield police received four calls on the UFO's, mostly in the city's northeast section near Middlebelt Road.

The West Bloomfield police then referred callers to the Oakland County Sheriff's department, which received a number of calls on the UFO's.

"We don't know exactly how many calls we got," said Deputy Bob Wark, "because we didn't log them. We didn't log them because we didn't dispatch any cars to the sites."

The Walled Lake Police department also received a call concerning a UFO last Monday, according to dispatcher Dick McNutt.

"A guy called up Tuesday morning and said he saw one off Maple Road the night before," said McNutt. "He described it as a bright light with a shaft of light coming down from it. He said it was there for a few seconds and then it was gone."

Oakland County wasn't the only area spotting the unidentified flying objects on March 6, as WJR's Warren Pierce was receiving on-the-air phone calls of sightings in Detroit, Mt. Clemens, Saline, and other communities.

# UFOs Sighted Again

DAILY RECORD - MORRISTOWN, N.J.  
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 MAR. 13, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

ROCKAWAY TWP. — Could it be a promotional build-up for the second release of "Star Wars" or is it another visit from the UFOs that seem to buzz Morris County at night?

Mike Mahoney, 12, 26 Navaho Way, said he believes the bright objects he saw over the White Meadow Lake-Rockaway area around 7:30 p.m. Friday night had to be UFOs.

Rockaway Township police said they received calls reporting similar sightings from five area residents at approximately the same time Friday. Police said an area woman also reported a sighting of two bright objects near Rockaway Townsquare Mall between 7-7:30 p.m.

Mahoney said the oval-shaped objects he saw were "red and white, like Christmas lights," and moved slowly towards White Meadow Lake. They then moved toward Marcella and then back toward Netcong, he said.

Though at first they traveled in a group, Mahoney said he later saw a red one shot straight up while a white one moved slowly eastward. The rest of the group remained stationary, Mahoney said. Then the group moved toward the west, he said.

Mahoney said his sister, baby-sitting at a nearby home, called him to tell of lights in the sky over Rockaway Townsquare Mall. Mahoney immediately ran into his front yard and saw "halos of lights."

"It gave me a weird feeling. I could feel my heart beat faster," Mahoney said. He said he had never seen a UFO before but felt that was what he saw Friday night.

Township police said four other callers, "apparently adults," saw the objects in the same area.

COSTA MESA, CALIF - DAILY PILOT  
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 FEB. 12, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## More UFOs buzzing the coast?

Four Huntington Beach residents living in the same area who'd never met, reported last week that they saw a UFO moving over the south-central city early last Monday. Those who saw it reported it as a reddish-orange cylindrical object that moved slowly and silently, leaving a vapor trail in its wake. They said it stayed in sight for 45 seconds. Police said the city helicopter had already landed in another section of the city, and that there seemed to be quite a few upset dogs at that time. Eleven months ago, five city policemen reported seeing two brilliant white UFOs streaking across the sky.

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - JOURNAL  
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Q. On Jan. 17, from about 6 to 6:10 a.m., I watched what I feel sure was a UFO hover over Los Chaves. It had brilliant blue spokes and was only about 300 feet in the air and after hovering over Los Lunas, it took off rapidly south over the Rio Grande. Did anyone else see this strange object? —Mrs. C.E. W.

# Couple Sight 'Flying Saucer'

By GAY LEE EDGAR  
Times Staff Writer

WALNUT CREEK — "After it flashed by several times, and I saw how enormous it was in comparison to an airplane, I knew this was nothing ordinary," said Sonia Hofioni, who, with her husband saw something unusual in Tuesday night's sky.

"Whatever it was, it had incredibly bright lights and tremendous speed," said Said Hofioni, a businessman and civil engineer.

Both agree it was yellowish. "Like the sun," said Mrs. Hofioni.

"I'm a non-believer," added Mrs. Hofioni. "But this was something extraordinary. It was going very fast. I saw the light above an airplane. The plane had flashing lights, but then the plane continued on its way. The light came back again. I watched it for about 12 minutes," she said.

"It looked round, maybe oblong, sort of platter shaped," said Hofioni. "The light, it was the light that fascinated me, it was so bright. They weren't blinking or flashing."

The couple live with their three sons at 29 Park Terrace Court. Both say they've not seen any of the latest science fiction movies about UFOs, and both admit they've never believed others who claim sightings.

"Flying saucer is a good description of it," said Mrs. Hofioni, who is reluctant to label the light a UFO. "But I'm curious now. It was absolutely not an airplane. I'm eager to know the explanation," she said.

"If I hadn't seen it, I wouldn't believe it," said Hofioni. "Now I think that somewhere in the universe there must be a different existence. Maybe whoever it is is as curious as we are," he said.

First to see the unusual object was Mrs. Hofioni, who said she watched the light streak by several times and then woke her husband who was dozing. He grabbed his camera and snapped a Polaroid picture of the light. The photograph shows the corner of a deck outside the Hofioni bedroom the corner of a neighbor's house — and a light in the sky.

Police in the Central County area received no calls about unusual lights. Buchanan Field in Concord reported that an advertising airplane was in the vicinity at about 8 p.m.

The Hofionis said they saw the light in the sky at 10:40 p.m.

On Wednesday Mrs. Hofioni said she mentioned the light to several women in a Walnut Creek clothing store, and they admitted seeing the light too, she said. But no one had an explanation.

Hofioni said the light traveled from south to north and that there was no noise or odor. Just light.

WALDORF, MD. INDEPENDENT  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 1, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Orange glow: UFO?

"A strange orange glow" followed by "something like thunder" is how Tracy King of Hughesville described "whatever it was" she reported seeing on Jan. 13: Friday the 13th.

She had awakened at about 3 a.m. to put a log in the fireplace when she saw an orange light through her bedroom window, which "lit up the whole area."

"I could see it reflecting off the snow," she said, "and I thought the chimney was on fire."

She checked the chimney but found no problems.

When she returned to her bedroom her husband was awake.

"He saw it the second time," she said. They then heard a noise that sounded like a clap of thunder.

"I said maybe a spacecraft crashed out in the yard," Mrs. King told the Independent. "My husband said 'go to sleep'."

But despite her initial reaction, Mrs. King is not contending that she saw a UFO.

"I don't know what it was," she said.

There have been reports over the past two months along the east coast that are similar to Mrs. King's reported observation.

Mysterious blasts have been heard in Canada, New Jersey, Maine, and other coastal areas. In one report, according to Jack Acuff, president of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, residents observed a flash of light before a mysterious blast occurred.

Scientists have been unable to explain the blasts, but they are believed to be a natural phenomenon rather than anything relating to UFO reports.

SPARTA, ILL. NEWS PLAINDEALER  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 16, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO sighted early Monday north of town

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Patton of north of Sparta reported having seen an unidentified flying object (UFO) early Monday morning.

Mrs. Patton told the News-Plaindealer the UFO emitted a huge orange light which was visible for miles. She said the light would compare to a large, two-story house on fire. The light went on and off.

The UFO remained in the area for approximately an hour and a half, Mrs. Patton said. She and Mr. Patton called neighbors, who also saw the object. The light was so bright, Mrs. Patton said, that the neighbors could see the light while they were still in bed.

The Pattons first noticed the UFO about 5 a.m. Monday, and the object remained in the area until about 6:30 a.m. Mrs. Patton said it was fairly large with big lights on each side which flashed alternately. She said at one time they saw something red descend from the object to the ground, and at another time they saw three white lights descend. The object hovered and moved around the area.

When the object made the bright, orange light, it was near the new coal pit being opened near the McMaster farm.

OWOSSO, MICH. - ARGUS-PRESS  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR 7, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO Reported

What could have been an "unidentified flying object" (UFO) was reportedly sighted in the Laingsburg area Monday night by two Owosso men.

David Kline of Owosso told The Argus-Press Monday night he and another man, Rod Lambert, were cross-country skiing in the Laingsburg game preserve when they saw two "very bright" lights, one after the other.

Kline described them as being "like someone turned on a full moon."

They occurred, he said, at about 8:15 p.m. The first was low on the horizon headed north to south in the west. The second, he said, was higher and seemed headed north to east, also in the west.

# That Was Some Kind Of Close Encounter

**MORRIS PLAINS** — A large, flying object with flashing lights was reportedly chased by a Madison man in a car here last night.

The chase ended abruptly when Bill Di Carlo, 22, nearly collided with two women trying to follow the same unidentified spacecraft in their car. The red and blue lights then disappeared from view over some trees as the object headed towards Route 10 in Parsippany, Di Carlo said.

Di Carlo, a student at County College of Morris, said he was headed westbound on Hanover Avenue at 9:45 p.m. when he observed two bright lights moving together, parallel to the Route 10 area. He said the

object was traveling just over the treetops at about 50 mph.

"When I saw it, I said to myself, 'I'm not seeing things,'" Di Carlo said. "It wasn't a jet, or else I would have heard it."

Di Carlo stopped near the borough train station, where two women reportedly cut in front of his car. He said the women "were determined to find out what it was."

Police identified one of the women as Mrs. W. Lynch, Jaqui Avenue, who reported observing "a large object with white and red flashing lights."

A spokesman at Morristown Airport said nothing unusual was sighted in the area.

SALINAS, CAL - CALIFORNIAN  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 8, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Army agrees to 'UFO' flare test

Green star cluster Unidentified Flying Object Fort Ord is prepared to give some Salinas citizens the opportunity to decide for themselves which it was they saw on the night of Feb. 26.

The request for the scheduled encounter of a still undetermined kind was presented to Fort Ord's Commanding Gen., Robert L. Kirwan, in a letter from the Californian last Wednesday.

The affirmative response from Fort Ord's Public Affairs Office came from Don English today. Details, including exact time and place, have yet to be worked out. But "It is a definite go. It will be done," English said.

And he added that it will be done between now and month's end, with at least several days' advance notice that will permit interested observers to be on hand.

That will definitely include Salinas Air Traffic Controller Bev Taylor, who was on duty with partner Rich Lockwood on Feb. 26 when they watched what appeared to be the eerie and unexplained descent of four large green lights.

FLARES Salinas police inquiry has since produced the word from Fort Ord that the mysterious objects may have been green army flares.

That prompted Taylor's idea and the Californian's formal request for the demonstration Fort Ord has now said it is prepared to provide.

Arrangements are being made through Fort Ord's training branch and "it will depend somewhat on weather," but it will be done, English said.

# It really glowed in green

Well, the editor finally experienced his first UFO. (Some readers say he has been suffering from delusions for the past decade and a half.)

We were driving home Wednesday evening, December 28, about 9 p.m., when there it was—a clearly unidentifiable flying object. The sky was a crisp, clear winter night, with stars at their brightest.

The object crossed our windshield at about 45 degrees to the horizon, falling—or flying—toward the earth. It was an elongated shape, somewhat like two Q-Tips fastened together, with the tips on each end. (Actually, we did not

see an object, but, rather, a shape defined by the green glow which surrounded it.)

It only lasted about three seconds, and then disappeared below our horizon. (We have to admit we waited for an explosion, but none occurred.)

It was not a falling star—we first thought of this, but, due to its shape, immediately rejected this explanation. It was not a small plane, departing Cuba Municipal—we have seen them before.

What was it? We can't say. But, frankly, it was a bit fun having at last seen our own UFO. (Eat your heart out, Richard Korte!)

# UFO Sighting Unconfirmed

A possible unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported to the Rock County Sheriff's Department about 7:15 p.m. Sunday. The caller stated that the object appeared on the western horizon.

The sheriff's department referred the call to the Rock County Airport Control Tower. Officials at the tower reported today that nothing was seen from that location and checks with radar installations at Rockford and Madison both proved negative.

# Stymied by a close encounter

MILWAUKEE (UPI) — What is bright orange, shaped like a canister vacuum cleaner, larger than a helicopter and fast on the getaway?

Harold and Shirley Peters don't know after about three weeks of thinking and talking about their close encounter of the first kind. But they believe it was a UFO.

And they say the reaction of their friends and neighbors — aside from a

few prank phone calls — has been one of curiosity rather than disbelief.

"On the whole, most people really believe in it now, especially the people who know us," Mrs. Peters said. "They saw how excited about it we were."

The couple were en route to a bowling alley at Rhinelander in northern Wisconsin last month when they saw an object in the sky above their car.

"It was bright orange," Mrs. Peters said. "It was shaped like a canister vacuum cleaner — that's the only way I can describe it. It was going very fast."

The UFO appeared to move alongside their car for a bit, they said, then crossed in front of it and hovered over a supermarket.

"Then it went up, straight up — real fast until we couldn't see it any more," said Mrs. Peters. The object — "larger than a helicopter" — wasn't a star, meteorite or balloon or anything she had ever seen before.

"When I run into someone who doesn't believe it, I don't push it," said Peters, 52, a paper firm worker. "I just tell them: 'There's no sense talking about it with me when you don't know what I'm talking about.' I just drop it there."

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NEOSHO, MO. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 27, 1978

## At least one other person saw object

At least one other person saw the unidentified flying object reported Friday by Jackie Ansell.

Mrs. Ruby Scranton, 624 Summit, called the Daily News today to say she also saw the object between 9 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

"That boy saw what he said he saw, because I saw it too," she said. Mrs. Scranton said she called about the UFO because she knew some people would doubt that the boy had seen it.

Although she was not as close as Ansell, she said the object she saw met the same general description.

"At first I thought it was a plane without lights," she said. "But it made no sound like an airplane and as I watched, I could tell it was not a plane." She said the object traveled a course from the northeast to the southwest.

## Un-UFO sighted

Three Auburn High School students reported a "Close Encounter" with an unidentified flying object to Rockford police late Tuesday night.

Police said the UFO turned out to be a cargo plane, however.

The youths, who were driving in the northwest part of the city, said they saw a large flying object hovering over the downtown Rockford area.

Police at Greater Rockford Airport, however, said the object was a C-130 military transport plane that had been making touch-and-go landings at the airport to get familiarized with the landing patterns.

MEADVILLE, PA. - TRIBUNE  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 9, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Two Area Women Report Sighting Sky Object

Little green men from another planet invading the earth? No, not quite, but two area residents reported sighting an unidentified flying object Wednesday evening.

"I never saw anything like it before in my life," said Lillian Hineman, RD 9, Meadville. Mrs. Hineman and her daughter, Carla, who was driving the car, were traveling north on Rt. 86 when they spotted a bright light between 6:30 and 7 in the western sky.

Instead of returning to their home on Ryan Road, the pair decided to follow it. "We had to pick up speed to keep it in sight," said Mrs. Hineman.

She said the craft seemed to hover and was shaped like a boomerang. As they passed the Bethesda Home "the lights faded" on the object and "twinkling red lights" began flashing.

At this point, the UFO headed east, toward Woodcock Reservoir. As Mrs. Hineman and her daughter turned right onto Rt. 198, the object sped off beyond the dam and out of sight.

A similar story was reported to state police by Dianna Montgomery of RD 2, Saegertown. In the car were her youngest son James, and a passenger, Don Boyle.

Ms. Montgomery, who recently saw the science fiction movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", also was traveling north on Rt. 86 at approximately 6:30 p.m.

"Why is that light so bright when it's so far away," asked her son. Ms. Montgomery described the hovering object as an "awful bright light" off in the western sky.

They continued driving north and pulled over at the top of the hill past Rt. 198, with the object in full view. The craft "passed over the top of our car" and moved east toward Woodcock Dam, flicking its lights as it traveled.

Ms. Montgomery said the object had an "X" shape. Both women said they had difficulty estimating distances because of the brightness of the lights.

State police investigated the sightings, but found nothing.

CLARKSVILLE, GA. - ADVERTISER  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 16, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## BUTLER SEEKS U.F.O. NEAR CLARKESVILLE

Steve Butler got the surprise of his life while on his way home Saturday night. Hovering in the tree tops on the property of Frank Brown on new Liberty Road was a UFO. Steve described it as rectangular with a coliseum type dome that shown vividly with the reflection of the moon. The lights on it were green-red-yellow and blue. Steve stopped his car and watched it for a few minutes and decided to move to another position to get a better look. As he did, it disappeared. Scott Grant and John Butler went to the spot to see if there was anything that might have caused a reflection, but found nothing. UFO's are with us, according to Steve; there's no doubt about it.

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# They're Ready and

WINCHESTER, VA. = STAR  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 14, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

By SUE STEWARD

Star Staff Writer

WARDENSVILLE, W.Va.—Rollin Garrett keeps his camera by the door and his telescope on the window sill.

The next time an unidentified flying object hovers over his West Virginia home he's determined to get proof of the sighting.

"Sometimes at night I sit and wonder what I saw," Garrett says of the unusual

December sighting.

"I just wish I could have had more time to look at it then," he said.

The "it" that Garrett refers to is the mysterious and eerily lighted object that hovered over his home for almost two hours early on Dec. 16.

Garrett, who lives two miles out of WardenSVille on Trout Run Road, was returning to his home shortly after midnight when he and his son,

Michael, saw the unusual brightness in the sky.

For the next two hours the entire Garrett family watched the mysterious object that had a red glow on top and a blue glow on the bottom until it disappeared from sight.

WORD TRAVELS quickly in WardenSVille, with a population of about 300.

"There were quite a few people who used to be skept-

tical around here," Garrett said. "But we have made quite a few believers."

People from all around the area and across several states have called Garrett to share sightings they have had or to ask him more about what he saw.

He was even asked to speak to school children studying about U.F.O.s in Moorefield, W. Va.

AND WORD travels quickly

# Waiting for Another UFO

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across the entire country.

Garrett has been contacted by reporters from as far away as Montreal, Canada for a version of his story. He has been contacted by newspapers, magazines, international magazines and a national weekly tabloid.

SEN. ROBERT Byrd, the U.S. Senate majority leader from West Virginia, has sent two books to Garrett and his family.

One of them gives some of the arguments for and against the existence of unusual space objects. The other contains documentaries of sightings gathered by the U.S. Air Force in its Project Bluebook.

The family has read through many of the documentaries from the Project Bluebook, but they haven't seen one quite like they saw over their home.

THE FAMILY is also waiting for the movie "Close Encounters" to come back to an area theater so they can see it. When it was in Winchester the first time, they weren't able to schedule a time to see it.

THEY WOULD like to report their sighting to a governmental agency, but no one is collecting the reports.

The Air Force closed Project Bluebook in 1969 with a

final report that said there was no hard evidence that U.F.O.s were anything but conventional phenomena that have been misunderstood.

President Carter, who claims he has seen a U.F.O., ordered the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to look into the possibility of reopening investigations, but NASA responded in January that no report was warranted.

PORT HURON, MICH. - TIMES-HERALD  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 12, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## New Baltimore area reports UFO sightings

NEW BALTIMORE — Numerous reports of a UFO were made Friday night to the state police post here. Troopers said they watched a pulsating orange column in the sky for nearly an hour.

Trooper Douglas Wheeler said the object appeared to be over Marysville, St. Clair and Sarnia. It was first seen shortly after 10 p.m.

Officials at the Selfridge Air National Guard base, Mount Clemens, told troopers that the object was light from a burn off in Chemical Valley, south of Sarnia. The light was reflecting off ice crystals in the the air, they said.

"It may be what they (Selfridge) say," Wheeler said. "But it's not like that. Usually, when that happens, the column goes all the way to the ground. This was just a shaft in

the sky. It's something I've never seen before."

The UFO appeared to be a column of orange light that pulsated and moved to different locations. It was visible from the post, Wheeler said.

Other sightings of UFOs were reported to the St. Clair County Sheriff Department and the Romeo state police post. The Lapeer County Sheriff Department had no sighting reports Friday night, but it has had numerous sightings reported throughout the week, a deputy said.

The Lapeer sightings are of a fast moving object with white, green and red lights. Three similar reports came to the St. Clair Sheriff Department Friday night.

The Romeo sightings were of the orange shaft. "They're driving us nuts," a trooper said of the reports.

"They say they're over Port Huron and over the Ford Tractor plant (in Romeo). Our cars have seen it.

"We think it's just a burnoff reflecting on the clouds," he said.

Friday night's UFO reports were just the latest in a series that began Monday with sightings in the Detroit and Mount Clemens areas, spreading over the Blue Water Area during the rest of the week.

Not all sightings, necessarily, are being reported.

"If I saw a UFO, the only person who'd ever know about it is my partner," said Al Deland, a St. Clair Deputy Sheriff. "If I ever talked to one of those little two-headed characters, I wouldn't say a word. I'd just turn in my badge and get a room on third floor east."

Third floor east is the psychiatric ward at Port Huron Hospital.

# Glowing UFO Causes Buzz In

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The teachers lounge at Socorro Middle School was abuzz Wednesday, and the talk wasn't about classroom discipline or lesson plans. The topic of the day was visitors from outer space, after at least three teachers at the school saw a glowing spacecraft in the sky over the Lower Valley Tuesday night.

The sightings occurred as the three teachers were driving home from the

school's open house.

"I was driving along Alameda, almost to Avenue of the Americas, when something caught my attention," sixth-grade teacher Mrs. Laura Hinojo recalled. "It was way up, it looked round and orange, and it looked like it had a greenish blue spark at the end of it.

"It descended straight down, then it went up and it was gone," she said.

Fifty-grade teacher Mrs. Sandra Edman got a closer look. She too was driving on Alameda, near the Americas intersection.

"I saw it towards the north. It looked very close, hanging right over a cotton field at about treetop height. It went straight up and disappeared," she said.

She described the craft as cigar-shaped, and like Mrs. Hinojo, she said

## Socorro

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it was a glowing orange in hue.

A third teacher, Mrs. Virginia Urey, saw something similar as she drove west on Interstate 10 near Eastwood Hospital. She had left the open house a few minutes before Mrs. Edman.

"It looked like a big round ball to me, but it might have been elongated because I was looking at it head-on,"

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PORT HURON, MICH. - TIMES HERALD  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 9, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Port Huron residents report UFOs

By JOHN F. BROWN  
Times Herald Reporter

Nothing beyond the bare reports has been confirmed, but something was seen in the skies over Port Huron about dusk Wednesday.

Several persons said they saw a UFO over Port Huron toward the Sarnia area.

Area radio reports said the Selfridge Air National Guard Base had sent up a plane Wednesday night when a UFO was confirmed by radar.

But Col. Donald "Digger" O'Dell, public information officer, said there was no truth in the radio report.

"We were flying a training mission Wednesday night, and we had six planes up over the Port Huron area. But we sighted nothing over Sarnia or Port Huron," said O'Dell. "We did not scramble any of our planes to investigate any UFOs last night.

Local police agencies were asked to check out several reports of UFOs about dusk Wednesday. One officer admitted to having seen "something."

"I don't want to be laughed at by the men I work with, but I saw something Wednesday," said the officer, who asked not to be identified. "But it was in the west as the sun began to set. It was a bright light. I don't believe it was a star," he said.

"It was there and it was gone. It was too far away for me to really get a look at it. But I'm no longer saying something isn't out there. What I saw was real. I know, and that's enough for me," he said.

The reports of sightings in the area in the last three days will have a special meaning for Phyllis Wright and her daughter, Tammy, 18, of 2334 17th Ave., Port Huron, for years to come.

At 7:54 p.m. Monday the two were about to drive out of their driveway when Mrs. Wright's attention was drawn to the sky straight up over her car.

"I saw either a UFO or a meteor. It was definitely there. No sound, just this huge light. It was like a giant, giant fire-cracker," Mrs. Wright said.

"There was a white light, a bright white light in the center and red and green lights on the side. And it did seem to have some kind of a tail.

"It was there for seconds and then it was like someone turned out the lights. It was gone. I did see it. Tammy didn't, but I did," she said.

Tammy, a police cadet with the Port Huron Department, said, "I could feel something was different when my mother saw it. We heard nothing. It was strange. I had just looked at my watch and I knew exactly what time it was."

Another person who called the Port Huron Police Department and reported seeing what he said was a UFO, later backed off a bit, saying "maybe it was just a plane or star."

"The Air Force no longer investigates these reported UFO sightings. We closed the book on them in 1969 when it was decided they were no longer a threat to our national safety," O'Dell said.

"I'm skeptical about the sightings. I would like to see what these people are seeing so I could confirm or deny it. But when I'm told by experts that what was seen Monday night in the Mount Clemens area was a meteor, I have to go along with the explanation," he said.

STOCKBRIDGE, MICH. - TOWN CRIER  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB 22, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO's hover over Stockbridge area

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We weren't frightened, but we sure were excited," Mrs. Bernard Risner said after she and her family saw an unidentified flying object hovering over the area near their home at 2625 Burden Road, Lowe Lake, Thursday around 7:45 p.m.

The Risner children, Joan, 11, Brook, 15, and Brian 18 watched the object with their parents for about 20 minutes before it disappeared.

Mrs. Risner describes the object as: "It was definitely a round object which appeared to have three windows on the side facing us. It also had two very bright lights, like headlights, which were unbelievably intense.

"Then from somewhere, maybe beneath the object, came a spotlight. It seemed to be searching the lake and lit up the shoreline so we could see the trees. Then suddenly, with no sound however, it went off on an angle and disappeared from sight. It was definitely not a helicopter nor an airplane."

J. J. Jones, who lives at 2457 Brogan road, saw a similar object the same night at about 10 p.m.

"I was watching TV and saw this reddish-orange ball of fire through a nearby window, so I went out on the porch to see what it might be. It appeared to be up about 4,000 feet and from that distance it measured, to me, about a foot across. There was no noise, no other lights. It appeared to be floating, going east. We can hear planes when they are that height, but there was no sound at all with this. After about a minute it went beyond my vision, another house was in the line of sight, so I went back in the house."

## Glowing UFO Causes Buzz In Socorro

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she said. The craft was coming toward her on the freeway. Then, she too saw it shoot up and disappear.

Still a fourth separate sighting was made by Mrs. Urey's husband, Frank, a switchman for Mountain Bell.

Urey said he was sitting in the living room of his home at 9620 Selkirk when he caught a glimpse of a bright light out the window. He and his 23-year-old son ran outside to see what it was.

Could it have been a missile?

"No sir, not right down over the middle of El Paso," Urey said. "That thing was right down over our house at Eastwood."

"When I saw it, it was a long orange light. I thought it was an airplane at first, but plane lights are more white. It shot straight up and was gone, bang! like that."

Urey admitted that the craft was coming from the direction of the airport, but insisted it could not have been an airplane.

"It was quite low when we first saw it, possibly 1,000 feet," Urey said.

Officials at Fort Bliss could provide no explanation for the phenomena. Lt. Col. Vince Carafano, public information officer, said his office made a thorough check of all possible missile firings and found that none took place Tuesday night.

"It wasn't us this time," Carafano said.

"It fits right into the pattern," said Robert Gribble, staffer at the privately-funded UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash. Gribble said both the color and shape of the craft, and the descriptions of its behavior, fit in with other UFO reports his group receives, although nothing similar was reported for Tuesday.

The three teachers were reluctant at first to mention what they had seen, but chance conversation during the morning coffee break let them know they weren't alone.

"I walked into the teachers' lounge and said I had a weird experience last night, and she (Mrs. Edman) nearly fell off her chair and said she saw the same thing," Mrs. Urey said.

## UFO leaves a wide trail of sightings over state

It was a good night for UFO-watchers, and this one was a little out of the ordinary.

Scores of people saw it as it flew up the Detroit River, crossed Detroit into Macomb County, swerved east over Lake St. Clair and flew south, cutting over the western edge of Windsor and heading toward Lake Erie.

All described it the same way: A bright, glowing, light green disc or ball with a triangular red tail, which could have been a fiery exhaust. From the timing of the reports, it was traveling somewhere between 80 and 120 miles an hour.

The first sighting was at 7:35 p.m. at Amherstburg, at the mouth of the Detroit River. Five minutes later, the object was over southwest Detroit. East siders saw it about 7:45, still heading northeast.

Another five minutes and it was over the Macomb Mall, on Gratiot south of 14 Mile.

Two airplane pilots, approaching Detroit City Airport, reported that they saw what looked like a meteor, going southeast over Lake St. Clair.

"But it was going awful slow for a meteor," one said.

People at St. Clair Beach, west of Windsor on Lake St. Clair, saw it heading south-

east at 7:55 p.m. The last sighting was reported from Leamington, some 40 miles southeast of Windsor near Point Pelee, at about 8:30. It was still flying southeast, toward Lake Erie.

What was it?

All we know is that a lot of folks in widely separated places apparently saw the same thing.

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FRANKLIN, PA. - NEWS HERALD  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR 9, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO reported near Meadville

A UFO was sighted by four people north of Meadville Wednesday evening.

Lillian Hineman and her daughter, Carla, both of Meadville RD 9, were traveling

north on Rt. 86 when they spotted the object between 6:30 and 7 p.m. Wednesday.

They followed the object along Route 86, reported it passed the Bethesda Home, and turned toward Woodcock Reservoir. The Hinemans described the object as shaped like a boomerang.

A similar report was reported by Dianna Montgomery and her young son, of Saegertown RD 2. Montgomerys were traveling north on Route 86 at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday when they observed the object, described as X-shaped and bright.

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. - TIMES  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 1, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Guard's convinced light was from UFO

BOCA RATON — "I was outside sitting in a truck and these lights drew my attention," said Edgar Norman, a security guard at Boca Lago. "I just couldn't believe what I saw."

Norman is convinced the strange circle of light he saw on patrol about 4:50 a.m. was an unidentified flying object.

"The lights were so bright. There were approximately eight to 10 lights on the outside edge."

Although Norman saw nothing besides the light, he remembers the stars in the sky were blacked out, although the circle appeared to have no substance. "You could only see the light."

Norman, 46, who a sheriff's deputy said was sober and alert, was not the only person on patrol in the undeveloped part of the Boca Lago development west of Florida's Turnpike. Another guard, Sam Gaboff, just missed seeing the lights.

The two had been talking with each other from separate vehicles — Norman in a truck, and Gaboff in a car alongside.

Norman, who said he has never seen anything like this before, said when he told Gaboff of the object, Gaboff was not quick enough to see the circle of lights before it disappeared.

# UFO Group Asks Residents Report All Area Sightings

By HENRY W. PIERCE  
Post-Gazette Staff Writer

A sighting of an unidentified flying object in the Pittsburgh area Wednesday night has prompted a group of UFO observers to try an experiment.

The organization—the Irwin-based Westmoreland u County UFO Study Group—is asking district residents to report any similar sightings that night.

Details of the Wednesday night sighting are being withheld so people who phone in won't be influenced by news media descriptions.

"This is the first time anything like this has ever been done as far as I know," Bob Cowell, director of the UFO study group, said yesterday.

Cowell asked residents to call his organization at 863-3874 if they saw anything resembling a UFO Wednesday.

The group's investigators will compare the callers' descriptions with the original report and with each other's accounts.

"Whenever a UFO sighting gets reported in the media we have a big increase in calls, but we never know how much the reports are being colored by what the people read or hear," Cowell explained.

UFO reports fluctuate from as many as 25 a week during peak periods to as few as four a week at low points.

Peaks usually occur in July, August and October, Cowell said. Asked whether that might not be because more people are outdoors during warm months, Cowell said these same months are peak periods in the Southern Hemisphere — and July and August are winter months there.

We're in a low period now — a surprise, Cowell said, because many people thought the motion picture "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" would prompt a sharp increase in reports.

"We've kept a careful record and have noted no increase whatever since the movie opened here," Cowell declared.

Paul Oles, program director at Buhl Planetarium, said the planetarium also hasn't received any increase in UFO reports since "Close Encounters" began.

This was totally unexpected, Oles said, because Buhl logs increases in UFO reports whenever Venus appears in the evening sky or when meteor showers occur.

"I've gotten calls that range from detailed reports of natural objects that were actually in the sky to accounts of UFO landings and descriptions of creatures inside," Oles said. "I never pass judgment on these callers. If I can provide an astronomical explanation for what they've seen I do so. If I can't, I refer them to people who are involved in investigating these reports."

Many such callers, Oles said, are referred to the Westmoreland County UFO Study Group.

Any reports that are made to the Westmoreland organization, Cowell said, will be kept confidential if the informant so desires.

# Good buddies get close encounter

AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object was reported circling in the vicinity of Gage Park for about three hours early yesterday. Linda Rizzo, 18, of John Street North, was talking on her CB radio with Jim Lyons, 47, of James Street South when she spotted the UFO. She said the object was circular in shape and had flashing yellow, red, green, orange and white lights.

Miss Rizzo said she first saw the UFO at about 4 a.m. She said it disappeared in a south-easterly direction just as dawn was breaking.

Neither had ever seen a UFO before.

Mr. Lyons said it could not have been an aircraft because it hovered for so long.

Mr. Lyons said he had a "weird" feeling as he observed the UFO which appeared to be perhaps 2,000 feet in the air.

Said Miss Rizzo: "I was scared."

The control tower at Mount Hope airport said it didn't have any reports about a UFO. It said there were no aircraft in the area at the time.

# County residents report sightings of strange object

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ROSEBURG, ORE. - NEWS REVIEW  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 27, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

Officials in Roseburg and Eugene say they can't identify an object which arced northward through the night sky Friday, changing colors on its way toward earth.

Their best guess, they say, is that Douglas County residents who saw the brightly glowing object had a close encounter with a meteor or perhaps some "space garbage."

The object, first reported to the Douglas County Sheriff's office about 8:30 p.m. Friday, apparently exploded or burned up before it hit the ground.

A sheriff's spokesman said one caller from Sunshine Road reported he could hear an explosion.

Another man who called from Lookingglass Road reported "It looked like it was the size of the moon and part of it just fell off in pieces," said the spokesman.

Still more spectacular was a description received at the flight

control center of Eugene's Mahlon Sweet Airport, where the object reportedly changed color from red to orange to green on its collision course with earth.

"There were numerous reports from the (Eugene) area," said a flight center spokesman. He said the Douglas County Sheriff's office also called the airport to inquire about the object and was informed it was either a meteor or "space garbage," debris from satellites and other man-made space objects.

Whatever it was, said the airport spokesman, he's certain the object burned up before it hit the earth's surface.

Meteor showers occur year-round, but an important meteor swarm this month would be unusual, according to the World Book Encyclopedia. The last meteor shower took place Jan. 3 and another is not due until April 21.

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. - HERALD  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR 8, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# UFOs reported in Macomb

MOUNT CLEMENS — Maybe it was a preview of the 1979 model Unidentified Flying Objects.

Five UFO sightings were reported Monday night in the Macomb County area. Dozens of other sightings were reported in the Greater Detroit area and across Ontario. Each report differed.

"I saw something in the sky, traveling very fast, and it disappeared as it went overhead," said an Avon Township woman who did not want to be identified. "It was triangular and all green." The woman saw the object at 7:55 p.m. Monday as she was traveling on Crooks Road near Auburn Road.

Edward Oakie, Fraser, told the Macomb County Sheriff Department he saw an object at 7:45 p.m. traveling west to east as he drove on 44 Mile Road east of Van Dyke Road.

Oakie said the object was traveling about 60 miles an hour and resembled a doughnut elongated to a point. A cockpit was located where the doughnut hole would be, he said. The object was yellow, with a bluish top, Oakie said.

He said it left a zig-zag vapor trail. A resident traveling eastbound on I-94 at Hall Road told New Baltimore State Police that a turquoise light was seen traveling vertically from the ground at

8:12 p.m. The light lasted seven seconds, State Police said.

Maria Merino, Mount Clemens, reported an object over Gratiot Road and 13 Mile Road at 7:57 p.m. Merino said the object was traveling west to east and was visible for three seconds. It was green and yellow and had a vapor trail behind it as it headed for Lake St. Clair, she said.

Holly Schuman, Harrison Township, reported an object similar to the one seen by Oakie. Schuman said she saw the object over Metropolitan Beach.

Two park rangers at Metropolitan Beach said they saw a cone-shaped green and yellow object fly past the park administration building at 8 p.m. One ranger said the object was about 50 feet off the ground and was traveling east over Lake St. Clair at 40 to 50 mph.

Troy Police and officials at Selfridge Air National Guard Base said they received similar reports of an object traveling east toward Lake St. Clair at about 8 p.m.

Sightings of similar objects were reported about 8 p.m. in Canadian cities from Windsor to Barrie. Descriptions of the object ranged from red and yellow to blue and green. Most reports said the objects were large, oval-shaped, had bright lights and were flying at a low altitude.

Scientists said the objects may have been meteors.

COURIER-JOURNAL - KY.  
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## This close encounter's no film fantasy to its victim

By BOB HILL  
Courier-Journal Columnist

PROSPECT, Ky. — Covered Bridge Road snakes through partially settled Oldham County woods and fields for miles before straightening out close to the tiny town of Brownsboro.

For the believers, the road would be a perfect spot to meet inhabitants from other planets — a close encounter of the third kind.

And a 20-year-old Oldham County man, who told a story under hypnosis that he could not remember without it, is convinced he had such an encounter inside an alien spaceship.

The Center for Unidentified Flying Objects Studies, Evanston, Ill., a body dedicated to the serious study of UFOs, listed it as one of only three close encounters of a third kind nationwide in all of 1977.

"I knew if they wanted to hurt me they could have," the man said of his abduction into a spacecraft. "They could have done anything to me because I was powerless. But they didn't."

The man does not want his name used so we'll call him Jeff. He is a  
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RHINELANDER, WIS. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB 20, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO Sighting Makes City Woman Believer

Before Friday night, Harold and Shirley Peters never believed in UFO's. Now they do.

Their conversion happened at 10:30 p.m. Friday while the couple was driving to Hodag Lanes with their six-year-old grandson. Suddenly, the Peters spotted a bright orange object just west of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, speeding across the treetops.

"The thing was going so fast, it was hard to say how high it was," reported Mrs. Peters today. "We could see it quite well. It was bright orange and round. It couldn't have been a helicopter or a plane."

She estimated that the object was about 10 feet in diameter and eight feet high. After spotting the alleged UFO, the Peters watched its path to

Cirilli's Super Valu where it hovered for 10 seconds and then took off into the sky, she said.

"I've never seen anything like it," she said. "Our six-year-old grandson, Bobby, was really excited. He'll have something to tell his classmates today."

The entire incident lasted about 1½ minutes, she added. After seeing the object, the Peters, of 629 Margaret St., contacted the Oneida County Sheriff's Department. The couple was told to call a UFO committee at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Peters said, "I never believed in them before, but we believe now. I hope I don't see one again."

MONROE, LA. - NEWS-STAR  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB 21, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Area UFO Sightings Follow TV Report

News-Star News Service

RUSTON — A rash of UFO sightings were reported in the Ruston area late Monday night and before dawn today, according to Lincoln Parish Sheriff's deputies.

A spokesman said some 10 sightings were reported regarding an object said to have "10 or 12 red lights." The calls came from all sections of town and from one man traveling on U. S. 80 about three miles from Choudrant.

A state policeman who assisted deputies said he thought he had seen something, too, but dismissed the sighting as being caused by cloud formation and movement.

A television show about UFOs aired in northeast Louisiana Sunday night.

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graduate of Oldham County High School, where he was an average student. He works in a farm business. He said he will drink beer, but never to get drunk, and does not use drugs. He is a stocky soft-spoken man who is only now willing to talk about his encounter, although it happened more than a year ago.

"One day, yes, I may be willing to say that was me and give my name. But I'm not going to now," he said.

The story begins the night of Jan. 27, 1977, when Jeff was driving home, also along Covered Bridge Road, from his girlfriend's house in Brownsboro. Both he and his girlfriend said he left in his jeep about 1 a.m.

The five-mile trip home normally takes about seven minutes. Jeff said he was driving west about four miles from the intersection of Covered Bridge Road and U.S. 42 when he saw a fire-red glow in the sky. He said the glow came from a rectangular object about 40-feet long and 20-feet high that was hanging over the trees about 100 feet off the ground.

Jeff said he had seen similar objects in the same place several times in the past five years, but they had been white.

"And it was the first time I had ever seen one when I was alone," he said.

Jeff remembers his jeep and the red glow drawing together. He said the glow was too bright to look at, but he could not divert his eyes. He was terrified and still cannot remember if he was still in control of the jeep or not. Then suddenly the red glow flashed off across the sky toward the northwest. Jeff was shaken but able to drive home.

Jeff's mother remembers what it was like when Jeff got home that night.

"He whispered to me to come with him," she said. "He told me I'd never believe what happened to him. I took him into the bathroom and his eyes had rings around them like they were red neon. He didn't want to say anything in front of the others, but he was shook up."

Jeff and his mother noticed another peculiar thing. Jeff had arrived home about 1:45 a.m. The seven-minute trip had taken 45 minutes.

The time lapse bugged Jeff more than anything. His mother, who had also seen objects in the sky in about the same place Jeff did, had a friend who had investigated UFOs. They had talked of incidents in which people had to be hypnotized to be able to

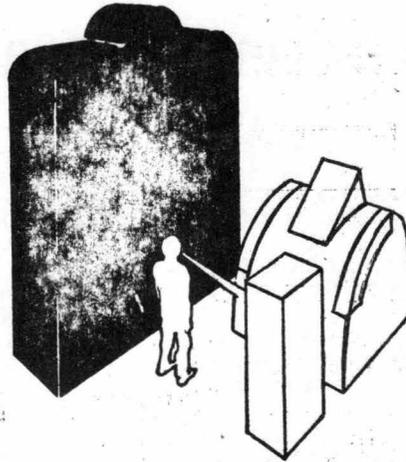


Diagram from International UFO Reporter

Jeff, who said he was taken aboard a spacecraft, was examined by machines. "The black machine ... touched me with its arm, and it was like touching a nerve ending." The touch of the red machine felt like a needle, he said.

recall the details of close encounters. The next day Jeff called Louisville hypnotist Lawrence Allison, and Jeff, his girl friend and the UFO buffs went to see him.

"I was afraid at first," Jeff said, "but then I thought I would do it."

Allison said he took Jeff back to his childhood and then brought him forward year-by-year to the night of the incident. Then he stopped and let Jeff tell what happened with the spaceship. Jeff has a written copy of that taped session, and Allison confirmed Jeff's story.

"I'm convinced he either saw something or believes he saw something," Allison said.

Jeff said he couldn't remember anything about what happened inside the spaceship until he was hypnotized.

Under hypnosis, Jeff said he could not remember leaving his jeep, but he knew it was suspended somewhere between the ground and the spaceship. He said the spaceship suddenly turned black, then white and then he was inside the ship in a luminous circular white room about 20 feet in diameter and 20 feet tall.

He said there were three "machines" in the room (see accompanying diagram as taken from the International UFO Reporter, the monthly magazine of the Center for UFO studies), but there was nothing in humanoid form.

Jeff said a big black machine at his left was 15 to 20 feet tall with a rough skinned surface. A smaller red machine was at his right, and a white

machine about 6 feet tall, filled with a glowing light, was in front of him. He said the machines never "talked" to him, but he sensed what they wanted, and it seemed the white machine was the "boss."

"I couldn't move. I was powerless," he said. "The black machine moved over and touched me with its arm, and it was like touching a nerve ending. It hurt so much they almost brought me out of hypnosis."

Jeff said he sensed the red machine did not want to touch him but was ordered to by the white machine. He said the red machine finally touched him in the temple and shoulder, and it felt like a needle being stuck in him.

He said the machines moved their arms slowly up and down his body, and then either merged into or went behind the big black machine. He said he felt the entire spacecraft was vibrating "like a boat in the water" during the examination.

He said the white machine made a noise like "someone brushing their teeth or using sandpaper."

"I guess they wanted a chemical sample or to give me a physical."

Jeff is still hazy about the final details of the examination. He said the machines merged and disappeared. Then the spaceship disappeared, and he was back in his jeep headed home.

He said his eyes were bloodshot and irritated for days after the incident, and he was sore where the machines had touched him. Both he and his mom confirmed his legs became heavily chapped and blotched a few weeks after the incident. And for months afterward he would break into a cold sweat almost daily and then throw up.

The UFO investigation and the hypnosis session were brought to the attention of Allan Hendry, who is the managing editor of the International UFO Reporter. Hendry said his publication is dedicated to separating UFO fact from hoax and at least 90 percent of the UFO reports are worthless.

Hendry said he checked with Bowman and Standiford fields and with the Indianapolis airport, but they did not report any strange sightings on radar that night.

He said the center has deliberately hypnotized people it knew did not have encounters to test their reactions and most were able to rattle off an amazing number of facts about spaceships, but none had the "immense emotional response" to an encounter people such as Jeff had.

HAMILTON, ONT. - SPECTATOR  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 6, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Close encounter with an orange light

DUNDAS — High school teacher Charles Purich had a close encounter on the weekend with a problem he can't solve.

For about 2½ minutes Mr. Purich, his wife Nancy and 10-year-old daughter Debbie watched as a bright orange light skipped across the sky.

Mr. Purich said his sighting was no hoax and is certain more people in the area must have seen the glowing object.

While the Purichs were showing slides in the living room of their Hopkins Court home Saturday evening about 7.30 Debbie noticed the object pulsating in the sky.

"It was really ironic because we had just been reading the article in The Spectator about UFOs," said Mr. Purich.

"At first I thought it was a plane going to Mount Hope or maybe a helicopter because it was going very slowly at that point. It was unbelievable."

Mr. Purich said he grabbed his binoculars and

watched the "orange-ish, flame-colored" object move slowly horizontally across the sky. "Then it stopped and stayed in one position for about 60 seconds," said Mr. Purich, "then it accelerated tremendously and went straight up. It kept going up and just vanished out of sight . . . the light appeared to go out."

He said the light remained in view long enough for him to tell neighbors, and they also watched.

"It's something we have never seen before," the 34-year-old Dundas district high school teacher said "It wasn't any kind of aircraft at all. It wasn't a hoax either. Being a teacher I'm really conscious of that type of thing.

"I thought of taking a picture but I was just so excited about the whole thing that I never got around to it."

A spokesman at Mount Hope Airport control tower said there were no reports of unusual sightings on the weekend.

NEW YORK, N.Y. - TRIBUNE  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 10, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

**CREDIBILITY:** A couple from Milwaukee learned this week that most of their friends and acquaintances were curious rather than disbelieving about their seeing a "bright orange shaped canister" they believe was a UFO. Harold and Shirley Peters were enroute to a bowling alley in Rhinelander, near Milwaukee last month when they saw an object in the sky above their car. "It was shaped like a canister vacuum cleaner," Mrs. Peters said, "that's the only way I can describe it and it was going very fast." The UFO appeared to move alongside their car for a time, they said, then crossed in front of it and hovered over a supermarket. "Then it went straight up — real fast until we couldn't see it anymore." She said the object — "larger than a helicopter" wasn't a star, meteorite or balloon or anything she had ever seen before. "On the whole, most people, I think really believe in it now, especially the people who know us," Mrs. Peters said.

—United Press International

ALAMOGORDO, N.M. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB 22, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Mid-day UFOs? kids think so

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BY JIMME KAY DALE  
Daily News Staff Writer

A silver-white streak across the sky at midday! Youngsters playing kickball on the playground at Oregon elementary school during the noon recess Tuesday sighted an "unidentified flying object" streaking across the Sacramento Mountains.

"It looked like a dot in the sky. It was white and then turned to yellow as it went from Sunspot across the sky to the road to Cloudcroft, where

it landed and then took off again," stated third grader Ronald Zentner who noticed the object first and pointed it out to other companions. Ronald was wearing a "Star Wars" T-shirt as he talked to news reporters, bearing out his interest in celestial occurrences.

The speed of flight was described as "very fast", perhaps up to 1,000 miles an hour, according to one of the youngsters who indicated he is a fan of the UFO television series and science fiction movies.

Gilbert Munoz and Roger Grant were with Zentner at the time of the sighting.

At approximately 8 p.m. Tuesday, Ray Wills, also a third grader at Oregon school, noticed a "silvery thing in the sky" while members of the Wills family were on their way to Boles Acres. He indicated the "UFO" had silvery-white lights and was about the size of an orange when he first noticed it. After he'd watched the object for a minute or so, the "UFO" disappeared.

All the youngsters seemed convinced that they had seen an UFO and when interviewed told similar stories to The Daily News today.

FLAT ROCK, MICH. - GUARDINA NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR 15, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## March brings UFO reports

March has been the traditional month for the sighting of spring's first robin and crocus. However, the spotting of UFOs seems to also have become a March event.

Last year, more than 40 persons called The News-Herald to report mysterious objects in the Downriver skies. All of the sightings were in early March.

Most of the reports were of a saucer-like object encircled with flashing lights. Some persons said the object

hovered overhead, while others said the object moved very fast—emitting a whistling sound.

This year—at the same time—reports are being received of sightings of unidentified flying objects.

Last Monday night reports were received from Riverview and Rockwood of a glowing, cone-shaped object in the sky. The object also was seen in other locations in the metropolitan Detroit area.

# Sightings of UFO's soar here

By DONALD TSCHIRHART PAGE ONE  
News Staff Writer

Has southeastern Michigan been under the watchful eye of travelers from outer space during the last month? Many believe so.

The number of reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects has led some people to wonder if the area isn't somehow the site of an outer space fly-in.

Sightings have been reported to police agencies in many counties, and most of those doing the sighting are intelligent and unflappable people, who normally don't get hysterical over unusual happenings.

For example, WJR disc jockey Marc Avery and his wife were driving on the night of Feb. 10 to Detroit Metropolitan Airport to begin a week's Florida vacation.

**WHAT THEY SAW** during that ride astonished them, made them objects of ridicule and raised the inevitable question: Was the object they saw a vehicle from outer space, or was it an airplane?

Two nights earlier, a ranger in the Lower Huron Metropolitan Park in Romulus was closing park gates at 10:45 p.m. He looked up and saw flashing lights in the sky.

The ranger checked with another ranger, patrolling nearby. The second ranger spotted the object and later said, "I never saw anything like that before."

A week after the rangers' sighting, a Monroe County resident noticed "more interference than usual" on his television set. He went outdoors and spotted "a real bright thing with lights and color" in the sky over his home.

The next day, Feb. 17, two teen-agers were driving a car near Flat Rock and spotted "something glowing" near the ground between the woods and the car.

Avery still hasn't made up his mind whether to believe the planet earth is being visited by creatures from another world. But his experience has shaken him.

"My wife and I were driving south on I-275 near I-94 in Romulus when these two lights in the sky came right at us," he said. "It was so low I thought it might be an airplane that wanted to land on the freeway."

"All the cars in front of me put on their brake lights and slowed down. When the object got overhead my wife and I looked up into what looked like huge bay doors and lighted compartments. You could see right into it."

"I've told this story on the air since my return and asked people who might have been on the freeway at that time to call me, but no one has, yet."

DETROIT NEWS - MICH.  
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**AVERY CALLED WJR** from the airport after the experience and talked on the air with fellow disc jockey Warren Pierce. He told Pierce, "It was a most unusual thing that held my attention for a full minute."

"It was very alarming. I thought it was a plane and it scared me to death."

Avery said the only calls he's received since that night have been from people who ask him how much he had been drinking or question whether his mind was wandering. He answers negatively to both suggestions.

The sighting by the two rangers in the Lower Huron Metropolitan Park was reported by Dr. Harry Willnus of South Lyon, a history and government teacher at Romulus High School, and a volunteer investigator for the Center for UFO Study in Evanston, Ill.

Willnus refused to identify the rangers, but he told their story:

"The rangers were closing up the park when one of them spotted lights in the sky. He drove on through the park looking for people who might be in the park late and it seemed to be following him."

"The object got so close and he was so awestruck that he plowed his scout car into a snowbank trying to avoid it. He called the second ranger."

"The second ranger — now mind you, this guy spent 20 years in the Air Force — looked up and there was this object that was about 150 yards away, flying at treetop level. It had blue, yellow, green, orange and white lights."

"The older ranger used his spotlight and shined it on the object. He described it as the shape of a (Spanish) sombrero (and) the color of glossy gray. While the two didn't spot any windows, there were a number of lights on the outer edges which could have been windows."

"This didn't happen in a second or two. These guys watched it for five to seven minutes as it darted around the treetops without making any noise."

**WILLNUS SAID** many other sightings have occurred throughout southeastern Michigan since Feb. 1.

"I don't know what is happening in this area, but it seems to be unusual that they have occurred all in the same area at almost the same time," he said.

Willnus said that he and Dr. Ron Westrum, an Eastern Michigan University sociology professor, have set up a center where people can report their strange UFO sightings.

Anyone wishing to report a sighting should write Dr. Westrum at the Department of Sociology, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti 48197. They should report their name and address, names and addresses of witnesses, the date of the sighting, the location, the description and to attempt a drawing of the object.

Westrum has been studying UFO's and the people who sight them for nearly eight years.

"I get a lot of feedback about UFO's recently and hear a lot is going on," he said. "But I can't seem to pin much of it down."

Westrum said his specialty in the sociology field is mass hysteria, and he has talked with many people who report seeing UFO's.

"There isn't a shred of evidence that UFO sightings are related to people with mental illnesses," he said. "There is really no relationship to income, social status or most any other category."

"We know that people who are out nights more see more UFO's, and three times as many young people see UFO's than older people."

Westrum has never observed a UFO, but said, "Personally, I think the probability is high that a more intelligent being is visiting us."

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\*\*\*MARCH 23, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## UFO sighted?

Wednesday morning Shinnors Publications received reports that an unusual Unidentified Flying Object had been sighted between 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday night near the WTMJ radio towers on Bluemound Road.

A couple of dozen cars reportedly were stopped along Interstate 94 near there so that the occupants could observe the UFO.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Department and the Brookfield Police Department had no information concerning the sighting.

Anyone who thinks they observed a UFO about that time is asked to contact the Brookfield News-Elm Leaves to relate their experience.

## Welland UFO still a mystery

Sightings of a cylindrical UFO over Welland last weekend are being studied by a team of aerial phenomena investigators.

Seven people have reported seeing the blackish-grey object moving fairly low over a residential area of the city Sunday. They say it had square, flashing red lights.

Kenneth Kroeker, director of Project SUM (Solving UFO Mysteries) in St. Catharines, says the investigators haven't been able to come up with an explanation for the sightings yet.

"We checked with the Welland-Port Colborne airport and they say there were no balloons or low-flying airplanes or helicopters in the area when the sightings were made," says Kroeker.

Descriptions given by the seven witnesses "all sort of match" and all but one said the low-flying UFO wider on top than the bottom, made no noise, Kroeker said.

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# Girls close look at 'UFO'

By John Cosway  
Staff Writer

Two 12-year-old girlfriends who say they shared a frightening UFO experience near their Welland homes Sunday night are not story-tellers, says the father of one girl.

The girls, Teetsia Blokzyl and Lorraine Velkers, say they saw a large blackish-grey cylindrical object with at least two square red lights circling overhead near their home.

Teetsia told the Sun they were walking home from the store when they first saw the object "circling really fast" about 200 feet above a nearby field.

The girls were not alone in the sighting. At least

three other people called Niagara Regional Police to report similar sightings between 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday.

(An elderly woman getting into her car not far from where the girls were reported hearing a piercing noise coming from the craft and saw a bright blue light.)

"It was sort of rounded, with square red lights on the top and it was sparkling all over," Teetsia said last night. She didn't see a blue light.

"I heard a strange noise coming from the same

field last month, but I didn't pay any attention to it."

The girls kept their eye on the object until they reached Teetsia's home. They went in the house to call police and when they came back outside, the UFO was still in the sky. Then it disappeared behind some houses.

"I've seen shooting stars and things like that, but I never saw anything like that before," says Lorraine, a Grade 7 student. "I'm almost positive it was a flying saucer."

"People think we are nuts, but we know we saw it," says Teetsia, a Grade 6 student. "We don't know

exactly what it was, but it was really strange."

"Teetsia is definitely not the type of girl who would make up a story like that," says her father, Hank Blokzyl. "They were kind of scared when they came in the house."

Local police say the people who reported the sighting "all seemed to be reasonable" people. It was the first reported sighting of a UFO in the Welland area in over a year.

"We haven't reached any conclusions about what it was," a police spokesman said.

# Saucers hover over Whitby

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just stayed put. When I got home I got my wife up to look at it, she saw it, I called the local radio station and the guy on the air said 'oh yeah' until he saw it too. Then I called the police and two officers came out and they saw it. It must have stayed up there for a couple of hours."

Whitby police didn't file a report on the incident however.

A spokesman said: "It has to be something a bit more spectacular than lights in the sky before we make out a report."

According to the observer, the lights were red and green. As they watched, he said, the red lights went out and the UFO took off in a wide circle. When the craft rose to a height of about 2,000 feet, he said, a rotating bright white light was observed. The couple watched the craft for about an hour, Erickson said, before it moved off to the southwest.

Erickson reported that a neighbor, David Cullen, also sighted the object.

# UFO Sighted In This Area

OCONTO — A resident of the Town of Gillett, Edward Erickson, 30, reported to the Oconto County sheriff's department at 11:55 p.m. Friday that he had sighted what he believed to be an unidentified flying object.

Erickson said he and his wife were returning from Underhill about 11 p.m. when his wife observed stationary lights blinking in the sky about tree top level.

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# Youngster's UFO sighting

By SANDI METHENEY  
IRONA—The sighting of an unidentified flying object near here by 12-year-old Larry Costilow has been reported to the UFO reporting center of Phenomena Research in Seattle, Wash., which investigates such incidents.

Costilow, who was home from school because of the weather, photographed the object from a window of his home after noticing an interference on the television.

"At first he thought it was his uncle plowing the driveway," related his father, Gay Costilow. "He looked out his bedroom window, and seeing

nothing returned to the living room. The interference still was occurring. He glanced up and saw a dark object larger than a helicopter just below the cloud ceiling, at about 3,000 feet," his father repeated his son's story.

"It was fuzzy at first, but it was moving downward and traveling in a southerly direction. He got my camera from the top of the refrigerator and snapped two pictures before it went back up through the cloud cover," he said.

Larry was alone and there is no phone in the house. He was telling his experience to a relative who came to visit when

his father returned home 45 minutes later.

"I didn't believe him and at first I thought he put a spot on the window. But he said he knew I didn't want him wasting color film because it's expensive, but he thought it would be worthwhile to take the picture of the object," Costilow said.

He noted that his son is not a science fiction fan, and in fact, doesn't care much about science.

The youth was quite "excited" and "a little nervous" when he related the sighting to his father.

Costilow did not plan to report the sighting, but after telling a Kingwood City

## reported for probe

policeman, who is a personal friend, about it, the officer told him local authorities should be contacted. The Preston County Sheriff's Office turned the report over to the local Office of Civil Defense, which in turn, contacted the Air Force agency.

Local airports were contacted and it was determined that no aircraft or weather balloons were in the area at the time of the sighting—approximately 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

"Everything the boy says is logical. He says he couldn't identify the object, and we couldn't shake his story," said

Deputy William McGinnis, who interviewed the youth and talked with Air Force officials about the incident.

"The Air Force officials are supposed to get back in touch with me about it," said McGinnis, who had not been contacted yet on Thursday.

And, in the meantime, like it or not, Larry Costilow is the science expert among his school friends. "All the kids and the teachers have been asking about about it (the sighting)," his father said.

A steady stream of curious county workers flowed into the Sheriff's Office Wednesday to see the Polaroid pictures of the

UFO, about which the news traveled quickly through the county.

Costilow said he has gotten the pictures back, but does not believe they should be published until after official investigations are complete.

A spokesman at the Morgantown Flight Service said his agency "occasionally" receives reports of UFOs in the region, and "not too long ago" employees at the flight tower "saw something" they could not identify, and reported it to the UFO reporting center.

"We refer these reports to Phenomena Research in Seattle, which is a private agency," he said.

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## Object reported flying over Lincoln again Sunday

For the second night in a row, sightings of an unidentified flying object in or near Lincoln were reported to law enforcement agencies Sunday.

At least three sightings of a low flying object with flashing red, green and blue lights were reported to the Nebraska State Patrol from the Davey area, north of Lincoln.

The object reportedly appeared to be bigger than an airplane. A patrol spokesman said a small craft took off from Lincoln to Wayne at about 8:30 p.m., the approximate

time of the first reported sighting.

But another Davey-Area resident told the patrol he saw the object at 9:05 p.m., the spokesman said.

Saturday night, Lincoln police received several calls on a UFO that turned out to be a plane with an electric sign advertising the cause of Lancaster County sheriff candidate Bill Greiner.

Greiner said the plane was flying again Sunday night, but that it stayed primarily in the city limits of Lincoln.

# UFO encores for boys

By PATRICIA PLOSS

BEDFORD — Sunday night it was orange and in the distance but Monday night it was closer and brighter and came out of a cloud.

What it was, or whatever they were, four young boys who live near the Bedford-Pound Ridge border have told their parents and the Bedford police that they saw something.

They've also written to the Unidentified Flying Objects Search Committee in Washington, D.C.

"They are absolutely sure they saw something," Susan Higgins said of her two sons, Timothy, 12, and Sean, 7, and of the Trump boys, Jeffrey, 12, and Kimble, 10.

"I did see something go behind the trees behind the

house," Mrs. Higgins said, "but it all happened so fast who knows what it was."

"The boys say they know what airplanes and helicopters look like," Mrs. Higgins said, and what they claim they saw this week was nothing like anything they'd seen before.

What they have seen before, at least the Higgins boys, was "Close Encounters..." But.

Mrs. Higgins pointed out, that was a while ago and not during last week's school vacation. C. Edward Trump, father of the other two boys, declined to comment on the incident.

Both sightings have been just after dark, around 6:30 p.m., Mrs. Higgins said.

Sunday's vision was orange and in the distance; Monday's was brighter and about 300 feet above the ground.

"Tim said it came out of a cloud, hovered, and went back...and there was no sound.

"They are so convinced they called the police," the mother said, and the Bedford police came for a look. Like the other adults involved, however, the police saw nothing and there is no police report on the matter.

The boys were also broadcasting on their CB radio and another Bedford resident "got in his car and came right over."

So for the present, at least, it looks as if the Higgins' house is going to continue to be a very popular gathering place around sunset for those who think "Close Encounters..." was more than a science fiction flick. And speaking of pictures, Tim Higgins can't wait until his come back from the developer...he took pictures of his sightings.

MONROE, MICH. - NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR 9, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Four Report UFO Sightings

UFO sightings, which dominated the conversations of many Monroe County residents several years ago, have returned again this week to puzzle onlookers and officials in the entire southeastern Michigan area.

Four residents in the Monroe and Newport areas reported to The Evening News they had sighted large unidentified flying objects with multi-colored lights in the sky Monday night.

Two of the reports received said the objects were moving from the west in an easterly direction. All three reports were between 7:30 and 8 p.m.

"No way — it wasn't an airplane," Craig Cole said about his unknown sighting Monday at the Kimberly Estates Mobile Home Park off N. Telegraph Rd. in Newport.

Mr. Cole reported he and his wife were returning from Dearborn that night when they sighted the object as they entered the mobile home park.

"It was a bluish-green disc and it traveled in a straight line from west to east. Then it just stopped as if someone had turned off its lights," he explained.

The object was traveling at a tree-top level, he said, and there was no noise.

Mrs. Marjorie Drew of 1519 Stewart Rd. also said the object she saw had multi-colored lights and was moving in an easterly direction. She sighted the UFO on Telegraph Rd. north of Front St. in Monroe.

A third UFO sighting was reported by Kyle Kinsey, 11, and Randy Tevepaugh, both of Monroe, who said they were driving on N. Roessler St. heading north when they spotted something large with multi-colored lights moving in the sky.

The youth said the object looked larger than an airplane and disappeared within seconds.

According to Sgt. George Hill, no UFO reports have been received this week at the county sheriff's department, although several sightings were reported a couple of weeks ago in the Bedford, Newport and Monroe areas.

Residents then had reported seeing something unusual at night over Lake Erie. Later, it was learned that atmospheric conditions that night had forced a

Toledo factory flame to burn out, leaving an orange streak visible in the sky.

Sgt. Hill said several planes with white lights have been used in the area to advertise for businesses.

The four residents who reported sightings to The Evening News were not the only persons who reported UFOs in the southeastern Michigan area.

Many residents in suburbs north of Detroit reported to area police they saw a glowing, silent, cone-shaped object in the sky Monday evening.

Two park rangers at Metropolitan Beach near Mount Clemens also reported UFOs to police. One of the rangers told the Detroit Free Press:

"It's strange to talk about it. I don't have any idea what it was. All I can say for sure is, it was no aircraft."

Some scientists now are saying the sightings were of a meteor.

While not committing himself to believing the UFO reports, Sgt. Hill said he does have an open mind on the subject. He said he has not seen any UFOs himself, but would like to someday.

PATERSON, N.J. - EVENING NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR 14, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## See UFO

The friends of a couple from Milwaukee have reason to think hard about unidentified flying objects this week. Harold and Shirley Peters were on their way to a bowling alley in Rhinelander, outside of Milwaukee, when they sighted what they described as a "bright orange shaped canister" in the sky above their car.

The Peters said the object moved very fast as it flew alongside of their car for a while before crossing in front of it and then hovering over a supermarket.

"It was shaped like a canister vacuum cleaner," Mrs. Peters said.

The Peters insisted they had never seen a helicopter, plane, star, balloon or anything that had looked like that before. She said most of the people who know them "believe in it, too."

# Strangely Lit UFO Petrifies Elderly Seattle Farm Woman

An elderly woman near Seattle, Wash. was nearly frightened to death when an eerie UFO approached her farm and hovered for more than three minutes.

She agreed to tell her amazing but true story only if MODERN PEOPLE would promise not to reveal her name. She is afraid of being ridiculed by her friends and neighbors. She called the experience "scary" and one she would not like to repeat.

"I was sitting in the living room at 5:30 p.m. with my two children when they called my attention to the UFO. They said, 'Mom, there is a light in the sky and it's not moving.'

"We saw this strange thing through the window, this huge light that just sat out there hovering in the sky over the neighbor's field. We went outside and I leaned against the fence post to watch it. It

didn't move."

"I could see there was more than one light," she continues, "but the UFO was such a huge mass that I couldn't see exactly how many. The light hurt my eyes it was so bright. It formed a huge cone of yellowish-gold light downward to the field.

"I watched for three minutes and it didn't move or make a sound. Then it moved straight up for a second and began moving to the northwest. The lights dimmed and as the UFO went over me I saw three big lights on the bottom. I was looking for wings or a tail or anything that might stick out, but the UFO was perfectly round. That's when I got scared.

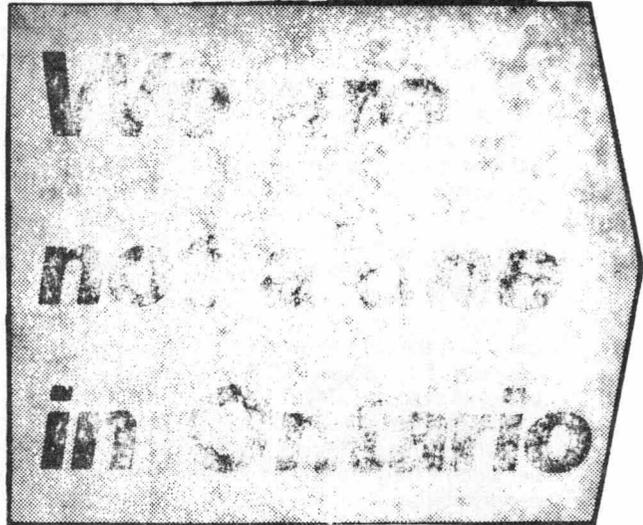
"I realized it wasn't a plane. The only noise that came out of it was kind of a faint electrical hum. The UFO hesitated over our house and then continued over the trees behind our barn and disappeared."

UFO investigator Robert Gribble of Phenomena Research in Seattle declares, "I would say it fits the pattern we have seen over the last 30 years. The description of the thing she saw, the fact it was obviously moving about the area in complete defiance of all laws of gravity, the sound she heard—it all fits the UFO pattern."

The woman has lived on a farm all her life, "so I'm familiar with the sky and the stars," she explains. "I know what I saw, and it isn't something that a hysterical person would look at and make a big story out of. I have never before been afraid of anything in the sky."

The woman insists she wouldn't want to see another UFO, but that her kids would. They thought it was "great."

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By PAUL MANN  
Staff Writer

UFO close encounters of the first kind — that's sightings only — have been lighting up switchboards throughout southwest Ontario over the past 24 hours.

Radio stations, newspapers and OPP detachments have been flooded with callers reporting bright lights and UFOs above a triangular area ranging from Metro north to Owen Sound and west to Windsor.

The sightings started late Monday and carried on through yesterday.

Tom Gray, vice-president of the Mississauga based Northeastern UFO Organization, said: "This is the busiest time I can ever remember. We've never before had so many sightings complete with backups."

The sighting of the longest duration came from Port Hope where Realtor Merrill Crowe, 35 and a friend, George Wilson, spotted something while driving on a rural road.

"We were the only car on the highway," Crowe said, "and everything was dark except for the lights from a couple of farms."

"We both saw this brilliant light in the sky at the same time. It was within a mile. It was circular and standing still.

"It started moving slowly and then it just took off and went into a kind of an egg shape before disappearing westward."

"It startled both of us," he added. "I was supposed to be going to talk to some people about property but neither me or George could talk about anything else but what we'd seen. We sat up most of the night talking about it and George couldn't go to work, it unsettled him so much. I haven't been able to get it off my mind."

Many sightings were dismissed as meteors or falling stars. The sighting over Lake St. Clair of a bright, flaming object may have been reflected light from a Sarnia chemical plant.

Explanations that the sightings may have been aircraft from CFB Trenton were disproved when a CFB spokesman said no aircraft from the base were active during the night.

Added Merrill Crowe: "I know it wasn't a falling star. They look like pinpricks compared to what I saw."

ST. CROIX FALLS, WISC. - STANDARD PRESS  
\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 30, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## U.F.O.'s reported sighted in Scandia area

The movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" should have special appeal for residents of the Scandia, Minn. area after they encountered their own U.F.O.'s last week there.

Numerous Scandia residents reported seeing bright red lights in the configuration of some form of aircraft the evening of Wednesday, March 22. Witnesses said the lights were low flying and appeared to light up a very large craft. The lights were reportedly southbound and moving at a slow rate of speed.

Investigators said the sighting may have been tied in with a flight of Army helicopters that moved through the area the same day.

TORONTO, ONT - STAR  
 \*\*\*MAR 22, 1978\*\*\*

GALLUP POLL

Unidentified flying objects  
 are real, 46% believe

Perhaps in response to the increase in movie and television shows based on interplanetary travel, there has been a significant increase over the past four years in the number of Canadians who have heard of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and in the number who believe that they are real and not just imagination. There has been little or no increase, however, in the proportion who claim to have spotted one.

In May, 1974, only 67 percent of Canadians had heard or read anything about UFOs. Today this has risen to 81 per cent. Similarly the proportion who think that they are something real has increased from 36 percent four years ago to 46 percent today.

The number who think they have actually seen a UFO rose slightly, but not significantly from 8 per cent to 10 per cent today.

Today's results are based on 1,050 personal, in-home interviews with adults, 18 years and over during the first week of February. A sample of this size is accurate within a four percentage point margin, 19 in 20 times.

The questions asked were:

"Have you heard or read anything about unidentified flying objects — UFOs?"

If yes, "Have you, yourself, ever seen anything you thought was a UFO?"

"In your opinion, are they something real, or just people's imagination?"

As the table below shows, more of the young adults have heard of, believe in, and spotted unidentified flying objects.

	NATIONAL	18-29	30-49	AGE 50 & OVER
SEEN A UFO				
Yes	10%	13%	10%	7%
No	71	72	72	68
Never heard of	19	15	17	24
ARE THEY REAL				
Real	46	58	48	33
People's imagination	18	12	19	23
Don't know	16	14	16	19
Never heard of	19	15	17	24

DAILY JOURNAL - ELIZABETH, N.J.  
 \*\*\*MAR 18, 1978\*\*\*

Guffaws greet  
 UFO 'sighting'

Their classmates say they are crazy and adults just laugh at them, but young Christian Borre and his friend, Daniel Dalley, are convinced they saw an alien spacecraft zipping

through the sky over Union County. Christian, 14, of 1141 Hand Place, Elizabeth, and Daniel, 11, of 45 Hussa St., Linden, swear that they spotted the UFO about 9:50 p.m. March 3 while walking along Blancke Street near Wood Avenue, Linden.

"I just looked up and there it was," a wide-eyed Danny said in recounting the sighting. "I was amazed. I said, 'come here, Chris, look at it,' and he said, 'wow.'"

The boys described the object as a huge metal mass shaped like "a

lopsided diamond," surrounded by brilliant orange light. They said it hung low in the sky at a distance and was visible for a half hour.

"I thought it was God, at first," Christian said, "because only God could make something that bright."

Convinced that it was the real thing and not an imaginary sighting induced by exposure to the films, "Star Wars", and "Close and Encounters of a Third Kind," the boys reported the incident to police, New York television stations and area newspapers.

While the report was received with a certain amount of skepticism and in some instances, obstinate disbelief, the two boys insist they were witnesses to an alien intrusion.

"But nobody believes us."

FRIENDSHIP REPORTER - WISC.  
 \*\*\*MAR 16, 1978\*\*\*

Reported to  
 Sheriff's Dept.

A flying saucer was spotted near Lake Sherwood, according to a March 4, report to the Adams County Sheriff's Dept. The report was made by the Wisconsin Rapids PD. The UFO was encountered by a 12-year-old, Chris Marceau, who lives on Lake Sherwood.

Chris described the object as a little bigger than a golf ball, in apparant size. It was flying low, and zigzagging from side to side and up and down. It left no tail. He and his two brothers took it for a flying saucer. The sighting was made about 7:00 p.m.

Also, March 4, a Friendship man reported the loss of 4 tires and rims from his terrestrial

vehicle, which was parked at Trez's Mobile. Later on March 4, a car parked in Friendship was reported vandalized.

At 5:31 a.m., March 6, a call to the Sheriff's Dept. said that 18 horses were running loose near 1769 16th Ave. The horses split up, one group heading south, the other group heading north. With a deputy's assistance, the horses were corraled.

RUSTON, LA. - DAILY LEADER  
 \*\*\*FEB. 21, 1978\*\*\*

'Little Green Men'  
 Arrest Reported

Lincola Parish Sheriff's deputies went on a UFO hunt last night and "arrested" three green men.

The report of a UFO sighting came to the sheriff's office from Choudrant and, upon investigating, deputies found nothing but stars shining through some trees.

But deputies apparently couldn't resist joking of their "arrests" on their two-way radios.

What they didn't count on was Monroe news media picking up the signals, which they did.

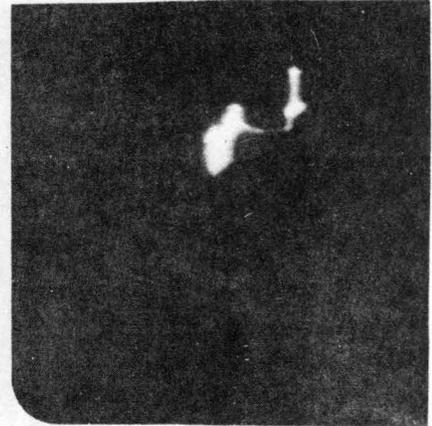
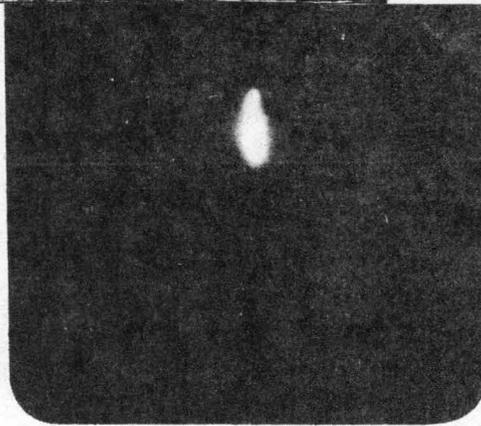
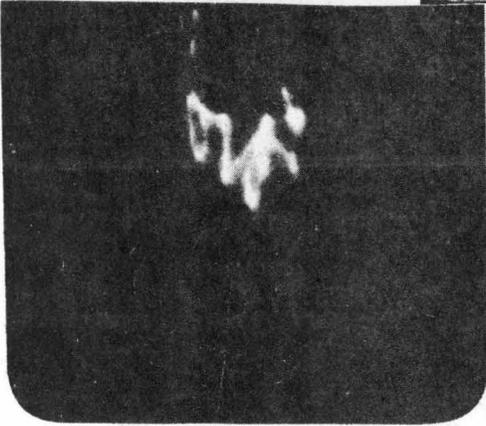
"We were just having a little fun," a spokesman for the sheriff's department said this morning.

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL - WISC.  
 \*\*\*\*\*APR. 6, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

Bright Light Streaks  
 Across S. California

Los Angeles, Calif. —UPI— What appeared to be a meteor streaked across the sky from Los Angeles to San Diego then burst into a brilliant yellow flash of light Wednesday night.

Police switchboards were flooded with calls, and several people reported seeing bits of debris fall to earth. However, no debris was recovered.



SERIES OF PHOTOGRAPHS shows what was seen in the skies over Salamanca, Sunday, at approximately 11:45 p.m. The pictures were taken and developed by Salamanca Police Officer Ron Shadden from the police station on

Wildwood Avenue. The photos have been reviewed by various agencies active in the investigation of reported UFO sightings. An explanation has not, however, been given for the eerie incident. Using a Pentex K-1000, a 35-

## 'I Can't Say What It Was'

# Salamanca Police Officer

By MARY ELLEN BUSHNELL  
Times Herald Staff Writer

SALAMANCA — "I saw something. I photographed it. I don't know what it is . . . that's for the experts."

Statements made by Salamanca Police Officer Ron R. Shadden express his sentiments concerning photographs he took of a mysterious flying object over the Salamanca-Great Valley area Sunday night.

One thing is certain, the unidentified flying object which Officer Shadden observed and photographed appeared as something he had never seen before.

"It wasn't a plane. I hope they do find out what it is. I'd like to know myself."

FOR OFFICER Shadden, it was the first such incident reported in his four years on the Salamanca police force. The call came in about 11:40 p.m. Sunday. John Good, 15, who resides on MacDonald Road in Great Valley dialed the 911 emergency police number. He had heard about a UFO sighting over the CB airwaves and, stepping outside, spotted what he felt were unusual celestial objects.

Later, it was learned several other residents of Great Valley, Salamanca and Ellicottville had also observed the brilliant airborne object.

A camera buff for virtually all his life, Officer Shadden coincidentally had picked up his camera case as he left his Town of Salamanca home to report for the 11 p.m.-7 a.m. shift at the police station on Wildwood Avenue.

"I can't explain why I took my camera with me that night," the policeman mused. "My wife and I had been out for a ride during the afternoon and I had the camera with me. I came home and set it on the kitchen table. Seeing it there when I went out the door I just picked it up." The officer added that it was very rare for him to have his camera along with him while on duty.

WITH HIS 35-mm, Pentax K-1000, the officer shot five pictures displayed at the top of this page. Because of the great distance of the object, the photographer added a 135-mm lens with a two-power extender. "This gives the camera magnification capabilities," the officer explained adding that the extender yielded a five-power magnification.

Officer Shadden described the film he was using as "quite sensitive" since it was Kodak Tri-X film with an ASA of 200.

The exposure time for pictures one and two was one second with the F-stop set at 2.8.

The exposure was changed for pictures three, four and five, to two and a half seconds with the same 2.8 F-stop.

He used his own darkroom to develop the film with Microdol-X developer, Kodak Indicator stop bath and Kodafix fixer solution. "All solutions measured 67 degrees and the development time totaled 13 minutes and 30 seconds."

The negative that Officer Shadden turned out looks blank. It is very pale and dull looking as opposed to negatives of pictures taken in an abundance of light. However, when the negative is held in front of a light source, a series of tiny dots are detectible.

Discrediting the theory that the film may have been defective, the officer said, "It was a fresh roll of film and the expiration date for its use was marked on the box . . . 1980. Also, there were several other personal pictures taken on the same roll and all turned out excellently."

HE COULD NOT explain why two of the pictures appear with squiggle lines, however, he noted camera movement could not be a possibility.

"I can't visualize that moving the camera as little as I did would produce that kind of movement. I really don't believe the camera moved, even with the slow shutter speed. I just don't think that the lines are caused by camera movement," he said adding that he would never have shown the pictures if he believed they were the result of anything but what he had photographed in the sky.

Officer Shadden said he began shooting the pictures at 11:55 p.m., Sunday. The camera, he explained, was set on top of a car and my hands were wrapped very tightly around it.

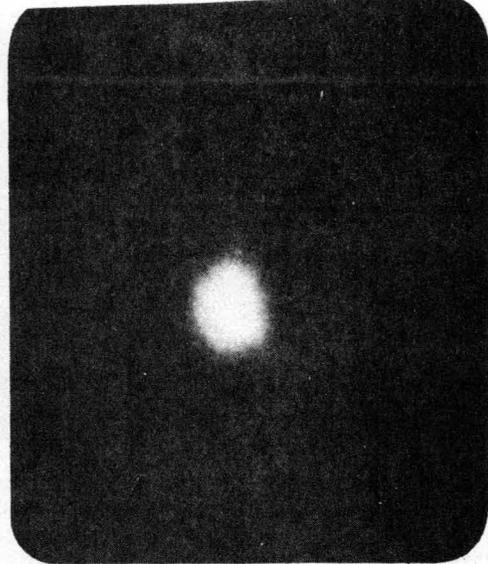
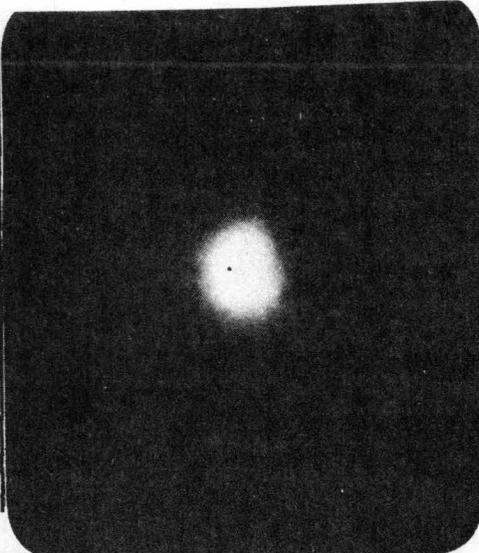
He said he eased the instrument backward along the rear slope of the car roof until the object was in view in the lens. He estimated the UFO hovered approximately 60 degrees above the horizon.

All pictures were taken outside the police station at the rear of the Municipal Building, in a northerly direction.

The pictures were developed by 10 a.m., Monday. Noting that his phone has been ringing con-

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mm camera, Mr. Shadden took the first two photos at F-Stop 2.8 and shutter speed, approximately one second. The shutter speed for the last three pictures was increased to two and a half seconds. As far as the officer could tell the object remained in the same location for all photos. He was

unable to explain the apparent movement in two of the pictures though he says it is not due to camera movement. The officer has been requested to send prints to the UFO Research Center in Evanston, Ill., for further examination.

(Photos by Ron Shadden, Salamanca)

# Shows UFO Photographs

stantly since he has announced his feat, Officer Shadden said, "I have been accused of everything and anything. A couple people have said I had my kids stand in the back yard Sunday night with flashlights while I took their pictures."

He admitted that he could have kept the pictures to himself and avoided a lot of hassle since "no one but two police officers who were with me, knew that I took the pictures and even they didn't know that I had anything on film." At first he didn't want people to know because he "didn't know if anything would turn out."

He said he felt compelled to let people know what he had because "it's a little too important to keep to yourself. So many people are interested in this."

In reality, with the naked eye, the object looked very similar to the photos. "It looked like an extremely bright star and you could make out different hues and colors," said Officer Shadden, continuing with "through binoculars, it appeared to have a triangular shape and the colors were much more vivid. There were yellows, greens, blues and reds."

Unsure of the travel pattern because of his sporadic observation of the object between 11:40 and about midnight, the officer, who was on desk duty that night, said it appeared to hover in the same place. Other policeman, dispatched from the station to observe the object said it went out of sight over the Great Valley area about 12:45 a.m. Monday.

OFFICER SHADDEN never expected to take pictures of UFOs. "This was my first attempt at shooting pictures at night. I just never thought that I would be taking such photographs, it wasn't something I'd ever expected to do," he said, then asked, "Would you?"

He does however, expect to attempt more night-time photography now that he has experienced a degree of success. "I just got to get out and try something again." He says he hasn't had a chance to get out since Sunday night to do any photographing for comparison.

So far, there has been quite a bit of interest in Officer Shadden's photos, though none of it from the federal government.

Mostly, representatives of UFO investigative agencies, civilian in nature, have viewed the pictures and none attempted to draw any conclusions.

"Mrs. Joan Jeffers of the Center for UFO Investigation in Pennsylvania had no opinion on what it might be," Officer Shadden said.

"Christopher Centi of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network for Cattaraugus and Chautauqua Counties has viewed them. Everybody who has seen them says there is something there, but cannot explain what it is."

A representative from the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. has requested that Officer Shadden send the prints there for analysis. Reluctant to say whether or not he would, Officer Shadden said he didn't have a reason not to comply with the request.

Officer Shadden, himself has no opinion or theory about what is flying around over his county. "I'm not trying to tell anyone what it was... that's for the experts to decide."

SACRAMENTO, CAL. - UNION  
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## The UFO resembled a vacuum cleaner

What is bright orange, shaped like a canister vacuum cleaner, larger than a helicopter and fast on the getaway?

Harold and Shirley Peters don't know. But after three weeks of thinking and talking about their encounter of the first kind they still believe it was a UFO.

And they say the reaction of their friends and neighbors — aside from a few prank telephone calls — has been one of curiosity rather than disbelief.

"... on the whole, most people, I think, really believe in it now, especially the people who know us," Shirley said. "They saw how excited about it we were."

The couple was en route to a bowling alley at Rhinelander in northern Wisconsin last month when they saw an object in the sky above their car. "It was bright orange," she said. "It was shaped like a canister vacuum cleaner — that's the only way I can describe it. It was going very fast."

The UFO appeared to move alongside their car for a time, they said, then crossed in front of it and hovered over a supermarket. "Then it went up, straight up — real fast until we couldn't see it any more," said Shirley.

"I'm not sure what it was. It was some kind of ship, I know that," she said. "I'm just glad it went up and not down."

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## DES "OVNI" DANS LE CIEL DE PERPIGNAN ?

PERPIGNAN.- Un automobiliste a affirmé avoir aperçu plusieurs O.V.N.I. dans le ciel de Perpignan (Pyrénées-Orientales).

Il a déclaré avoir vu, vers 19 heures, alors qu'il se dirigeait vers la ville, un « objet » très lumineux de forme ronde d'où semblaient jaillir de minces filets éblouissants.

D'après son témoignage, la « soucoupe », visible deux à trois minutes, sembla se retourner sur elle-même puis s'éloigna à très grande vitesse. Au même instant, a-t-il conclu, deux autres « objets », de même forme et d'une égale luminosité, sont apparus et ont effectué la même manœuvre acrobatique avant de disparaître.

ed to run around on itself, then went off with a high speed. In the same moment, added the witness, "two other objects, with the same shape and brightness, appeared and did the same acrobatic manoeuvres before it disappeared.

## Sept personnes ont vu un «ovni» en Champagne

REIMS. - Sept personnes au total ont à ce jour fait savoir qu'elles avaient observé un ovni mardi vers 20 h 55 traversant à grande vitesse la région champenoise. Il s'agit du maire d'une commune auboise, de sa fille qui se rendaient à leur travail, d'un commerçant et de deux habitants de communes proches de Reims.

Ces observations ont été fai-

tes à des endroits différents de la région, mais elles concordent toutes: l'objet se déplaçait à très grande vitesse, sa lumière blanche intense rappelait celle d'un tube de néon et sous l'effet de cette vitesse, il se terminait en fuseau.

Par ailleurs, l'objet se déplaçait de l'est vers l'ouest et était auréolé de vert.

These sightings have done from different spots of the area, but they tally all together; the object traveled with a high speed; its intense white light reminded the one of a neon tube; owing to its speed, its back was tape-red. More, the object moved from the east towards the west and was rounded by a green gleam.

"MIDI-LIBRE" - FRANCE - JAN. 14, 1978

## « OVNI » DANS LES BOUCHES-DU-RHONE

AIX-EN-PROVENCE. — Les gendarmes de Meyrargues (B-du-R.) ont reçu mercredi plusieurs témoignages de personnes affirmant avoir aperçu deux Objets Volants Non Identifiés mardi soir vers 19 heures.

De forme cylindrique, longs de 4 mètres et d'un diamètre de un mètre lumineux, les «OVNI» ont évolué plusieurs minutes au-dessus de Meyrargues avant de prendre la direction de la Durance à une vitesse de 50 à 100 kilomètres heure et à une altitude de 200 mètres.

## UFO IN BOUCHES-DU-RHONE DEPARTMENT

AIX-EN-PROVENCE;-----Gendarmes from MEYRARGUES, have received wednesday, several testimonies of persons stating to have seen two UFO's in the evening of tuesday about 7:00p.m.

Shaped like a cylinder and with a length of four metres and a diameter of one meter, these UFO's have traveled during several minutes over MEYRARGUES, before to move off towards Durance rivere, with a speed estimated between 50 and 100 Km/h and in a litude of 200 metres.

"LE PARISIEN" - PARIS, FARNACE - 3/3/78

## UFO'S IN PERPIGNAN'S SKY

PERPIGNAN;-----A motorist has stated to have sighted several UFO's in the sky of Perpignan (pyrenees Orientales Dept.). He has said that he had seen about 7:00 p.m., while he headed towards the town, a very bright object circle shaped whence seemed to flash out some thin dazzling threads. According his testimony, the "saucer" was visible for 2 or 3 minutes, seen

"LE REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN" - NANCY, FRANCE  
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## SEVEN WITNESSES HAVE SEEN A UFO IN CHAMPAGNE

REIMS;-----Seven persons have informed us, to now, that they had seen a UFO tuesday about 8:55 p.m., moving across the Champagne country with a high speed. The Mayor of a village from Aube dept. and his daughter, who were going to their work, a tradesman, and other inhabitants of neighbouring villages of REIMS, and tow other witnesses are these seven persons.

# Observan en Santa Fe un extraño fenómeno

SANTA FE. — Un extraño fenómeno observaron jóvenes domiciliados en la localidad de San Justo, a 100 kilómetros de esta capital. Jorge Daniel Lamazón y Mario Martínez, radicados en la ciudad mencionada, en oportunidad en que se dirigían a una localidad cercana, por la noche, observaron un extraño fenómeno.

Se hallaban a unos 10 kilómetros al sur de San Justo, por la ruta 11, cuando "en esos momentos —dijeron— observamos que a 500 metros había una fuente de luz blanca

que duró unos pocos minutos, hasta que observamos una figura alta vistiendo ropaje negro al disminuir la velocidad".

El extraño personaje —añadieron— se acercó hasta unos 3 metros del vehículo, que por causas desconocidas había paralizado su marcha, y no realizó ningún movimiento, en medio de un silencio serulcral. Instantes después reanudaban la marcha sin haber observado en momento alguno ningún tipo de vehículo de los que pudieran tomarse como los clásicos platillos voladores.

and continued their trip.

The witness claim that they didn't see a flying saucer. They only saw the strange bright light and the tall humanoid dressed in black.

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## STRANGE PHENOMENA AT SANTA FE, ARGENTINA

A strange phenomena was observed by two young men who live in the city of San Justo, 100 kilometers from Santa Fe - Jorge Daniel Lamazon and Hario Hartinez were going to Parana in a car. When they were about 10 kilometers south of San Justo they saw a very bright and white light, about 500 meters from the route. After a minute they saw a tall humanoid, dressed in black clothes, standing by the light. The alien got closer to the witnesses vehicle and stood there for a while. Then he went back to the light. The witness' car could not move for several minutes but when the alien went away they were able to start the engine

## Un O.V.N.I. observé dans la région Midi-Pyrénées

TOULOUSE.- Quatre témoins affirment avoir aperçu, un objet volant, non identifié, en trois endroits différents de la région Midi-Pyrénées.

Un pilote du centre de formation aéronautique de Carcassonne (Aude), qui effectuait un vol de nuit, a déclaré avoir vu, vers 20 h 30, une « boule » orangée traînant une « queue » verte, qui se dirigeait dans le sens nord-ouest. Après avoir effectué une courbe, l'engin aurait plongé et disparu dans une grande gerbe rouge. Un automobiliste, qui se trouvait à quatre kilomètres de Carcassonne, affirme avoir observé le même phénomène à la même heure.

A Pamiers (Ariège), un sur-

veillant de l'usine Creusot-Loire, a, d'autre part, déclaré aux gendarmes avoir aperçu, à 20 h 54, « un objet de forme allongée et plate, émettant une lueur vive, bleutée, et se dirigeant de l'est vers l'ouest ».

Le phénomène qui, selon ce témoin, dura de 10 à 12 secondes, fut à nouveau observé, à 21 h 30, au nord de Toulouse, par un témoin. L'objet semblait se trouver, à ce moment là, non loin du relais hertzien de Pechbonnieu (Haute-Garonne).

L'observatoire du Pic du Midi a déclaré, pour sa part, qu'il ne se trouvait pas en mesure, à ce moment-là, de diriger ses observations du côté de la région toulousaine.

about 8:54 p.m., an object with an elongated and flattened shape, giving off a vivid bluish gleam, and moving off from the east to the west. According to the witness, the phenomenon lasted about 10 or 12 seconds and was sighted again about 9:30 p.m., to the north of Toulouse by another witness. The object seemed being, at that moment, close to hertzian radio link of Pechbonnieu (Haute-Garonne Department). Pic du Midi observatory's staff member, for his part, that he wasn't in a position, at that moment, to direct his sightings instruments towards Toulouse area.

"LE PARISIEN" - Paris, France 2/24/78

## UFO SIGHTED IN PYRENEAN COUNTRY

TOULOUSE: - 4 witnesses have stated that they had sighted a UFO in three various spots in the Pyrenees mountains area. A pilot of an aeronautical school from Carcassonne (Aude department), who was flying to night, has stated to have seen about 8:30 p.m., an orange "Ball" with a green tail, which moved off towards the NE. After to have done a bend, the object would have plunged towards the ground and disappeared in a big red sparks. A motorists who was four kilometres from Carcassonne, stated to have sighted the same phenomenon in the same time. On the other hand, in Pamiers (Ariège Department), a supervisor of Creusot-Loire factory has stated to the Gendarnes (Policemen) that he has seen,

## UFOs Sighted Over Tokyo

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Similar sightings were reported by two other persons.

Many other persons, including Koshimizu, also had reported to police that they had seen mysterious flying objects over Tokyo, Yokohama and Kawasaki Sunday evening.

## Nothing Encountered In UFO Contact Attempt

A commercial radio broadcasting company in Tokyo failed in its attempt Friday night to attract unidentified flying objects (UFO) from outer space through use of red, white and blue spotlights and sound tracks from the American science fiction movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

The attempt was made by Nihon Shortwave Broadcasting Co. on the eve of the screening in Japan from Saturday of the science fiction movie.

In the attempt, red, white and blue spotlights were flashed off the roof of the building in Akasaka where the transmitting station of the Broadcasting station is located.

Sounds on the pentatonic scale, taken from the sound

track of the science fiction movie, were also used during the attempt conducted in the course of a 50-minute live broadcast of "Young Eleven" show starting at 10:40 p.m.

As some 30 camera-carrying newsmen watched, the spotlights and music were endlessly shot into the air during the radio show.

But no UFO responded to the dismay of the broadcasting company.

It was the first attempt made in Japan to attract UFOs through the flashing of red, white and blue spotlights.

According to officials of Nihon Shortwave Broadcasting Co., blinking colored lights have proved successful in drawing UFOs in experiments carried out in the United States.

They also noted that there were reports that UFOs fly while blinking red, white and blue lights.

## Many say they saw UFO

Many people reported Sunday that they saw something like a UFO (unidentified flying object) in the sky west of Tokyo and Kanagawa Prefecture.

Sunday was the second day the American movie on UFO's, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was shown in Japan.

Those who saw something shining in the sky dialed an "emergency number" to report

what they believed to be a UFO. The Metropolitan Police Department investigated the unidentified object, but were unable to identify it.

About 5:30 p.m., a printing company employe from Saitama Prefecture and his wife were driving their car in Nerima Ward, Tokyo when they saw something shining white in the west. They said that the objects separated into two and disappeared toward Chichibu Mountains.

In Nagoya City, Aichi Prefecture, a company employe reported to the Asahi Shimbun Office that he saw something like a UFO west of the city.

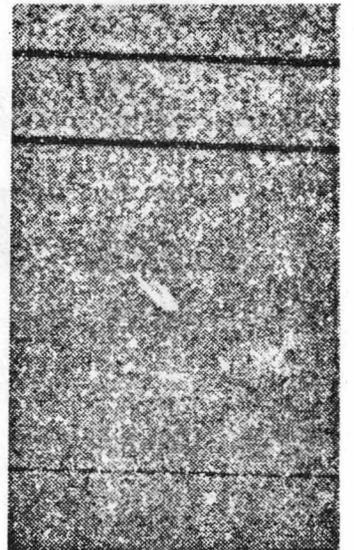
He said that he and a friend saw it around 5:50 p.m.

## UFO Seen Over Tokyo Bay

A UFO which emitted flashing light was sighted over Tokyo Bay Sunday evening.

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) received three emergency telephone calls from eyewitnesses between 5.28 pm and 5.43 pm, and ordered officers at Tokyo International Airport to confirm whether or not it was a plane crash.

The Yomiuri Shimbun also received similar reports from residents of Edogawa, Koto and Setagaya wards; and from residents of Machida, western Tokyo;



THIS UFO was sighted streaking over Tokyo Bay Sunday evening. Eyewitnesses said the object was emitting a flashing light.

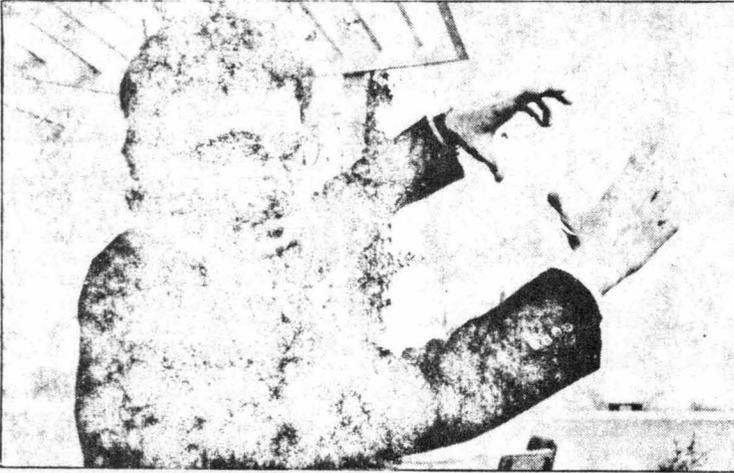
Kawasaki, Yokohama and Fujisawa in Kanagawa-ken; and Narashino, Chiba-ken.

Masaki Shiono, an 11-year old fifth grader at a primary school in Fujisawa, said that oblong bright orange lights accompanied the object till it fell beyond hills.

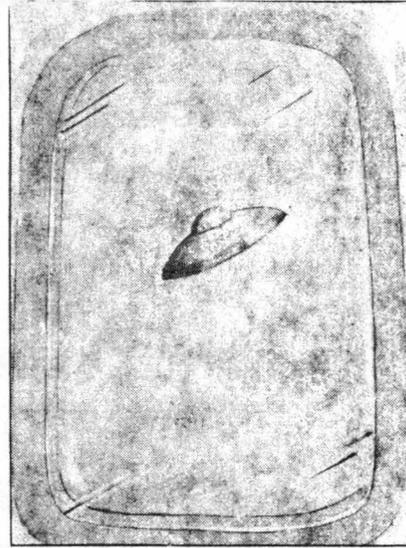
Yusuke Tamaki, a Yomiuri Shimbun photographer who lives in Machida, successfully photographed the object.

He said he saw the object which flashed white for about five minutes in the western sky. It disappeared for about one minute, and then it appeared again.

## ORTASINDA BİR SARI IŞIK PARLIYORDU



Grafiker Gökalp Çelikiz Ankara'dan uçakla İstanbul'a gelirken havada bir uçan daire gördüğünü iddia etti. Kendisiyle birlikte diğer bir kaç yolcunun da uçan daireyi gördüğünü ileri süren grafiker, "Dört dakika süreyle yanımızda seyretti ve iniş çıkışlar yaptı" dedi. Genç grafiker uçan dairenin bir de resmini çizdi (yanda). (Foto: HÜRRIYET)



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# "Bandırma-Yalova arasında uçan daire gördüm"

ANKARA'dan dün sabah İstanbul'a hareket eden THY uçağının yolcularından 29 yaşındaki Gökalp Çelikiz, "Uçağın penceresinden dört dakika süre ile bir uçan daire gördüm. Tepesinden ışık saçan uçan daireyi benden başka en az üç yolcu daha gördü," dedi.

Kaptan Pilot Feridun Yüksel ve Eşref Gürler yönetimindeki THY'nin Ankara-İstanbul-Frankfurt seferini yapan 905 uçuş sayılı DC-10 uçağı ile saat 07.30'da Ankara'dan hareket eden teknik ressam Gökalp Çelikiz, "Yeşilköy'e inmeye 10 ilâ 15 dakika kala gördüğüm cisim konusunda yanlışlama imkân yok" diyerek gördüğünü resim halinde çizdi. Yetkililer, uçağın belirtilen saatte Bandırma ile Yalova arasındaki bölgede uçmakta bulunduğunu açıkladı.

Göker Grafik Basın Ajansının teknik ressamlarından olan bir öğretmenle evli ve beş yaşında bir çocuk babası Gökalp Çelikiz gördüğü uçan daireyi şöyle anlattı:

"Arka taraftan gelen 'Şuna bak şuna bak, uçuyor' sesleri üzerine gözlerimi pencereden dışarı çevirdim. Aynı anda benim yanımda oturan iki erkek yolcu da dışarı baktı. Üçümüz de üstünden parlak ışıklar saçan bir uçan dairenin sabit durduğunu, daha sonra uçakla beraber seyrettiğini fal taşı gibi açılan gözlerimizle seyrettik."

● 29 yaşındaki grafiker "Benden başka en az 3 yolcu daha aynı cisimi gördü. Ve o kesinlikle bir uçan daireydi" diyor.

"HURRIYET" -- İSTANBUL, TURKEY - April 16, 1977

I SAW A UFO WHILE FLYING OVER THE REGION BETWEEN BANDIRMA AND YALOVA

29 year old Gokalp Celikiz, one of the passengers on the THY plane flhing from Ankara to Istanbul, said; "Through the window I saw an UFO for a duration of four minutes. At least three more passengers saw the UFO which was radiating light on top."

Designer Gokalp Celikiz continued, saying "I could not have been mistaken about the object which I saw while there was about 10 to 15 minutes time before landing at Yesilkoy," and made a drawing of what he saw. Experts explained that the plane was flying over the region between Bandırma and Yalova at the time stated.

Gokalp Celikiz further explained the UFO he saw as such; "Hearing cries of 'look at that, look at that, it's flying!' from behind, I looked out of the window. At the same time, two other male passangers sitting beside me looked out too. Three of us saw an UFO radiating brilliant rays of light on top and floating fixedly in the air. Later, to our amazement, it started to fly along with the plane and continued to do so for about four minutes.

# Scientists Shoot Down UFO Buffs; Only Venus

*The Tokyo Astronomical Observatory said Tuesday an unidentified flying object (UFO) reportedly seen by a number of residents of Tokyo and its neighboring prefectures on Sunday and Monday could have been Venus.*

It analyzed reports from eyewitnesses on the alleged UFO and said that it could have resulted from the moving of atmospheric currents.

Venus is presently located in the western sky and can be seen between 5.30 pm and 6 pm, the observatory said.

The air has been becoming less humid thanks to a spell of fine weather, and this has made it increasingly transparent.

This would help to make the planet appear to be blinking and flashing.

On top of this, the observatory said, Venus is seen at a low altitude, and looks as if it moves from one place to another as a result of changes in air currents.

Occasionally, it disappears as clouds hide it.

Close observation may reveal that what was thought to be a UFO was Venus, which will be located at a higher altitude as days go by, the observatory said.

Its setting time will become 20 minutes later every 10 days, it added.

The observatory's view was substantiated by Takeshi Kase, a 37-year old office employe, of Kashiwai, Chiba-ken.

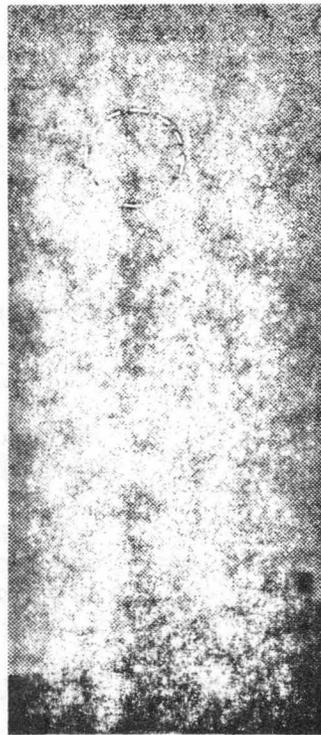
He said he was observing Venus through a telescope from the roof of a department store in Chiba at about 5.37 pm Sunday.

The planet looked as if it was streaking along with a blinking trail when it was veiled by the clouds, he said.

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Reports of the sightings came after a commercial radio broadcasting company in Tokyo tried unsuccessfully last Friday night to attract UFOs through use of red, white and blue flashlights and sounds on the pentatonic scale.

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It disappeared soon, but appeared again remaining in the sky for about five minutes, he said.

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\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 8, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# UFOs not reported

Only about 20 per cent of sightings of unidentified flying objects over Australia are reported officially — because people do not know who to report to.

But there are official bodies investigating UFOs in Australia, and the Australian Co-ordination Section of the Centre for UFO Studies collates all reports and sends copies of them to the U.S.

The Australian Co-ordination Section was set up in 1974 at the request of eminent American astronomer Professor J. Allen Hynek, the director of the Centre for UFO Studies in the U.S.

The WA UFO Research Group sends local sighting reports to the Australian Co-ordination Section in Gosford, NSW, after checking them.

DAILY NEWS - PERTH, AUSTRALIA  
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\*\*\*\*\*MAR. 29, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Farmer's wife: UFO streaked over trees

A WA farmer's wife claims to have seen a "flying saucer" streak over their property 50 kilometres south of Southern Cross.

The Capelli family were just regaining some stability after flash floods at Dulyalbin a month ago when the UFO was sighted.

Mrs Capelli said: "I was watching my son and husband pull the scarifiers out of one of the submerged paddocks when I turned my head for some reason.

"I saw this dazzlingly bright silver object over some trees about half-a-mile away.

"It was big and round and moving at tremendous speed, just skimming across the trees.

"I watched it until it disappeared over the horizon."

Spotting the UFO was a change for Mrs Capelli who has become used to seeing nothing but mud and water for the past four weeks.

Eighty hectares of their property is still under water. In many places it is still up to 10 metres deep.

"Some of the sheds can't even be seen yet," said Mrs Capelli.

"When you walk out the back door of the house all you can see is acres and acres of water.

"Luckily we got the machinery out before it had started to rust."

Most farms and houses in the area still have at least some legacy of the flood.

Latający talerz? "KURIER POLSKI" - POLAND - JULY 11, 1977

**nad Sochaczewem? UFO OVER SOCHACZEWEM**

W poniedziałek w godzinach wieczornych mieszkańcy okolic Sochaczewa i Główna obserwowali przesuwanie się na dużej wysokości świecącego obiektu nie wyłączonego pochodzenia. NOL, czyli Nie zidentyfikowany Obiekt Latający został zauważony o godz. 20.49 na północnej stronie nieba, kiedy to silnie rozjarzył się przy przechodzeniu przez warstwy atmosfery. Obiekt clagnac za sobą warokoc dymu przestał być widoczny po trzech i pół minuty od pojawienia się. (woj)

Yesterday in the evening, about 8:49 p.m. according to a witness, some inhabitants from SOCHACZEWEM and from GLOWAS, have sighted at a very high altitude a very bright object which was moving across the sky. This UFO leaving back it a kind of trail of smoke and remaining visible for 3 or 4 minutes.

**Et un O.V.N.I., un !**

"SUD-OUEST" - Bordeaux, France - Jan. 7, 1978

**ANOTHER UFO!**

Un nouveau témoignage vient de nous parvenir, en provenance, cette fois, d'un village girondin. Hure, près de La Réole. M. Robert Tastet, conseiller municipal, a vu, le 1er janvier dernier, à 17 h 15; apparaître « sans faire le moindre bruit, un objet très lumineux, rouge orangé, de forme cylindrique; assez semblable à un stylo tenu à bout de bras. Cet objet se déplaçait en direction des Landes ».

We are infomred of a new testimony coming from a village of Gironde dept. named HURE, close to La Reole.

Mr. Robert TASTET, Town-councillor, has seen on Jan. 1, a very bright red orange object, noiseless, sahped like a stylograph held at arm's lenght. This object was traveling towards the Landes department.

Et M. Robert Tastet d'ajouter dans la communication qu'il a faite à M. Louis Lacoste, ufologue amateur et président du Club girondin d'ufologie : « Je suis formel, ce que j'ai vu n'avait rien de comparable à un avion ni à un hélicoptère. Sans aucun doute, c'était un engin inconnu. »

Mr. TASTET added in his report to Mr. Louis LACOSTE, chariman of the UFO club of Gironde department: "I am sure of what I have seen., "That had not any connection with an airplane or a heli-copter. It was certainly an "Unknown engine."

**Encore des O.V.N.I. observés à Parnennes cette fois-ci**

"LE MAINE LIBRE" - LE MANS-FRANCE - JAN. 20, 1978

**SEVERAL OTHER UFO'S SIGHTED TO PARENENNES, THIS TIME!**

Deux personnes de Parnennes ont encore observé, lundi soir vers 18 h 30, des phénomènes non expliqués qu'il convient donc de classer dans la rubrique des objets volants non identifiés.

Two persons from PARNENNES have sighted monday in the evening about 6:30 p.m. some unexplained phenomena that we must file in UFO's category!

Il s'agit de M. André Rocheron, secrétaire de mairie, qui, du bourg, a vu passer, à basse altitude, lentement et dans un silence total, une lueur en forme de cigare de couleur vive de forte intensité allant du vert au rouge en passant par le jaune, et de Mlle Sylvie Heurtebise, aide-familiale demeurant « le Verger » qui, elle, a vu deux objets de forme circulaire, l'un orangé l'autre rouge et bleu, se déplaçant très vite et à haute altitude, également sans aucun bruit.

It is Mr. Andre ROCHERON, Town-clerk, who has seen an object moving across the sky at a low altitude. It was entirely noiseless, shaped like a cigar, and gave off an intense bright light going from green tint to red tint and even yellow color.

Miss Sylvie HEURTEBISE is another wintess, asst. socieligist and living to "Le Verger", who saw two objects shaped like a circle; one organge coloured, the ohter red and blue colored traveling very fast and in a high altitude, always without the least noise.

La direction de ces phénomènes était dans les deux cas Sud-Est, Nord-Ouest.

The three phenomena were coming towareds the same direction: from the southeast to the northwest.

LA SARTHE

UFOS IN SARTHE DEPARTMENT

L'ECTEUR assidu de votre journal « Nosttra », je me permets de vous signaler, à propos de l'article sur les observations d'O.V.N.I. en France de l'année 1977 (No 303), qu'en ce qui concerne notre région, la Sarthe, il y a eu « une moisson » abondante d'observations, qui mériterait que l'on en parle.

Pour les deux derniers mois de l'année 1977 il a été fait une bonne dizaine d'observations dont un atterrissage à Asséle-Boisne, où la gendarmerie a enquêté. L'une de ces observations a été faite par neuf personnes, et une autre par un dessinateur industriel, qui a pu réaliser un croquis.

Y.P. (Sarthe).

Regular readers of this publication, I point out to your attention, about your article concerning UFO sightings in FRANCE (in your issue No. 303) that in my district area, the Sarthe department, there had numerous sightings which would be worth quoted.

In the two last months of year 1977, a good ten of sightings of which a landing near to Asséle-Boisne, where the Gendarmes (Policeman) inquired, have been done. One of them has been done by 9 witnesses and another sighting was done by an industrial draughtsman who could realize it in a sketch.

Oggetto volante sul lago Maggiore

Verbania, 16 febbraio. (a. c.) Un « oggetto volante » ha attraversato ieri mattina alle 6.53 il cielo del Lago Maggiore. L'oggetto, di grande intensità luminosa e che lasciava dietro di sé una scia luminescente di color bianco-latte è « sbucato » da dietro il Mottarone e attraversato in pochi attimi in diagonale il bacino lacustre scomparso dietro allavetta del monte Zeda.

Tra le testimonianze quelle degli equipaggi dei battelli « Cerbiatto » e « Alpino » della Navigazione Lago Maggiore. « Avevamo deciso di star zitti per evitare possibili canzonature — hanno detto i marinai — ma quando ieri sera altri ci hanno detto dell'avvistamento ci siamo decisi a parlarne pure noi.

"LA STAMPA" edition of Novara, February 17, 1978 - Italy

FLYING OBJECT OVER THE LAKE MAGGIORE

Verbania, Feb/ 16 - A "flying object" crossed the Lake Maggiore sky at 6:53 a.m. yesterday. The object, very bright and followed by a milk-white light trail, "came out" from behind the Mottarone Mt. and after crossing diagonally the lake in a few moments it disappeared behind Mt. Zena.

Among the witnesses are the crewmen of "Cerbiatto" and "Alpino" motorboat of Lake Maggiore Ship Co. "We established not to tell it to anyone to avoid ridicule - they said - but when last evening we were told by otherw of the sighting we decide to speak".

LE PAYS DE GALLES AU PÉRIL DES O.V.N.I.

"OUEST-FRANCE - RENNES-FRANCE - FEBRUARY 17, 1978

UFO-DANGER IN WALES

L'APPARITION SUCCESSIVE DE PLUS DE CINQUANTE « SOUCOUPES VOLANTES » au cours des dernières semaines dans le triangle formé par les villes de Swansea, Mid-Wales et Broad Haven commence à inquiéter les Gallois.

Le dernier objet volant non identifié a été aperçu dans cette région par deux témoins considérés comme sérieux, deux directeurs de société, qui ont relaté dimanche leur aventure : « Une énorme machine en forme de cigare, d'au moins six mètres de long, est passée à cent mètres de notre voiture. Elle volait si bas qu'elle aurait heurté un autobus à impériale. Elle ne faisait pas de bruit et semblait être prête à s'écraser. Elle a disparu dans un champ. »

L'association britannique de recherche sur les objets volants non identifiés prend ces rapports très au sérieux et cherche à éclaircir ce mystère.

During the last weeks, more than fifty "flying saucers" have been seen in a triangle shaped by towns of Swansea, Mid-Wales and Broad-Haven and these sightings begin to worry the Welsh. The last UFO has been seen in this area by two witnesses respected like very serious persons, two managers of society who have told their experiences: "It was an huge engine shaped like a cigar, more than 6 metres in length, and moving 100 metres from our car. It flew so low that it could have knocked against a double-decker bus. It did not any noise and seemed beeing to crash. It disappeared in a field.

British UFO Research Association takes this testimony very seriously and is trying to fathom this mystery.

# Les ovnis réapparaissent

"LE REPUBLICAIN LORRAIN" - NANCY, FRANCE  
JANUARY 11, 1978

## UFO ARE REAPPEARING

Une automobiliste, Mme Chevrier, qui circulait près de Troisfontaines, a aperçu dans le ciel un objet étrange lumineux vert et rouge qui a pris la direction de la forêt à une allure modérée ce qui correspond à une vision du même genre par un écolier de Sarrebourg.

Masson, qui circulait à cyclomoteur entre Vergaville et Guebling, a remarqué trois objets émettant des lueurs blanches très vives. A un moment un des objets a suivi M. Masson sur 2 km l'éclairant d'un large faisceau lumineux. Le phénomène s'est déroulé sans bruit durant 5 minutes.

Un autre témoignage au dossier ovni celui de M. Alain

Mrs. Chevrier, a motorist who ran close to Troisfontaines, has seen in sky a strange luminous green and red object which moved towards forest with a moderate speed, what corresponds to a same sighting done by a schoolboy of Sarrebourg.

Another testimony for UFO files; the one

of Mr. Alain Masson, who was running on his moped between Vergaville and Guebling, when he sighted three objects giving off white and very vivid gleams. At a given time, one of them followed Mr. Masson during two kilometers lighting the witness with a strong luminous beam. This phenomenon happened without noise for five minutes.

DAILY EXPRESS, LONDON, ENG. FEB 13, 1978

# Huge cigar-shaped machine'

FLYING saucers are circling in the mysterious Welsh Triangle.

And the latest "spot" has excited investigators from the British UFO Research Association.

After more than 50 positive sightings in the Triangle—formed between Swansea, Mid-Wales and Broad Haven—they regard this one as the most factual yet.

It was "experienced" by company directors Peter Bevan, and Elvet Dyer as they drove between Carmarthen and Newcastle Emlyn on a bright morning.

Mr Dyer said: "A huge cigar-shaped machine at least 20ft long crossed our

By John Christopher

path 100 yards ahead. It was flying so low it would have taken the top off a double decker bus.

"It made no sound and we thought it was going to crash.

"We braced ourselves for an explosion as it passed out of sight into a field, but when we looked into the field there was nothing there at all."

The two men, non-believers in Unidentified Flying Objects, were shaken and unnerved.

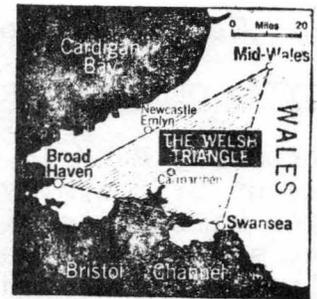
Mr Dyer said: "I have never seen any flying

machine like it in my life.

"It had no wings, tail fins, cockpit or any protrusions. I do not know how it was flying at all."

Mr Randall Pugh, regional investigator for the UFO Association said: "We know there is something very strange going on in this area.

"Many of the reports are from intelligent, educated people who are not disposed to exaggerate or misconstrue what they have seen."



AMERICAN Astronomy Professor J. Allen Hynek has called on NASA to reopen investigation of flying saucer reports. He said: "The solution to the mystery of UFOs remains one of mankind's greatest challenges."

JERSEY EVENING POST - ENGLAND

\*\*\*\*\*FEB 1, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# UFO swanning along?

IS it possible that I may be responsible for solving an unidentified flying object mystery?

Readers of yesterday's paper may remember that Mrs. S. V. Harvey was awake by an uncurtained window in her home at the Parade at 6 o'clock that morning when she distinctly saw a UFO pass overhead. It was, she said, silver in colour and mushroom-shaped.

It happens that the evening before a colleague had gone for a walk in the St. Aubin's area and had himself seen a strange white object on the beach. A closer inspection suggested that it was a swan.

A telephone call yesterday to Mr. A. J. Raffray, of the Animal's Shelter, revealed that it was indeed a swan, believed to be one of a pair living

in a garden in Trinity and which had decided to enjoy a midwinter period of freedom.

It was last seen, said Mr. Raffray at midday yesterday, feeding at the outfall near the Gunsite Café in St. Aubin's Bay.

Is it possible that the bird, a youngster just coming into full plumage, was the flying object which Mrs. Harvey saw?

As Mr. Raffray pointed out, a flying swan is an impressive sight, and also an unusual one in Jersey. Newly awakened, it is perhaps easy enough in uncertain morning light for the eye to turn a fast-flying swan into a silver-coloured flying saucer.

Or was Mrs. Harvey's sighting really of something extra-terrestrial?

SALISBURY JOURNAL - ENGLAND FEB 2, 1978

# Boys spot UFO

Three Salisbury school-boys are the latest to claim to have spotted a UFO.

The boys, all of whom go to Chafyn Grove School, were travelling to Salisbury last Thursday morning when they saw a white cigar-shaped object.

Thomas Holland, of Yew Tree Cottage, Broad Chalke, Nicholas Bellamy, of The Cottage, Bowerchalke, and Matthew Sexton of Netton Old Farm House, Bishopstone, were in Mr Holland's car travelling to school at about 8.15 p.m.

"I looked up and saw the object above Salisbury. It stayed there for a little while and then shot off quickly leaving a vapour trail," said Thomas.

The two other boys confirmed his sighting and added that it was white or silver and oval or cigar-shaped.

ESSEX CHRONICLE, CHELMSFORD, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 3, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

# Something strange in the Chelmsford sky?

UFO experts have been inundated with reports this week from people claiming to have spotted strange objects and lights in the sky above Chelmsford.

The first sighting was made by a young couple last Wednesday night as they sat in their lounge at home in Broomfield. They saw strange white lights in the sky.

Then, on Thursday night, one young couple travelling towards the Army and Navy roundabout saw what they described as a "remarkable sight."

"At first it was a bright light in front of us . . . then it came closer and we saw the outline of a craft. It was the conventional flying saucer shape" said Richard Wilson of Swiss Avenue, Chelmsford.

Travelling in the car with him was Amanda Prowse of Hulls Lane, Sandon, "It was a dome shape and through the 'viewing window' or whatever it was I thought I could see shapes, but I couldn't be sure," she said.

Amanda went on, "There were a number of other cars travelling on

the road at the same time and they all slowed down to watch.

"We hadn't been drinking or anything and I was quite sure of what I saw," she said.

And Bill Eden, investigator with the Essex UFO study group, said that he had a number of calls from people claiming to have seen strange lights in the sky — which they did not believe to be stars or aeroplane lights.

"We have had a lot of people call us over the past week reporting this kind of thing. I am not saying that all these sightings are strange craft from outer space . . . but the more people who report to us the more we shall know."

Mr. Albert Atkinson, 53, of St. Andrew's Road, Hatfield Peverel, also saw strange lights in the sky on Thursday evening.

"I was travelling to bingo with

my wife and two daughters when we saw lights moving across the sky — they were in the shape of goal posts. We all watched them for some time and remarked that there would probably be reportings of UFO activity in the papers," he said.

Mr. Eden is sure that there was something unusual in the sky above Chelmsford on these nights.

"I have been in touch with both Stansted and Southend Airports and they say that there was no aircraft activity in the region on these nights," he said.

SEVENOAKS NEWS - KENT, ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 1, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## COUPLE FEAR UFO WAS A SATELLITE

SEVENOAKS couple Mr and Mrs Keith Jennings were in for a surprise when they took a walk in Knole Park recently.

For the couple saw something they believe could have been a satellite, and are worried in case it landed in Britain.

Says Mr Jennings: "Everyone is going to think I was drunk or something, but I wasn't. We saw a bright light in the north west as we were walking through the park. It was just getting dark.

"I thought it was a plane at first," he added. "It was about 1,000 feet up and was stationary. There was a brilliant light which stayed on for about 45 seconds, then it started going round like a

Catherine wheel with sparks coming off it before it finally faded away.

"I had had a couple of pints of beer, but I wasn't drunk and I definitely wasn't seeing things. My wife saw it too and she hadn't even had a drink.

"It has been worrying us for ages."

Mr Jennings said he felt if he had told the police about the sighting they might have not believed him.

But a police spokesman told the News that they were always interested to hear about any such incidents and could even offer an explanation in some cases.

## Search for UFOs

Youngsters from Oldbury Court Youth Club are going UFO spotting next week.

A coach load will set off for Worlebury Hill, Weston-super-Mare on February 11 at 7.30 pm.

"We'll be back at midnight—unless we see some flying saucers," said leader Mr Dan Duncan-Jones.

Interest in UFOs at the club has been whipped up lately since their club worker, Mrs Doreen Powell, saw a strange red light hovering over Vassalls Park two weeks ago.

NEW OBSERVER, BRISTOL, ENG.  
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YORKSHIRE POST - LEEDS, ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 2, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Mystery of UFO which made car glow red-yellow

A MAN who thought he was being followed as he drove towards home became frightened when his pursuer caught him up.

Mr. Paul Lewis, 31, is convinced he saw an unidentified flying object.

Mr. Lewis, who is Harrogate Council deputy director of resorts services, said he looked in his rear view mirror as he was driving from Harrogate towards his home in Orchard Close, Sharow, near Ripon.

He said he saw a bright white light which seemed to be following him. The small, circular object was several hundred feet up.

"It came over the car and hung there for about four or five seconds. Then everything turned reddish-yellow in colour and the car seemed to glow both inside and out," he said.

Mr. Lewis said his white Rover turned the same colour as a coal fire.

"The seats, the carpets and everything. It lasted for four or five seconds and then it shot off like a bullet, disappearing over the skyline."

Neither the engine nor radio were affected by the object.

Mr. Lewis stopped and got out, but everything appeared normal, and there was nothing to be seen.

"I had a tingling sensation at the time, but I think that was because I was really frightened."

He reported the incident,



MR. PAUL LEWIS  
Tingling sensation.

which happened about a mile outside Ripon, to the police.

Air Traffic Control at RAF Leeming, near Northallerton, said last night that they had not been handling any aircraft at the time, but suggested that it may have been an Army helicopter from Alanbrooke Barracks at Topcliffe near Thirsk.

An RAF spokesman said: "If not, it is something which is unexplained. It is nothing we know about, and there is nothing unusual recorded in that night's duty report book."

The Army Air Corps at Topcliffe said it had no helicopters flying on Monday evening.

Because of a TV advertisement which includes a flying saucer following a car, Mr. Lewis has had his leg pulled by friends. "Everyone wants to know if I drive a Toyota," he said.

There was a similar unexplained sighting on July 6 last year, when two North Yorkshire policemen saw a cigar-shaped object over Bradley, near Skipton.

# Ferry motorist spots cigar shapes in Woolwich sky

UFO's are back. A sighting of two "cigar-shaped objects" low in the sky last Wednesday evening was reported to the Kentish Independent.

The man who saw them is Mr. Arthur Skingley, transport manager of a Charlton firm of timber merchants.

He said: "I was waiting for the Woolwich ferry on the north bank of the river. The objects were of similar size, silver-grey and with regular outlines. One was vertical and the other horizontal."

Mr. Skingley was in a queue of cars waiting for the ferry. "It was only because I was stationary that I saw them. If I had been moving I would probably never have noticed them," he said.

He waited about ten minutes for the ferry, and slowly came to realise that the horizontal one on the right was moving. It drifted to the right, until it was behind a tall office block in Woolwich. Mr. Skingley says he and his fellow passengers kept their eyes on it, but did not see it emerge from behind the building.

He added: "A short while later the vertical one moved too. It tilted to the left slowly moving upwards. It then picked up speed and shot

upwards, leaving behind it a tapered vapour trail.

"It arched round towards the ferry, which was by then heading for Woolwich with the cars on board, and headed off down the Thames in a westerly direction."

Mr. Skingley says he could by then see it as a dark object, leaving a trail. By the time the ferry had docked at Woolwich both objects had disappeared.

From his office Mr. Skingley phoned the Ministry of Defence and the British

U.F.O. Investigators Network to report the sighting.

Mr. Andy Collins an official of the network says that other people on the ferry that morning confirmed what Mr. Skingley saw and that another sighting had been reported from Bexley.

Mr. Collins said: "We are very keen to hear from any other local skywatchers who saw strange things in the sky. This could be a very important sighting with multiple confirmations."

LANCASTER GUARDIAN - ENGLAND  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 3, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## MYSTERY SIGHTING IN THE NIGHT SKY

ANOTHER UFO has been sighted locally.

It was seen by a Lancaster man and his girlfriend over Kirkby Lonsdale on Monday night.

Mr Derek Morrow of Avondale Road and Sue Baldwin of Blackpool were returning to Lancaster after a day out in the Lake District.

"We had just passed through Kirkby Lonsdale when Sue noticed a blue object in the sky" he said.

"I stopped the car and when I looked it had turned green. It then flashed red and green alternately" he added.

The couple watched the object for ten minutes and they are convinced it was not an aircraft of any kind.

They also believe that someone else must have seen it. It was in the sky at about 7.30 pm and looked slightly bigger than a star.

YORKSHIRE POST, LEEDS, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 3, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## ALAN WHITEHOUSE investigates the UFO phenomenon

ALREADY, Yorkshire's small band of Unidentified Flying Object investigators have turned their attention to yesterday's reports of a round object which hovered over a car in North Yorkshire. The chances are that it will become another officially unexplainable occurrence.

For 1977 was the year of the UFO. It happened

# Lights in the sky

without the usual blaze of publicity, but officially unexplainable sightings shot up from the usual 40 or so per year, to a staggering 140, over the whole country.

To become an "unexplained" sighting, a UFO has to be exhaustively analysed, with every possible rational explanation discounted. "It is as much a case of using common sense as anything else," said Mr. Trevor Whitaker, a leader of Yorkshire's ten-strong group of investigators.

"First, we check out the obvious. We find out if any aircraft were in the area by checking with air traffic controls. This is becoming a bit more difficult as more and more private companies own their own helicopters.

"It is easy to be mistaken, especially if you live near a commercial flight path. People who say they have seen stationary lights in the sky which have moved off can often have seen an aeroplane approaching head-on, and then "turn in to land."

Despite this, lights in the sky are the most common UFO phenomenon by far. According to Mr. Whitaker, the thing to watch out for is a light which hangs stationary, moves off, and then executes a turn. "Then you know there is something unusual about it," he said. Yorkshire has roughly

ten per cent. of the nation's sightings. The inexplicable ones which form the hard core of interest to all UFO researchers are only between five and ten per cent. of the total sightings.

The rest can be explained away as planets, satellites, aircraft, weather balloons or electrical disturbance in the atmosphere. One report of a sighting also tends to lead on to several more.

The object, which according to Mr. Paul Lewis, 31, Harrogate Council's deputy director of resorts services, was a "bright white light" which followed his car, several hundred feet above.

About six years ago, an object was seen in a field on the Ripon-Dishforth road by two people in a car. They watched a door open in the side, and then drove off in terror. Mr. Lewis saw his UFO about a mile outside Ripon.

At present, photographs, taken by a boy of objects over Halifax are being analysed. World-wide analysis shows that most unexplained sightings occur around 3 a.m., and the sightings tend to be broadly similar — lights in the sky.

Even more curiously, last year's peak was predicted in 1976 by a UFO researcher who claimed to have discovered that UFO activity runs in four- and six-year cycles. When these coincide, a bumper year for sightings results.

SEVENOAKS CHRONICLE - KENT, ENG.  
\*\*\*\*\*FEB. 4, 1978\*\*\*\*\*

## Couple worried by UFO sighting

A SUNDAY walk in Knole park will never be the same for Sevenoaks couple Mr and Mrs Keith Jennings.

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