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UFO is ID'd

By TERRI COLBY

"I couldn't believe what I saw. At first I thought it might be an airplane or maybe a shooting star, but then it came closer. I knew it had to be a UFO."

Kathy Judge, 20, of Lansing, was about to park her car in the driveway of her apartment building at 3701 E. 173rd st. at 1:09 a.m. last Wednesday morning, when she saw the bright white flashing lights in the air.

She said the machine began to come closer and hesitated, hovering in the air directly behind her apartment building.

"It was real sparkly and as it came closer, the sparkling faded and lights began rotating on and off around the base of the thing," Ms. Judge said.

She described the machine as a circular, slate-gray object about the size of two jetliners.

She said there were flashing lights in the front and two big lights, one red and one green, on the back connected to two cylindrical pieces.

Ms. Judge said she was scared but found herself "wishing the thing would come down."

"The more I got to thinking about it, the more I began wondering what was inside," she said.

Ms. Judge's boyfriend Kevin Mackie, 22, of Oak Lawn, said he arrived at her apartment, as the machine was leaving.

"I didn't get a good look at it, but I saw the sparkling lights and then it just disappeared," he said.

Mackie said he is an airplane pilot and that the lights did not look like an airplane to him.

Allen Hendry disagreed. He is the chief investigator at the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston.

Hendry said many sightings of UFO's are reported in the Lansing area because of its proximity to the Lansing Municipal Airport.

Without being asked, Hendry described the flying object, practically in Ms. Judge's own words.

The problem is solved. The unidentified flying object is no longer unidentified.

An advertising company owns two planes that fly in and out of the Lansing airport. The flashing lights form letters and words on a computerized billboard.

And yes, one of the planes was in the area at approximately 1 a.m. Wednesday morning.

Ms. Judge's comments—"What can I say? I'm going back to being a disbeliever again."

UFO Sited At Roundhill

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While sitting on their backporch around 9:30 p.m. Monday, the Charles E. Caudills saw an object in the sky that they are convinced was an unidentified flying object.

The object was described by Mrs. Caudill as resembling a large star except that it had an orange-red look to it.

Mrs. Caudill said she, her husband and son Tim were sitting on the porch looking at it when they noticed that it was moving. "It would move to the left to the right and then dip down," Mrs. Caudill said.

"While we were watching it something shot out of it," she said. "It was something like a line of light."

"We wanted to see it closer so we got in the truck and followed it a couple of miles toward Caneyville," she said. "But after a while I began to wonder if we were following it or if it was following us."

She said after a short distance they could no longer see it so they turned toward Butler County where they could get onto higher terrain.

She said they still couldn't see it so they turned toward Roundhill to go home

UFO Sited

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when they saw it in front of the truck.

"We were truly frightened at this point," Mrs. Caudill said, "and just wanted to get home and get inside."

Mrs. Caudill said she wasn't normally afraid of anything and at first just wanted to get closer to investigate.

"But the frightening part of it was that it appeared and disappeared right before our eyes," she said. "We saw it in the car lights and then it disappeared beside me with the twinkle of an eye."

Mrs. Caudill said her main concern was to notify the neighbors of what was outside so she called the highway patrol.

The Caudills, who operate an antique shop at their home on KY 185, said they saw a similar object last Tuesday in their backyard and although she says the family will continue to look for the object, she does not advise anyone to go out looking for it.

"I don't think it wanted to harm us," she said. "It certainly could have. But I won't go chasing after it anymore. I don't think people should go looking for it alone."

Kentucky State Police said the sighting had been investigated, but although they sent someone to the location it was gone before they got there.

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UFO also seen in Hudson

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HUDSON - Five Hudson residents have claimed they saw the unidentified flying object sighted July 19 above the navigation light in the west channel of the Hudson River.

A woman, who declined to give her name, said five residents of 508 and 510 State St. spotted the UFO at the time it was seen by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hopper and another resident of Mt. Marino Rd.

The woman said the object looked "like an airplane," that it hovered, motionless, and then "woosh it was gone."

Hopper has described the UFO as "square," but said others saw it as a "crescent."

The object remained 2,000 above the light for five minutes before flying southeast in the direction of Columbia-Greene Community College.

The possibility that the UFO was merely a "corona effect" given off by power lines on Mt. Marino was ruled out by Niagara Mohawk's Richard Schumaker. He has said no power surge was recorded on the lines, nor was the night atmosphere moist enough to have caused the lines to glow.

Harold Bates, formerly of the Mutual UFO Network for Columbia and Greene Counties and who interviewed the two Mt. Marino residents, today said he had received no other reports of a sighting.

If persons have any information concerning the UFO, they should write P.O. Box 25, Hudson 12534 and give their name, address and phone number. (It)

Rear Of Car Reported Lifted

UFO Group Investigates Tailgating Saucer In Union

By JOYCE BARNATHAN
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

A St. Louis group interested in unidentified flying objects was in Union Saturday investigating a rash of reported UFO sightings.

A spokesman for the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis Inc. said that it was especially interested in a published report that a UFO hovered over a woman's car early Thursday and lifted the rear of her car off the ground for a few seconds.

When the police examined her car, they found two indentations on the trunk lid.

Another woman reported seeing orange flying objects that made no sound as they flew by at tree-top level. The wife of Union Mayor W.J. Stieffermann and their two children on Wednesday spotted a light moving across the sky. It, too, made no sound.

"It's an unusual situation," said Leo Wicklinski, chief investigator for the St. Louis group. "It's strange that a nice quiet town like Union should all of a sudden be disturbed just out of no-

where." Union is in Franklin County about 50 miles from St. Louis.

Most sightings reported to his group "can be explained," as natural occurrences he said.

How does the group conduct a UFO investigation?

"We use standard investigative procedure and try to be as scientific as

possible," Wicklinski said. The UFO Study Group includes field investigators. Wicklinski trains to conduct investigations.

"We use the same routine as any police department," he said. First they open a file on the person who made the complaint and interview the person, he said.

In addition, an investigator talks with all witnesses who say they have spotted the UFO.

Next, "we look for tangible evidence," Wicklinski said. He said an investigator makes plaster casts of any depression where the reported UFO landed and collects samples of any other evidence.

"We also check for radiation and we photograph the area," he said.

If a person reports that he has had contact with a "humanoid," he or she is given a lie detector test, he said.

"We have to make sure that there is no deception," he said. Once a man

"concocted an idea" about having a "close encounter," Wicklinski said. "He wanted to know how far our group would go with it. After the polygraph (lie detector) test, he admitted that it was all a hoax.

"We simply want to take the scientific approach in order to give the public a true picture. We're not trying to paint the picture differently. We want true evidence so that we can determine fact from fiction."

Wicklinski says he received training to spot UFOs when he was in the U.S. Air Defense Security Police in the early 1950s. Aside from training persons to conduct investigations, he also supplies them with a "fairly complete manual" on UFO investigations.

The UFO study group has been in operation since 1968. It has a local hot line for people to report UFO sightings, Wicklinski said.

Wicklinski said he could not speculate about the sightings in Union until witnesses have been interviewed.

Similar sightings were reported Friday in Fort Leonard Wood, 100 miles from Union.

DRAIN, ORE. - ENTERPRISE
*****JULY 27, 1978*****

Report UFO sightings

By Lowell Anderson, editor
Seen any flying saucers lately. Several people have seen what could qualify as UEQs in North Douglas County.

Norma Frieze and Christine Shaw saw a large object with plenty of lights streak across the night sky skimming the hilltops in South Drain July 19 about 11:45.

"It went like a flash, coming from the south and headed north, making no sound," said Norma. Norma lives on Eastmoreland avenue in East Drain. From her porch where the flying object was first seen, there is a semi-circle of hills about one-half mile away with Drain Hill to the south.

Atalanta Petty reported that her husband was sitting outside their mobile home on Hayhurst

Road last Friday evening between 9:30 and 10 p.m. when he saw a brilliantly lighting object come from the south. It stopped and hovered near some oak trees across the road, a distance of about two blocks, for about five minutes.

"It (the craft) was so bright we could not see any windows. The lights just sparkled they were so bright," remarked Atalanta. The lights were in a round shape, she reported.

Her answer to the question of the size of the craft was, "Not very large, about the size of a car, and there was no noise of any kind."

Atalanta said they have seen many strange lights in the sky in recent years that they knew were not conventional aircraft.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH - JULY 30, 1978

After what happened she believes in UFOs

By Kathy O'Dell
Metro-East Journal Staff

Clara Winscher, a former Belleville resident, did not believe in UFOs until she encountered something she can't explain shortly after midnight last Wednesday on the outskirts of Union, Mo.

She was on her way home to Arnold, Mo., from her brother's home near Beaufort, Mo. It had stormed earlier, and she had waited until weather improved to start home alone in her car.

Here's how she tells the story:

"There was a horrible, horrible jolt, like I'd been hit at the top of the back of the car. I thought I had been hit by a truck. I wasn't prepared for something strange.

"I looked back to see what hit me." She said there was nothing to see except "a tremendous amount of light."

She said there was no sound with the jolt, but she immediately lost control of the car. "It was vibrating at such a tremendous volume, it was unbelievable. I know the back of the car was not on the pavement at all." She believes the front wheels were on the road, but the back end was lifted off the ground.

"I didn't scream, but many things went through my mind," she said. Because she saw nothing but the bright light rising over her car and felt the vibration, she thought of a UFO.

She said the car was directed toward the Bourbeuse River bridge. She thought that would be where the car would land. "Somehow I felt God is with me, and this is the end, and I'm going, and I didn't seem the least upset about it."

There was no crash. She said, after what "seemed like hours to me" the car was released. "I was set down gently, just right before I went on the Bourbeuse River bridge."

She said she pulled off the road to regain her bearings. She had seen no car behind or in front of her. "It was pitch dark, and not a car in sight either way."

She already had passed the

main intersection in Union and was not familiar with the town. It was only a few miles to Interstate 44, so she drove on looking for a state trooper.

"I decided this is very strange, and nobody's going to believe this. I know it happened, and I know God was with me."

She looked for a law officer because she told herself, "If I don't tell this tonight, I won't tell it."

She found no state trooper, so she drove to Arnold and "straight to the police department."

"I must have been some sight to see. In a very deadly voice, I said, 'I've got to talk with someone.'" The policeman at the desk got other officers, and she was ushered to a private room.

The police gave her support and told her they believed in UFOs, she said. Arnold police notified Union officials who asked her to return. Union police received reports of other sightings that night, she said.

She agreed to go back, but asked if she could go home first and tell her husband about the incident. "How do you run (through) the door and tell your husband you've been encountered by a UFO?" she asked.

Union Police Sgt. Robert Reichardt said Velma Cline reported seeing bright lights near Beaufort shortly after midnight Wednesday. Mrs. Ruth Stieffermann, wife of Union Mayor W.J. Stieffermann, and two of her children reported unusually bright lights about three hours before Mrs. Winscher's experience.

Sgt. Reichardt said the police

have received many calls but "to my notion we haven't had any silly calls."

Mrs. Winscher recalls an argument she and her husband had a few days before the incident. They were planning to take in a movie.

"He wanted to see Star Wars, and I wanted to see Grease. I said, 'I don't believe in that garbage.'"

As for UFOs, "I do believe, however, now," she said.

The Winscher family lived in Belleville from 1968-70, but moved to Arnold, Mo., to be closer to work.

SHANTOKIN, PA. - NEWS ITEM
*****JULY 20, 1978*****

Family reports UFO sighting

By Darlene Williams
Elysburg Bureau Chief

ELYSBURG — Another unusual and unexplainable sighting of a flying object was reported by a family in the Elysburg area on Tuesday evening.

The Edward Gappa family, Southview Drive, gave an account of the sighting of the object in the clear skies on Tuesday as they were walking along Penn Ave. in Elysburg.

Judy Gappa, wife of Edward, said she and her children and relatives from New Jersey were nearing the Gappa home about 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, when they saw a bright light in the sky in the area over Snyderstown.

Seven adults and three children watched the object as it hovered over the area for more than an hour. Mrs. Gappa described it as being oval in shape with white beams of light protruding from all around the object.

She also noted the center of the oval object had blinking, orange-colored lights.

Not a star

"We knew it wasn't a star, because it was too low" said Mrs.

Gappa. "We are also sure it was not an airplane nor a helicopter, because we viewed it through binoculars. Four airplanes passed overhead in the hour we were watching the UFO, and we knew for sure it was not a plane," she noted.

Mrs. Gappa said the object moved at a very slow pace and at about 10:45 p.m., it moved toward Danville and appeared then as a glow in the sky.

There have been several reported sightings of UFOs in the area around Elysburg, and many which have not been reported. One woman and her daughter reported sighting a UFO in December of last year as they were driving toward Elysburg and one young man, Phillip Skeba, sighted an object in the sky in January and took pictures to corroborate his story.

Since newspapers articles have appeared on the sightings, several Elysburg area residents have told of seeing unusual objects in the sky but refuse to tell their stories publicly because of fear of ridicule.

Mrs. Gappa said her relatives from New Jersey were awed by what she described as a "spectacle," and plan to tell residents of their home communities about their adventure in Elysburg.

*****JULY 30, 1978*****

UFO Over Las Vegas?

LES VEGAS, NEV. - SUN.
*****JUL 13, 1978*****



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This object was photographed this week hovering over and near Vo-Tech School, south of Las Vegas. Those who believe in unidentified flying objects say the alien crafts sometimes cover themselves with

SUNfoto by Cliff Stanley

clouds to camouflage their presence during daylight hours. SUN photographer Cliff Stanley, who took this picture, thinks it's just an ordinary, non-deceptive cloud. However, he added, it was a "strange" cloud.

'Object with lights' seen in sky by two women

UFO 7424
by SHARON JENSEN

"I was absolutely flabbergasted!"

"I'm a skeptic and I've never been one to believe in flying saucers but I know what I saw and it was something really different!"

These are the exclamations made by two Silverton grandmothers as they told of what they saw in the night sky over Silverton last week.

Joanne Walker and Idane Osgood, neighbors on S. Church St., were outside their homes enjoying the cool evening breezes after the scorching 90 degree heat of Tuesday, June 27. It was after 10 p.m. and as they chatted they were also star watching.

Joanne was seeking the evening star when she exclaimed to Idane "I've never seen it so bright!...It's moving Idane...come see!"

Both ladies pretty much agree about what they saw. They first were astounded by the huge "headlight-like" lights and they kept straining their ears for sound. None came to them until the object was directly overhead and then all they heard was "a humming noise...kind of like an electric motor makes".

The object came out of the south east and the ladies said that the big lights on it "went out just about directly over the town." They said that the lights were off for a period of 15 to 30 seconds then came back on.

"It just seemed to be cruising," Idane said, "It was going fast but seemed to cover the area thoroughly."

Idane and Joanne both said they couldn't be sure of the shape of the object, "When you are seeing something that strange for a brief time you just can't absorb everything," Idane said.

However the ladies said that the object had "little white lights" around what seemed to be the perimeter of it, giving them the impression that it was oval or rectangular.

After they watched the unidentified flying object disappear into the night sky toward Portland they went into their homes to relate the story to

their husbands.

"Joanne is not a hysterical person," Lowell Walker told us, "But when she told me about what she saw she was so excited that you just had to believe it."

Joanne and Idane have very different feelings about what they saw. "I'm really afraid that people will think I'm crazy when they read this," she told us, "But I know what I saw and nothing can change that!"

We checked with control towers at air ports from Portland to Salem as well as meteorological stations in the valley. Their records and logs show nothing in the air that night to explain what Idane and Joanne saw.

While Joanne told us that she "doesn't believe in that stuff (flying saucers)" Idane would like a closer look.

"I wish they had landed in our front yard," Idane said, I'd like to talk to them.

Heavens, there's nothing to be afraid of. They've been around a long time, people have been sighting them for hundreds of years. It's ridiculous to say something doesn't exist because you're ignorant of it! If they had been going to harm us they would have done it before now!"

MIDDLETOWN, CONN - PRESS
*****JULY 15, 1978*****

UFO Was Plane Touting Sale

At least one UFO watcher will be disappointed to learn that the object seen flying over the city last night was merely an airplane advertising the upcoming sidewalk sales scheduled for July 28.

The Chamber of Commerce confirmed this morning that the plane had been hired for the advertising campaign as part of the annual Main Street event.

One unidentified woman called the Press offices last night to report what she swore was an "honest to goodness" UFO.

Police had no calls or complaints about the airplane.

Did they see what they saw?

By HARRY VANDERWEIDE
KJ staff writer

Was there really a UFO hovering over Gardiner for a half hour Tuesday night?

That's the question two Gardiner police officers are asking themselves today after observing a strange glowing object which appeared in the Western sky.

"I don't want to face the ridicule of saying I saw a UFO, but I know what I saw," said one of the officers, explaining why he didn't want his or his partner's name used in connection with the sighting.

The two officers first spotted the flying object about 9:50 p.m. while patrolling on Route 126. They radioed their sighting to Gardiner police headquarters. The two officers watched it using field glasses until 10:20 p.m.

"It didn't match any known airplane configuration I've ever seen," said the officer. The object started out appearing to be egg-shaped but later looked very round, he said. It also altered in color, starting out bright white, but also becoming bright red and also half red and yellow at times.

"You really had to see it to know what the color was like," said the officer.

The object also changed its motion. At times, said the policeman. It appeared to hover and other times it zoomed off at a high rate of speed, returning to its original starting point.

The sighting will be reported to a UFO monitoring agency in Providence, R.I., and Gardiner police are asking that anyone else who spotted the glowing object contact police headquarters. Said the policeman, "It could have been some kind of plane, but if it was I don't know how it could have acted like that."

If it wasn't a UFO, what did this family see?

ROUNDHILL, Ky. — I think I have written five stories in the past five years about people who have had some type of close encounter (how's that for turning a phrase) with an Unidentified Flying Object.

(This, of course, is a not-so-sneaky way of telling you the sixth story is on its way.)

And by now the mental lines on UFO sightings have long been drawn in everyone's minds. The people come in three categories:

- (1) Yeah, I'm a firm UFO believer and I see three a week, or at least I'd like to.
- (2) Some days I believe, and some days I don't, but I'd sure like to see one.
- (3) Show me a nut who believes in UFOs and I'll show you a nut.

I confess I am firmly in the second camp with general leanings toward the first. This makes UFO stories hard to write. They cannot be approached tongue-in-cheek because the people involved invariably are sincere, confused about what happened, a little defensive, and often frightened.

Yet too heavy a tone in epics invites criticism of siding with Martians.

Truly, legitimate UFO stories should be played straight down the middle. So read the following, and then explain to me (if not the family involved) what happened during a 40-minute period last Monday night.

Please.

ROBINSON, ILL - NEWS
JULY 22, 1978

UFO reports # 7424

OLNEY—Two reports of an unidentified flying object north of the city have been made this week.

Seven couples later this week

reported they also had sighted the UFO north of Gaskin Lake near Clay City about 10:30 p.m. Saturday.

First thought to have been an airplane, the viewers reported the object was bright orange and appeared in the sky for about a minute.

bob
hill



Courier-Journal Columnist

Charles E. Caudill, his wife Ruby, and their son Wynn, 10, live in a partially settled area near the Edmonson-Butler County lines just north of Roundhill. Caudill is a cement mason. His wife runs an antique shop.

A neighbor, when asked about their character, paid them the highest possible compliment.

"I ain't never knowed them to tell something that wasn't the truth," the neighbor said.

At 9:40 p.m. Monday, Caudill was standing on his back porch facing due west when he saw a bright light in the sky about 1,500 feet high. It was a clear night, and the moon was in the opposite section of the sky.

Caudill watched the object. He said it looked like a large star, only an amber-orange in color. And the object started dancing. It spurted diagonally across the sky, then rose and fell very rapidly.

Caudill shouted to his wife, and she joined him. They watched the glowing dancing disk for a few minutes, and then Caudill ran to get a telescope. While he was gone, his wife saw a smaller disk emerge from the larger one and drop toward the ground.

The Caudills did not feel any fear and decided to get a closer look. The three got in their truck and headed toward KY 185. As they headed down their gravel road they saw the object in another part of the sky. It seemed to stay with them.

"It was definitely keeping up with us," Mrs. Caudill said. "It seemed like we would lose it once in awhile, but it didn't lose us."

They turned north on KY 185 for two miles and lost sight of the disk. They turned back south, drove to KY 70 and went west toward Jetson and higher ground. At one time, Caudill thought he saw the object down a gravel road, but his wife refused to follow it.

"We ain't going down that isolated road after that thing," she said.

The Caudills started home. They were about a mile north of KY 70 on KY 185 when they topped a rise in an uninhabited area. And they saw the object in or hovering over the middle of the road.

"Like it was waiting for us," Mrs. Caudill said.

Caudill said the object had six distinct lights. Four were white and gave off a bluish cast. Two round lights below them gave off an orange-amber cast. The object made no noise. Mrs. Caudill

said it didn't project any light but was surrounded by an aura. Caudill hit the brakes while about 200 yards away.

"And the thing disappeared like you turn off a light bulb," he said.

All three became very frightened. Caudill's wife screamed, "Get home. Get home." She said her husband, a calm man, "went to pieces." Their son began stuttering.

Caudill raced home so fast he almost struck another car in their driveway. He saw the disk in the sky again, but his wife refused to look. They locked the door and paced the floor for hours. She didn't sleep all night.

She called the neighbors but wasn't sure how to explain what happened. None of the neighbors had seen the object, and the Caudills hadn't met any cars on the road.

She called the Kentucky State Police, but they couldn't help. Butler County Sheriff James Phelps said there were other vague reports that night of lights in the sky, but nothing concrete. The Caudills went back to the place where the object landed but couldn't find anything.

Mrs. Caudill said the family has tried every way possible to rationalize what happened but can't. The incident still bothers her. So do trips down the road to her house. She fears she will see the object again.

"We saw what we saw," she said, "or all three of us went temporarily insane for an hour."

ROCK ISLAND, ILL. - ARGUS
*****JULY 25, 1978*****

Second UFO sighting reported near Aledo

They'd all seen a falling star before, and they knew definitely that the huge ball of red light they were watching wasn't one. But it wasn't a sight many people witness.

Mary and Robert Berglund, Aledo, and their 12-year-old granddaughter were driving home from the cities last night near Taylor Ridge, when they looked into the western sky and saw a "big ball of fire."

"NONE OF US had ever seen anything like it before," Mrs. Berglund said this morning. "At first we thought it was a falling star and then it kept getting bigger and bigger and redder and redder."

Mrs. Berglund said it took only a few seconds for the object to fall to the ground, and that it looked like it was burning when it touched down.

The Berglunds didn't call authorities last night because they "didn't think about it." Mrs. Berglund called the Aledo office of the Argus this morning to see if there were any similar reports of a burning object.

A SIMILAR sighting was reported last night at about 9:30 by three Iowans near Walcott. Both sightings took place at about the same time and both were described in the same manner.

Weather bureau officials said they didn't have the radar at the airport tower on at that time last night. They said that whatever it was that fell could give the

appearance of being closer and larger than it really is.

Officials also said that if the object was burning when it hit the ground, it would leave some kind of a mark on the ground.

Authorities at the control tower, at the Quad-City Airport Moline, said there were no reports last night of anything unusual.

It (the reported fallen object) could have been anything from space, they said.

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Pulsating UFO Terrifies Sailors

A mysterious bright-colored UFO hovering over Ocala, Fla., recently terrified more than a hundred sailors and residents for more than an hour.

Timothy Collins, a veteran Navy radar operator, reports the eerie UFO was sighted and tracked on radar over the Navy bombing range in the Ocala National Forest.

A shaken Collins told officials the object "did not perform like any aircraft I've ever seen before on a radarscope."

The UFO was moving at an extremely slow speed, a pace that only a helicopter could keep. But the blip on the radar screen "didn't look anything like a helicopter."

Following the incident the sailors queried the Federal Aviation Administration control center at Jacksonville and found there were no aircraft in the area, and the forestry office reported they did not have any helicopters operating.

The radar sighting was accompanied by a barrage of phone calls from frightened residents trying to find out what the object was.

HUDSON, N.Y. - STAR
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UFO reported over Mt. Merino

GREENPORT - An unidentified flying object, said to be as wide as a football field and with the roar of a superjet, was reported seen Wednesday night by two residents of Mt. Merino Rd.

Spotted at roughly 9:30 p.m., the UFO hovered, motionless, 2,000 feet in the air above the navigation light in the west channel of the Hudson River.

The object was described variously as spherical and rectangular in shape and gave off a bright amber light. When it flew away it "roared like a 747 taking off," according to Harold Bates, who interviewed the two residents.

Bates, formerly of the Mutual UFO Network for Columbia and Greene Counties, had one of the residents draw the shape of the object. Later, Bates sent a report to Dr. Allen Hynek, head of the Center for UFO Studies at the University of Illinois at Northwestern.

One resident could not be reached for comment. The other, Richard Hopper, said he and his wife watched the UFO from their driveway. He believed the object was "square," but said the others saw it as a "crescent."

The object remained over the navigation light for roughly five minutes before

flying southeast in the direction of Columbia-Greene Community College.

Bates said the UFO was approximately an eighth of a mile from Niagara Mohawk power lines. However, Richard Schumaker of Niagara said the lines had not registered any "power surge" at the time of the sighting.

"Sometimes, with a moist atmosphere, you get a corona or glowing effect off the power lines," Schumaker said. But since the night was described as "starlit," Schumaker doubted the UFO had anything to do with the power lines. (It)

Strange sighting in Metropark was 'skylight' of their picnic

By John P. Coyne
and Jim Strang

What the hovering, dark object was, Thomas J. McCoy says he does not know.

What McCoy does know is that Cleveland's leading expert on unidentified flying objects, Earl J. Neff of Parma, believes McCoy really saw a UFO.

McCoy, 20, was picnicking Thursday evening in the Brecksville Reservation of Cleveland Metroparks with his brother, Timothy, and nephew, Robert E. Markham, when he said they looked into the western skies and saw through the trees the object coming toward them.

For nearly seven minutes, according to McCoy, a gas station attendant from Parma, the craft hovered silently, wobbling slightly, before it shot off into the darkening sky.

McCoy said his first reaction was to run, but then he thought of the Polaroid camera he had in the back of his car.

As the disk, which McCoy said was about 70 feet across, floated what he estimated as 100 feet off the ground, McCoy said he snapped 15 photographs. Most of them were blurred by camera motion. Two, however, show in somewhat fuzzy form what appears to be an old-fashioned street light or gaucho hat hovering over trees.

"It's different from any UFO I've ever seen," said Neff, who has investigated reports of UFO sightings for 27 years. He heads the Cleveland

UFOlogy Project.

"The lower part looks like an Adamski, without the three ball-like devices underneath, while the top part looked like a Heflin," Neff said. The Adamski and Heflin references are to what UFOlogists classify as recognizable craft shapes.

Parma police told McCoy to go to Neff. He took his pictures to them about 1 yesterday morning.

Parma police Capt. John Wonnerth called McCoy's experience "one of the better sightings." Wonnerth is a charter member of the UFOlogy project.

"I don't think he's pulling a hoax," Wonnerth said. "I don't doubt it a bit."

Of the authenticity of the sighting, Neff said: "On a scale of 1 to 10, I would consider this a 10."

Brecksville police and Metroparks rangers said they had no reports of UFO sightings at that time Thursday.

Neff said the three who claimed the sighting maintained the same story through many tellings yesterday, including McCoy's contention that he has never believed in "flying saucers" and had no interest in them. Until Thursday night, that is.

Coincidentally, the National UFO Conference meets today at the Strongsville Community Library, 13213 Pearl Rd., Strongsville. Neff emphasized repeatedly that he is not connected with that organization. The conference opens to the public at 3 p.m.



This is a photo of what Thomas J. McCoy thinks may have been a UFO.

Reported to Sheriff's Dept.

Two breakins were reported June 16, one on a lot in Greenbush acres, another on 18th Ave.

Entry was made through a rear door to break into a Town of Springville home, according to a June 17 report.

A house on Main Street of Friendship was broken into, according to a June 17 complaint. Taken were some insulin needles.

At 10:57 p.m. a report from Waushara County said that a UFO was spotted flying west of the Waushara County line. The object was flying very low, and had flashing white and blue lights, according to the report.

A Town of Easton breakin was reported June 18.

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Thomas J. McCoy, left, his nephew, Robert E. Markham, and brother, Timothy, right, say they saw a UFO in the Brecksville Reservation of Cleveland Metroparks.

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Photo of a flying saucer called hoax at conference

By Michael Bennett

The photograph of an alleged UFO taken in Cleveland Metroparks by a Parma man was a hoax, UFO followers at a conference in Strongsville said yesterday.

A picture that Thomas J. McCoy said he took of a UFO was printed yesterday in The Plain Dealer.

"It's our consensus that his picture is of a 3-inch-diameter model from the 'Invaders' television show about 10 years ago," said Rick Hilberg, chairman of the Northern Ohio UFO Group sponsoring the conference.

A Broadview Heights woman and two Cleveland men called the PD yesterday to report they saw a man taking pictures Thursday evening of a flying saucer model dangling on a string.

Told of their accounts, McCoy denied them and repeated his story that he, his brother and his nephew all saw a disk, about 70 feet across, float about 100 feet off the ground before it shot off into the sky.

Hilberg said McCoy had called the UFO group's hot line about 10 days ago to report a

sighting on July 20. He said he sent McCoy his group's preliminary investigation forms that were not returned. McCoy said he never called the hot line.

"I'm disappointed there are people who would go to such lengths to deceive others," said Earl J. Neff, head of the Cleveland UFOlogy Project, when told of the callers' reports. Neff had given the alleged sighting a high credibility rating Friday.

At the 15th Annual National UFO Conference in Strongsville Community Library, delegates considered forming a coalition of 11 separate UFO investigating groups.

"It's time to start cooperating, to find out more information and get it to the public," said Earl Jones of Cincinnati, an investigator for the Ohio UFO Investigators League. "Government agencies excel in covering up UFO sightings, which creates more problems and questions."

About 100 persons who paid \$2 admission to get into the conference heard allegations of that coverup and of alleged UFO abduction cases. Many said they had seen UFOs or had friends and relatives who had. Most seemed curious and open-minded.

"Anything is possible," said Kathy Martin of Parma, who became interested in UFOs after reading the book "Chariots of the Gods."

"You don't really know if there is such a thing as UFOs," said a Ravenna woman. "There are just too many people who've seen them."

The Cuneo tapes: Part One

PASADENA, TEXAS - CITIZEN
*****JULY 6, 1978*****

Gypsum miner has close UFO encounter

Around 2:30 a.m. on June 13, 1967, Carmen Cuneo, a gypsum miner at Caledonia, Ontario, walked outside the building where he was working — and froze. There on the ground, close to a stream, was a giant cigar-shaped object surrounded by tiny "men." Two small disc-shaped craft hovered nearby, a scant 12 feet above the ground.

Cuneo stared in amazement for several minutes and then ran off to fetch Merv Hannigan, a fellow miner. When Cuneo and Hannigan returned, only the hovering discs remained. The miners

watched until shortly after 3 a.m. when the discs silently soared away toward Lake Erie.

Cuneo later searched the area and found a large gouge in the ground and an oil residue on some leaves. An analysis showed that the oil was "not an ordinary type of lubricating oil."

In January, 1977, three Canadian UFO investigators — Harry Tokarz, Joe Muskat and Tom Grey — interviewed Cuneo using a portable cassette tape recorder. During the interview Cuneo using a portable cassette tape recorder. During the

interview Cuneo stated that he had received a threatening phone call soon after the sighting. The caller, Cuneo claimed, had warned that "certain injury" would befall Cuneo and his family if he talked of the incident.

As Cuneo spoke of the phone call, his dog yelped loudly as if frightened. Curiously, when portions of the tape referring to the phone call were played back, a mysterious interference — "like a zipper being moved back and forth close to the microphone" — was present in the recording. An electronics engineer who examined the tape

concluded that the interference was "deliberate" and "electromagnetic in nature."

The following are excerpts from the Cuneo taping. In this, the first of a two-part series, Cuneo discusses his original

sighting. Next week: the phone call.

Interviewer: Had you heard about UFOs previous to this incident?

Cuneo: Why, I heard about it lots of times. I always thought it was fantasy and all that.

Interviewer: During your observation, did you receive any impressions or feel any particular emotions about the occupants (of the landed UFO)?

Cuneo: I didn't even seem to be scared. You know, when I first went out there I went out to urinate. That's what I went out there for. The outhouse is too far away to go, you know.

I just went out the door and I seen all these lights out there in the field about 500 feet from me. I thought maybe it was the guy at the other end. . . I thought maybe he had backed in

one of those tractor - trailers there and thrown on some scraps or something. I thought, "What the hell, maybe he had spilled something."

Interviewer: At that point you weren't too concerned, yet you kept watching?

Cuneo: I kept looking at it. I said to myself, "Man alive! Well, this is not a tractor or a trailer," because I couldn't see the tractor out in front. All I could see was a big long thing.

So I kept looking at it and, after you look at things at night for a while — after you're outside the doors — you see shapes of things. So the reason I first thought it was a tractor - trailer was because the lights were dimmed right off — just like wee squares. They kept brightening up and going back and forth.

Interviewer: You described portholes.

Cuneo: They'd be those

square ones like our storm window. The lights would go right up bright like that.

Interviewer: Did you notice any shadows behind the portholes?

Cuneo: I could see shadows moving out opposite me down by the stairs (a retractable staircase leading into the object). They had a big boom on that craft too, and a big bubble — a big stick sticking out from that cigar thing and a big globe here underneath.

Interviewer: The boom was resting on the ground?

Cuneo: That was anchored on the ground. Must have been sitting on legs or something.

Cuneo was questioned further about the "little men." He stated that there were twelve in all and that they were wearing lighted helmets. Cuneo also observed that the creatures moved about as if carrying out specific tasks.

Interviewer: They moved sort

of like a robot. You know — stiff, real sharp and fast . . .

Interviewer: What were the occupants' suits like?

Cuneo: It was so dark, all I could make out was forms — head-gear. They were moving pretty well.

Interviewer: What do you think they were collecting down there?

Cuneo: I imagine weed samples and something out of the stream. It's right at the bottom of the hill. They may have been trying to get water samples. . .

Interviewer: Did they notice you?

Cuneo: Well, they did. They weren't paying any attention to me 'til I went and called. . . Merv Hannigan, because he worked maybe another 1,000 feet from where I was.

Interviewer: Then did they notice you?

Cuneo: They noticed me.

They knew I was there. And I knew they were there. . .

(to be continued)

A UFO, you say? Keep it to yourself

A woman called me on the telephone a few days back — called furtively, speaking almost in a whisper. She declined to reveal her name and asked that I keep her city of residence a secret.

She said if her identity got out, she would be a laughingstock and she simply didn't have the stamina for it anymore, since she was well along into mid-life — a time, as perhaps you know, when stamina is in measurably short supply.

Well, I kept expecting that, when she had completed her preamble, she was going to confess to a murder, or a maiming, or a mugging, or some other heinous outburst of misconduct.

She seemed to be leading up to it. But finally she came to the point:

SHE HAD SEEN, riding high and brilliantly in the late-night sky, a flying saucer.

She **KNOWS** it was a flying saucer, since no other explanation is satisfactory, but to say so — well, she knew what the reaction would be, and it would not be flattering.

She had called the weather bureau, hoping with dismal confidence that somebody else had seen the object too and reported it, but nobody had.

So she called me, sometimes speaking in such a soft whisper that I could barely hear her.

She had observed this celestial phenomenon, she said, on a muggy, stifling night when she was unable to sleep.

In order to catch the breeze in her sticky bedroom that night, she had moved her pillow to the foot of the bed to be more in alignment with the window.

AND THAT IS WHEN she saw the flying saucer through the window, hovering over the city — ah HA, you thought I was going to slip and say **WHAT** city, didn't you?

She said it was moving slowly from side to side — something after the fashion, as I visualized the scene, of a restless panda at the zoo.

She watched it with great absorption for a long time as it swayed mysteriously up there in the sky.

At one point, half sheepishly, she exclaimed to herself, "Oh, you ninny, that's just the moon you're seeing; now go on to sleep."

But it wasn't the moon. She guesses she ought to know what the moon looks like, right? Nor was it a streetlight, nor a weather balloon reflecting the light from terrestrial locations.

She considered and eliminated them one by one.

After awhile she got out of bed to go get a drink of water, and when she returned, the flying saucer was gone. She lay there in bed, looking out the window and all around the part of the sky within the range of her vision, and it was nowhere to be seen.

WELL, SHE WANTED to tell somebody about it, of course. That's a person's first reaction when she sees a flying saucer — simply to line up allies against the unknown.

But, for reasons aforementioned, she decided not to — or not to, at any rate, with her name attached to the story.

And that, in my estimate, is a crying shame, to live in such a doubting, cynical world that you can't even sound the alarm when you see a flying saucer.

I speak with more than ordinary knowledge of this, too, for on two occasions in my life I have seen flying saucers — fearful, frightening things with more of a glow to them than a glow.

The first sighting I duly reported to my newspaper, since it is the first duty of a reporter to alert his employer to any uncommon occurrence.

The second sighting, because of the ribald reaction to the first, I just as duly kept to myself, because a man — even a newspaper reporter — has his own high opinion of himself to consider, too.

I DON'T BELIEVE that ever in my life have I been dangled so high on a flagpole of ridicule than I was that day and for many days following. Never have I been more mercilessly ragged, never more boisterously laughed at.

And if you note a certain reserve in my demeanor, it all dates from the afternoon when I saw the flying saucer as I drove along Kentucky Avenue, almost at dusk.

There, directly ahead of me and at a considerable height, was the saucer, an angry orange in color and shaped, as best I could describe it, more like a teacup than a saucer.

Other people saw it too, and many cars whipped over to the curb while their drivers craned for a closer look.

I called The Courier at the next intersection — only to be greeted by a city editor's gruff laughter.

"You're the tenth caller," he said, "and it's a weather balloon. When will you people ever learn?"

And the mistreatment I endured for many months made me vow that forever after — even if I saw a flying saucer with grappling hooks dangling from it over the Waterworks — I would remain silent.

I am middle-aged too, by George, and MY stamina is none too plentiful.

UFO reported in village

Three Port Chester women reported seeing an unidentified flying object Sunday as they stared out a 10th-floor window at 999 High St., village police said.

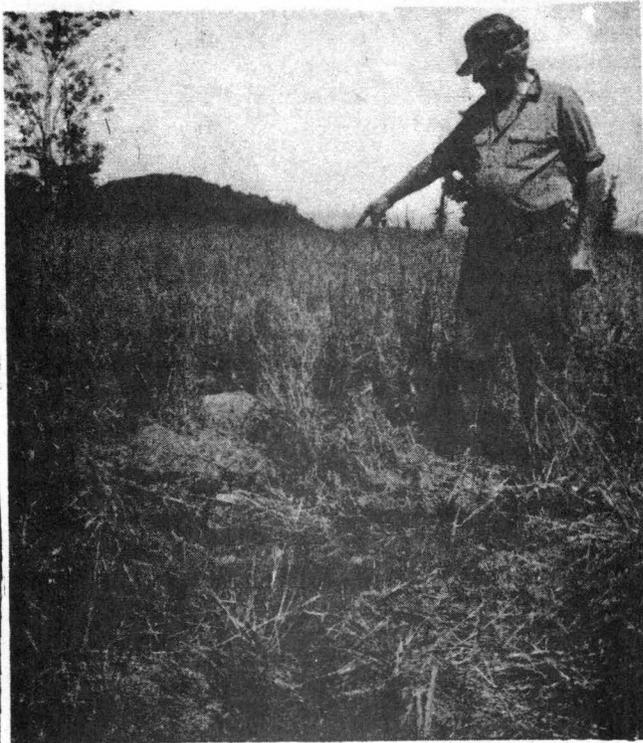
Shirley Abbos, Joann Sherman and Susan Peck said they were looking out the window when they saw what appeared to be a bright white object in the sky that did not look like a airplane.

They said the apparent UFO was moving from north to south.

Police investigating the area said the women could have seen a fog light on the Sound.

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Was it lightning

...or a UFO? PAGE ONE

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William B. Watkins of route 372 thinks he may have had a close encounter. Of what type, he is not sure.

Mr. Watkins is shown pointing to a rock which he believes was thrown by lightning. Or was it an unidentified flying object?

A large patch of his field was found mysteriously dug up last week. Mr. Watkins was mowing hay when he noticed the spot. It looks like a UFO may have landed and taken off from the site.

More likely, says the farmer, lightning struck the high ground, digging up the patch and tossing the rock. Mr. Watkins says he's never seen anything like it.

The photo shows some of the soil bared by the strange force. It does not clearly depict, however, three or four "channels" which lead away from the site. One can be discerned in the foreground. Others lie to the left and right of

the picture. They are perhaps five feet long and up to four inches in depth.

Exactly what disturbance created this mar will probably never be known.

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UFO, Or Whatever. LV Sees The Light

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By C.J. SCHIFFLER
SUN Staff Writer

UFOs invading Las Vegas?

Sounds strange but that's what a number of Las Vegas thought when they saw a bright lingering light in the sky west of town that lasted several hours.

The drama unfolded about 10 p.m. Friday when a local radio station reported they were being inundated with calls from residents who claimed they saw a strange light.

Although some Nellis Air Force Base officers offered several explanations, no one really knows for sure what it was.

Capt. Tom Wiesweaver, on duty when the command post started receiving the calls, said the bright light could have been two Metro helicopters searching for a robbery suspect, although persons who said they saw it claimed the light was stationary.

"We think we narrowed it down to the Metro Police," he said. "They had two helicopters searching for a robbery suspect on that side of town. Apparently what they saw was the spotlights aboard the helicopters."

"However," he added, "we're not exactly sure." Capt. Dave French, who also worked the command

post Friday night, speculated it might have been the position of Venus and Jupiter.

"When they get together it's usually a pretty bright light," he said.

"We get a lot of calls about strange heavenly things that people see in the sky. But the situation remains that we get UFO sightings frequently. We just act as a sounding board and pass on the information to our UFO department in San Diego."

Wen asked if it could have been a UFO hovering over Las Vegas, he thought for a minute and replied:

"It could be, you know."

UFO sighted over camp; counselors describe sighting

LIB JAY
Staff Writer

Possible UFO sightings have been reported in other sections of the country, and Monday night, three persons at Camp Spencer sighted some object in the sky they are sure was not a figment of their imagination.

Jim Helms, director at the camp, was at the lower end of the pool, checking the pool and the gates to be sure they were locked. The time was around midnight or 12:15. He turned to head back to the cabin when a bright light in the sky attracted his attention, and he saw an object moving left to right towards him.

"I heard no noise," he said, "and I was able to observe it for only about a minute before the trees blocked my view."

He really hadn't intended saying anything about the incident, but when he returned to the cabin area about 200 yards away, he found two counselors discussing

something they had seen about the same time as his sighting.

Only they estimated they had watched the object for about two or three minutes. All campers had been in bed about 45 minutes, and the twosome was checking the cabins for the night.

According to the spokesman for the two, who requests to remain unidentified, "Suddenly, when 25 or 30 feet from the cabins, we spotted this thing in the sky toward Rimertown.

"The 'thing' had a bright light on the front. I wouldn't have thought too much of it except for its path of travel. It appeared to wobble up and down, but watching more, I saw it was moving side to side also.

"There was no noise," he added, "until it got overhead and then it sounded like it geared up — as if the motor had been idling. It was an eerie sort of noise like a jet, but a more hollow sound like it came from a tin can rather than from heavy metal like a jet.

"Actually, the sound was so unfamiliar," he said in a jovial way, "It is really difficult to describe."

The spokesman noted that as it passed over their heads, they saw six or eight amber lights on the rear flashing off and on constantly. With the light in front and the amber lights on the rear, the only shape he could describe was like a pyramid with rounded points — kinda like a cigar is rounded off on the end and more oval like a watermelon shape.

He estimated the object was at least the size of the brick cabin at the camp and traveling at a very fast speed about 1,000 feet up in the air.

"It might have been something normal, I don't know, but it surely appeared paranormal to us!"

About a half-hour later, a jet did come over and the three "sighters" ran outside. This time, it was a jet — perfectly visible in the sky, and they are even more convinced the former vehicle was of the "unusual" — whatever it was.

UFO report raises questions

By RITA E. CAREY
City Editor

Unidentified flying objects, UFOs, Do they exist? If so, what are they? Where do they come from? How do they get here?

The questions go on and on.

What do they want? What kind of people see them? How do spotters feel after watching them? How do authorities react to reports?

All questions many people would like answered.

And all such obvious questions they raise another question — why ask them here and now?

The answer to the last is easy. The questions are asked because an out-of-state man visiting local relatives believes he saw something early today over Southridge Subdivision. His wife and four of their local relatives also

saw something, he says.

But they prefer to remain anonymous because people will think they're crazy, he said.

"I don't know what it was, but I know it wasn't an airplane or a helicopter," the man said shortly before noon.

"The thing hovered in one spot. I first thought it was a star, then I saw red and green lights. I started watching about 1:30 and kept watching till 4:30 when it got so dim I couldn't see it."

The man said he and relatives were in the yard talking when the object was first sighted.

He said it was very high, would stay in one spot, then move gradually.

"When an airplane came by in the general direction, then it started to move."

Red and green lights sometimes appeared to flash, and at other times seemed to spin, he said.

A man who first answered the telephone at the Southridge residence said he, too, saw the object. "It was more like a star, an astroid. A small flying object with green and red lights in the center."

According to the out-of-state man, he reported what he saw to several authorities.

He said the sheriff's office, which he called first, told him to call police, who told him to call Wright Patterson Air Force Base, who told him sheriffs' departments usually took care of such reports.

Two city cruisers turned up, he said. "One (city policeman) said he hated to say it, but he could see something. The other didn't act like he saw anything," the man said.

City police files indicate only that a man in Southridge at 2:30 a.m. today reported he had seen a UFO. There were no investigative remarks on the report.

Officer claims UFO blast scorched him

A POLICE officer, who was a trained observer in the Marines, has reported suffering burns from the blast of a UFO as he watched it take off from a cotton field early one morning.

Manuel Amparano, 32, was treated for first-degree burns on his face, neck and even on his arms through the sleeves of his shirt after the unexplained sighting.

A claim for compensation for injuries sustained on duty has been made on his behalf.

Amazingly, Amparano was burned even though he did not step outside his patrol car, exactly like Richard Dreyfuss in the UFO movie *Close Encounters Of The Third Kind*.

And, as in the movie, the burns were similar to severe sunburn, with blisters and a red rash but no peeling of the skin.

Ampanano, a stocky Mexican-American and a police officer for five years, is on the 10-man force in Kerman (pop. 3,400) in California's San Joaquin Valley.

Before that, he spent four years in the Marines and was on combat duty in South Vietnam.

"Observing was my specialty and I know this was some kind of craft, but definitely not a helicopter," he said.

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Iowa officer spots 'UFO'

By LAURA CARLSON
Dispatch Writer

Reported UFO sightings that stretched from Springfield, Mo., to Wichita, Kan., Monday night were either meteorites or hoaxes, law enforcement officials said.

Robert Clark, an Iowa highway patrolman vacationing in Billings, Mo., reported what authorities consider to be the only legitimate sighting in that area.

Clark told Greene County sheriff's officials that he saw a greenish light slowly descending in the sky.

HE TOLD THE sheriff's office the light appeared to move closer to him, growing in intensity.

It became brighter and brighter, Clark said, then in a flash of brilliance seemed to explode and die down.

Ron Bunch of the Greene County sheriff's office said no other sightings were reported in Springfield.

In nearby Christian County, where Clark was staying when he spotted the object, sheriff's officials said the two other calls they received about UFO sightings were "probably hoaxes."

They said the callers had been reported as pranksters before.

IN SCOTT County, Peggy Tostenson of Walcott reportedly saw a bright red light in the sky at 9:28 p.m.

She told sheriff's officials the light also disappeared after apparently exploding.

Neither Quad-Cities airport officials nor Davenport airport officials had any knowledge of the sightings and said they had no reports of UFOs or meteorites in the area.

In Wichita, witnesses said they saw a fiery object they believed to be a crashing airplane. When no crash could be found, officers suggested that meteors were responsible.

While no explanation was immediately available for the mysterious lights, a Greene county sheriff's employee speculated, the report "sounded like a meteorite."

"These meteorites have a lot of brilliance and can be seen for long distances," he said.

Ampanano was ordered not to give further details about the sighting by Kerman police chief James Van Cleaf.

Van Cleaf has added to the mystery of the incident by imposing a blackout on many of the key facts, including the names of 14 other witnesses who have come forward.

THE STAR can reveal that Ampanano was on patrol at 3:30 on the morning of May 13 when he saw what he thought was a fire on the outskirts of a cotton field.

Driving to the field, he saw a glowing, circular object hovering about 50 feet above the ground. After three or four minutes, the young police officer watched as the UFO turned a brilliant hue of blue and took off at a high rate of speed. As it did so, Ampanano felt

the blast of heat through his windshield.

He immediately got on the radio to alert the Air National Guard and air traffic control at nearby Fresno Airport.

They reported no trace of any UFOs on radar.

Later, police checked the cotton field but found no trace of Ampanano's patrol car.

As the story leaked out, Van Cleaf issued a statement calling the UFO an "illumination."

After receiving reports from 14 other witnesses, stretching from Los Angeles to Sacramento, a distance of 400 miles, Van Cleaf said he had written to the Air Force asking them to give him a list of approved private agencies which investigate UFO sightings.

More UFO reports in region

ELYSBURG — On the heels of last July 11th's report in The Morning Press of a sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) comes another report of such an experience.

Last Tuesday evening, the Edward Gappa family, Southview Drive, reported sighting an unexplained object in clear skies as they were walking along Penn Avenue in Elysburg.

Judy Gappa, wife of Edward, said she and her children and relatives from New Jersey were nearing the Gappa home about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, when they saw a bright light in the sky in the area over Snyderstown.

Seven adults and three children watched the object as it hovered over

the area for more than an hour. Mrs. Gappa described it as being oval in shape with white beams of light protruding from all around the object.

She also noted the center of the oval object had blinking, orange-colored lights.

"We knew it wasn't a star, because it was too low," said Mrs. Gappa. "We are also sure it was not an airplane nor a helicopter, because we viewed it through binoculars. Four airplanes passed overhead in the hour we were watching the UFO, and we knew for sure it was not a plane," she noted.

Mrs. Gappa said the object moved at a very slow pace and at about 10:45 p.m., it moved toward Danville and appeared then as a glow in the sky.

There have been several reported sightings of UFOs in the area around Elysburg, and many which have not been reported. One woman and her daughter reported sighting a UFO in December of last year as they were driving toward Elysburg and one young man, Phillip Skeba, sighted an object in the sky in January and took pictures to corroborate his story.

An article and photo concerning Skeba's sighting were published in the Press.

Since newspaper articles have appeared on the sightings, several Elysburg area residents have told of seeing unusual objects in the sky but refuse to tell their stories publicly because of fear of ridicule.

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UFO floats over Happy Valley; research balloon creates image

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A "UFO" spotted at 9:15 p.m. Sunday night by several BYU students was probably a research balloon.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the U.S. Weather Service both said the "eerie-looking" object probably was a research balloon, hovering at about 80,000 feet.

Bob Duhamel, a BYU visitor from San Diego, Calif., said he saw a white-blue light in the northwest, which several minutes later showed a red cast before disappearing.

He said after he first saw the light, he brought it to the attention of some of his friends, who watched the light

until it disappeared about 10 minutes later.

The Orem Police Department said they received a report on the object, but they assumed it was man-made.

Richard Douglas, a meteorologist with the U.S. Weather Service, said the object was not a weather balloon, since those launched earlier Sunday had all burst about two hours before the sighting.

But he added, "I'm sure it's a balloon. Because it expanded as it ascended and the low sun angle, it was reflecting a lot of light."

He said he did not know where the balloon had originated.

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Retiree hears Hoffa's voice —during a visit from UFO

- A FLYING SAUCER— with the voice of a former Detroit on board — landed near Pelham, Ga., last August, a resident claims. Tom Dawson, a retiree, said three humanoids who spoke in beeping noises alighted from the craft and gave him a physical exam. Suddenly, he said, a voice from inside the UFO cried out: "I am Jimmy Hoffa. I am Jimmy Hoffa. I am . . ." The voice was abruptly silenced, and the saucer soon blasted off. Dawson's odd tale surfaced in a publication called the Septical Inquirer. One specialist called it the "most bizarre UFO claim of the year."

MARYVILLE, MO. - FORUM
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UFO siting reported

Two area residents reported they saw an unidentified flying object Friday night near their home northeast of Maryville.

Sheri Harbison and her brother Arthur saw a flying object with a revolving red light, a stationary blue light and a white, half-circle light going through an unusual pattern.

"He was doing some tricky work up there," Miss Harbison said. She described its maneuvers, saying it moved south of her home, then west, north, east and west again twice in a 45-minute period between 11:30 p.m. and 12:15 a.m. Miss Harbison reported that at one point the object flew close to her home.

She said she reported the sighting to the Maryville Public Safety Department, who told her it had no previous reports of the object. The department suggested it was a helicopter, she said.

"Of course I'm not positive it was a UFO," Miss Harbison said, but she added the maneuvers were such that she doubted it was a helicopter.

She told the Daily Forum she had seen a similar sighting on the same night earlier this week that a vacationing Iowa Highway Patrolman reported seeing a UFO in southwest Missouri

Maplewood Has Flying Saucers!

Flying saucers are real?

According to **Timothy Green Beckley**, flying saucers do exist. To gather information on recent sightings, he has established a metropolitan area UFO hotline. To disseminate that information, he has established UFO Review.

Beckley has been dubbed "Mr. UFO." The 31-year-old self-styled UFO "expert" has been exploring the field for more than a decade, writing articles and lecturing. To better facilitate publication of UFO data, he has released UFO Review, which includes, in the premiere issue, one piece entitled "I Examined A Live Space Alien," another explains how "UFOs and Big Foot Are Related," and a third entitled "UFOs Have A Base Beneath Lake Ontario."

Beckley says his interest in UFOs dates back to high school: "I used to read anything I could possibly get my hands on involving this subject, and amassed a rather large collection of clippings concerning reports of strange objects seen in the sky, which I would snip out of various magazines and newspapers. In those days you didn't dare tell anyone you were interested in UFOs or had actually had a sighting of your own. The reaction of people back in the 1950s and '60s was a very negative one—they would often laugh."

But not so in the era of *Star Wars* and *Close Encounters*. Beckley says, "Nobody seems to be sneering any more. A public opinion poll showed recently that over 15 million Americans have had sightings, and a grand total of 51 percent said they believed these craft were intelligently controlled ships."

"People are ready for it. In the last few months I must have received close to five thousand letters and hundreds of phone calls on our UFO Hotline, from individuals wanting to know how they can go about being kept posted on what's happening in the field."

According to one of Beckley's associates, among the callers to UFO Hotlines was Ruth Warrick the actress starring in the ABC soap opera, *All My Children*.

"Ruth observed three lights high up in the sky from her apartment window, which is situated just off Central Park on Park Avenue around 79th St.," the associate said.

Have you seen a flying saucer? If you have (and current reports have it that Maplewood, N.J. policemen recently sighted a particular flying saucer for the third time in town), call the hotline at 212/685-4080. At least the person on the other end of the line will believe you.

Landing Gear Brings Reports

Reports of an unidentified flying object circling around the South End late Monday night were dismissed by state and Hartford police as a small plane's landing gear.

Hartford police also reported receiving calls about a UFO over the Jai Alai fronton on West Service Road and over Flatbush Avenue.

Dispatchers for both the state and Hartford police said they had received many calls — about 20 alone to the state police — around 10:45 p.m.

A state trooper in the area of Wethersfield Avenue and Brown Street said the flashing lights reported in that area were from the undercarriage of a small plane

UFO Sighted Above Altadena

UFO sighting by Sue Redman

From 9:40 to 9:50, the phones nearly jumped off the walls at the Altadena sheriff's station on July 4. Around 20 calls came in, reporting a UFO above Altadena.

The calls, which came in from people from Lincoln and Loma Alta all the way over to Mendocino and Holliston, all reported roughly the same thing: a red saucer-like object, with red lights on the bottom.

Deputy David Trask, who is new on the desk, confirmed the calls. A car was dispatched to look at the sky, but by the time they got out, the object was not in evidence.

According to one call, the object disappeared abruptly at 9:58.

Just a result of some overactive fireworks? Maybe, smiled one Sergeant, but on the other hand, it would be just like the Martians to come around on the night they knew we would be too confused by celebrations to notice...

Couple spots UFO

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CONROE — "It sounded like that space ship in 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind.' That's the closest I can get to it."

That's how Bonnie Keith of New Caney described the sound of the UFO she and her husband reported seeing near their home Sunday night.

The Keiths live on FM 1485, east of New Caney, near Harris County. Mr. Keith, who drives for the Kerrville Bus Company, is a former Marine. They live with their children in one of several homes in the neighborhood.

"We were in the house watching television about 9:30 p.m. and we heard this loud rumbling sound," Mrs. Keith said. "I thought it was real loud thunder at first. We went outside and saw these three lights above the trees near our house.

"When I saw those, I thought it was a plane, but it didn't move, it was just sitting still," she said. "It didn't make any sound when it was still, but then it made that real loud noise again, and started to move around.

"It moved off out of sight behind

some trees, and we went inside, but we heard the noise again, and came back out."

Jim Keith, Bonnie's husband, picks up the story. "It sounded like the after-burners on a jet, but it wasn't any kind of jet that I've ever seen," he said. "It wasn't moving. The lights didn't get closer or move away.

"I've been in a lot of helicopters in Vietnam," Mr. Keith adds, "and this wasn't one."

"It was about 45 degrees above the horizon. I can't describe the shape of what we saw, because the lights were the only things showing," Mr. Keith said. "There were two white lights and a red one."

Neither of the Keith's were too eager to make a commitment on just what they saw.

"The thing is," Mr. Keith says, "I don't really believe in this sort of thing. I like to be able to logic everything out. But I couldn't explain this."

"I know it sounds stupid, but it's the truth," Mrs. Keith says. "I just hope someone else saw it. Some of the neighbors said they heard something, but they didn't come outside. Most of them had their air conditioners on and probably didn't hear anything."

"We didn't say anything to anyone till Monday," Mr. Keith said. "I didn't report it because I wanted to think on it first."

When asked directly what she thought it was, Mrs. Keith hesitated. "Well, I don't know. I won't say what I think it is because it would sound stupid to some people."

But could it have been a space ship, or a flying saucer from outer space?

"It could be. I don't know," she finally says.

So far, no one else has reported anything to the local sheriff's department, or to the newspaper. This could mean no one else saw anything they thought was unusual, or that they didn't know whom to call.

Houston Intercontinental at one time had a UFO phone number, but the information operator says this has been discontinued.

The Keiths seem quite willing to accept some other explanation for what they saw, if someone will just come up with the answer.



"IT WAS ABOUT 45 DEGREES above the horizon." Jim and Bonnie Keith describe just where they saw "something" in the sky last Sunday night. They are hoping someone else saw the same thing.

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'Encounter' mystifies Biwabik

BY SHARON NOVOTNE
Of the News-Tribune staff

BIWABIK—Police Officer Dewey Horsman thought it was going to be a routine Saturday night until the flashing red, green and white lights appeared in the sky.

Sharon Maki was almost asleep when she heard her husband, Gerald, come home and mention he'd sighted "a UFO." She joined her family in the backyard for a look at the phenomenon.

Whether it was a close encounter of any kind in Biwabik Saturday night, nobody's certain. But the spectacular flashing lights kept residents and police of Biwabik and Gilbert, sheriff's deputies and highway patrol officers occupied for several hours.

"At first I thought it was a star," recalled Horsman. "But it was flashing and hovering and moving up and down and left and right. It stayed around the area all night long.

"I've never seen anything like it before."

The hovering lights appeared shortly before midnight and seemed to be about 40,000 feet above the area.

Similar hovering lights over Biwabik were spotted

again by Horsman Tuesday night but they disappeared a short time later.

Mayor Robert Woods, admittedly skeptical about UFOs, said he viewed two similar sets of flashing colored lights Saturday night—one to the southeast of Biwabik and the other set west of town.

"They looked like big stars that moved. One fellow said 'Well, if that's all it's going to do is sit there and twinkle at me, I'm going home,'" laughed Woods.

As home police scanners crackled with news and views on the sightings, residents headed outdoors to see the hovering lights.

"I'd never seen anything like it. When my husband came home and said something about a UFO, I thought I'd better get up and see," said Maki. "I guess

there's definitely something out there—intelligent life somewhere else. You hear so much about it, but you don't expect to see one here."

Maki instructed her husband, "If any little men land, invite them in for coffee," and she went back to sleep.

Roscoe Gevik, highway patrol dispatcher, said a Gilbert woman called in the sighting "six or seven times" during the evening. Gevik, who's had a few reports of UFOs before, turned the recent sighting information over to an an Illinois-based UFO investigative group.

REPORTER DISPATCH - N.Y.
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What was that in the afternoon sky?

What's as big as a football field, pentagonal, metallic, silent and hovers at roughly 20,000 feet?

A UFO? A flying saucer? While most people for lack of a better explanation might categorize the object sighted by Inez Blauner of White Plains that way, she believes the thing she observed above the Merritt Parkway near Stamford, Conn. on Wednesday afternoon was "just a piece of metal."

She says she was driving north on the Merritt with

her 13-year-old daughter and a friend, when they observed the object above them in the afternoon sky. Mrs. Blauner immediately pulled her car to the side of the road.

"IT HARDLY moved at all. It didn't seem to be driven by a motor or anything. It just drifted very slowly to the southwest," she said.

Greenwich police, Connecticut state police and observers at the Westchester County Airport said they hadn't received any reports of UFO sightings Wednesday afternoon.

But Mrs. Blauner and her two companions are convinced they saw something.

"I'm still looking," Mrs. Blauner said in a telephone interview from her home. "If I see it again, I'll be ready. I have a camera and two rolls of film with me."

UFO's Sighted in Area Following Thunderstorm

By John Leavens

For reasons unknown, the night sky in and around Union, extending apparently as far as Washington, was littered with unexplained lights and objects following Wednesday's booming thunderstorm.

Reports of at least four separate sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) between 9 p.m. Wednesday and 1 a.m. Thursday filtered into the Union police station beginning early Thursday.

By day's end, after accounts of the mysterious turn of events had been broadcast locally and in St. Louis, two more UFO sightings had been reported in Union, and a pair of unofficial reports in the Washington area had been revealed.

Though at least two of the sightings in Union were later attributed to possible aircraft in the area, three

referred Winscher's report back to Franklin county sheriff's deputies and Union police, were unable to place any kind of vehicle behind Winscher's that could have left the indentations without damaging the rest of the vehicle.

Winscher, who described herself as "very alert on the road" Wednesday night, said she didn't believe in UFO's before the incident, "but I sure do now," she said.

She told The Citizen Friday she still ached from the ordeal. "It's like in a serious accident; every bone in your body is sore."

The 52-year-old woman said the object struck her car with "terrible impact," accompanied by the brilliant light which Winscher said was "not any real color, just very bright." The rear end of the car was lifted from

Beaufort area detailed a similar sighting at the same time.

About 12:45 a.m., Velma Clines looked out her farmhouse kitchen window on Old State Road and saw what she described as an "orange-red ball" come from the east over the tree tops toward her house, then veer suddenly south toward Highway 50.

Clines, who did not wake her husband during the incident said the UFO appeared not as big as the moon and not as bright as the stars, but more like a ball that "glittered", she said, around its edges.

She said she could see the object headed south, again noiselessly, and she went onto the porch to follow its course. When she returned inside, she looked out the kitchen window once more and saw the same spectacle repeat itself exactly.

"I can still see it in my mind's eye," Clines told The Citizen Thursday. "I was concerned, but I wasn't really scared. I still wish it would have come over the house; then I could have seen it really close. You know," she added, "I may never get the chance to see anything like that again."

Cline's husband, Seaburn, was anxious to have the phenomenon explained, but he had no doubt about the truth of the report. "I've been living with this woman for 49 years," he said, "and I haven't ever heard her tell nothing that wasn't true."

Three other unofficial sightings, one in Union and two more in Washington, piled up more evidence.

About 11 p.m., a man in his 20's, who chose to remain nameless, sighted (with a friend) what looked like a brightly-lit "ferris-wheel-type object" from his vantage point near Hartmann's bridge in west Union.

Instead of standing vertically, however, the UFO was hanging sideways, again noiselessly, with bright, colored lights ringing the outside. The object was a grayish color underneath, according to the unofficial report.



From Whence It Came —

Velma Clines, Route 1, Beaufort, gestures through her kitchen window to the tree line over which she followed the course of two UFO's early Thursday morning.

Staff Photo.

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others, seemingly related in detail and time of occurrence, remain unexplained.

Certainly the most concrete evidence came from a 52-year-old Arnold woman. Clara Evelyn Winscher claimed the rear of her car was lifted from Highway 50 in Union about 12:45 a.m. Thursday by what she could only describe as "brilliant lights", which descended noiselessly on her car near the Bourbeuse river bridge, then disappeared just as suddenly.

Winscher's car, a 1974 Mercury Comet, bore marks from the incident. Two indentations, not more than an inch wide, according to police, adorned the rear of her vehicle, without damage to paint or any other part of the car.

Arnold police, who eventually

the ground for a matter of seconds, she said, and carried eastward toward the bridge. Winscher said she could neither steer nor stop her auto.

"I just can't explain how a very violent impact like that showed nothing on that car," Winscher told The Citizen Friday. "It was pushing the car, rocking it sideways and from the front end to the back." Winscher said contact with the object made the car heat up instantly and fogged the front and side windows.

Union Sergeant Bob Reichardt, who covered the incident with county sheriff's deputies, said Winscher appeared nervous and excited, but "not hysterical." Sergeant Reichardt said that, with the exception of the two indentations, not even dust on the rest of the vehicle had been disturbed.

A separate report from the rural

At least four residents at the Hillcrest senior citizen apartments in Washington told a Citizen reporter they saw lights in the sky and an "orangeish-red" globular object, with a flaming tail like a kite, come from the north about 9:30 p.m. the same night.

The object circled the town and dropped from sight, only to rise again and exit again, noiselessly, to the north.

A similar object, described as a "flaming ball", was sighted by a Washingtonian in the vicinity of Second and Stafford streets about 11 p.m. The unidentified man said he had been watching a jet-liner to the east when he caught the unusual movement from the corner of his eye. That report, also, was unofficial.

Local UFO sighting may have been star

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He's not surprised at number of UFO sightings

DENVER (UPI) — Leo Sprinkle, a University of Wyoming psychology professor who spends much of his time researching UFO spottings, isn't surprised at the number of people who say they have had contact with beings from space.

Sprinkle, who was in Denver Saturday to address the International Speakers Congress, said he had interviewed hundreds of persons who claim to have seen or spoken with aliens.

"These people are, quote-unquote, normal, average people who genuinely believe they have had communications with aliens from outer space," Sprinkle said. "I think we are being shown there is a life out there. The question is who is showing us."

Sprinkle, 49, said he sighted a UFO when he was a college student in Boulder 27 years ago.

"At first I scoffed at it," he said. "I figured it was a balloon or a helicopter, some kind of government deal, so I dismissed it. But six years later, my wife and I saw another one near the Flatirons in Boulder, and I was puzzled because there was something going on that I couldn't figure out."

Sprinkle said he now hypnotizes people who spot UFOs and studies their psychological reaction.

"That is what's exciting for me," he said. "Many people I have spoken to have said that once aboard the ship, the creatures ask all kinds of questions about nuclear energy."

"They seem to say that man is polluting the world with nuclear power and better get his act straight or else."

An unidentified flying object sighted by two police officers and several residents south of town Tuesday night may have been only a star.

Jess Mascarenaz, 2403 Woodlawn, said he discussed the sighting with local UFO expert Ted Phillips after they both viewed it and Phillips believed the object was probably the star Antares.

A description of the sighting by one local resident, who did not want to be identified, backed Phillips' opinion.

"It just looked like a star until I put the binoculars on it, then it was red and green."

Mascarenaz, who is a deputy civil defense director, described the sighting as "a circular object with individual red, green and white lights. It appeared that red circular was predominant, then green. It switched back and forth."

Antares is a large red star in the constellation Scorpius. It has a blue companion star and is most clearly

visible from late June through late July in the southern sky.

Sedalia police officer Herbert Mayfield first reported the sighting at 12:30 a.m. He and officer John Fillicetti reported observing the object for "some time."

"The object was alternating from red to green to white," said Mayfield. The report stated the object was about nine to 13 miles south-southwest of the city.

According to Mayfield and Fillicetti's report, the two watched the object for about 30 minutes. Police then notified Whiteman Air Force Base of the sighting. "We watched for another 30 minutes before it left the horizon," the report concluded.

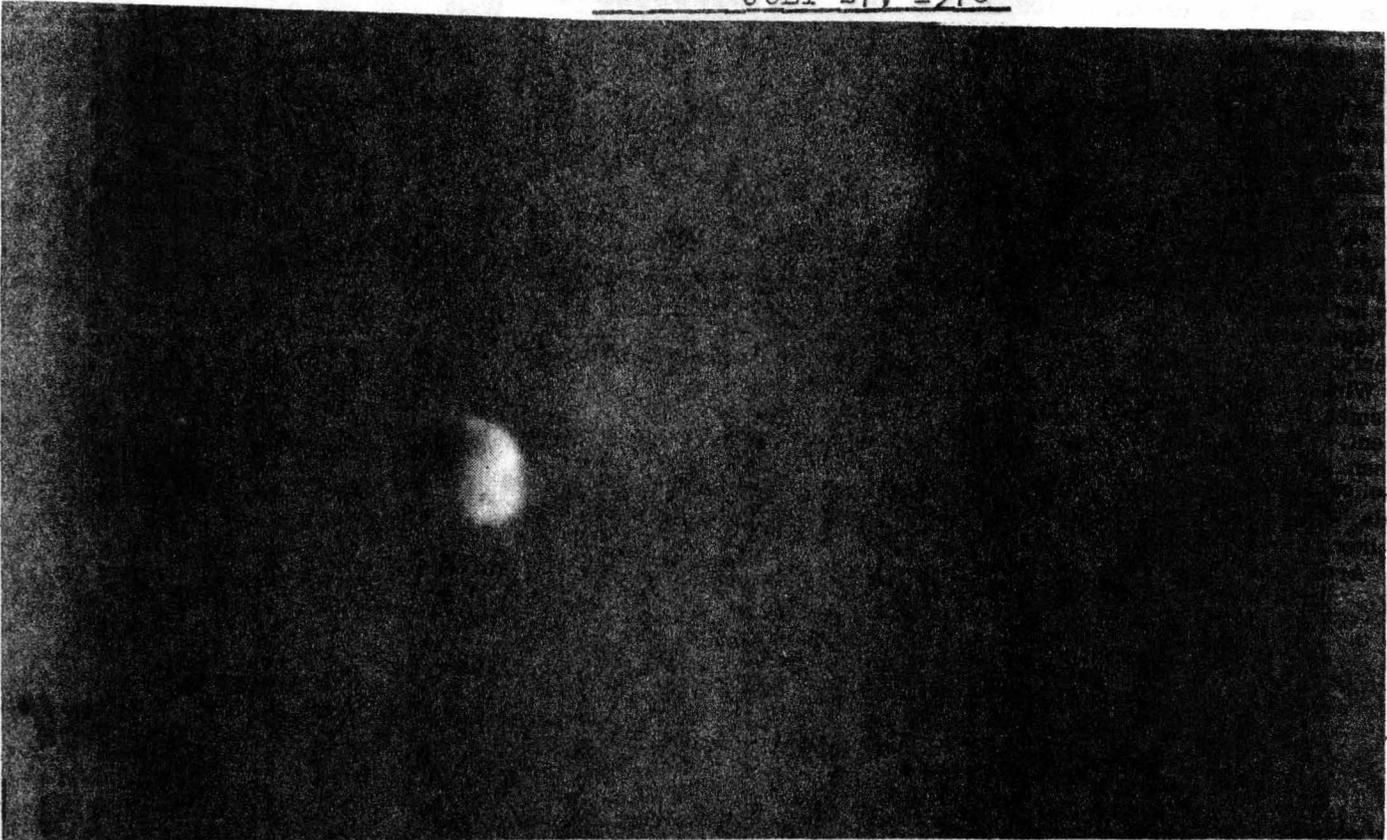
A spokesman for Whiteman Air Force Base said no action was taken after being informed of the sighting "because we don't have radar to track UFOs." The spokesman explained the radar at the base is only used for weather observation and for ground control of airplanes.

Dave Fischer, civil defense hazardous materials officer, said the sighted object "had red and green flashing lights and wasn't moving. It was staying in one place."

Mascarenaz said Phillips suggested that observers look for the object again tonight and if it doesn't appear in the sky, then the possibility of it being the star Antares can be excluded.

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SEDALIA, MO. - DEMOCRAT JULY 28, 1978



Is it a bird? A plane? Flying saucers? What did area residents observe in the sky Saturday night? Turn to page 2 for picture identification. -Times photo

Little green men?

UFO sighting reported in Biwabik-Gilbert area

"Sight?"
"Yes. Phone reports say four or five objects seen with binoculars. Red lines."
Midway, the radio dispatch office for the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department, was overheard by several area residents who monitored police scanners last weekend. It was late - about 1 a.m. Sunday, July 23. And there had been several reports phoned in from residents who claimed to have cited a UFO. Make that plural - UFO's. Up to five of the objects had been counted by some people. It seems the Highway Patrol first received a call from Gilbert resident Mary Plesha who, with a neighbor, had noticed a sphere-shaped object

"It wasn't quite as high as the stars," Mary said. "It was about half the size of the moon, and it laid sideways. When it moved, it moved sideways, then jumped to the right and then left, then up and down. It was full of lines - you know, kind of like lightning, jagged-like. It was red, then turned blue, green, orange, yellow and white."
Mary and her neighbor took out the binoculars to get a good look.
"I called the highway patrol, and they said it was just stars. But it couldn't have been stars. They told me it couldn't be a UFO because it had lights."
Until days later, Mary thought she and her neighbor were the only ones to have seen it."

Apparently, a highway patrolman must have been curious.
Someone was overheard on the scanner saying, "If it doesn't keep doing more than just twinkle at me, I'm going to take off."
After the sighting was mentioned, several other area residents began to get involved. Some of the people who were able to get a glimpse of the "thing" or "things" included Biwabik Mayor Bob Woods, Biwabik police officers, Gilbert police, Sheriff officers, the Biwabik Fire Chief and numerous others.
"The one I saw was a bright light, kind of red and green," said Sharon Maki of Biwabik, the fire chief's wife. "It

changed (colors) all the time. It was out over the dumps, over Pike River Road - in that direction. I don't know what it was. It was definitely something that...well, it wasn't an airplane or something like that." The object moved, Sharon said. She and her husband Gerald "Butch" Maki lined the object up with telephone wires and a pole from where they were standing. Butch kept track of its location. It did move.
"The whole time I was watching it, I wondered if they were watching me" Sharon commented.
Maynard Burba, Gilbert police officer, was on the midnight shift with officer Skip Braszt and brother Charlie Burba.

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"We saw the unmarked Highway Patrol car down by Broadway Motors," he said. "He got a call on it. And a person from Gilbert called us. I've seen it (the UFO) other nights, but I didn't think anything of it. It was white, green and red. It looked like a star to me, but the lights were going off and on; I didn't think it was moving."

"I saw something," said officer Skip Braszt. "I had midnights, and I saw it about 1:30 or 2. About 4 in the morning I went back and it was gone. It was white and then it turned red, green and amber, then back to white."

"At first to me it looked like a star," said Mayor Bob Woods of Biwabik. "But it moved. Of course, I didn't have my glasses on....It was reddish and green, and then

white. It was to the west of town. There was another one pointed out to me to the northeast. We went up to the bridge (on Hwy. 135 toward Gilbert), and then near the Gulf entrance."

Officer Dewey Horsman accompanied Woods to observe the star-like thing.

"It looked like something hanging up in the air," Horsman said. "It was twinkling, yellow, green, and it moved up and down and sideways. It moved, but it didn't whoosh off and disappear or anything like that. There were two of them I saw. One was on the northwest side of town, the other on the northeast side."

Airport personnel could be heard conversing with the Sheriff's office over the scanner, Dewey confirmed. Someone mentioned the objects must have been as high as 40,000 feet.

Mark Wakefield, with the Sheriff's Department, was on patrol in the Virginia area. "It was real far away and looked like a star to me," he said. Wakefield said he did not see it move.

Biwabik resident John Stachovich Jr. and his mother also testify to the sightings.

"My mom and I took the binoculars out, and we could see two objects. They turned from red to green to blue to white. They appeared oblong and swiveled as they were in the sky."

Where and how does a person report a UFO sighting?

Just ask Ronald Anderson. He's the Wisconsin State Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

Anderson is also a member of the Sheriff's Department. He has been involved with sightings for years.

The purpose of MUFON, he said, is to gather information on UFO sightings and turn the data over to scientists who study it. Anderson is called a "field investigator" for

MUFON, and he helps compile reports from eye witnesses.

"I find out what happened," he explained. "I have forms I fill out. Sometimes I go there in person and take down what they have to say."

The forms are sent to the University of Illinois to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Anderson said.

Eugene Lundholm of Superior, Wisconsin, is another field investigator for MUFON.

His advice to anyone sighting a UFO is to "grab a camera and take a picture." There is a company down in Texas, Lundholm explained, that specializes in photo enlargement techniques.

Lundholm does not admit to seeing a UFO himself, but he did say that he once saw a "weird light way up in the sky acting strangely." He didn't know what it was.

Lundholm definitely remembers reports of sightings in northern Minnesota.

"Not much recently," he said. "But we had a big flap about 1974-75. They were all over the place."

Lundholm was called to investigate a reported landing near Two Harbors once, he said. "I picked up some stuff that was left (debris) and turned it in for analysis."

The other incident he remembered were reports of flying objects over cars traveling between Babbitt and Ely.

When descriptions mentioned by observers of UFO's in this area were given to Lundholm, he asked if the objects moved, and in which directions. "It's a good sign if it moves both ways (up and down)," he said. "That indicates it probably wasn't a satellite."

Fire Chief Butch Maki still thinks it's a satellite, or possibly a reflection off one. Others think it is a star.

At any rate, keep your eye open, take out your telescopes and watch out for little green men.

MODERN PEOPLE - FRANKLIN PARK, ILL.
*****JULY 30, 1978*****

Naked UFO Aliens Terrify Three Teens

Three 14-year-old boys had a close encounter of the third kind when they were chased for blocks recently by a trio of hideous-looking UFO aliens.

The West Pittsburg, Calif. boys, Lennie Young, George Ferrera and Patrick Morrison, told authorities the horrifying incident occurred at 11 p.m. as they walked across a grassy field on their way to a party.

The teens reported seeing a group of bright red lights, apparently joined together, with a blue light "flitting like a firefly around the other lights." As they approached, the object rapidly flew away but within seconds returned and landed nearby.

The weird craft was described as "round, flat with a row of square lights like windows with one window larger than the others. Suddenly the lights started blinking on and off and reflecting from the sides of the craft."

As this happened three creatures emerged. Lennie states, "They were like smoke. They were black but had no faces. I don't know if they had arms or heads. It was like they had no clothes on. They started walking towards us. They stood between 5-foot-6 and 6-foot-1."

The boys told police they fled in terror to Morrison's house several blocks away and as they looked back, they could see the figures closely following them. They suddenly vanished about a block from the house.

Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriff Douglas Pendleton, who took the boys' account of the incident, reveals tests proved none of the lads as drinking or using drugs and all three volunteered to take lie detector tests.

Richard Haines, a member of the respected Center For UFO Studies run by J. Allen Hynek, is convinced after exhaustive research that the trio had a genuine close encounter of the third kind.

"We questioned all three boys separately and found their stories consistent with a detail present that does not appear to have been manufactured. If they made up the story, they would have had to remember it very well. Their fright was very real," Haines confides. ●

Lawman, others spot streaking fiery ball

by Rick Trembley

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An off-duty Iowa state police officer sightseeing at the Table Rock scenic turn-off on Mo. Highway 165 Monday night was one of several persons from the Missouri Bootheel to Wichita, Kansas, who reported seeing a "green ball" race across the sky in a westerly direction.

For now, apparently, the object is an unidentified flying object, though one National Weather Service official and a Southwest Missouri State physics professor said that the green ball was probably nothing more than a meteor burning up as it entered the earth's atmosphere above Missouri.

The Taney County Sheriff's Department reported that they received a call shortly before 10 p.m. Monday from a Forsyth CB radio operator, Marie Kinyon.

The woman said she was monitoring CB emergency channel 9 when she heard Iowa lawman Robert Clark say, "I know this sounds silly, but I think I just saw a UFO... a green ball of light went down over the mountain."

Another area resident, Jeannette Hudson, said she was driving from Long Beach on Lake Taneycomo when she looked up and saw a ball of light change from white to

green.

Gene Taylor of the National Weather Service in Springfield said that the object could have been a meteor. He said that due to so many people seeing the object in both Kansas and Missouri, it had to be traveling at a high altitude.

Dr. Norman Markworth, an assistant professor of physics at SMS said the sightings could have very well been of a meteor. According to the professor, between 50 to 100 very bright meteors -- some with quite long paths -- cross the U.S. skies each year.

As for the changing colors, Taylor said that water particles in the air will refract or change the color of objects burning in the atmosphere; Markworth agreed with Taylor's explanation.

North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) spokesman Del Kinchey told the Beacon that the object spotted was not a satellite, space payload, or any other space debris falling back into the earth's atmosphere.

"It was more than likely a meteor -- but we don't track meteors," he said.

At NORAD headquarters in Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado, all "space junk" returning to earth is monitored. Kinchey said that on the average, at least one man-made object falls back to earth from outer space each day.

Dr. Harvey Rutledge, chairman of the physics department at Southeast Missouri State in Cape Girardeau and director of Project Identification (UFO research group), said that from accounts he has heard, the object could have well been a meteor.

"It sounds as if it was typical of a meteor; green is a very common color... but it could have well been something else," Rutledge said.

As director for Project Identification, Rutledge said that normally his group will receive 20 to 30 reports of UFOs each year from persons living or visiting in southern Missouri -- and most of those reports come in late summer.

"A lot of them are misconceptions, but some are unexplainable," he stated.

Rutledge is conducting a week-long UFO seminar at Southeast Missouri State this week.



JEFFERSON CITY, MO. - NEWS
*****JULY 26, 1978****

UFOs reported in Missouri, Kansas

Law enforcement authorities from Springfield, Mo., to Wichita, Kan., received reports Monday night of unidentified flying objects, including one report from a vacationing Iowa highway patrolman.

Robert Clark, the vacationing trooper, was about 40 miles south of Springfield when he said he saw a green light in the sky that slowly descended.

In Wichita, witnesses said they saw a fiery object they believed to be a crashing

plane. When no plane crash could be found, officers suggested that meteors were responsible.

A man in Springfield said he saw a white light in the sky bright enough to light up the inside of his truck. But Ron Bunch of the Greene County Sheriff's Department said no other sightings in Springfield were reported.

Bunch said no explanation was immediately available for the sightings.

Chaney and Webster County Missouri authorities also received reports of an object in the sky.

UFO reports move to Fort Wood area

By CHARLES J. OSWALD
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

Those elusive UFO lights in the sky — one of which reportedly terrorized a woman motorist — had apparently moved away from here Friday but something similar was seen 100 miles away, at Fort Leonard Wood.

The lights have been intriguing — and scaring some — area residents here since Wednesday.

Now soldiers at the Fort Wood Army base have reported seeing a bright, star-shaped object that appeared to come at them and then fade away.

"It looks like a star and it seems to become bigger as it comes toward us and it vibrates," said Spec. 5 Gary Love.

Love, his wife, Ella, and a neighbor, Mrs. Pamela Green, told a reporter they saw the strange light early Friday for the third night in a row.

LOVE SAID HE REPORTED the light to military police at the base, but they told him it must have been a helicopter.

He said, however, he checked with the duty officer and with the Missouri Highway Patrol, who told him there were no helicopters in the sky Thursday night.

He said the light moved very slowly and it would get "real white."

"When it got close, you could see a V-shape with a ball under it," he said.

He said that when it was at its closest, you could see a little yellow spot in

the center with a blue haze around it.

Love said he saw the UFO from his home at around 12:35 a.m.

"It just seemed to hang in the sky," he said. "I have the feeling I'm being watched."

A FRIGHTENED MRS. CLORA Winscher, of Arnold, told police early Thursday that the back end of her car was lifted off the ground briefly by a bright ball of light as she drove along Highway 50 on the edge of town.

The police report said: "A UFO with a brilliant light rode over the top of her vehicle. She heard a crash toward the rear of her car, and the rear end lifted off the ground for a few seconds."

Sgt. Robert A. Reichardt, of the Union City Police, said Friday that he and a county sheriff's deputy examined the car.

He said the auto, a 1974 Mercury Comet, had two distinct dents in the trunk "like nothing I have ever seen."

HE SAID THERE WERE no scratches and it didn't appear to have been involved in an accident with another car.

He described Mrs. Winscher as "shaken but rational about what happened."

At breakfast at the Flying Saucer Cafe (named after plates, not UFOs) in Union Friday, waitress Jeannie Carter, 21, said she saw an orange ball Wednesday night, the same UFO reported by others in the area.

She said: "I followed it in my car. It turned down a road and disappeared."

Ralph Lee, 71, of Union, said he didn't see any strange lights upon leaving the cafe.

"I seldom look up, and I stay in the house at night," he said.

B.R. BRANSON, A PIPELINE company employee who was having coffee at the Flying Saucer, said he had not seen the lights or anything unusual but that he keeps an open mind.

"I once saw a mountain lion walking across a field followed by a fox," he said. "I had my boy with me, and I told him we were going to have to quit drinking. If you see something like that you can believe anything."

Mrs. William J. Stieffermann, wife of Union's mayor, was working in a department store Friday when she talked about the lights she and members of her family reported seeing Wednesday night.

"I couldn't be sure what it was, but it did not appear to be an airplane," she said.

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Ralph Lee, left, and Denson Ranson discuss reports of strange lights over Union while standing in front of (where else?) the Flying Saucer Cafe.



Sgt. Robert A. Reichardt
... "like nothing I've seen"

— Globe-Democrat Photos by T.V. Vessel

Residents Report Seeing UFO

WAYNESVILLE, NC. - GUIDE
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FRONT PAGE By Pat Farrell

At least two nights last week some residents on Ft. Leonard Wood reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO). But, as is common place with such sightings, there are as many sceptics as believers.

The first time the glowing round object was spotted was on Tuesday, July 25, by Juanita Love, 35, and her husband, 32-year-old Sergeant Gary Love. Mrs. Love said it was about 9:30 p.m. when she and her husband first saw the object from the front porch of their home on Diamond Street.

She described the mass as the biggest, brightest star she has ever seen. But what she said was so unusual about the object was it was moving across the sky. She said she called a neighbor to view the sighting but the neighbor chose to remain like the object, unidentified.

On Wednesday night, two other residents on Diamond Street reported an unusual happening but said they could not confirm a sighting. Barb McCoy, 19 and Peaches Farr, 24, said a bright flashing red light passed over their home at least three times.

On Wednesday there was a severe thunderstorm in the Ft. Wood area and the women first believed the flashing light was connected with the storm, but they said the incident happened twice after the storm had passed.

Thursday night, July 27, was when the sightings received the most publicity. Mrs. Love and Pam Green, 25, who lives at 24 Diamond, were the first to see the object.

It was around 8:30 and not quite dark outside. The object started out as a small, distant glow in the sky and it grew larger and brighter as the sky became darker. Mrs. Green said the glowing mass was circular in shape and had, what she called, two triangular shapes on the bottom. Then it faded away.

When the object was in the sky Mrs. Green said the dogs in the neighborhood began to howl. When the object disappeared the dogs went silent. Then at about 11:30 the dogs started howling again and the object was once again visible.

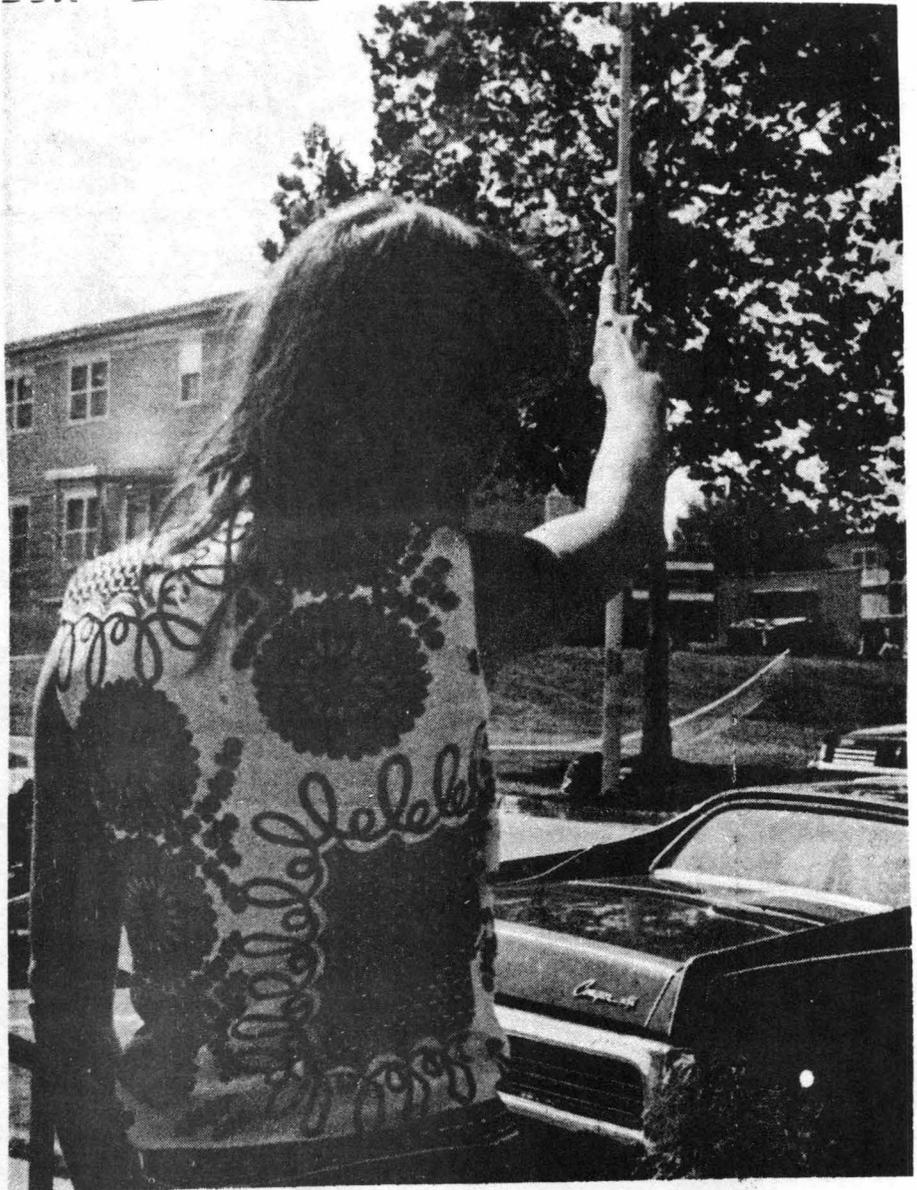
This time the women used a telescope to view the UFO. Through the telescope the object looked much the way the women thought it did, but there were also black

lines running both horizontally and vertically through it.

The women said the UFO then disappeared behind some houses on the street. Near where the women thought the object had descended they said there was a noticeable change in temperature which caused the forming of an ice-like dew on the windows of parked cars. They said less than a block down the street parked cars were completely dry.

A total of eight adults saw the mysterious object the first time it appeared on Thursday, Mrs. Green said. The second time it showed up only five people were on hand to view it.

Aside from Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Love and Jeanie Horsman, 25, no one else wanted their name released for publication. Mrs. Horsman also lives on Diamond and was called out by the other ladies when the object was in the sky.



"It was right above that tree," Mrs. Jaunita Love said. She and several of her neighbors said they viewed a UFO from their homes on Fort Wood several nights last week.

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She said the object looked like the others had described but she said it never looked bigger in size than a basketball. It moved very slowly and had a glow around it which was blueish-green in color, she said.

"It was really wierd, Mrs. Horsman said. "We've lived on Army bases for a good seven years and it was like nothing I've ever seen. I've seen helicopters on night maneuvers, but this was different.

Helicopters don't move in the sky like this did."

The post Military Police were contacted by the ladies on Diamond Street and recorded the sighting as a helicopter with landing gear turned on.

The ladies then contacted Forney Airfield on post to see if the military had any aircraft up in the area. The flight dispatcher who took the call Thursday night, PFC Dan Sullivan, told the caller there were no aircraft in the air.

He said from his location at the airfield he could not see anything in the sky but he wasn't saying the caller was a liar. "I have no reason to doubt the lady," Sullivan said. "I think she really did see something but I'm sure there is an explanation."

Sullivan referred the ladies to the State Highway Patrol to check if there was a copter patrolling the Interstate. The ladies called the patrol's Troop I Headquarters in Rolla and was told no copter or any other type aircraft were assisting them on Thursday night.

A spokesman for the patrol also received another call Thursday night concerning the sighting. He said the caller told him they were viewing the object from the WAC's barracks on post.

Sylvia Plys, 31 Diamond, said she and several friends were outside every night last week except Wednesday and none of them saw the flying object. She said there were as many people who did not see the UFO as those who did.

According to Private Sullivan, UFO sightings are reported to the airfield at least three or four times each summer.

Mystery solved on who saw Missouri UFO

By NICK LAMBERTO

Register Staff Writer

The mystery of how Iowa Highway Patrol Trooper Robert D. Clark of Fort Madison could be credited with reporting a UFO in southern Missouri without leaving Iowa apparently has been solved.

Iowa Public Safety Commissioner Charles Larson says that "it apparently was a case of mistaken identity — the report was made by an Iowa officer named Robert P. Parks of the Capitol security police."

Clark was named by a CB radio operator at Forsyth, Mo., as the person who reported an unidentified flying object July 24 in the Table Rock Dam area south of Branson, Mo., near the Arkansas border.

Clark, 50, a trooper 27 years, said he hadn't been out of Lee county, Iowa, that night and didn't own or have access to a CB radio at the time.

The mystery was solved earlier this week when Parks, 19, a state security officer for six months, said he was the person who reported seeing a UFO to the CB radio operator, Marie Kinyon, in Forsyth.

Parks said he was visiting his father, Charles Parks of Hollister, Mo., a retired Fort Dodge policeman, at the time of the UFO sighting.

"I saw what I believe to be a round object of great size emitting a bright



ROBERT D. CLARK

ROBERT P. PARKS

and constant ... green light (and) moving at a medium rate of speed to the northwest," Parks said.

Parks said he observed the object for five or 10 seconds and then drove to his parents' home three-fourths of a mile away and told them about it.

Parks said he and his father returned to the lookout point from where he had seen the object but this time "could see nothing but stars and the sky."

Parks said he called on CB channel nine for a Missouri state trooper but a woman, using the CB handle "Red Wing," answered his call and he told her he "had possibly seen a UFO near the lookout point just east of Table Rock Dam."

Parks said a Taney County, Mo. sheriff arrived at the site about 9:55 p.m. and Parks told him his story and identified himself as an "Iowa state peace officer."

Another deputy sheriff and a Missouri trooper arrived minutes later.

Parks said Monday he read about how Trooper Clark had been credited with making the UFO report and "decided to clear things up."

"I did not show any identification but I did identify myself as an Iowa peace officer to the officers there and to the lady on the CB radio," Parks said.

"I don't know how the mixup took place, but I gave my handle as 'Orange Flame' and the woman thought I used 'Orange Blimp.'

"My call letters are RPT 50215 and there was some confusion over them, too.

"I know I saw something and it wasn't a parachute flare or anything I had ever seen before."

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Sunday

Sightings of a UFO were reported in St. Joseph, then at the Ludington Coast Guard Station and across Lake Michigan at the Two Rivers, Wis., Coast Guard station. Scott Richardson, the officer in charge of the Ludington station, said two of his own Coast Guardsmen saw a strange airborne object. "I'm certain my men saw it. No way it was a hoax," said Richardson.

All street maintenance in the Edgewater neighborhood has been suspended. According to Muskegon City Attorney Thomas O'Toole, all the streets in the subdivision, from Wilcox north to Manhattan, are in fact private-owned.

UFO sighting reported in Biwabik-Gilbert area

"Sight?"

"Yes. Phone reports say four or five objects seen with binoculars. Red lines."

Midway, the radio dispatch office for the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department, was overheard by several area residents who monitored police scanners last weekend.

It was late - about 1 a.m. Sunday, July 23. And there had been several reports phoned in from residents who claimed to have cited a UFO. Make that plural - UFO's. Up to five of the objects had been counted by some people.

It seems the Highway Patrol first received a call from Gilbert resident Mary Plesha who, with a neighbor, had noticed a sphere-shaped object glowing in the sky.

"It wasn't quite as high as the stars," Mary said. "It was about half the size of the moon, and it laid sideways. When it moved, it moved sideways, then jumped to the right and then left, then up and down. It was full of lines - you know, kind of like lightning, jagged-like. It was red, then turned blue, green, orange, yellow and white."

Mary and her neighbor took out the binoculars to get a good look.

"I called the highway patrol, and they said it was just stars. But it couldn't have been stars. They told me it couldn't be a UFO because it had lights."

Until days later, Mary thought she and her neighbor were the only ones to have seen it."

Apparently, a patrolman must have been curious.

Someone was overheard on the scanner saying, "If it doesn't keep doing more than just twinkle at me, I'm going to take off."

After the sighting was mentioned, several other area residents began to get involved. Some of the people

who were able to get a glimpse of the "thing" or "things" included Biwabik Mayor Bob Woods, Biwabik police officers, Gilbert police, Sheriff officers, the Biwabik Fire Chief and numerous others.

"The one I saw was a bright light, kind of red and green," said Sharon Maki of Biwabik, the fire chief's wife. "It changed (colors) all the time. It was out over the dumps, over Pike River Road - in that direction. I don't know what it was. It was definitely something that....well, it wasn't an airplane or something like that." The object moved, Sharon said. She and her husband Gerald "Butch" Maki lined the object up with telephone wires and a pole from where they were standing. Butch kept track of its location. It did move.

"The whole time I was watching it, I wondered if they were watching me" Sharon commented.

Maynard Burba, Gilbert police officer, was on the midnight shift with officer Skip Braszt and brother Charlie Burba.

"We saw the unmarked Highway Patrol car down by Broadway Motors," he said. "He got a call on it. And a person from Gilbert called us. I've seen it (the UFO) other nights, but I didn't think anything of it. It was white, green and red. It looked like a star to me, but the lights were going off and on; I didn't think it was moving."

"I saw something," said officer Skip Braszt. "I had midnights, and I saw it about 1:30 or 2. About 4 in the morning I went back and it was gone. It was white and then it turned red, green and amber, then back to white."

"At first to me it looked like a star," said Mayor Bob Woods of Biwabik. "But it moved. Of course, I didn't have my glasses on....It was reddish and green, and then

white. It was to the west of town. There was another one pointed out to me to the northeast. We went up to the bridge (on Hwy. 135 toward Gilbert), and then near the Gulf entrance."

Officer Dewey Horsman accompanied Woods to observe the star-like thing.

"It looked like something hanging up in the air," Horsman said. "It was twinkling, yellow, green, and it moved up and down and sideways. It moved, but it didn't whoosh off and disappear or anything like that. There were two of them I saw. One was on the northwest side of town, the other on the northeast side."

Airport personnel could be heard conversing with the Sheriff's office over the scanner, Dewey confirmed. Someone mentioned the objects must have been as high as 40,000 feet.

Mark Wakefield, with the Sheriff's Department, was on patrol in the Virginia area. "It was real far away and looked like a star to me," he said. Wakefield said he did not see it move.

Biwabik resident John Stachovich Jr. and his mother also testify to the sightings.

"My mom and I took the binoculars out, and we could see two objects. They turned from red to green to blue to white. They appeared oblong and swiveled as they were in the sky."

Where and how does a person report a UFO sighting?

Just ask Ronald Anderson. He's the Wisconsin State Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

Anderson is also a member of the Sheriff's Department. He has been involved with sightings for years.

The purpose of MUFON, he said, is to gather information on UFO sightings and turn the data over to scientists who study it. Anderson is called a "field investigator" for

MUFON, and he helps compile reports from eye witnesses.

"I find out what happened," he explained. "I have forms I fill out. Sometimes I go there in person and take down what they have to say."

The forms are sent to the University of Illinois to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Anderson said.

Eugene Lundholm of Superior, Wisconsin, is another field investigator for MUFON.

His advice to anyone sighting a UFO is to "grab a camera and take a picture." There is a company down in Texas, Lundholm explained, that specializes in photo enlargement techniques.

Lundholm does not admit to seeing a UFO himself, but he did say that he once saw a "weird light way up in the sky acting strangely." He didn't know what it was.

Lundholm definitely remembers reports of sightings in northern Minnesota.

"Not much recently," he said. "But we had a big flap about 1974-75. They were all over the place."

Lundholm was called to investigate a reported landing near Two Harbors once, he said. "I picked up some stuff that was left (debris) and turned it in for analysis."

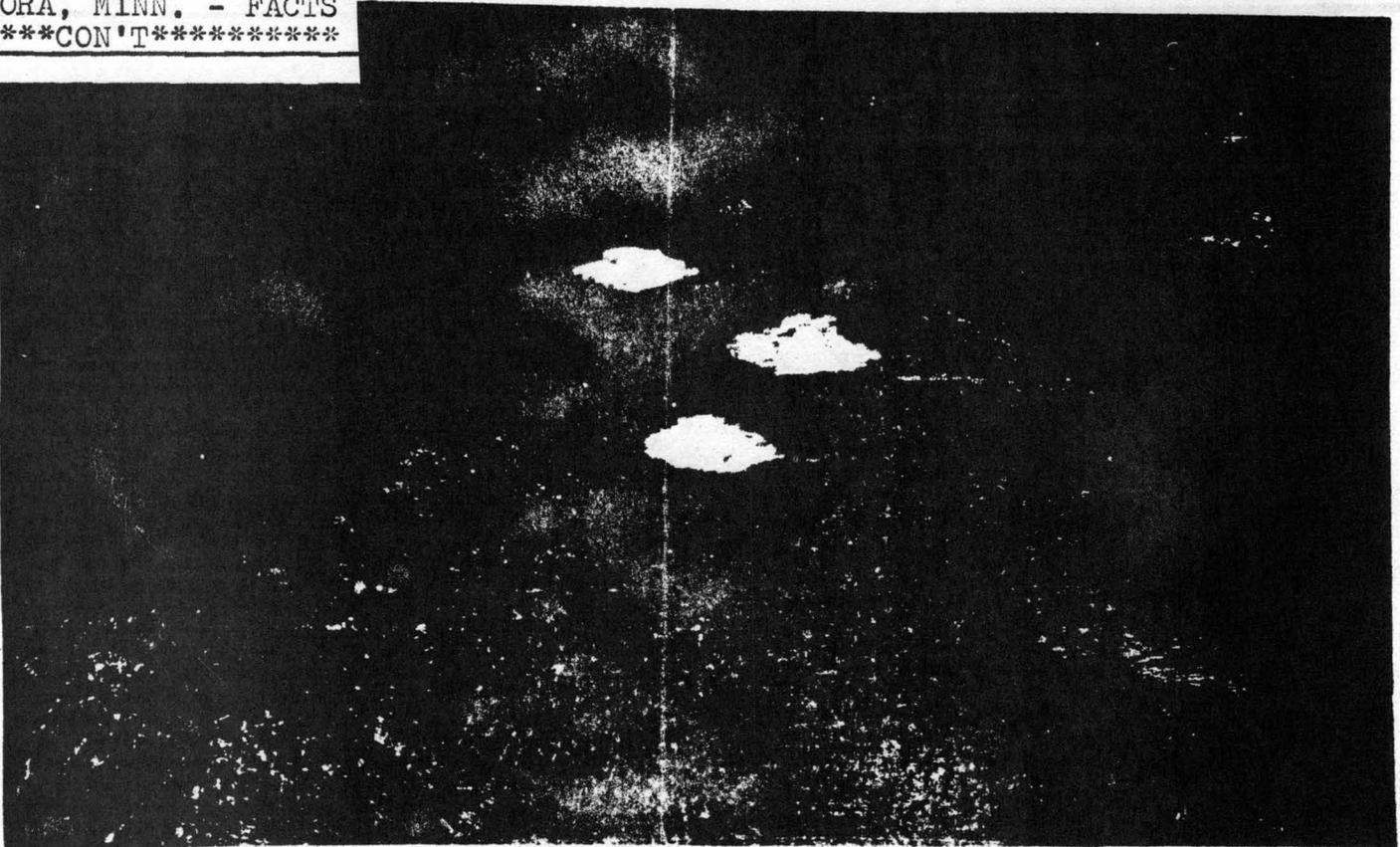
The other incident he remembered were reports of flying objects over cars traveling between Babbitt and Ely.

When descriptions mentioned by observers of UFO's in this area were given to Lundholm, he asked if the objects moved, and in which directions. "It's a good sign if it moves both ways (up and down)," he said. "That indicates it probably wasn't a satellite."

Fire Chief Butch Maki still thinks it's a satellite, or possibly a reflection off one. Others think it is a star.

At any rate, keep your eyes open, take out your telescopes, and watch out for little green men.

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Is it a bird? A plane? Flying saucers? What did area residents observe in the sky Saturday night? Identification. -Times photo

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Official denies UFO existence

WOODSTOCK, Ont. (CP) — Unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are here, there and everywhere but only in some people's imaginations, says a Canadian astronomer.

Saucer sighters are not nuts, Dr. Ian Halliday, senior National Research Council astronomer at the Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics in Ottawa, said here. But they are not seeing extra-terrestrial objects either.

"There is not a single, solid object proven to come from a spacecraft during the last 25 years of investigation," Halliday told the Rotary Club.

In fact, the United States 10 years ago shelved a \$10-million study of UFO sightings because there was nothing to be gained. It has not been reopened, Halliday said later in an interview.

People who claim close encounters of any kind can be lumped into one of four cate-

gories, Halliday said.

There are those, like movie producers, lecturers and authors, who stand to make money from continuing interest in UFOs.

There are those who photograph airborne hub caps or frisbees in an effort to trick people.

"But when they end up on national news or TV, they're caught in their joke and they can't explain it's a hoax."

There are those, like pilots and radar technicians, who think they saw something strange which is later explained through investigation.

And there are those who see mysterious things flying through the night sky because they want to.

For many, Halliday says, belief in extra-terrestrial life is a substitute for organized religion and incomprehensible problems.

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Yet another UFO sighting

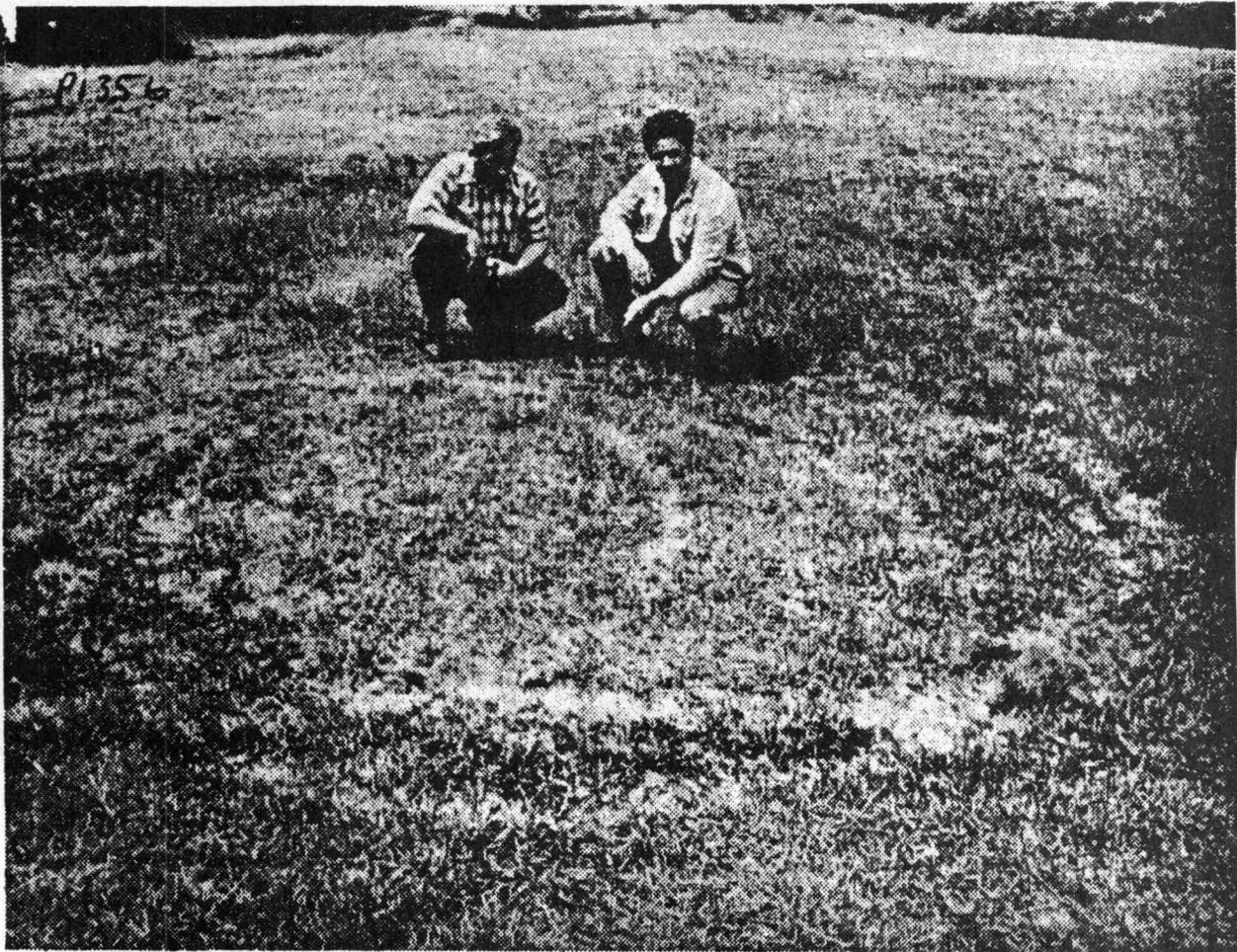
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The latest in the recent spate of UFO sightings in the Anglesey and Bangor areas, occurred last week when a Beaumaris woman spotted a "huge, round, sun-like" object moving across the Menai Straits towards Aber.

The woman, who lives in the west end of Beaumaris, described it as a "big, round brilliant light," and through a telescope she saw what appeared to be "slits, or

window-type things, on the side of the object, and through these slits I saw brilliant goldy-copper lights shining."

At the time, there was quite a bit of movement on the Straits, with sailing vessels moving about, and the object was moving fairly fast.

Before reaching Aber, the UFO disappeared "as if a light had been switched off."



JIM COREN of Mississauga, left, and Tom Grey, of Mississauga, a private UFO investigator, examine the

worn circles in the rough grass in Storie Park, on Mill Street. Coren says he saw a fiery red, cigar-shaped

object in the sky as he drove through Oshawa early Monday morning. Grey says he thinks the rings in the

park were caused by the landing pods of a flying craft of some sort.

—Times Staff Photo

An Unbeliever Is Convinced: He Saw Fiery Cigar Over City

By LESLIE WRIGHT
Times Staff Writer

Jim Coren of Mississauga says his attitude about flying saucers is quite different than it was before he drove through Oshawa early Monday morning.

Coren says that as he was driving east on Hwy. 401 at 1:15 a.m. Monday morning he saw a fiery red, cigar-shaped object in the northeast sky.

The object came towards Hwy. 401 at an angle, curved sharply to the right, and disappeared behind some trees, Coren said.

Coren says the object was definitely not a meteor, shooting star or an airplane.

"I used to work at the airport. I know what a plane looks like," he said.

Coren says he reported the sighting to the local OPP and several of the Toronto media who referred him to Tom Grey, a member of Northeastern

UFO Organization, a non-profit organization registered in the USA.
IN STORIE PARK

Coren and Grey visited the area Monday and Grey claims that four worn circles they found in rough grass at Storie Park on the east side of Mill Street were left by the landing gear of a flying craft of some sort.

"From his description I would say that it was a cigar-shaped craft of some sort, which is very common and contrary to the popular flying saucer definition of such a craft," he said.

Grey said he has seen similar circles while investigating other reported UFO sightings in Madoc and Toronto.

Several boys playing in the park said the circles were not there earlier in the week, Grey said.

The circles could not be caused by bicycles going in circles because the rear wheel, following behind, would create an inner circle, he said.

Grey admits he has not received any other reports about the sighting.

A spokesman for the Durham Regional Police said there have been no reports of a UFO sighting in the area on Monday morning.

Grey said that in the past he has received about six "real good" reported sightings of UFOs in this area.

"Over the years, this area has been steady for landings," he said, "... very popular."

Coren says he does not know what caused the circles in Storie Park but he does know what he saw in the sky Monday morning.

"Before, if the average guy come to me and said he saw something up in the sky I would have thought he had a big imagination," he said.

"My outlook is a lot different now," he added.

Kent encounters soar sky high

KENT now has more close UFO encounters than almost anywhere else in Britain.

Over the past few years it has risen to third in the UFO spotting league, behind Warmminster and Reading.

The UFO activity has generated so much interest that now the British UFO Society is forming a Kent branch.

Chairman Mr Ken Rogers said: "Kent is

now one of the peak areas. There seems to be a steady increase in the number of sightings."

He said this was not caused by people becoming interested in UFOs, but by more objects available for sighting.

Sighting

"There seems to be something in Kent which these objects are interested in," he said.

Since the POST ran its UFO series there has been a steady stream of

correspondence from people claiming to have had close encounters.

Only yesterday, Mrs Bridget Owens, of City Way, Rochester, wrote telling of a bright orange ball she spotted in the sky near her home.

She said: "I stopped to watch the object for about five minutes. It was not moving."

"I went to get my binoculars, but by the time I came back it had gone."

"It was not a star. It

was more the shape of the moon, but bright orange and large."

UFO enthusiasts in 24 countries will be taking part in International Skywatch Day on Saturday, the 31st birthday of the term "flying saucer", coined by an American pilot.

Hotline

In this country there will be two organised watches - at Oradle Hill, Warminster, and Parlia-

ment Hill Fields, London.

The British UFO Society has installed a hotline for people to use if they sight an object. The number to ring is 01-794-3093.

Mr Rogers appealed to Kent people to take part in the skywatch.

He said: "We are particularly interested in Kent. We want as much information as possible so we can try to work out why UFO activity in the county is increasing."

Was it a UFO?

Was a UFO sighted over the Bisley area late on Sunday night really a hot-air balloon?

A woman reader phoned the 'News and Journal' on Monday morning with her story - convinced that what she had seen with her husband the night before was definitely "something strange".

"My husband and myself", she stated, adding that she did not wish to give her name or address, "were travelling from Painswick to Bisley along the Sheepscombe road last night in our car at around quarter to 11. We had had nothing to drink at all."

"I then saw this big light in the sky. It was fairly low. My husband stopped the car and I got out. He thought it was an aeroplane. There was no noise from it, and I don't honestly think it was an aeroplane."

"We then followed it along the road towards Camp, and it was going quite slowly."

"When it stopped, somewhere over Miserden or Througham, two lights came out, about the same distance apart

as a man on a parachute. There was something like vapour or smoke coming out behind it. It came down to earth, and the UFO stayed stationary above, watching. The object only took seconds to come to earth."

"I got in the car, and we then went home. I was not going to look for what had come down on the ground - I was too frightened."

"We watched the thing circling above Bisley and Oakridge, and then it picked up speed and went off towards Stroud. We must have watched it for about half-an-hour altogether."

"It was a bright moon-lit night, and I don't think it could have been a hot-air balloon as we did not see any flames from the gas burners."

"I really don't know what it was, but I am glad that my husband was with me."

A police spokesman at Stroud said that there had been a balloon in the area on Sunday night, and they had not received any reports of anything suspicious or unusual being seen in the vicinity.

Foreign Clippings

Martians, Witches, Coyotes Share Blame For Cattle Mutilations

By RUTHANNE BROCKWAY
Avalanche-Journal Staff

HEREFORD — "I try to keep an open mind," Art Burton says of the cattle mutilations which have been reported here for the past four years.

Amid whisperings of witchcraft, satanic cults, vampire bats, coyotes and unidentified flying objects, the chief deputy sheriff of Deaf Smith County remains with a bevy of rumors and only one clue.

At only one site were any shoe prints found — sneakers or tennis shoes in a size six or seven. The tracks went from the deserted county road, across the ditch and up almost to the site of the slaughtered, blood-drained animal.

In all cases the cattle's sexual organs were removed, their tongues cut out and the bizarre butchering have left no blood in the animals or on the ground.

The shoe print — if it is related to the killing — is the only clue to the half-dozen cases reported this year and a few others that have occurred here since 1974.

But there are plenty of theories.

Sheriff Travis McPherson and Jim Steiert of the local newspaper, The Hereford Brand, have both heard of some strange incidents, but neither would identify the sources who, they say, are afraid of being ridiculed in this town of 14,000 farmers and cattlemen.

One of those accounts involved a man who was plowing his field one evening just before sundown when suddenly the tractor engine stopped.

The farmer noticed flashing lights in the sky.

After the lights passed over him, the tractor mysteriously began running again. The next day a cattle mutilation was reported in the area.

The sheriff and veterinarian Aaron Hutto both discount the idea of UFOs. Dr. Hutto performed autopsies on two mutilated steers four years ago. In subsequent cases decomposition precluded an autopsy.

Absence of blood in the animals makes it difficult to test for drugs which may have been injected to subdue the cattle before mutilation.

The veterinarian searched for needle marks, sent tissue samples to the lab and shook his head in amazement at how anyone could subdue a 600-pound steer without any sign of struggle at the scene.

If a dart gun were used to tranquilize the animals, Dr. Hutto said, it would leave a mark bigger than a pencil lead — a mark big enough for him to notice.

He says the two animals he examined were cut with sharp instruments held by human hands. An incision at

the jugular vein indicated the spot where the blood was probably pumped out.

The sheriff said if anyone is ever charged, the crime would depend on whether the animal was dead before the mutilation.

"If it was already dead, it would just be trespassing — a minor misdemeanor with a fine of no more than \$200," he said. "But if they caused the death of the cattle, it would be a felony and time in the pen."

Law enforcement officials cite several reasons why no one has been caught in the act. The incidents seem to occur at night when county roads are deserted. The county is large and there are too few officers to patrol the isolated pasture areas. Even if tire or shoe tracks were left in the dry soil or grassy pastureland, wind and cattle could destroy the marks.

"It's kinda funny," said Lowell Neumayer, who lost a 600-pound steer to mutilation a month ago. "We're in a remote area and we know the vehicles in this area. It's funny nobody's seen anything."

A man at a rendering company said most of the mutilated cattle he has picked up have been steers.

He said people could obtain the sexual organs of cattle from a rendering company. "But that wouldn't be the sport of it, would it?"

Some people say bats could be drinking the blood. Others believe folks are getting hysterical and that it is only the work of coyotes or other predators.

James Bullard has another idea. He found an 800-pound mutilated steer on his pasture in the northwest part of the county June 30. There was no blood on the ground and very little in the animal whose lips, tongue, scrotum and rectum had been removed.

His judgment was, "It has to be witchcraft or something like that, some kind of nuts."

Garth Merrick of Hereford Bi-Products who removed the animal from Bullard's land said, "I have no idea who would do something like this. Martians, maybe. It was sure somebody a little bit weird."

Tommy R. Blann of Lewisville (near Dallas) has been a believer in UFOs for 21 years and for the past eight years he has kept a file on cattle mutilations reported in Texas, Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, Arizona and New Mexico.

"I have no valid evidence that UFOs are responsible for the mutilations," Blann said. "But there's a heck of a lot of circumstantial evidence."

He said "mysterious or phantom helicopters" have been seen in some areas where mutilations have been reported.

"It's a scientific investigation of some sort," Blann said. "I'm not saying UFOs are responsible — it could even be the government."

Blann, a freelance writer, said the government could be testing for biological warfare, cloning or the effects of a virus and that if the general public knew it would cause an uproar, so instead it is "covered up."

He said this would explain the reports of helicopters as the government could afford to use aircraft whereas witches or cults would probably not be able to afford them.

Sheriff McPherson said he had no confirmed reports of helicopters in his county.

His chief deputy has read UFO literature sent to him by Blann. The material indicates there is an increase in radiation levels where UFOs have been reported.

Burton has obtained a Geiger counter to test for radiation if and when he receives another mutilation report.

"I don't know," about the UFO theories, Burton said. "I can't discount it. I don't have any evidence for it or against it. I keep an open mind..."

● CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE BRYNMAWR KIND:

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Pupils and teachers spot UFO over Junior School

BY TONY BOSWORTH

IT WAS CLOSE encounters of the Brynmawr kind for 28 schoolchildren on Friday as they were playing rounders in the school yard.

Eight year old Paul Newman — who goes to Brynmawr Junior School — noticed an unidentified flying object at 10.15 circling over the school — just one of a spate of recent UFO sightings in the area.

Dole figures have fallen by 103

Fewer people were unemployed in mid-May than the previous month, according to the latest figures released by the Manpower Services Commission.

They show that the unemployment figure for Blaenau Gwent on May 11 was 3,255 — a fall of 103 from the April figure of 3,358. This represents a percentage fall from 11 to 10.7.

Women continue to be better off for jobs than men — 11.6 per cent of them being unemployed compared with 10.3 of men.

There were in mid-May 679 people out of work at bertillery (down 12), 1,045 Ebbw Vale (down 47), 677 Tredegar (down 14) and 4 at Brynmawr (down 30).

The current unemployment total is made up of 1,907 men, 5 boys, 813 women and 260 girls.

Paul didn't know if aliens would land from the silvery-blue and white "dumbell" object floating in the clear sky.

He ran to his teacher, Mrs. Kathleen James to get reinforcements in the event of a possible invasion, and Mrs. James got Mrs. Bessie Williams, another of the teachers.

Not knowing what to expect, the children and their teachers stared to the heavens.

The object seemed to glow, go up in the sky, turn, and then disappear.

Mrs. James told the Gazette that there was no noise and there didn't appear to be any vapour trails, although there was a jet plane overhead.

"It seemed to be going about the speed of a light aircraft and was travelling at about the same speed, but I don't think it was a plane."

The children are all mystified by the event but they were sorry they didn't see any little green men.

Drawings

After the sitting Mrs. James got all the children to draw what they had seen and describe it.

All of their drawings and descriptions show much the same thing — a dumbell shaped object with a jet plane overhead.

Their descriptions are all the same as well.

Young Donald Maidment said "The shape was a circle, then a line and then another circle."

Michael Price, in his description added "It had blue on the top and white at the bottom."

Paul Newman has seen a UFO before, last year, and so he is getting to be quite an expert on them.

He thinks that the "starship" may have been sent from an asteroid in deepest space and that there were probably little silver men on board.

Andrew Williams added that he thought it came from "Star Wars" and that it was carrying out a check on life on earth.

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Swindon's UFO

A SWINDON housewife has claimed to have seen a UFO over the town.

Adrienne Smith, 23, of Willows Avenue, Pinehurst, saw the cigar-shaped, off-white object at around 11 o'clock.

Adrienne said: "We could see it definitely wasn't an aeroplane. It had dark areas, like windows, at either end and was travelling very fast and low."

Cheralynn Wright said that she hadn't seen a space ship before but she wasn't scared by it.

Mrs. Williams added: "I have never seen anything like it. There was something there whatever it was."

Brynmawr police were unable to shed any light on the mystery but a spokesman said "There was a low flying plane over Gilwern on Thursday."

There have been other sightings elsewhere over the weekend.

People are starting to gather regularly in Blaina to keep watch on UFO's which appear at about 9.40 p.m. most evenings.

The flying objects — some are said to be silvery in colour and others glowing red — seem to be visible for about half an hour and then disappear in the direction of Brynmawr.

There have also been sightings in Ebbw Vale and Abergavenny.

The Meteorological Office at Cardiff (Wales) Airport have no explanation for the UFO's but it is possible that they are military helicopters or hot air balloons.

Kids have close encounter

By Evening Advertiser reporter

CHILDREN in Chippenham claim to have had a close encounter with a UFO at lunch-time today.

The youngsters saw the mysterious flying object above the Woodlands area.

And they were really frightened by it...

They described the UFO as a silver light, big as a double decker bus, that changed red.

As it disappeared they reckon the trees turned silver.

Police

Among those who claimed to have had the encounter are two daughters of a Chippenham special police constable.

One of the girls, Carol Burden, 12, said:

"We were in Redlands when we saw this silver light hovering over Woodlands area.

"It then turned red and all the trees went silver before it disappeared.

"I was very frightened. I think it was a flying saucer."

Balloon

Carol's father, Basil, said:

"I asked the girls when they came in what was

the matter. They do not lie.

"I am sure it was a UFO. I thought it might have been a hot air balloon, but there are no reports of one in the area.

"It can't have been a helicopter either, they make a noise and no one else has seen one today.

"My youngest daughter Diane, ten, came home crying hysterically. "She told my wife Christine and myself that she was sure it was a flying saucer.

"She was frightened to death because she thought it might take her away."

The other girls who were playing at the time told their parents they were frightened and are all convinced it was a UFO.

Police in Chippenham and Devizes headquarters said they had received no reports of any unidentified flying objects in the area.

The sightings were a mystery, they said.

SUNDAY MIRROR, LONDON - ENGLAND
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CHILDREN IN A UFO PANIC

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EIGHT terrified children ran home crying yesterday and claimed they had spotted a UFO.

They said they saw a silver light "as big as a double decker bus."

It turned red, they said, and as it vanished nearby trees turned silver.

Two of the children were Carole Burden, 12, and his sister Diane, ten. Their father, Special Constable Basil Burden, 37, said: "I believe my children. They do not lie.

"They came home in hysterics because they were afraid the UFO would take them away."

PC Burden said he first thought that the UFO, over Chippenham, Wilts., was a hot air balloon or helicopter.

But air traffic controllers at nearby RAF Lyneham said no

Sunday Mirror Reporter

balloons or helicopters had been in their air space yesterday.

One of the other children, ten-year-old Beverley Miles, said: "It was like a big silver light and very big and bright.

"It didn't make a noise

but came towards us. I thought it was going to take us away.

"It changed to red and just went without a noise. It didn't look like pictures I've seen of flying saucers.

"I ran home to Mummy because I was so frightened."

Telephone engineer Barry Gooding, 29, who runs a UFO information service at Frome, Somerset, said: "A daylight sighting is rare, particularly something of this kind and size.

"The silver on the trees could have been caused by light from the UFO or its propulsion system."

Somebody up there 3128 seems to like us...

THE sky at night over Immingham seems to be becoming a good spot for UFO sightings.

Following the report of a boy and two youths claiming to have seen an unidentified flying object over the area, two teenage sisters say they also saw a strange light in the sky.

It was on Monday night that 14-year-old Mark Payne, of 8 Carisbrook Walk, his brother Peter (18) and a friend Wayne Ranyard (18), of Humberville Road, Immingham, said that they had seen a UFO, travelling very fast with a red and white light on it, fly up from the ground behind an old reservoir.

Now Miss Lesley Hayllar (17), of Woodlands Avenue, Immingham, and her 15-year-old sister Susan claim to have seen the strange object in the sky, and a Grimsby man has said he has seen a similar UFO over Immingham several years ago.

Lesley said: "On Monday night I was with Susan walking along Washdyke Lane. We were going towards the Civic Centre and when we got to the Pelham Hotel Susan grabbed hold of me and said 'Look at that up there'. I looked up and

saw what looked like a light for about five seconds. It was going straight up and a bit across then disappeared. I think it went behind a cloud."

"It was like an orange ball, and I thought it was a street light until I saw it was moving," she said.

Lesley said her sister saw the same thing again on Thursday night, and described it as looking like a Harrier jump jet taking off, but without making a sound.

After Susan's second sighting the girls' curiosity was so aroused that they spent a long time on Friday night in the garden gazing at the sky. However, the UFO failed to put in an appearance. "But we will be keeping a watch for it in future," said Lesley.

Meanwhile, after reading the article about the first sighting, Mr. R. Smith, of Grimsby, wrote to the Evening Telegraph saying the boy and two youths were correct in what they saw that night.

Not meteorite

He said that early one morning he and a fellow worker saw the same type of UFO take off from ground level between Laportes and Healing, which would take it over the direction of the reservoir.

"An awe inspiring sight, like they say, only ours was seven years ago," wrote Mr. Smith, adding: "Thanks boys for confirming our sighting"

These are not the only UFO sightings reported in Immingham and the surrounding area during the past year.

In January Mr. Paul Fountain, of Immingham, was stargazing with a friend when he saw a bright object travelling north-west in a zig-zag path. He saw it for about 15 to 20 seconds, was sure it was not a meteorite and believed it to have been too high to be in the atmosphere.

In July last year the Ministry of Defence could offer no positive explanation for unidentified flying objects reported to RAF Binbrook earlier that year by five different people.

The sightings described a small, silver triangular shape, a circular red object 25 feet in diameter; and three round objects, two as big and as bright as a star and the third flashing. Two other reports described an object measuring 20ft. by 3ft. either oval or cigar-shaped.

In May last year two UFOs "which made a noise like a whirlwind" were reported to

Humberside police by Mr. Roy Thompson, of Burringham, near Scunthorpe, who said he saw the "flying saucers" for a few seconds before dawn.

He said that at 3.55 he was looking out of his caravan on the bank of the Trent when he saw "two objects, oval shaped each 20 feet long and three feet high" travelling north to south.

"They were spinning, making a noise like a whirlwind which built up to a tremendous volume," he said.

This sighting came seven hours after schoolboys 15 miles away at Bransholme, Hull, reported a silent, silver cone shaped object in the sky.

Scunthorpe electrician Richard Smith was riding his motor-cycle on his way to an early morning shift at the steelworks in April last year. As he looked up towards the east he saw a bright silver cigar shaped object which was initially vertical in the air. As he watched it turned horizontal, remaining in that position for a few seconds before a distinct silver "mist" came from both ends of the object. Then the edges of the object appeared to curl up and it disappeared.

In August Grimsby docker Mr. Michael McNally told how he was on his way home when a taxi driver stopped and pointed to two bright lights in the sky.

Mr. McNally said at the time: "They were two big, bright lights and they seemed to be about 100 feet above me. I would have thought I was seeing things if the taxi driver had not been there as well."

Giving a lecture at Cleethorpes Observatory recently, the chairman of the British UFO Research Association Mr. Norman Oliver said that in the last 18 months there had been three times the normal number of UFO sightings in the British Isles.

He said he was convinced there was sufficient proof to show there was such a phenomena.

More close 3128 encounters

By Ivan Ponting

TWO CLOSE ENCOUNTERS with unidentified flying objects in the Bath area last night took the total to four this week.

The first sighting was by 27-year-old yoga teacher Mr Gary Little, of The Paragon Bath, and two friends who saw a luminous white ball the size of the moon drifting over River Street at about 11 pm.

"At first I thought it was a shooting star, but it suddenly magnified and zoomed in low before drifting over

the houses and disappearing towards London.

"It was all over in three or four seconds," but it was very beautiful while it lasted," said Mr Little.

The second encounter was by Mr Michael Heal of Highfields, Wells Road, Radstock, who saw two red balls in the sky while going home from Bath on a bus.

"Each had a touch of blue at the bottom and had white streaks behind them I watched them all the way to Radstock — a half hour bus ride — until they disappeared towards Bristol.

"They were not planes they were too round for that," he added.

Earlier this week UFOs were spotted over Puckle church and at Melksham.

Close encounters ³¹²⁸ in South America

Everyone saw it, but no - one knows where it is - or what it is.

Although there is little doubt that something fell from the sky near Les Tol-dos on the Argentine - Bolivia frontier early in May, villagers, journalists and scientific experts are divided on the origin of the mysterious unidentified flying object.

In this wild, inhospitable area inhabited by Indians, ferocious insects and superstition, everything conspires to obscure the matter further.

An Indian woman who lives in the area was asked for her opinion about the strange object that fell from the sky on the night of May 6.

She was more interested in complaining about the meagre 2.50 dollars (£1.37) she received for a bag of potatoes she brought to the frontier area after a 56 mile journey by mule.

The Argentine and Bolivian border guards, all heavily armed, have carried out a fruitless search for the object as

By a Special Correspondent

though on the track of the dangerous smugglers who thrive in the area.

One group reported to be hunting the object appeared as mysterious as the UFO.

US Air Force Major John Heide and a USAF Colonel identified only as Simmons arrived in Tarija region in Southern Bolivia by plane.

Local press reports described them as members of NASA and said they were trying to determine whether the object was similar to the nuclear-powered Soviet space satellite which fell in Canada some months ago.

But a US Embassy official said the two men were members of the US Military Mission in Bolivia and had nothing to do with NASA. He said they were carrying out a training flight in the area and not any investigations.

"In any case," he added, "The UFO is more likely to be a meteorite than a visit by beings from outer

space."

Despite his scepticism, journalists from Argentina and Bolivia and scientific experts from both countries are still searching for the object, which was seen falling by hundreds of people in the area.

They said it crashed into El Taire Hill in Bolivia, a desolate region about 1,250 miles north - west of the Argentine capital of Buenos Aires and 815 miles south of the Bolivian capital of La Paz.

Bolivian mining engineers working nearby said they saw it whistling about 100 yards over their heads.

Shortly afterwards, they heard a tremendous explosion which shook the ground. It was felt over a radius of some 60 miles.

Indians living in the area said they saw a tube like object flying through the air. Some said it was like a ball of fire.

One resident believed it could have been one of the small planes used by smugglers in the area. Others had crashed before, he said.

Late-night encounter for family

A SUTTON family have had a "close encounter" of their own kind . . . with a mysterious orange-coloured pulsating disc.

The Cassidy family, of Epping Avenue, Sutton Manor, watched in amazement as a UFO hovered in the distance, hanging virtually motionless and making no sound.

Their incredible sighting happened at 12.45 p.m., as the family were preparing for bed.

"My son, Lawrence was just returning from his grandmothers and had just entered our garden when he saw the object", said Mrs. Josie Cassidy. "He rushed in to tell us about it and my husband Bill, one of my daughters, Laura, and myself went out into the garden to have a look."

"I estimate the disc was about 1,000 feet above the ground and it seemed to be hovering over the Rainhill area," said Mrs. Cassidy. "It stayed almost motionless for about 30 seconds and we all got a good look at it."

HOVERING

"The disc was a bright fluorescent orange colour and was hovering almost horizontally," she said.

As the family watched, the orange disc suddenly shot off at great speed over the other side of their house, past Sutton Manor Colliery and off towards the M62; disappearing out of sight.

Although they were in their nightclothes, the Cassidys decided to chase after the object so Mrs. Cassidy got her other daughter, Nona, out of bed and the family set off in their car to search for the UFO.

"We drove onto the motorway and set off in the Manchester direction, where we thought the object had gone," said Mrs. Cassidy. "We must have taken a wrong turning somewhere because we saw no more of it."

On their way home, they were stopped by the motorway police, who enquired what they were doing, driving around after 1 a.m. in their nightclothes.

"The police were

amazed by our appearance, but when we told them we were chasing a UFO, they seemed to believe us and became very sympathetic."

Of the episode, Mrs. Cassidy said: "The disc could not have been a plane, I know that because many planes fly over our home and this object was totally different."

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Three UFOs ³¹²⁸ sighted

Members of the West Country Unidentified Flying Objects Research association spotted several "sightings" over Worlebury Hill at Weston-super-Mare.

Their president, Mr Ian Vinten, said today that a "bright intense light was seen at 10.47 pm on Saturday moving in an easterly direction five degrees from the horizon which appeared to flicker to a bright red and ascend and descend at three to five minute intervals over a 20 minute period."

At 11.15 another single white light appeared stationary over Bleadon Hill and a third light was seen moving to the left and vanishing in ground mist.

4 FLEW BY, CULTISTS SAY

UFOs pass up new Mt. Rainier landing zone

MOUNT RAINIER, Wash. (AP) — Four spacecraft passed over but did not stop at a mountain-side clearing dedicated especially for UFO landings, claim 25 persons who attended the dedication ceremonies.

The visit occurred at midnight Saturday, say members of the New Age Foundation, which developed the interplanetary neutral zone in a natural clearing in the woods.

During the dedication, 150 persons joined hands, formed a circle, and tightly gripped each other to form a giant "battery" to send vibrations to any space visitors who might be passing by.

Jai Bates, a residential care counsellor from Portland, said he saw one bright bluish-white light that at first he thought might be an aircraft. Then he claims he saw two more lights and then a fourth.

The squadron of spacecraft was flying in a diamond formation, Bates claimed.

"When they were right overhead, one of the lights broke formation and seemed to lower its elevation while doing a zigzag," he said. Bates said the light rejoined the formation, then the other light at the wide part of the diamond broke formation and did a small zigzag and then rejoined the formation.

Wayne Aho, president of the foundation, claims the lights were between 900 and 1,500 metres in elevation and moved slowly from the south to the northern horizon toward Mount Rainier. He said the sighting lasted five to seven minutes and all 25 people reported the same details of the sighting.

Aho claims the lights moved too slowly over too much distance to be aircraft or flares or balloons.



THE BLOB

A thick, goeey substance has been found on beaches in Wainfleet, origin and make-up unknown. A sample of the substance has been collected and is in the office of Con Eidt, director of engineering for the region. Above, his secretary, Judy Bradley, gingerly

holds a sample of the guck. A full report on the substance found on beaches, and on an oil slick reported on June 9 on Lake Erie, will be made at a regional council meeting on Thursday.

SOCORRO SAUCER

The closest encounter
of them all...

● An American scientific writer who has spent much of his career investigating and debunking UFO reports is convinced that an unidentified flying object landed at Socorro, New Mexico, on April 24, 1964.

And after 14 years of painstaking research into the incident he has presented a meticulously documented report which illustrates the repeated and baffling attempts of the top brass in Washington to cover the episode up.

A reliable and experienced police officer named Lonnie Zamora saw the UFO land and take off near the small New Mexico town of Socorro which is adjacent to the White Sands proving grounds where top secret weapons such as atom bombs have been tested.

Zamora was not the only witness.

Ten other people saw the UFO in the air and two more heard the noise it made without actually sighting it.

Zamora swears that the three metre long object was egg-shaped and supported by metal legs in an upward-tilting position while it was on the ground.

He also makes the astonishing claim that he saw two members of the object's crew actually out of the craft and standing on the ground.

He says that the two beings — described in the book as ~~humanoids~~ — were small in stature and wearing white overalls.

Immediately after the take-off, a shaken Zamora used his patrol car radio to call other policemen to the scene. They found distinct impressions in the earth made by the craft's landing gear, a small area of soil fused by great heat, and some of the nearby bushes still on fire.

These phenomena were photographed by one of the policemen and some of the pictures are reproduced in the book.

The U.S. Air Force quickly descended on Zamora and subjected him to the first of a long series of grillings during which he was persuaded, as a patriotic duty, not to tell all he had seen to anybody but authorised top-level government officials.

In fact, he was prevailed on to tell a few white lies for outside consumption.

But through his experience and perseverance the author

WAS UFO SENT TO SPY?

of the book, Ray Stanford, managed early in the piece to get the true story from Zamora.

An interesting discovery by those first on the scene was that one of the UFO's legs had left behind on a piece of rock very small pieces of metal. Unofficial testing of the metal scraps showed them to be of an alloy unknown to experts.

Against his better judgement, Stanford yielded to requests to surrender the rock bearing the pieces of metal for top-level official laboratory testing in Washington. He did so only on the guarantee that both the rock and the metal would be returned to him.

After a very long period and many inquiries, Stanford finally got the rock back but there was no sign of the metal.

In his fascinating book, Stanford gives a strong hint that he is now hot on the trail of strong rumours that the U.S. Air Force has "captured" on the ground a UFO similar to the one seen at Socorro.

The author does not hesitate to name the top service and government officers concerned in the Socorro incident and gives precise times, places and dates.

In the best traditions of authentic research, he lays it all before readers and asks them to judge for themselves.

Socorro Saucer, by Ray Stanford. A paperback published by Fontana. Recommended price, \$2.95.

HAMILTON, ONT., CANADA - SPECTATOR
*****JULY 31, 1978*****

Another angle to draw tourists

There is something comforting (and predictable) about the news that the fabled Loch Ness monster, Nessie, has been sighted again, just as the Scottish tourist season is approaching its peak.

This time, the observation was made at dawn by an angler whose cast was interrupted by the sight of a black body shaped like an upturned rowing boat with a neck 12 feet long and a head shaped like a soccer ball. Said the angler: "I got the fright of my life. My eyes nearly dropped

out when it rose out of the water just 30 yards away."

His word cannot be doubted, any more than can the word of all those others who have made sightings at various times down the years.

For those who have gazed in awe on the brooding, black waters of Loch Ness, which can seem faintly menacing by day and absolutely terrifying by night, there is only one conceivable explanation: Nessie is a most discriminating monster who hates to be seen by more than one human at a time and who chooses to rise from the Stygian depths each year as the tourist season is approaching, for personal reasons that have nothing to do with the needs of Scottish tourism.

FURNLEY EVENING STAR - ENG.
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Light in sky confirmed

GLASGOW holidaymaker Mrs Catherine Mason was not alone in spotting an unexplained bright light in the sky above Pendle on Monday night.

The light also attracted the attention of Mr Ronald Clark of Bridge Street, Colne, who was out walking his dog at about 11 p.m.

After reading Mrs Mason's description of the light in this newspaper he explained: "It looked to me like a green light travelling very fast over the top of Pendle. It was moving too fast to be an aeroplane. I don't believe in UFOs but the light I saw coincides with the one Mrs Mason spotted."