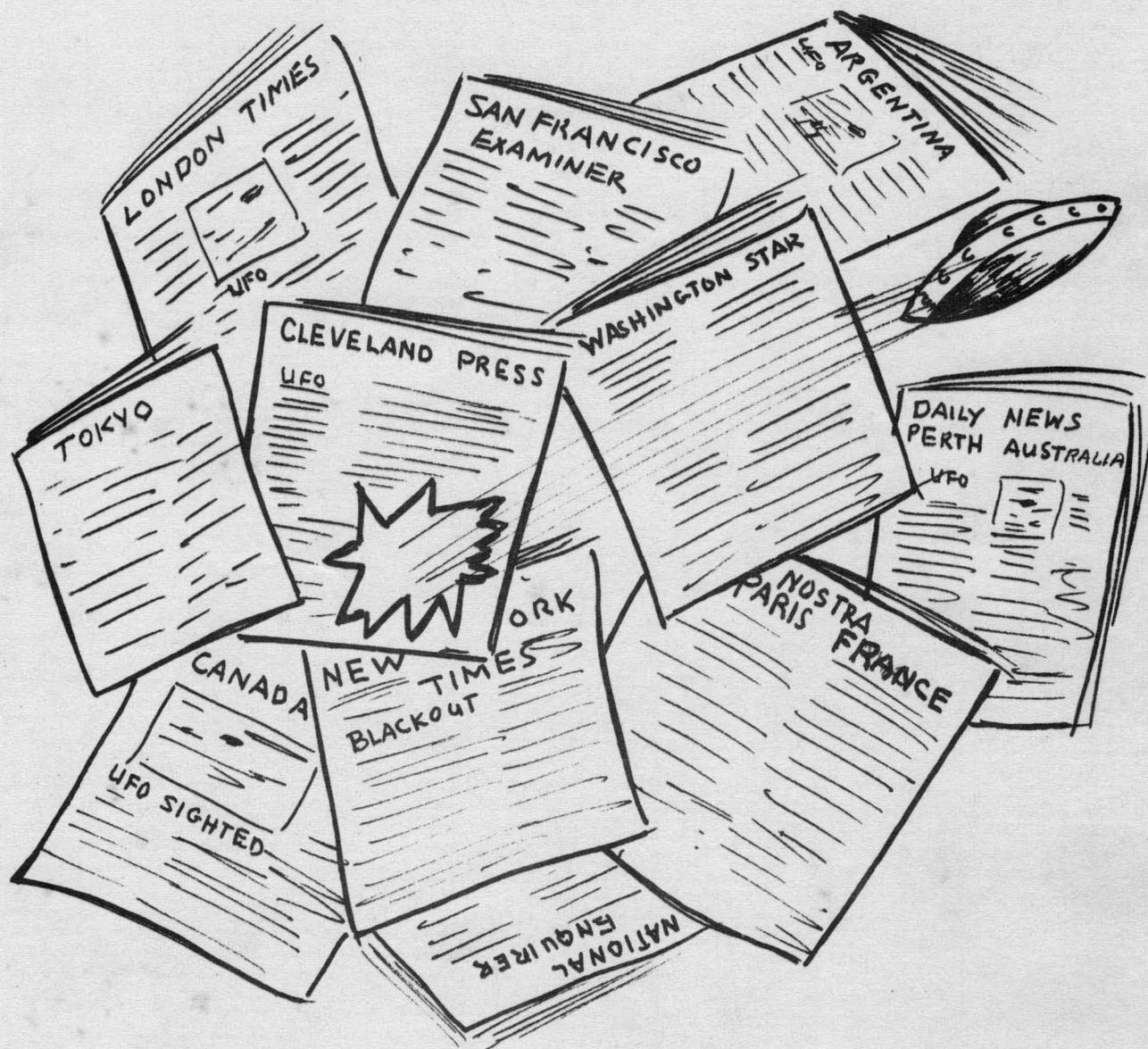


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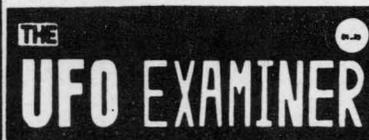


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Who goes there?

UFO sighted over North Shore

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TH - Keep your eye peeled to the sky and you never know what you may see.

Last week, at least two area residents were doing just that and caught sight of what might turn out to be an unidentified flying object (UFO).

At 11:22 p.m. the Lake County Sheriff's office received a call about a strange looking falling star sighted in Finland. At 11:35 p.m., another report came in about a bright green glowing object that darted silently across the sky and then plunged straight down towards the earth and behind the horizon of trees.

The man who sighted it, who was apprehensive about being identified, said he had never seen anything like it. He had ruled out the possibilities of it being a plane, weather balloon or falling star.

Also, in the area that night, there were reports from individuals who reported seeing bright lights falling in the sky. They felt, however, that the sightings could be attributed to meteor showers scheduled for the area.

Across the region, UFO's have been in the news. In the Biwabik-Gilbert area, several people reported seeing a number of glowings, multi-colored UFO's.

According to the Biwabik Times newspaper, sheriff's department officials and citizens all saw lights in the sky above that community.

The sightings on the range were reported to the Wisconsin State Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). The organization receives reports of sightings and close encounters and turns the a-

vailable information over to scientists.

One of the MUFON's field investigators, Eugene Lundholm, works out of Superior, Wis.

He was contacted by the News-Chronicle and told of a sighting and actual evidence that might have been left by a UFO in the Two Harbors area four years ago.

According to Lundholm, there was a reported sighting of a craft actually landing in the woods between Brimson and Two Harbors. When he was called to investigate, he found evidence of impact as well as small piles of a powdery substance.

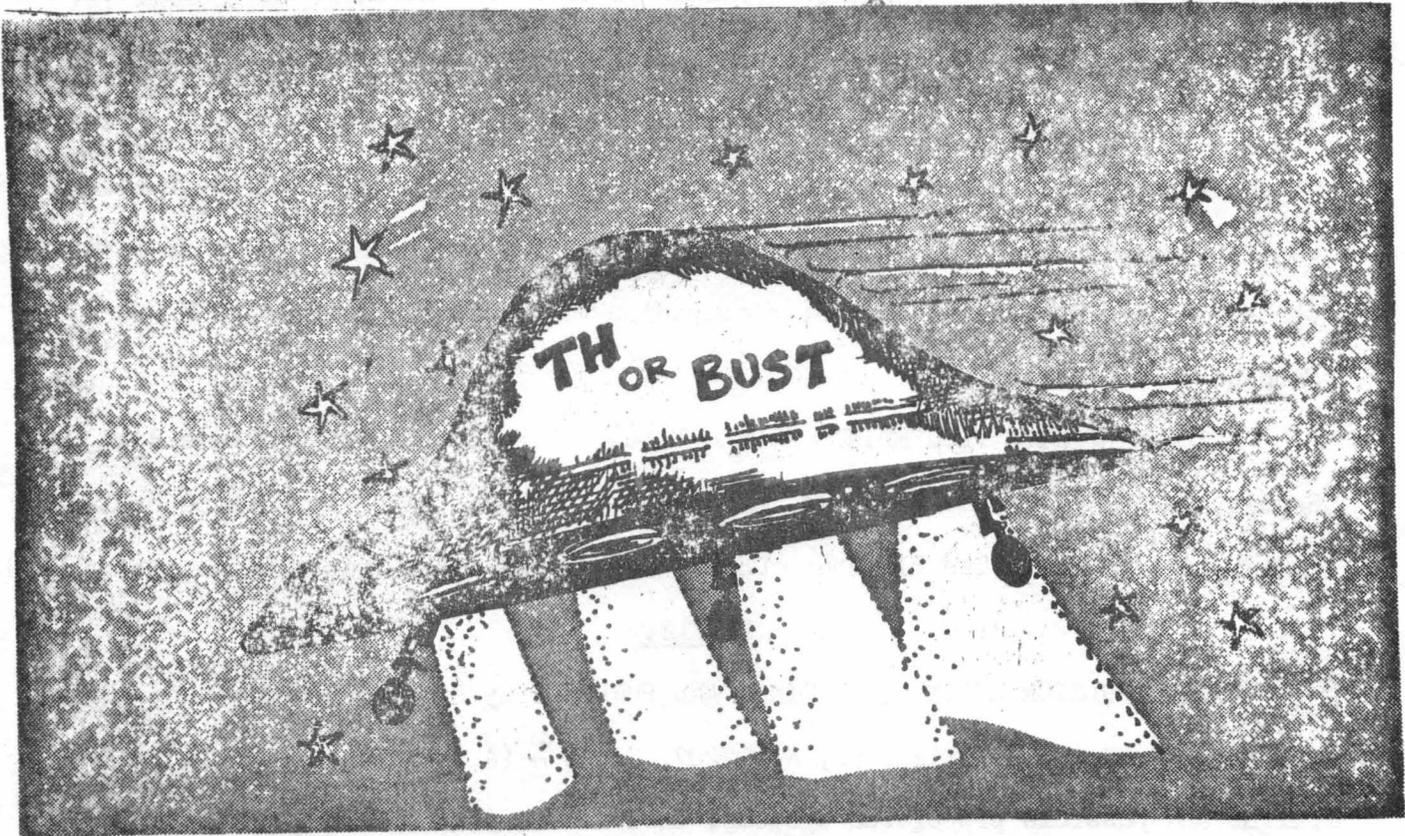
Lundholm collected and analyzed the powder and sent it to scientists for further analysis. It was found to be a mixture of a magnesium and

calcium that was identifiable. Lundholm said that such a mixture is not native to the area and traces of the same substance have been found around the country at reported UFO landing sites.

That physical evidence, a close encounter of the second kind, lent some credence to the story.

Lundholm said that there were a rash of sightings in northeastern Minnesota in 1974-75 and that it may be happening again in the area with the reports of sightings from Biwabik and Two Harbors.

The warning from the movie *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* where contact was made with aliens might hold true: We are not alone.



Funny lights in the sky

leave him laughing

By JACK BRAMMER
Leader staff writer

Heh, heh, heh, goes 38-year-old Phil Crawford when he hears about UFOs. A simple heh, heh, heh, that underlies both his amusement and skepticism.

As assistant chief of Blue Grass Field's control tower, Crawford and his staff get their fair share of callers describing strange sightings in the sky.

"It seems like we get them all," he said. "This summer has been relatively quiet but we did have a recent call from a lady in Versailles who said she saw a UFO while walking her dog at two in the morning. I don't know about some of them."

Though he may laugh UFOs off in a casual conversation, Crawford takes each and every call about them to the airport in a quite serious, down-to-earth manner.

Callers are convinced

"Most of the callers seem to really believe they saw something out there," he said. "I suppose until they are identified they are UFOs."

In March, the control tower received so many sightings of a ball of light hovering in the Fayette County night sky that at least two radar units were monitored.

"I tell people we didn't see anything unusual but that two of them got away," says Crawford. More heh, heh, heh.

Actually, the airport does have a policy in dealing with calls about UFOs.

"We don't keep any records of the calls but if we get a report that the UFO is a threat to property or life we tell the caller to notify the police," said Crawford.

"However, if the report does not threaten property or life and the caller still wants to check

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it out we can provide him with the number of the Phenomena Research Center in Seattle, Wash. (1-206-722-3000)."

Another number for the interested caller, says Crawford, is the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. That number is 1-312-491-6666. Both centers are funded by private donations and offer free service. Neither is associated with the federal government.

'The third degree'

When a call is received at the Washington center, the caller is given "the third degree," according to staff member Robert Gribble.

"We ask the basic questions — date of sighting, time, description, number of witnesses, their names and addresses, its duration," he said in a recent telephone interview.

"If we think the caller credible, we send him a questionnaire. If that checks out, we may send a representative to the area."

Since the 23-year-old center started taking UFO calls in 1974, about 1,200 sightings have been recorded. "We've been able to explain about 90 percent of them but it's that 10 percent that's so intriguing," said Gribble.

The Center for UFO Studies in Illinois was established in 1973 as a clearinghouse for UFO reports from all over the world. It has a sister organization in Australia, and provides information to "serious researchers."

In 1967, the Air Force ended a 21-year study which took in 12,097 reported UFO sightings. The Center for UFO Studies now has all these data.

Estelle Pospol, the center's administrator, says a caller is first directed to check in an almanac to see if the thing could be an astronomical event — like Venus or a star.

If the sighting cannot be readily explained, the center asks pertinent questions and records the in-

formation for researchers.

The most noted researcher at the center — and, its scientific director — is 68-year-old Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astronomy professor. He says years of study and hundreds of interviews have left him "personally convinced that other intelligences are involved" in UFO incidents.

Incidentally, Hynek will be the special speaker Saturday night at an international UFO convention in Dayton, Ohio.

According to Ms. Pospol, most UFO sightings occur in the Midwest, with Kentucky having "an abundant supply."

Recent reports bear her out.

Two weeks ago, 29-year-old state police trooper Jim Whitaker reported his second view this year of a UFO.

A big, glowing car

He described it as big as a car, rectangular in shape and giving off a red, blue and green glow.

About a month ago, Josh Hopkins, 7, and Matt Hoelscher, 10, both of Parkers Mill Road, saw an object "bigger than the moon in the sky: and "staying in one place for a few minutes."

They said it looked like three big diamonds hooked together.

Their attempt to call Metro Police proved futile. The youngsters were told to "wait until their parents got home." Metro Detective Jim Young says the police station received several calls during that time about a UFO.

Also, a Lexington television station, WLEX, Thursday night reported several sightings of a UFO from residents in the Lansdowne and Gainesway area.

Police were reportedly notified but no explanation has yet been given of what was up there.

2 UFO sightings reported in N.C.

From Staff and Wire Reports

Two flying saucer sightings were reported in North Carolina last week, and one of them will be investigated by the national Center for UFO Studies.

Colon Grandy Jr., a farmer near Poplar Branch in Currituck County, said he was leaving a workshop behind his home Thursday evening when he saw what he described as a disc-shaped aircraft, 75 yards in diameter, with orange lights around its edge.

Grandy said the saucer moved soundlessly about 200 feet off the ground. "It seemed like the longer I watched it the faster it moved."

Grandy called the Elizabeth City Coast Guard Air Station, where Lt. j.g. Brad Black said he had gotten a similar call. Black said he left a recorded message at the UFO center, which reported it was planning to investigate the sighting.

A spokesman for the center in Evanston, Ill., said the organization investigates all sightings reported to it,

usually by observers or police. The spokesman said the investigation would begin "as soon as manpower is available, depending on what other reports we have at the time."

The second incident occurred Friday night in Concord.

Lisa Potter and her fiance, Ray Eudy, were driving on a downtown street when they saw an object over the Carras County courthouse.

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Woman reports car was carried by UFO

A woman from Arnold, Mo. reported to authorities that early Thursday morning her car was lifted from Highway 50 in Union and carried by some mysterious force. Four other persons also report sighting something unusual in the sky at that general area during the approximate time period.

Mrs. Clora Winscher, approximately 50 years old, was returning to Arnold after visiting her brother in Beaufort. Because of the tremendous thunderstorm that hit the area that night, she stopped off the east bound lane on Highway 50 near the First Baptist Church of Union to wait out the storm. She sat alone in her 1974 model passenger car.

Suddenly she saw a brilliant white light over the top of her vehicle. She heard and felt a hard crash at the rear of her car, but no other vehicle was in sight. The rear of her vehicle was lifted. She reports she had absolutely no control of the car. She was carried some distance to the Bourbeuse River bridge. The light moved in a western direction. She then drove down highway 50 looking for a policeman, sheriff's deputy, highway patrolman or someone in authorities to which she could relate her story. When she couldn't find any such person, she drove to Arnold.

She told the Arnold police the above story. The Arnold police in turn called the Union police.

Authorities describe her as being a reliable person and totally competent. They

say she had not been drinking.

There is physical evidence that something happened to her car. There was no damage to her energy conserving bumper, but the edge of her trunk lid was damaged. It is unlikely that a vehicle could have caused damage to the rear of the car without damaging the bumper. She believes the damage to have been caused when she was lifted.

Four other persons report having seen a brilliant light in that direction during

that time, including three members of the Union mayor's family. Mrs. Ruth Stieffermann, son Jerry, age 25, and daughter Mary, age 15, all report watching a bright steady light going across the sky.

A fourth person, Mrs. Velma Clines of Beaufort, who reportedly had heard nothing about Mrs. Winscher's incident, said

she also saw something coming west from a eastern position. (Beaufort is west of Union). She reports she saw two unidentified flying objects (UFOs). The UFOs were at about tree level. They turned south and out of her view.

The Union police have called the Scott Air Force Base for an investigation.

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UFO sightings in East County not spaceships

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There are conflicting reports as to what set off a flurry of UFO sightings in the East County Wednesday night — but there is some agreement that it was not spacecrafts from another planet.

Robert Garis, who is with the San Diego office of the Center for UFO Studies, said his office has traced the sightings to flares being launched by the military in the Borrego Desert. Garis said his office received about 150 reports of sightings.

La Mesa police believe pranksters who sent a plastic bag aloft with heated air may have had a hand in launching about 60 sighting reports to the station between 8 and 9 p.m.

Sgt. Wayne Beatty said the reports were of objects that looked like flares or burning matter. Beatty said that two officers also saw an object moving north to south in the sky over the area of Jackson Drive.

Beatty said there have been similar sightings when pranksters have filled a plastic bag with air, heated it with an attached candle and sent it skyward.

Man sees UFO

YORKTOWN — Albert Lee of 681 Garth Court, Yorktown, reported sighting a UFO at 9:20 p.m. Tuesday slightly east of the Taconic Parkway in the vicinity of the Mohansic Avenue exit.

Lee described the object as "delta shaped" about the size of a Boeing 747, with about 10 rows of 20 to 30 lights each on its underbody. He said the UFO also had a red light on it.

The object he said, was travelling in a northeasterly or north-northeasterly direction at "roughly" 100 to 200 miles per hour. He estimated its altitude was about 2,000 feet. The entire sighting, he said, lasted about 30 seconds.

"Anything you can't identify is a UFO. I'm not saying if it was anything in particular. If it was a plane, it was an awfully funny looking plane," said Lee.

The Westchester County Airport control tower, the Yorktown Police Department and the Hawthorne barracks of the State Police report they received no calls of UFO sightings on that night.

New Light on Odd Light

By Dixie Franklin
Special to The Journal

Paulding, Mich. — The strange light that has been appearing almost nightly for at least 12 years above this Upper Peninsula village has attracted the interest of two New Jersey seismologists.

Claiming that the light might be the sign of tremors or earthquakes, they plan to come here to investigate in about two months.

Although some people here say they have been seeing the light as far back as they can remember, the first reported sighting was by four teenagers 12 years ago who had parked along a swampy section of the old Military Rd. called Dog Meadow.

Rick Chiochios, the driver, reported that a sudden brilliance illuminated the interior of the car. It seemed to hang suspended along the power line that parallels the road leading into Paulding.

The teenagers became frightened and ran for the sheriff.

Cars full of people have been traveling that stretch of road just off Highway 45 ever since then. The spot is halfway between Paulding in Ontonagon County and Watersmeet in Gogebic County, less than 20 miles north of the Michigan-Wisconsin line.

The light appears on almost any clear night, usually about the size of a weather balloon on the northwest horizon. Depending on the perspective, which has been difficult to establish, it seems to move slowly to the northeast. The light remains in view

— its intensity seeming to remain constant — for varying lengths of time, from a few seconds to about eight minutes.

Haunting Legends

Some sightseers have become frightened as the legends of the light multiply.

Stories circulate about a mail carrier and his team of sled dogs, all killed at Dog Meadow 100 years ago. Or about an engineer who was murdered along the old railroad grade where the light appears.

Other people have reported strange powers of the light.

Brian Maki, at the Ewen Texaco Station about 15 miles north, said he first saw the light about 10 years ago. "It made a believer out of me," he said.

When motorists told him their cars stalled as the light hovered above the hoods, he believed them.

Termed Top Priority

Some people scoff when they talk about the light. They attribute the bright glow to car lights topping Cemetery Hill, about 5 miles away.

About the time that Paulding got used to using its light as a tourist attraction, the story came to the attention of two New Jersey seismologists, William Wagner and Ronald Hulse, who have formed an organization called Earthlight Research for conducting their studies.

They contacted a local reporter and requested color movies of the light, and now

say they have given it top priority in their research.

Wagner, an electrical engineer who lives in Dover, N.J., said such lights occasionally occurred over regions where earthquakes have occurred or were likely to occur.

Crust of Earth

He said Wisconsin and Upper Michigan have been the targets of seismological



Paulding and Watersmeet lie along Highway 45

studies because it was believed that the weight of glacial ice over a certain north central region of the country at one time set the stage for earthquakes.

He said the ice pressed down the crust of the Earth, and there appeared reason to believe that the Earth now was trying to expand back to its original contour, giving off luminous gases in the process.

The luminosity is largely unexplained, he said, but it could be caused by gases

squeezed from a fault in the Earth's crust.

Lights that citizens in numerous spots around the US have attributed to UFOs, Wagner said, since have been linked to earthquakes.

Key to Earthquakes

Wagner said some seismologists believed that there might be an underlying fault in the Paulding-Watersmeet area and that St. Croix, Wis., and Ann Arbor, Mich., had similar characteristics.

"Light formations do not mean there will be an earthquake in the area," Wagner said. "We are studying them in an attempt to predict earthquakes in hard hit areas, like California and New Jersey."

According to Hulse, interest in the Paulding light increased when characteristics were found that normally were found only in East Coast sightings.

"Maybe this one holds the key to the rest," he said.

University scientists contacted in the Upper Peninsula, although aware of research in earthquake lights, were only vaguely aware of the Paulding light.

When told that the New Jersey team suspected the presence of radon, a radioactive gas in rock that usually is associated with a fault in the Earth, one professor disagreed.

Donald Davitello, associate professor of physics at Michigan Technological University, said, "Perhaps it could be methane, but radon would never appear luminous."

UFO Sightings Reported

- Washington, Mo., "Citizen", July 29-30, 1978

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

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 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 sure do now," she said.

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

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.



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.

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.

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

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Eerie night glow brings 'close encounter' visions

The eerie glow from burning liquid gas in the train derailment near Collinsville may have been mistaken for a UFO by some area residents, especially those who saw the film "Close Encounters of a Third Kind."

Mark Hawkins, 16, of 2800 Angela Drive, Nameoki Township, saw the glow from Morrison Road near his home about midnight Saturday. He later told his mother, Mrs. Helen Hawkins, the weird sight appeared to be a space ship of some kind.

"Mark said he saw a large orange circle of light, which seemed to land and then disappear," Mrs. Hawkins said,

having an open mind on the existence of UFOs, she telephoned Pontoon Beach police, who explained what Mark had seen.

A Collinsville woman living near the derailment said her husband woke her about midnight to tell her he had seen a large bright light that resembled the space ship from "Close Encounters," which he had seen recently.

The man said he wanted someone else to see what he saw.

But the light had disappeared by the time his wife awoke.

"I hope this cures you of drinking by yourself at midnight," the sleepy wife told him.

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.

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.

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Local UFO Sighting Reported

In the past several weeks there have been many reports of unidentified flying objects over the state of Missouri. Reports began in the western part of the state near Springfield, and went as far east as Union.

On Monday evening of last week, Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan, who reside on Grand Drive in the north end of Steelville, were driving to their home via First Street, and while in the "S" curves at the top of the hill, they both reported seeing a very bright, large round light in the sky traveling at some distance above the treetops. Mr. McMillan stated that this occurred at about 10 o'clock and they first saw the object over the Ambrose Greathouse residence. It proceeded up that side of

First Street, passing over the Mr. & Mrs. Lee Smith property (formerly the Albert Kreamalmeyer residence), and disappeared from sight when it approached near the Gladden's Greenhouse.

The McMillan's live just north of the Gladden's, and they saw no evidence of anything unusual in the area when they passed by there

More Reports Follow Early UFO Sightings

Reports of UFO sightings in the Union area last Wednesday night and early Thursday morning, broadcast on radio Thursday, prompted calls to Union police in two more apparently unrelated instances later in the day.

Chief Don Fowler received the first call about 10:15 a.m. Union Mayor Bill Stieffermann told the chief that, since other reports had

to go to their own house. Mr. McMillan said the object gave the appearance of being about 12-16 inches in diameter, and that he could not keep his eyes on it every second due to driving his car, however, Mrs. McMillan kept an eye on it until it disappeared.

He said it looked somewhat like a large street light type of light and trailed light behind it. Mr. McMillan told us that he called the Sheriff's office when he got home and reported what he had seen, and was told that there had been no other reports of anything unusual.

been filed regarding unexplained appearances Wednesday night, he felt obliged to report a sighting between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday by his wife and two of his children.

Fifteen-year-old Mary Stieffermann was the first to spot what all three described as "an unusually large white light" below the clouds, travelling from east to west in front of the house. The object, which did not appear to project light, but glowed instead, continued in the same direction, at the same speed, until Mary, her mother Ruth, and brother Jerry, 25, lost sight of it.

The three observers said the light did not flicker, was much larger than a star, but yet was not startling in appearance. All three agreed that if the object had been an airplane, it would have been too far distant to hear, and the wind was blowing, besides.

"We didn't really think nothing of it," Jerry said. "The other two had about the same

kind of attitude I had." Jerry finished watching television after the incident, then went to work.

None of the trio was going to report the sighting until Mayor Stieffermann contacted police

Two other Union women, sisters living on either end of town, were not so hesitant to report sighting UFO'S.

Kathy Lowe, 402 East Park street, one of the women, was witness to the event only after her eight-year-old son, Eddie Frueh, brought it to her attention. What Lowe said she saw was a "very bright, flat silver object" circling north Union, then heading west. She told police she "happened to hear" of the early morning sightings on radio earlier that day.

Lowe telephoned her sister across town immediately after seeing the saucer, and Jan Palmer advised her to call the police. But before Lowe could pick up the receiver to dial authorities, Palmer was back on the line, claiming she had seen an identical saucer at her end of town. The two women then notified Union police.

Mrs. Winscher is the former Miss Clara Evelyn Rice of Cuba. She was returning home from visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. James Rice, of Beaufort when the incident occurred.

Police Chief Links UFOs To Mutilation of Animals

Reported sightings of glowing, pulsating and saucer-shaped UFOs near St. Louis, Mo., have been linked to a terrifying rash of bizarre animal mutilations.

"It seems to me you can tie the UFOs and cow mutilations together," concluded Jon Livengood, police chief of the farming community of Elsberry, Mo., where six cows were found dead — drained of all blood — and their eyes, ears, tongues and reproductive organs removed with surgical precision.

"I think we're dealing with something we just can't comprehend!"

The animals were discovered mutilated in their pastures during a period of widely reported UFO activity — similar to the strange mutilations and UFO sightings reported in Logan County, Colo. (reported in the Oct. 11, 1977, issue of The ENQUIRER).

The mystery in Missouri deepened as baffled farmers reported predators and scavengers — such as coyotes and buzzards — who are normally attracted to dead livestock, refused to even touch the dissected carcasses.

What's more, all the animals were killed inside fenced areas.

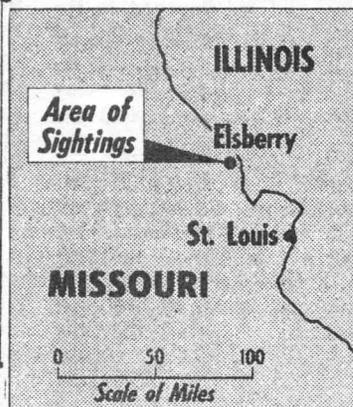
Police could find no trace of intruders, and in no case could they find bullet holes or stab wounds.

Leading local citizens reported UFOs in the area directly around Elsberry about the time the cows were found dead.

On June 17, dead cows were found on three local farms. The next night, shining UFOs were reported over Elsberry.

"It looked like your traditional flying saucers," recalled Elsberry water superintendent Manford Hammond, who spotted a brilliant UFO on June 18.

"It looked like if you took two saucers and would turn one on top of the other. It was tremendously bright and hovering — as bright as the brightest of fluorescent lamps. It was so bright that when it would go down behind trees, you could see it shine behind them!"



MAP shows farming community where UFOs were seen on several occasions.

"like they were giving themselves signals."

Gladney also noted that even two days after it had been found

Also on the night of June 18, Mrs. Gail Gilchrist, a retired Army communications specialist, watched in amazement through binoculars as a UFO "flashing red, blue and green" floated around the sky inside a "triangle of smaller lights. The bright object was definitely communicating with the lights around it."

Farmer Forrest Gladney and his entire family saw a glowing UFO the night of June 9 — one day after he found a dead calf in his pasture.

"I saw this big orange light," he remembered. "It was as big as a full moon and it wasn't too high above the ground."

Gladney told The ENQUIRER that two other bright lights appeared in the night sky. And for one-and-a-half hours he said the three lights — pulsating colorfully — staged a spectacular aerial display over his farm

dead, the calf's body remained untouched by scavengers.

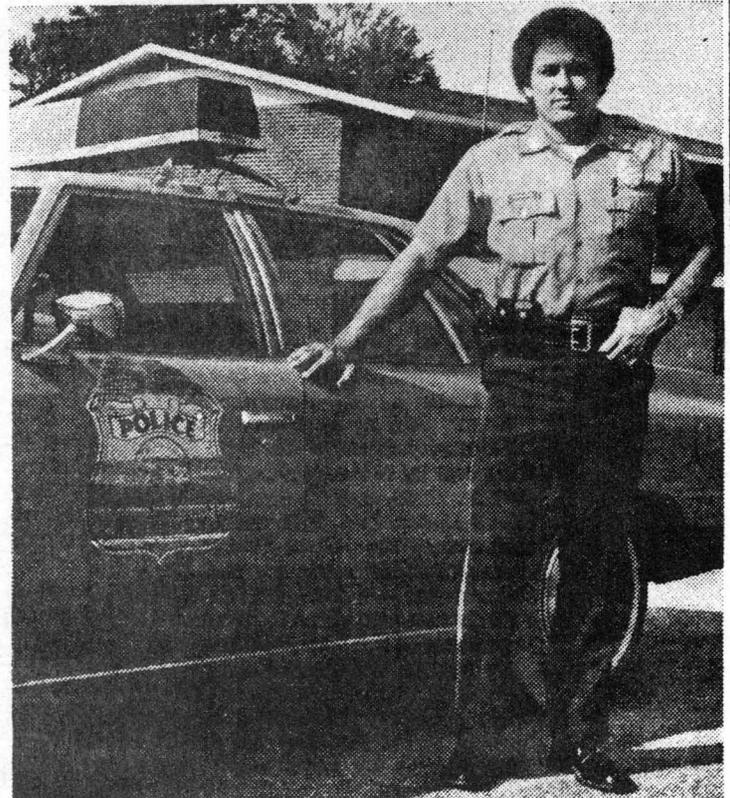
On June 16 — the night before a mutilated cow and calf were discovered on her farm — Mrs. Mary Louise Hagemeyer said her son told her he saw "a bright, red-orange light making a half circle around the farm. It made no noise and it was something he had never seen before."

The weird story is still unfolding, according to Margaret Watts, editor of the Elsberry Democrat, who told The ENQUIRER:

"More and more people living in this area are admitting now they have seen things ... they wouldn't say anything before because they were afraid they would be ridiculed."

— MEL LUNA

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POLICE CHIEF Jon Livengood confesses: "I think we're dealing with something we just can't comprehend."

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ENCOUNTER: Water superintendent Manford Hammond spotted brilliant UFO, shown here in artist's impression.

ST. CLAIR, MO. - CHRONICLE
 *****AUG. 2, 1978*****

Storm brings damages and flock of "UFOs"

A storm which was described prior to its arrival as of volume to rate a tornado warning here, arrived about 7:30 p.m., at which time a funnel cloud was sighted over I-44 at Hwy 30, southwest outskirts of St. Clair. The cloud did not descend to the ground and floated away. It is the first believable sighting in St. Clair for many years. It is thought that the

area is protected by the inundating hills and timberland.

In addition to the strange light which hovered briefly over a car driven by Mrs. Clara Winscher of Arnold as she headed home from a visit in Beaufort and had reached the point on Hwy 50, Union, of the First Baptist Church, other unexplained lights were seen immediately after the electrical and thunderstorm

in Union, in southeast Missouri and elsewhere in the area. Mrs. Winscher's car was lifted at two points on the lid to the trunk at the car's rear, and pushed two-tenths of a mile to the Bourbeuse River Bridge, she said. Police verified that there were no other contact points on the car, no other dents or disturbances of dust. They regard Mrs. Winscher as reliable. She was driving alone. Two other unexplained, brilliant

lights were seen shortly after the storm in Union.

TREES DOWNED

Large trees toppled in the wind in Washington on the Missouri River and the wind was said to be a small twister or small tornado.

POWER AFFECTED

William Carr, district manager for Union Electric, states that the storm hit Washington, Pacific and surrounding St. Albans at about 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, and fallen

trees disrupted U E service.

By Thursday morning, July 27, there were still two to three hundred people still out of service of the seven to eight thousand outages from north of Union and in St. Louis County. U E crews had worked to make repairs from 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, until midnight Thursday, July 27.

Carr rates the severity of the storm in the 8 to 9 category, on a scale of 1 to 10.

KAHOKA, MO. - GAZETTE-HERALD
 *****AUG. 3, 1978*****

UFO Reported by County Residents

Several Clark County residents reported seeing a bright colored ball in the sky around 9:30 Monday night,

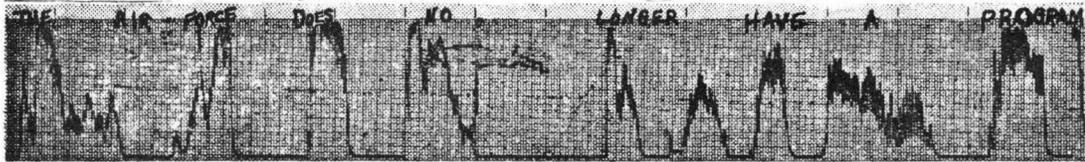
July 24. The sheriff's department reported that a strange object was also seen in other northeast Missouri areas.

The Missouri Highway Patrol didn't have any reports

of the object but said it was probably a meteor.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop B in Macon reported the sighting of an apparent meteor in an area south of Macon and as far north as Kahoka around 9:30 Monday night.

Scientific Truth Evaluator Shows . . . U.S. Air Force Officers Lied About UFOs



PRINTOUT of Maj. Edward Lansdale's answer when he was asked if the Air Force now investigates UFOs is shown above. He said: "The Air Force does no longer have a program." Noted expert C.R. McQuiston: He "doesn't really believe what he's saying."

By DAVID WRIGHT

Three U.S. Air Force officers who flatly denied that the government is investigating major UFO encounters were not telling the truth, according to a stress analysis of their voices.

"There is a clear pattern (of deception) here that is common to all of them," declared C.R. McQuiston, who is the co-inventor of the Psychological Stress Evaluator (PSE). "They all had characteristics that lead me to believe that there is indeed a cover-up."

McQuiston analyzed the answers the men gave to ENQUIRER questions in recorded interviews in connection with our June 27 article charging the government with a shocking ongoing cover-up of UFO sightings.

The PSE is so reliable that it has been used by more than 300 law enforcement agencies in the United States, and its evaluations have been accepted as evidence in legal proceedings in more than a dozen states.

One of the officers, Maj. Edward Lansdale, "doesn't really believe what he is saying," noted McQuiston.

Major Lansdale, of the Air Force Office of Information in Washington, D.C., had been asked if the Air Force now investigates UFOs. "The Air Force does no longer have a program," he replied.

The PSE shows he "has definite reservations about the validity" of that statement, said McQuiston. "It appears like he is saying, 'Well, I am saying this, but I don't believe it.'"

Maj. Gary Hawksworth was asked if the famous Project Blue Book — which supposedly kept files on all UFO incidents investigated by the Air Force until it officially stopped doing so in 1969 — was in fact complete. "I don't know whether I could say that," he answered.

Declared McQuiston, "He's hedging. There's very definite reservation in that statement. He obviously knows of cases that didn't go in the Blue Book. He's not telling the whole truth and shows the stress line."

Capt. Charles Wax told The ENQUIRER that "there's no Air Force procedure for reporting extraterrestrial type sightings." McQuiston said, "The PSE shows that's not true. There's a lot of stress there. He doesn't pass the test at all."

UFO sightings reported here FRONT PAGE

Two Riverside County sheriff's deputies were among several persons who reportedly saw an unidentified flying object in the Indio-Coachella area Saturday night.

Deputies Gayle Janes and Kenneth Griffin were on patrol at about 11 p.m.

Saturday on Highway 111 between Avenue 60 and Avenue 62 when they observed lights suddenly appear in the sky and then drop straight down to the tree level in a field east of Highway 86.

They could detect no form, only red and white lights, and heard no noise.

The deputies, reportedly thinking that a plane had gone down, checked with the Federal Aviation Administration Station in Thermal, but officials there reported that no planes had gone down.

At about 11:32 p.m. the sheriff's department received a call from a female who reported that she had seen an object with a set of lights land in a date grove near her home near Avenue 50 and Van Buren. The lights, she said, were red, green and white. She said that she also did not hear any noise.

Another deputy also reported receiving calls about an object which people saw land and then disappear, but he could not be reached for further details.

A spokeswoman for the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization, an Arizona-based private investigative group, commented that the case looked "very interesting" and indicated a field researcher is being sent to the scene to conduct a followup investigation.

"It isn't often we get cases involving reliable, trained witnesses such as sheriff's deputies," the spokeswoman said.

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Sheffield Woman Becomes UFO Believer

LORAIN, OHIO - JOURNAL
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SHEFFIELD VILLAGE — Until last week, Mrs. Loreen Little, 29, 4866 Colorado Ave., like a lot of other people, thought the talk about UFOs was a lot of craziness.

But now she's a believer.

"I've got to believe what my own brain and eyeballs saw," said Mrs. Little as she described the strange silvery object that hovered in a field across the street from her home about 10:45 last Thursday night.

Mrs. Little said she had been sitting outside in her car listening to her car radio. She had just switched to a Billy Graham crusade when everything in the car — radio, flashlight, defroster — went dead.

LOOKING UP, she saw the object poised, "no more than a finger off the ground. At first, I just saw the top." However, as the craft rose in the air, she could see it more clearly.

She described it as flat on the bottom with two lights. It was shaped like "an upside-down banana." As it prepared to take to take off, she said it sounded like a vacuum sweeper when it goes bad and added that it had a radiation sound to it.

Getting out of the car, she went to stand at the end of the driveway to see it better. She said she wanted to get closer but was afraid to. As she stood there, it suddenly went back up and just like "one, two, three it was gone into thin air," she said.

Mrs. Little says the craft was about the size of "a Dodge Polara and a Ford LTD bumper to bumper." Witnessing the event with her was her daughter, Belinda Sue Little, 4, and Judy Reskzsky, who is the 14-year-old daughter of Mrs. Linda Reskzsky, 33083 Lake Road, Avon Lake.

At first, Mrs. Little said she wasn't going to make an official report on the sighting because she was afraid people wouldn't believe her. However, yesterday she decided it was important for other people to know about it and call Channel 5 in Cleveland which sent out a camera crew. The interview, which was broadcast last night, ended up with the TV reporter saying they could find no evidence of anything landing in the field. Mrs. Little said she made no report to the police.

Mrs. Little's father, Loren Little, says he saw a UFO about four years ago in Lakewood. He said the object was similar to the one his daughter saw. A devoted Bible reader, he believes UFOs are a fulfillment of Biblical prophecies of the "last days when man will see wonders in the heavens."

"In this vast universe, as big as our God is, I believe he has created a being more superior to us that the people on Earth cannot touch," Little said.

Tomorrow, Lorain radio station WLRO will start a new show, "Hotline Project: UFO." The pilot half-hour show can be heard at 12:35 p.m. Mrs. Little expects to be interviewed for one of the shows later.

Man defends UFO story despite report of hoax

By JANE KAHOUN

UFO experts say his story is a hoax, but Thomas J. McCoy still maintains he told the truth about sighting a UFO at the Cleveland Metroparks.

McCoy, his brother Timothy, and his nephew Robert E. Markham, received wide media coverage after they reported sighting a UFO at Brecksville Reservation Thursday.

McCoy presented 13 photographs as evidence of the sighting which, according to UFO expert Earl J. Neff, correspond to McCoy's contention that the object was about 70 feet in diameter.

But two motorcyclists traveling through the park Thursday said they saw some men taking pictures of a small spaceship model hanging from a string. Tom Mosolovich and John Komar reported the incident after hearing about McCoy's sighting.

"We couldn't believe it," Komar said. One man was lying on the ground taking pictures, and another was dangling a four-inch UFO replica from a device resembling a fish-

ing line attached to a broomstick, Komar said.

McCoy's story was labeled a hoax at the 15th Annual National UFO Conference Saturday at the Strongsville Community Library.

Neff, director of the Cleveland UFOlogy Project, spent a near sleepless Thursday night and the better part of Friday with McCoy, his brother and his nephew, analyzing the photos and listening to their story.

"They were so convincing," he said. Since there were no negatives available from the Polaroid shots, the authenticity of the photos is harder to prove with enlargement and computer processes, he said.

Neff received a seven-page letter from McCoy Sunday, denying that the incident was a fake and expressing disappointment that Neff no longer believed the story.

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Night life is 'something else'

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Numerous UFO sightings reported in Nelagoney-Pawhuska area

By MARY HARGROVE
Of The Tribune Staff

NELAGONEY — If you ask any resident of Osage County, they will tell you not much goes on of a day in this tiny town tucked five miles southeast of Pawhuska.

But the night life is something else.

The Osage County sheriff's office has been monitoring calls for several months of a strange circular object which emits sparks, shows red, white, blue and green lights and hovers over cars on the isolated, tree-lined road that connects Pawhuska and Nelagoney.

It all began when former school teacher Virginia Craun noticed what she thought was a low star around 7:30 on a February evening as she drove down the county road to a meeting at Pawhuska.

"It began to move. I kept watching it and it was always ahead of me," she recalls. "It was going to the northwest and it changed direction and flew over my head."

"It was round and when it got close, I could see sparks. It was boomerang-shaped with some flashing lights. I watched it for five minutes and saw it stop over a wheat field. I thought maybe it was taking pic-

tures because it was still for so long."

THE 36-YEAR-OLD Mrs. Craun told her family and some friends but did not report the incident to authorities fearing others might laugh.

Unknown to her, during the next few months at least a dozen other sightings in the area would be reported, including a local lawyer who experienced the same incident on the same road with his girlfriend and one of his children in June.

Scott Fadely, 16, a student dispatcher and jailer at the Osage County Sheriff's Office, answered so many UFO calls that he and three

other friends scoured the skies for four nights on Lookout Mountain in Pawhuska.

"On the third night, we saw a moving object going east to west," he said. "It made a half circle to the west and went back. It was too fast for a weather balloon and it had all different colored lights. We couldn't tell the shape."

Fadely said he has also received calls from Barnsdall and Okesa on sightings in the past few months, usually between 11 p.m. and 3 a.m.

IN MID-MAY, Osage County sheriff's deputy Billy Mitchell and four

other lawmen watched a motionless bright object with red, blue and green lights for an hour and a half.

As more people around Nelagoney began keeping their eyes on the skies, Jean Waller of the National Investigation Council on Aerial Phenomena paid a visit to the area.

"I interviewed three people. Two of them had close encounters," she said. "They were reluctant talk about it but they were all amazingly the same. The sheriff wouldn't admit that what he saw wasn't a star but he's a trained person. He knows the difference and he didn't see a star."

Osage County District Attorney Bill Hall has not seen any of the night lights but admits he won't discount anything.

"I know Virginia Craun and if she said she saw something, she did," he said. "I can't tell you what she saw but there are a number of people who have seen something out there."

One Nelagoney resident, who would like to clear the air about flying saucer reports, says the publicity has set the 100 residents star gazing and glancing over their shoulders at night.

HIS CYNICISM is echoed by members of the Pawhuska Police Department who apparently believe the stars can get in your eyes if you are on a country road too long.

"We had calls galore about a month ago. Everybody is talking about it and there's nothing to it," a dispatcher said.

"The only thing that outnumbers the UFO calls are the newspaper reporters calling about the UFOs. I wouldn't believe it if I saw it. I'm just not high on UFOs."

'Ball of Fire' Reported South Of Macon

Troop B Headquarters of the Missouri Highway Patrol reported that sightings of what was believed to be a meteor were reported at 9:30 p.m. Monday in the Thomas Hill area—and as far north as Kahoka.

An unidentified caller from south of Macon reported the "red ball of fire" lit up the sky like daylight for a few seconds.

The sighting comes after a series of unidentified flying objects sightings in south Missouri. The latest came shortly after midnight this morning when two police officers and other citizens reported seeing an object with red and green flashing lights in the sky south of Sedalia.

Some said they would watch the southern horizon again Wednesday night after several of them said they thought the object was Antares, one of the larger known stars in the universe. Antares is a bright red star with a companion blue star. It is most easily seen during June and July.

The two Sedalia police officers reported that they watched the object for about one hour before it left the horizon.

MACON, MO. - CHRONICLE-HERALD
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UFO's no strangers to this area

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UFO's, it seems, are no strangers to the Northern Minnesota area.

The elusive flying objects have been sighted in the area through the years and have been sighted in different shapes and sizes.

One report that area residents might remember is testimony from three persons traveling on Hwy. 21 between Ely and Babbitt in September, 1975.

The women were returning home from a wedding shower in two separate vehicles when a UFO was spotted. This is how two of the observers remember the incident today: "We were coming back on the Rivard Road", said Pat (Mrs. Cal) Jokela of Babbitt. "It looked at first like a tower with blinking lights, and it was a little over the trees. As we got closer to it, it got closer to us. We pulled over to the side of the road."

What did they see?

"Well, it was bigger than a van. It was triangular-shaped but with the wide part coming towards us. It made no noise at all. It was like it was floating. Then it went back off, and we thought it had gone down because we

"All I remember is it was moving really, really slow and it had different colored lights on it," she said. "We watched it on the Rivard Road until almost the Virginia-Ely road; it was parallel to us. I couldn't see it over the trees anymore. I guess the police went out there the next day but nobody saw any spots where it appeared to have landed."

The other passenger with Pat Jokela that day was Diane (Mrs. Roger) Pentilla.

Behind the Pentilla car on the road that day was another guest at the same shower, Cheryl Nelson. She saw the same UFO.

"We were scared for awhile. I had never seen one before.

"It was kind of triangular," Cheryl remembered.

Neither of the women interviewed have seen another UFO since that 1975 incident.

Mrs. Jokela reported, however, that many people have told her of sightings - not always in the same area.

Another incident recalled in this vicinity is a sighting of a strange object in Palo by four people. The sighting occurred in March, 1967, and the observers were then children ranging in ages from 9 to 12.

The children were Bob and John Kangas, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Kangas Jr.; Mike Kauppi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kauppi; and Scott Mackey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Mackey, all of Palo.

According to a report in the Erie Times at that date, the four boys were snowmobiling when they saw a "very bright light" coming from a hay shed out in Palo. They then said they witnessed a second beam of light about 100 yards away from the first, and "five objects dressed in black and standing three to four feet tall". The objects, they said, were in a diamond-type formation and appeared to glide across the snow toward the light and disappear.

The boys were frightened by the incident at the time and hurried home on their snow machines. It was reported that they all told the same story.

When their fathers went out to look for clues, two prints were found - shaped like a fist-sized, round snowshoe in front with two holes behind it.

No explanation was ever

given for the possible cause of the sighting.

Since the reported UFO sightings near Biwabik last week, several other incidents have been reported to the paper.

One sighting was reported this week on Monday, July 31. Shirley Grippe of Biwabik, her husband Leo, a brother and son were all gazing at the object of discussion that was reported by Gilbert and Biwabik residents a week ago.

"We were outside about 10:30," Shirley said, "and my husband was looking through binoculars when all of a sudden everything lit up blue. I yelled at him to look, and at first he thought it was lightning. It was just like a blue ball, and it flew across the sky and left something like a jet stream - only wider. Then there was some brownish smoke and it disappeared."

Shirley had no idea what the object was, but she vows it couldn't have been a falling star.

"No way," she said. "A star isn't that big or blue."

She later heard on her police scanner that a policeman from Kinney sited the same object as it travelled through the sky.

"I'm a UFO hunter now," she said. "I'm going to be out there watching."

Biwabik Fire Chief Butch Maki has been taking pictures of the "thing" hanging in the sky like a star, he told the paper. And he is now convinced that the object is a satellite, and the colors are reflections. His photos, once developed, will be shared, he promised.

As for the "blue ball", Butch insists it was one of several meteors that have been blazing across the sky lately. "Yes, I've seen several of them," he said. "They have the tail on them and everything. And they're burning up when they hit the atmosphere."

The newspaper also got a call this week from editor of the Two Harbors Chronicle, Steve Stark. According to Stark, two UFO sightings were reported in that area last Thursday - and they were reported almost simultaneously from two different areas.

Whatever the "things" are, it sure has made sky-watchers out of many local residents.

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BURLINGTON, WASH. - JOURNAL
*****AUG. 3, 1978*****

2 sightings of UFOs

An unidentified flying object was reported to Burlington police last Thursday about 9:33 p.m. by a resident in the 1600 block of Sam Bell Road.

The UFO was seen as a small, bright silver object in the air, moving parallel with the ground. The witness said the object moved to the east and then exploded, possibly above Westview School.

An officer dispatched to the scene reported he found no spacemen at that location.

Coincidentally, another Burlington resident reported seeing blue and white lights near the top of telephone poles about 10:41 that same night. The investigating officer said it was probably a falling star.

This summer's reported UFOs not high-flying advertisement

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⑤ **PROJECT U.F.O.—Drama** U.S. Air Force Capt. Gatlin (William Jordan) and Sgt. Fitz (Caskey Swaim) investigate reports of red objects with clumps of flashing lights spotted by residents of New Lenox and Joliet three nights in a row. The UFO seemed to go into an abandoned rock quarry lake after its slow flight over the area. (Repeat; 2½ min.)

Hundreds of Joliet area residents thought they saw unidentified flying objects in this area about a year ago, but it turned out to be an airplane with a lighted advertising sign underneath it.

So, this past week, when the calls started coming again about "clumps of light circling over Joliet's east side," the first call reporters made was to the Joliet Municipal Airport.

That's where last summer's UFOs became identified flying objects: Don Schlyer was quick to admit a year

ago that he and several other pilots had been flying a plane carrying a 50-by-9-foot bank of lights.

"It's an advertising sign," Schlyer had said. "but it looks remarkably like a UFO."

The airport manager was just as quick to admit this past week that the plane with the advertising sign hadn't been flying the nights area residents reported sighting this summer's UFOs.

"Nope, it wasn't us," an airport official said. "We haven't had that plane up in the air for quite awhile."

But, a New Lenox woman who asked that she remain an unidentified UFO observer told the Herald-News she saw "clumps of light moving from the east to the west" one night last week. She said the object was in view for about 2½ minutes, moved slowly and she couldn't hear any noise coming from it.

Mazie Travis, who lives on Fourth Avenue on Joliet's east side, said she saw an object about the same time that was "distinctly different"

than an airplane. She said the object appeared three nights in a row about 9:50 p.m. and was seen by her, her family and her neighbors.

"It seemed to go toward the quarry and then disappear," she said.

She described the object as "big, with about 10 lights flashing around in circular form." It had a red light on top that changed colors to clear and then green.

Frank Water of 414 Fourth Ave. said he and his mother saw the object two nights in a row. He said the flying object was red with white lights.

Could there be another red airplane with an \$8,500 "UFO-sign" underneath it? Did someone take up the plane from the Joliet Municipal Airport without officials there knowing about it? Did a UFO crash into the quarry lake near Interstate 80 and Richards Street or is that where the UFO base is?

It sounds like a mission for Captain Gatlin and Sgt. Fitz of "Project U.F.O."

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UFO authority may investigate Coachella's silent, bright object

By MIKE KATAOKA
Press-Enterprise Staff Writer

COACHELLA — A Southern California authority on UFOs apparently will investigate the mysterious sighting of a silent, brightly lighted object in the Coachella Valley last week.

Dr. Philip Seff of Redlands, a geologist and instructor at the College of the Desert, is expected to begin his investigation for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization after he returns from a nationwide author's tour next week.

On the evening of July 29, two sheriff's deputies and several local residents said they saw the

unusual object in the area of Avenue 54 and Highway 86.

Maria and Yvette Garza, who live on a ranch on Avenue 54, said the object appeared to be oval-shaped with bright lights spinning on it. They said the object appeared to hover briefly over a field across the street no more than 100 yards away.

The Garzas, along with deputies Ken Griffin and Gayle Janes, agreed that the strange object made no sound.

The Tucson-based Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, known as APRO, was told of the sighting.

Sheila Kudrle, office man-

ager for APRO, said Seff is the volunteer field researcher for this area. Based on the preliminary information APRO received, it was decided that a field investigation on the Coachella incident would be in order.

Kudrle said APRO's response to reported sightings vary on a case-by-case basis. When single witnesses claim to have seen a UFO, the organization simply sends them a witness report form to fill out.

"Multiple witness, close encounter-type sightings offer more

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UFO investigation . . .

A (From County Page) potential for an investigation," she said.

Law enforcement officers generally are considered to be highly credible witnesses, she said, which further justifies a complete investigation in Coachella.

Seff is one of 600 volunteer researchers around the world working for APRO, which was founded in 1952 by UFO authority Coral Lorenzen.

In 1967, Seff was involved in the investigation of a highly publicized, still unexplained UFO sighting in Redlands.

A down-to-earth explanation for the Coachella Valley sighting has yet to be found.

Witnesses assert that what they saw could not be confused with conventional aircraft, such as helicopters or airplanes.

Gunnery Sgt. Richard Gros-cost of the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps Base acknowledged that Marine helicopters were

flying above the Coachella Valley that night but "unfortunately, we can't specifically say where."

Witnesses claimed that the object was oval-shaped and no bigger than a horse trailer. The military helicopters are 40-feet long. Witnesses also said the lights were affixed to a propeller-like device mounted on the side of the object, not on top. And the object was silent.

"There's no way that a helicopter can fly without a rotor on top of it, and a rotor makes noise," Gros-cost said. That noise would have been clearly audible from 100 yards away, he said.

The sergeant added that the helicopters are equipped with directional landing lights that are beamed at a 45-degree angle.

Witnesses claimed the lights from the object illuminated the entire field.

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MONSTER
A 15-year-old Cameron youth claims he saw an eight-foot-tall, hairy creature resembling a human being in a slough of the Little River, a few miles southwest of Cameron. The creature, which he said had a distinctive odor of dead flesh, has reportedly been living in the area for as long as 25 years. Tracks measuring 24 inches long and nine inches wide, along with large claw marks on nearby trees, were found in the area after the "sighting." But many feel that the whole thing is a hoax and that no "Bigfoot" lives near Cameron.

Did UFO Cause Power Outage Monday?

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Two separate reports of a sighting of a strange light in the sky were made to the Mott Police Department and the Mott Pioneer Press after an abrupt power outage of 45 seconds hit the area Monday evening, July 31 at 10:10 p.m.

The first sighting was by a group of four girls who reported observing a large white to orange flat-disk shaped object in the sky. They observed the object from the street near the National Guard Armory Maintenance building and reported that it appeared to be in an area a mile or two west of Mott.

The girls reported that the object did not appear to move, then suddenly disappeared as if it blinked out.

The other sighting was made by a couple returning to Mott slightly before that time when they observed a flying object, green in color. They were traveling on the Interstate between Richardton and Dickinson and reported that it was traveling in a southerly direction.

A check with the Minot Air Force Base SAC Command, made by the Mott Pioneer Press on Tuesday morning, showed that they did not have any planes on the bombing run pattern in the area that evening.

A spokesman for MDU reported that a breaker switch operated at New England which cut off the power for a short period of time. The MDU spokesman said that the breaker operation can be caused by

any number of reasons such as lines hitting together, a bird in the lines, etc. The result would show up as a sudden power drain on the line just before the breaker would kick out.

A check with the National Weather Service in Bismarck to see if atmospheric conditions could have caused the strange light failed to explain anything either.

A spokesman there said that at certain times an inversion in the atmosphere can cause ground lights to be reflected in the sky, or a high cloud cover can magnify a star so that it appears larger than it normally is.

He reported that neither of these conditions were present and would be unusual at this time, although satellite photos did record some high level clouds. It did not appear that either of the two possibilities had happened however.

August is one of the peak months of the year for meteors to be observed and the couple that saw the flying green light could have observed a meteor falling to earth, but that still does not explain the bright white and orange light that the four girls saw hovering over the west side of town.

At this point what the two parties had seen could be logged as an unidentified flying object (UFO) and as such the report has been passed on to the National UFO Reporting Center.

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More UFO's Are Sighted

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Strange objects in the sky have drawn the attention of more Edmonson County residents during the past week.

Three persons said they saw an unidentified object in the sky in the Lincoln Community Monday night and a Moodyville woman reported seeing moving objects in the sky from a window of her home Tuesday night, July 25.

Kelly Meredith, 11-year-old grandson of Mrs. Carl Sanders, with whom he makes his home, gave a vivid account of what he saw about 9:30 p.m. Monday.

"We were coming back from my aunt's house on Gap Hill Road when I looked out the car window and saw something that looked like an orange star," the lad said.

It kept blinking on and off. It looked like it was going at the speed of the car, it went down behind the woods in front of our house and came back up. There were

two objects that came back up from behind the woods and when we saw it, it looked like it was headed toward the southeast. Every time it blinked it moved upward."

Collaborating Kelly's account were his grandmother, and a cousin, Brian Lindsey, 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lindsey, Moline, Ill., who is visiting in the Sanders home. Mrs. Lindsey is a sister of Mr. Sanders.

When the three reached the Sanders home on Hwy. 728 in the Lincoln Community, the boys said they ran in the house and were too scared to come back out.

The object looked "real big

while we were in the car" Kelly said.

Mrs. Sanders said the objects, traveling toward the east stayed along the horizon and then just disappeared.

She estimated the lights blinked every two or three seconds.

"It could have been a metallic balloon," she speculated.

Mrs. Beulah Moody, who lives at Moodyville, said she saw several objects going up and down in the sky near a security light when she looked out the window at her home. She said she watched the sight for about 10 minutes and then retired.

ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT
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UFOs probably were stars: Reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in Carmi this week probably were just stars changing colors under normal atmospheric conditions, the chief investigator of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston said.

Allan Hendry said most reports of such sightings in recent years have turned out to be celestial bodies that appear brighter or somehow different than normal.

Carmi police officers, state police and neighboring law enforcement officials reported seeing what looked like "red, green and white twinkling lights." They watched the spectacle from about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday to dawn Thursday morning.

"There were six of them. They were about the size of stars," said Carmi Radio Dispatcher Mike Gott, who took photographs of the phenomena.

"They were blinking a red, green and white light and it was almost as if they were hovering or stationery. This morning (Thursday) about 5 we saw one moving north to south at a high rate of speed," Gott said.

But Hendry said based on the information he received, there's no reason to believe the officers were visited by residents of the beyond.

"For the moment, on the basis of the stories they told me they do conform to the brightest stars in the sky. It makes it seem awfully suspicious to me at the moment that they were looking at stars," Hendry said.

LA MESA UFO: ENCOUNTER OF A PRANK KIND

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LA MESA — If you spotted a mysterious, brilliant red light in the sky last night and took it for a UFO, you were not alone, although city police think they have a more plausible explanation.

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They believe somebody attached a flare to a helium balloon in the area of Center Drive and Timken Street for the third time in the past three weeks. A police spokesman said such a light has been seen before and officers believe a prankster is causing the glow.

Police received about 25 calls from skywatchers who saw the light at about 8:30 as it moved east. Two officers also witnessed the phenomenon and the spokesman said one may have found the remains of a flare and balloon although he couldn't be sure until he contacted the officer later today.

No information was available from the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., on whether the UFOs spotted last year were authentic.

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UFO visits soybean field, some claim

ST. CLOUD, MINN. - TIMES
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By MARK PEARSON
Times Staff Writer

KINGSTON — A UFO sighting July 3 — a circle of dead soybeans in the middle of a thriving field — have people in this area debating the existence of flying saucers.

Kim Cates, 27, a construction worker native to this area 25 miles south of St. Cloud, claims he saw a silvery object hovering over his grandfather's fields about 9:30 the evening of July 3.

But with no one to verify his sighting, like most UFO incidents, Cates put the sighting away as experience.

A neighbor discovered a 40-foot diameter circle of soybeans apparently burned while growing healthily in the area where Cates claimed he saw the saucer. This, Cates said, is proof of what he saw.

A University of Minnesota agronomist who specializes in soybeans will not deny that Cates may have seen something. He is will-

ing, however, to stake his professional reputation that lightning, not a UFO, destroyed the circle of beans.

Cates spotted the UFO, Cates said this week, while walking to his parents' house about 1.5 miles west of Kingston to take a shower after a day of fishing.

Cates saw a large silvery oval object about one-half mile away as he looked towards the southwest at his grandfather Dean Cates' farm.

"It made my jaw drop to my toes," Cates said describing the experience. "I was stunned — like in a hypnotic trance."

He watched the object dip and drift silently, moving west to east, for about 10 seconds before he claimed it vanished at a high speed.

Cates said he told his mother, Mrs. Dale Cates, about the UFO when he returned to a campsite that night on the farm. She did not believe him and little more was said.

Cates claims this is the second time he has seen UFOs in the area. The first time was about 6:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve when he spotted three glowing objects in the same general area.

Around July 14, Gordon Myllykangas, who rents grandfather Cates' farm, was cultivating soybeans in the area. On top of a hill, Myllykangas found the patch of dead soybeans.

Myllykangas was not aware of Cates' alleged sighting, he said. He mentioned the patch of dead beans to the Cates during a conversation and Cates became convinced he had proof of what he claimed he saw.

During one of the "dips" the saucer made, Cates believes, it came close to the beans and killed them.

A Times reporter discussed the theory with extension agronomist Lee Hardman this week. Hardman volunteered to look at the patch.

Hardman predicted he would find a typical lightning strike



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NEWHALL, CAL. - ENTERPRISE
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A New Zealand farmer has reported a kidnapping attempt on his dog which left both beast and master trembling. Hearing a loud barking late one night the farmer rushed into his yard, armed with a shotgun, to see two humanoid beings of "slim build" carrying a limp dog toward a saucer-shaped airship. The farmer fired a few shots at the individuals, who dropped the dog and scurried to their craft, which lifted off into the atmosphere.

pattern in the field based on what he was told. When he viewed it Monday, he was sure he had the solution.

"This is an ideal spot for a lightning strike," Hardman said as he examined the circle and scrutinized the dead bean plants.

"The plants are wet and are good conductors with roots deep into the moist soil," Hardman said. "It (the patch) is located on top of a hill and fits the typical pattern of a lightning strike."

One characteristic of the phenomenon he could not explain and left Cates unconvinced.

A row of beans that roughly bisects the center of the patch has plants that died sporadically beyond the circumference of the dead patch for a distance of about 15 feet. The plants continued to die sporadically, interspersed with healthy plants, on both ends of the row, even though adjacent rows were completely healthy.

Hardman admits that he is not

an expert in the study of lightning and can not explain what caused the sporadic skipping in one row. That characteristic of the pattern, different from an example Hardman showed the Cates in a crop book, makes the Cates' question the explanation.

"It is mighty peculiar," grandfather Cates said.

Since the discover of the circle, grandfather Cates estimates about 100 people have helped wear a path to the spot. One of those walkers is neighbor Lawrence Olson.

Olson, 70, was not too surprised by the patch. He said he has seen UFOs in the area for years.

"I have seen something," Olson, who farms just southwest of Cates' soybean field, said. "Oh, maybe three times. They move by at a terrific speed.

"I never discussed it with anyone because of the temporary condition they would accuse me of being in," Olson continued.

Olson spotted his first UFOs in the area about 10 years ago and saw them most recently about two months ago, he said.

Hardman, meanwhile, said the university receives between 15 and 20 reports of patches like that on the Cates farm each year.

The reports are not always accompanied with UFO reports, Hardman said, but they usually look like the Cates' patch.

"There have been instances down in Illinois where the circle is 100 feet across," Hardman said.

Hardman conceded that Cates could have seen a UFO and the patch could still have been caused by lightning.

"There are many things that are unexplained," Hardman said. "But that patch is."



Times photo by Mike Knaak

(Above) Kim Cates describes the movement of the UFO he saw on July 3. (Right) While Kim Cates and his friends and family watch, University of Minnesota agronomist Lee Hardman examines soybeans from the bare spot in the field.

Strasburg Man Didn't Believe In UFO's-- Then He Saw One

By Tom Scherberger

Larry Jenkins says he never believed in UFOs before. "You see stuff like that on television and you think, 'that stuff ain't nothing,'" he says. Thursday night changed all that.

Jenkins, 29, was walking near his home at 618 W. King St. in Strasburg with his seven-year-old son Larry Jr. about 9 p.m. Thursday. They were walking up the sloped, gravel road on their way to spend the evening shooting bats.

"I was just walking up the hill and I looked to my left and there it was," Jenkins remembers. Hovering in the air, just above a small hollow of grass and weeds, was "the damndest thing I've ever seen in my whole life." It was a UFO. At least that's what Jenkins says it was.

The Strasburg police,

however, are not so sure.

"I don't know why you are all making such a big deal out of this thing," Strasburg policeman Bill Painter told a reporter Friday. "It just seems kind of funny to me."

Painter theorizes that what Jenkins saw was a small contingent of Air Force planes, grouped in a tight pattern. He said a similar report from the same neighborhood six months ago turned out to be reconnaissance flights by the Air Force.

"As far as his (Jenkins') credibility," said Painter, "I don't know."

Jenkins was not the only one who saw whatever it was he saw. Perhaps as many as 10 people saw it, most of them either his children, relatives or neighbors.

"At first I didn't know what the hell it was," says Jenkins, "and I still don't know what it was."

He says it was about 18 feet long and about 18 feet wide. "The front was round and the back looked like it was blocked off," he explains. "It had only two lights, a red and a green one."

"It was just so weird... it was the damndest thing I ever seen in my whole life."

Jenkins says the UFO hovered in the air just above the ground for about five minutes, the red and green lights illuminating the sky.

It then began to move to the right and hovered above a grove of trees. Then all the lights went out and it hung in the air above the trees for another five or 10 minutes — he's not sure how long.

By that time his sister Edith Miller and her son Tony — who had been putting away their goat at

Jenkins' house down the street — came running to see what Jenkins had found.

"It was making a noise, but I couldn't understand what it was," says Jenkins. "It was making a hell of a racket." Jenkins describes the sound as "like a screaming noise," his sister says it sounded like electricity.

Then the thing began to glow and a mist or fog surrounded it. "You couldn't look at it 'CAUSE IT WAS SO BRIGHT," Mrs. Miller says. "I've never seen something like that before."

Both Jenkins and his sister, as well as his son and three daughters say the light was so bright it hurt their eyes. His daughter Sonja ran scared back into Jenkins' house.

"It made my hair stand straight up in the air," says Jenkins.

Jenkins is not sure how long the thing hovered glowing, lighting up the whole area with a red light like the sun. And then, in an instant, almost a flash, it was gone. "It just blacked out, gone, nothing," Jenkins says. He says it hung around for perhaps a half-hour, but is not positive about the time.

"It sounds fishy, but that's what it is," he says. "I don't care if you believe me or not 'cause I see it and that's it."

Just for the record, Jenkins claims he has not seen the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" nor the television show "Project: UFO."

Jenkins says the police arrived 10 to 15 minutes after

the thing disappeared in a shroud of mist.

Painter says another woman also claims to have seen a UFO Thursday night over Strasburg Elementary School. But Painter says he saw the same thing and is convinced it was an airplane taking night photos.

Painter says the Air Force uses the Strasburg water tower as a target for practice bombing runs. The planes, which Painter says have red and green running lights, fly over the tower and flash a bright light on the tower.

The officer says the police department was flooded with callers who had heard on their police scanner that a UFO had been sighted. "I don't particularly like the kind of attitude that the people have toward these things," says Painter. "I've got other things to do other than just look for UFOs."

Jenkins is adamant about seeing the UFO. He kicks himself for not having had a camera at the time. He saw it, he insists, adding, "Nobody believes me, that's the hell of it."

They saw it - did you?

ENCINITAS — Three men here, two of them trained as scientists, claim to have seen two unidentified flying objects Sunday evening.

The faint, orange, slightly elongated objects were seen by Brad Roth, 34, a research scientist whose training has been in physics and atmospheric sciences, Vic Morris, 31, a meteorologist who teaches sciences for the San Diego Community College District, and their friend David, also in his early 30s, a marketing executive who felt public association with the sighting could cost him his job.

"David and I were out on the deck by the pool," Roth said in an interview Thursday at his Rubenstein Avenue duplex, "relaxing after a barbecue and looking at the stars when we saw these things moving across the sky. We had maybe a couple of beers each, and were still sober — but we called Vic out of the house to see if he could see them too."

Vic, who had not attended the barbecue and was "stone cold

sober," did indeed see the two objects as well.

"It was between about 9:15 and 9:45 in the evening," he recalled. "The guys called me out and pointed at the sky — and I saw them too. If I hadn't," he said looking at Roth, his roommate, and laughing, "there would have been a pretty big credibility gap around here."

"There were three really bright stars out that night, in pretty much an equilateral triangle about 70 to 75 degrees above the eastern horizon. The objects moved right through the center of the triangle, in a north-to-south flight."

Roth said the objects made three clear passes through the triangle, on exactly the same path, about 10 minutes apart. Each overflight was slightly different, the two men said.

"The first time," Roth said, "one appeared to be leading the other, but was slightly to the side. They

were about a moon's distance apart.

"The second time," he said, "one of the objects was dodging around the other very quickly — much faster than any aircraft or man-made space vehicle I know of can maneuver."

"The third time," he described, "they moved through the path side by side."

The objects may have made a total of five overflights of San Diego, the men said. A 6-year-old child who had been a guest at the barbecue told his mother that night that he had seen orange things in the sky. The mother didn't tell Roth and Morris until Monday.

And Morris believes he saw a later overflight, in a path somewhat to the east of the three passes viewed by the three men.

"We tried to figure out how fast they were moving and how big they were," Roth said, "but it hinges on altitude and whether or not they went all the way around the earth."

"If they were at about the same altitude as a commercial jetliner," Roth said, "based on the time it took them to cross the sky, they would have been moving at about 5,000 to 10,000 miles per hour."

"If they actually went all the way around the world, and made a pass

every 10 minutes or so," he continued, "they would have had to have been moving at about 150,000 miles per hour!"

"We tried to think of as many normal explanations as possible," Morris said, "but neither of us ever saw anything like this before. I've seen lots of satellites — we saw one of them Sunday — and I've seen a lot of meteorites too. I'd know one if I saw one, and these weren't satel-



Star guys

Vic Morris, left, and Brad Roth, roommates in a Rubenstein Avenue, Encinitas, duplex, point to the place in the sky where they and a third friend saw two high flying objects they could not identify. Both men have scientific backgrounds, and say they can think of no earthly explanation for the faint, orange, elongated lights they saw traverse the sky Sunday night.

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Close Encounters of local kind

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lites or meteorites."

"I almost didn't call you to report it," Roth said, "but I just had to know if anyone else saw it. I didn't know who else to report it to."

This newspaper has received no other reports of a sighting Sunday as yet.

Timothy Shanks of La Mesa, a UFO historian, scientist and teacher who lectures on the subject, said

he was out of town over the weekend and has received no calls about a possible sighting.

Rob Garis, district field investigator with the Center for UFO Studies' San Diego office, maintains a tape recording service to receive sighting reports. He was, however, unavailable Friday to verify Sunday's sighting.

Garis may be reached for reports at 292-7207.

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Was County On Aliens' Itinerary?

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Velma Clines, Clara Winscher, Ruth Stieffermann, and Wally Hesch are not alone.

The three Franklin County residents and one Jefferson County woman, and no doubt others who happened to be in Franklin

County Wednesday night, were witnesses to what some speculate were visits by unidentified flying objects—UFOs.

What began as an evening of routine summer storm activity ended with a close encounter of a second kind for the Jefferson County woman.

The first person willing to speak up about the Wednesday night incidents was Ruth Stieffermann, wife of Union's mayor, Bill Stieffermann.

She told police that between 9:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. Wednesday, she noticed a bright light moving west across the sky. From the porch of her W. State St. home, Mrs. Stieffermann and her children, Mary, 15, and Jerry, 25, whom she called to view the strange light, watched as the object sped across the heavens. The sighting lasted about a minute, but neither Mrs. Stieffermann, nor Mary, nor Jerry could determine what shape the object was. The bright light

continued to move west, and was soon out of sight, Stieffermann said.

Then at shortly after midnight, Velma Clines reported seeing two objects in the air above her home on Old State Rd. just south of Krenning Rd. west of Union.

"I wasn't sleeping well," Mrs. Clines said. "I got up to get a drink of water when I looked out of the window (facing east) and saw this bright orangy-red ball in the sky."

She said her home sits in a bottoms, and the objects came toward the home at treetop level.

"I thought it would fly right over the house, but when it reached the woods at the top of the hill it turned south and went toward the highway (Highway 50)."

By this time Clines was out on her front porch watching the event.

"When it disappeared past the trees I

came back inside to get my drink."

Back in the kitchen, Clines looked out the window again and saw the same thing: a bright "orangy-red" ball, "about the size of the moon," proceed westerly, then abruptly change course toward the south.

"They were moving pretty fast," she said. "They were gone within minutes."

Clines said that when the objects made their 90-degree change in course, they maintained a constant speed.

It was only after she had heard others reporting did she report her experience.

Although no formal reports were filed with Washington Police Department, residents there said they witnessed some bright object move through the night sky toward the north.

Wally Hesch said he saw what he originally thought was a meteor sail through the sky.

"It was going too straight to be a meteor or a shooting star," Hesch said.

"I'd come out to get some cool air after the lights went out," Hesch said. "I was sitting on the back porch when I saw a big, bright orange-red ball of fire pass through the clouds."

He said the next day his neighbors admitted seeing the same thing. Neither Hesch, Clines, nor the Stieffermanns recall hearing any noise coming from the objects.

By far, the most bizarre tale surrounding the sightings of the strange objects involved a Jefferson County woman, 52-year-old Clara E. Winscher, from Arnold.

"I had been visiting my brother (Jim Rice, from Beaufort)," Winscher said. "I waited until the storm passed. We said our good-byes around (midnight) and I left (for home)."

The experience she said she will never forget occurred as she was passing the Baptist Church in Union.

"I was hit from behind by what I thought must have been the largest truck on the road," she said.

"It was such a jolt I turned around to see what hit me. All I saw was an intense bright light move up above the rear window."

About that time, Winscher said, the rear end of her car, a 1974 Mercury Comet, lifted off the road.

"The car began to vibrate and roll from side to side. I tried to control the car as best I could. I remember thinking I would not make it across the bridge (over the Bourbeuse River).

After a few seconds aloft, the rear of the car returned to the highway, she said.

Winscher said she heard no noise prior to the "attack" on her car. She also did not hear any sound when her car was "hit."

"There was no bang, no crash, nothing. There was that terrific jolt, and that was all," she said.

When the Franklin County Tribune contacted Winscher at her Arnold home the day after the incident, she said her whole body was stiff and sore.

"You just can't imagine how hard that impact was," she said.

As soon as I got across the bridge, I pulled over to see if I still had a car left."

With flashlight in hand, Winscher found only two small dents, more like pinch marks, she said, on the back edge of her trunk lid, almost exactly the same distance from each side of the car.

Looking around, Winscher saw no cars or trucks in either direction. She was alone on the highway.

Thinking she would find a Highway Patrol trooper or a county sheriff's deputy on the road somewhere, she continued on her way—all the way to Arnold. When Arnold police failed to give her a sympathetic ear, Winscher drove home, got her husband out of bed, and headed right back to Union to report the event to the local authorities.

Union police Sgt. Robert Reichardt, who along with Franklin County Sheriff's Deputy C.E. Saucier, inspected the car, said he could not believe the car had been hit by another vehicle.

"The only marks on the car were the two dents in the trunk," Reichardt said. "The dust on the bumper wasn't even disturbed."

He said that what ever made the marks on her car was of soft material.

"I didn't see any scratches, and the paint wasn't chipped," Reichardt said.

Reichardt refused to speculate what on earth or otherwise hit Winscher's car. However, having investigated a multitude of accidents, he felt for sure that Winscher's car was not hit by another vehicle.

UFO sighting reported by area Coast Guardsmen

By LARRY YELLEN
Chronicle staff writer

The reports began Thursday night at a place called Rocky Gap near St. Joseph.

Just before midnight, the St. Joseph Coast Guard Station received a civilian report that a long, silver, cylindrical, brightly lit object was in the sky for about 30 minutes and then headed southwest.

The second report came from Ludington, according to the U.S. Coast Guard District Office in Cleveland.

"We received a call from a man in Ludington whose daughter and boyfriend saw it," said Scott Richardson, the officer in charge of the Ludington station. He said two of his own Coast Guardsmen also saw a strange airborne object.

"It was first sighted off of U.S. 31, be-

hind the Consumers Power project," Richardson said. "It was east of the project, then it went out over the project up to Big Sable Point.

"All they could see was a white strobe light, and white lights and a green light," Richardson said. He said his men had no idea how big it was but the "lights were very, very bright.

"I'm certain my men saw it. No way it was a hoax," he said.

The Ludington sighting was at one minute before midnight.

"Then the guys said it disappeared over the horizon to the west."

To the west, across Lake Michigan, is a Coast Guard station at Two Rivers, Wis., where Seaman Gary Randall was on duty.

"As soon as I heard it was coming, I ran and got my camera," Randall said Friday. "Station Ludington called and

said a UFO was heading our way. We immediately looked in the air and saw it.

"We looked out the window over the lake and there it comes.

"From what we could see, it was just a ball with lights on it. We couldn't make out any shape. All we could see were really bright lights, white and red, really bright.

"Five of us saw it.

"No way it could have been a meteor or anything. It flew erratically from side to side, then it would stop. It was a couple of thousand feet, maybe more, up in the air.

"No, it wasn't no meteor. A meteor doesn't have a strobe light, no white light."

Randall said he took about 10 pictures with his 35 mm camera, and the Coast Guard District Office in Cleveland has

asked for the pictures and the negatives.

The film, he said, is being developed at a photo studio of his own choosing even though the Coast Guard sought to develop it in Cleveland.

He said he would send the negatives to Cleveland.

"I have no doubt in my mind as to what it was," Randall said. "A UFO. Something I've never seen and the government hasn't either."

Randall's sighting was reported to the Cleveland office, as were subsequent sightings from Coast Guard Stations at the entrance to Green Bay and at Sturgeon Bay.

The Cleveland office reported the sightings to the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Colo., said NORAD public affairs officer Capt. Thomas Koch.

"The Coast Guard folks did notify headquarters that they saw something that couldn't be explained," Koch said.

"All NORAD does is check our computer data to see if there's any space debris that could have been remotely over that area. We didn't find any, so it's a dead issue."

Koch said the review of the computer data is just a courtesy because the Air Force is no longer in the business of investigating UFO reports.

Robert Gribble, staff member at the UFO Reporting Center of Phenomena Research in Seattle said Saturday no government agencies investigate UFO sightings.

He said his organization is the only national UFO reporting service. He said it did not receive any reports since Thursday night.

Randall believes the Air Force may know more than is being disclosed. He said the object was picked up on radar at Milwaukee's airport, Mitchell Field, when it passed over the area.

The control tower at Mitchell Field had no unusual sightings on Thursday night, according to L. Sorenson, Federal Aviation Administration supervisor in the tower. "I don't know anything about what your talking about," Sorenson said Saturday.

When Randall was told that the Milwaukee airport reported nothing unusual, he said: "I know damn well they did see it in Milwaukee."

He said that minutes after the Two Rivers sighting, NORAD officials were talking with him on the phone, and the Cleveland Coast Guard office was "patched in" to the conversation.

"I talked with them right at that time, five or 10 minutes after the sighting," he said Saturday. "Oh yah, I'm definite, I'm still convinced I saw it."

Separating Fact From Fiction

Up and down the Mississippi the last 42 years riverboat Captain Howard "Mike" Moll has seen just about everything. But 16 days ago he and his wife witnessed something unlike anything they had ever seen before.

"It was something," said the 62-year-old man as he sat with his wife, "Toots", around the kitchen table of their comfortable one-story home at 811 Lucy St.

Moll, in continuing his description, said, "It looked like a big ball that just stayed there a few minutes. Then it just dropped all of a sudden."

"I thought at first it was an airplane," Mrs. Moll said, "but it didn't have any flashers on it."

Both described the object that appeared in the northwestern sky around 9 p.m. as about 3 feet wide with a bright red pulsating color that turned to orange before the thing fell.

Not as colorful an account but just as unusual was the story a Union, Mo., woman told four days later. She said an object lifted her moving car off the ground. When police examined the vehicle they found two indentation marks on the trunk lid.

In a turnabout, Marilyn McBride, the wife of the pastor of First Baptist Church of Perryville, said she and her husband chased orange and red pulsating lights but lost the objects.

What Mrs. McBride, the Union, Mo., woman and the Molls believe they spotted or felt could well have been an unidentified Flying Object, a local enthusiast said.

That they talked publicly about their happenings or sightings, Jim Young said, reflects a sign of the times when UFOs have become almost commonplace.

"It doesn't seem like people are as afraid to

report them as they were years ago," said Young, "but in the late '40s or early '50s you were considered pretty much of a crackpot if you did."

Young, a local funeral home executive, has been a UFO enthusiast since 1943 when U.S. pilots flying in World War II would spot what they called "Foo-fighters."

"They (Foo-fighters) would fly in formation with the fighter bombers," Young said during a recent interview. "The Americans thought they were a German invention," he said, "and the Germans thought they were an Allied invention."

Young, a U.S. Air Force veteran, said as a member of a troop carrier he never witnessed the bluish, ball-shaped Foo-fighters during the war but on a carrier headed toward the United States in 1945 he and the rest of the crew members saw what they thought was "unusual" when two red balls, about the size the moon appears from earth, made a sharp right turn in front of the airplane.

"I think there's something there that's more than just hallucination," Young said, "but there's a lot of hoax mixed with this, too."

Some unexplainable occurrences have been the results of the tricks of people out to make a buck, he said. "A lot of people mistake the stars for UFOs," he said. Some people, he said, wrongly perceive the lights of two airplanes refueling in midair as UFOs.

Young said he put little faith in reports of contact with alien beings but stressed UFO sightings can be analyzed scientifically as to their authenticity.

Report forms with places for filling out the aspects of the sighting have been available for years from organizations, such as the

National Investigative Committee Of Aerial Phenomena, Young said.

Young used to send in these reports to the committee if he believed a local sighting merited consideration for investigation.

"There have been quite a few of what you would call good sightings locally," he said.

What is a "good sighting"?

First of all, Young said, one that usually follows reports of other sightings throughout the area or in nearby parts of the state. Secondly, one in which the object has a large size with pulsating colors. And thirdly, one that involves an object changing directions while moving at a fast speed, he said.

Of all the hundreds of thousands of any kind of

Howard "Mike" Moll of 811 Lucy St. points toward the northwestern sky where he and his wife spotted what they believed to be an Unidentified Flying Object.



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sightings reported 10 percent still remain unexplained, Young said.

"It's pretty much accepted that there's something out there," he said, "but nobody really knows what it is."

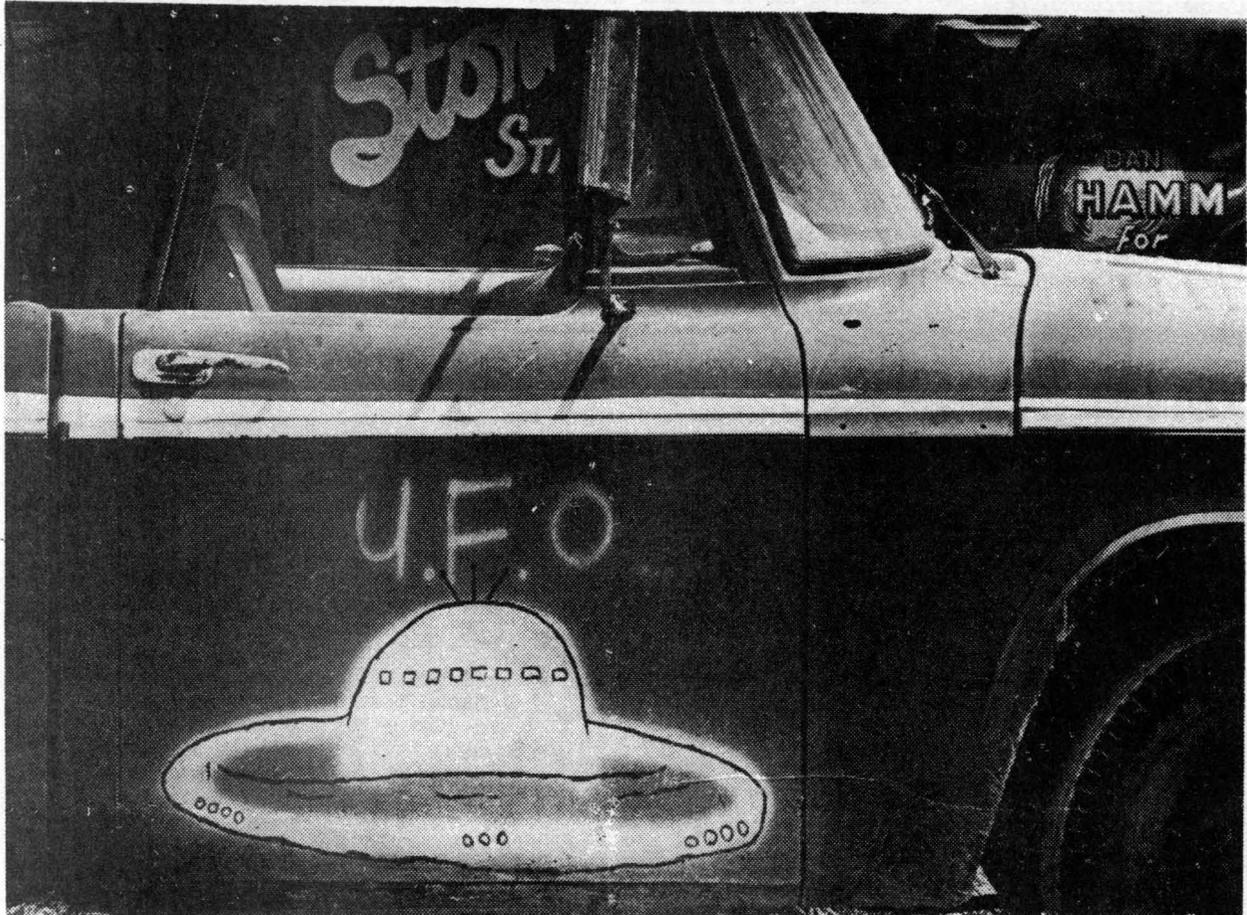
Someday, he said, scientists will.

At least Young, Mrs. McBride and the Molls hope they're around when that happens.

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Elsberry Split On UFOs

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Signs of the times in Elsberry, Mo., where T-shirts advertise UFO Country but "a lot of people think it's very serious business."

By Ed Wilks
 Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

She was standing by the gate at the end of the lane that leads up to her house, she said, when she saw "this thing in the valley. . . down next to the road, in the field below the road." What she saw, she said, was "an object that had reflectors on it, the kind you see on the back of trucks, and they made a pattern of light and dark glows. They were not flashing."

The pattern of the reflectors formed "a perfectly made cross — no propeller, no tail. It was about 20 feet long. . . I was looking through binoculars and I can't say for sure, it might have been bigger. The crosspiece may have been 10 or 12 feet, maybe more. I couldn't tell how thick it was.

"And then it went. Just like that. It went from left to right. It didn't go up into the sky. It was just gone."

She is a housewife who lives outside Elsberry, Mo.; a Lincoln County town with a population of about 1,400 that lies near the Mississippi River 45 miles or so northwest of St. Louis along Highway 79 just past Lost Creek.

Marc Hill, a catcher who once belonged to the baseball Cardinals but now plays for the San Francisco Giants, is from Elsberry. Photographs of the local boy who made good in the big leagues flank a team picture of the world champion 1926 Cardinals on a wall in The Place restaurant and cocktail lounge. Near the cash register in the cafe, a T-shirt hangs on display with a sign that says the shirts are for sale at a shop next door.

Across the front of the T-shirt there is lettering that reads: "U.F.O. Country. . . Elsberry, Mo."

"I wouldn't buy one of those. It's no joke to me," said the housewife, who asked not to be identified by name because she doesn't want "every kook in the country calling me up and wanting to come out here. A lot of people have come out here already, looking for the lights that have been seen around here. . .

Some come out and have beer parties, and there's no telling what other kinds of parties.

"I'm not seeking publicity or any notoriety. I don't want any, and I don't see why I should get any if I don't want any. My husband doesn't want it, either.

"But I've seen lights out here, and my family knows I've seen lights for three or four years — I'm a sky observer, I watch clouds — but I've never seen any lights like these.

"I don't think I'll ever be the same after seeing these. You wonder, are you going to die? Is the world coming to an end? Is God trying to tell you something? I just don't know. . . a lot of things go through your mind. But I definitely know I saw it. I'd take a lie-detector test."

City Marshal Jon Livengood of Elsberry said there had been "a lot of UFO sightings lately," but that reports of Unidentified Flying Objects were not new in that area. "I saw three together in 1975," the marshal said, "and my wife and I saw one in 1965."

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Barbara Becker, who lives in University City, has seen some unexplained lights in the Elsberry area. She said that some persons living there had become used to the sightings. "They'd say, 'Well, there's another orange light. Big deal.' They didn't think much of it, until the animals were found."

Carcasses of six or seven cows and calves have been found on several local farms since the first reported case in late April. All of the animals had been mutilated — some with one eye and one ear or a tongue missing, some with udders, genitals and rectums cut out "in a perfect circle," according to police reports. Some residents suggested that the mutilation was the work of devil cults, witches and warlocks from down the road in the St. Charles area. More likely the work of predators feeding on soft tissue, said the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at Troy.

But Ms. Becker has another theory. She is a member of the National Committee on Animal Mutilation that was formed about two years ago as a subcommittee of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. The subcommittee "came about," she said, "because in areas where mutilated animals have been found there usually is a high degree of UFO activity."

Liv'ngood, the marshal, doesn't support either the devil cult or predator

any kind of medication," he said. "I'm not saying these people didn't see anything, but . . .

"We got one call from a woman who said she had chased an amber light and it had 'landed' over in New Hope. Well, we get over there lickity-split, and what we found was an orange globe over a yellow light on the back of a house. Nobody was home, so we couldn't get inside and turn it off, but I went off at a distance with a deputy, quite a distance away, and then I had another deputy black out the light. We're in radio communication with each other all the time and I'm saying, 'OK, now black it out. OK, now let it shine.'

"Well, there are people around us and they say, 'Look, it's starting to blink! It's starting to take off!' And they're standing right there by us. They were listening to me tell the deputy to black it out, then let it shine. But they wouldn't believe it."

Another time, Hilton said, he and his wife "drove all around those blacktop roads — W, V, JJ, B — and we see the lights — they're all planes. Definitely planes. We see planes around here all the time, leaving Lambert Field with their lights still on, or heading in with their big white lights on. They're bright — some people might think they're stars. And then they go out. They're gone."

One of Hilton's deputies, Charles Colbert, said that, "At a time when we were getting the first reports of UFOs from Elsberry, I went out and plotted one of those lights. It went right smack dab into Lambert."

(One of the approach patterns to which air controllers assign incoming planes at Lambert is called the Winfield

Gate. Winfield, Mo., is a few miles south of Elsberry. Once inside the 'gate,' incoming aircraft are directed by navigational aids called intersections, one of which is called Hardin. Hardin, Ill., is between the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, almost directly east of Elsberry.)

Hilton accepts the predator theory in explaining the mutilations. In Lincoln County, he said, "we've got a lot of coyotes, and umpteen hundred coydogs — part dog, part coyote. We've got bobcats; we've got opossums. If it's good enough for Doc Newberry, it's good enough for me."

William Newberry, veterinarian, lives near Troy and was called in by the sheriff to give a professional opinion on the mutilations.

"I've investigated only two of the cases," Newberry said. "In the others, the animals had been dead a considerable time, 5 or 6 days, and the carcasses were in such an advance stage of decomposition I wasn't called in."

"In one of the cases I saw, a cow died giving birth in a field, and the calf died with her. In the other, the Taylor case, the cow was struck by lightning. In both cases, the deaths were 'natural.' I saw the Taylor cow about 36 hours after it had died, and teeth marks were obvious where the soft tissue had been eaten."

A dog, or coyote, particularly, would have "gone after the soft tissue, and some seem to like the cartilage that is found in an ear," Newberry said.

As for the lack of blood, the veterinarian said that "when the heart stops, blood settles to the lowest point in the carcass. If you make an incision above that level, there is no blood. Blood doesn't run uphill. And after an animal

has been dead, say 48 hours, blood appears in tissue in a coagulated state. When an incision is made, the blood does not gush out, as it would if the heart were beating and forcing it out."

There are other "post mortem changes" that take place, Newberry said. "The soft tissue underneath swells, stretching the hide, so that the hide gives the appearance of having been neatly cut." Or the appearance of a "perfect circle" as mentioned in police reports of the mutilation found in cattle that had been dead several days.

Newberry said he would "imagine that just seven or eight deaths among the number of animals in that area would not be an unusual percentage. It is perhaps 1 percent, probably less than that. A fellow with livestock figures his death loss is not heavy if he has less than 2 percent in a year's time."

The absence of buzzards (in Missouri, the name is hung on turkey vultures) might not be unusual, said Jim Wilson, an ornithologist with the Department of Conservation in Jefferson City. Buz-

zards "probably don't commonly feed on large carcasses," he said. "That may be due to the fact that there is an abundance of road kills that are smaller and already macerated to some degree." Smaller birds would peck away at the eyes of a carcass. The calf found last Monday was lying on its left side, exposing only the right eye (and ear).

Miss Watts said Livengood told her, "Coyotes, birds, field mice, whatever — OK, maybe that's right, but according to Wolf, that's a copout — if the authorities say this is done by something people know about, they won't panic."

The Senate Theater is on Broadway, past Third Street, in Elsberry. For seven nights — Thursday, Aug. 3, through last Wednesday — the feature film was "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." The housewife who logged her sightings didn't bother to drive into town to see it.

"I think I've already seen it," she said. She meant she thought she'd seen it without having left the gate at the end of the lane.

On a pad of yellow paper, under the heading "U.F.O.'s 1978," her entry for Aug. 4 reads:

"1 pm — TV interference — all stations.

"6:10 pm — Tower light is still off, has been since sometime Wednesday morning Aug. 2.

"11:35 pm — Tower light is back on. (A sketch of the cross-shape object followed). I saw the above light down next to road in the field below the road. . . time 11:20 pm. No noise, although a plane had gone over earlier, or just before I saw above.

"Must have observed as many as 25 lights or maybe more for I lost count.

"But they were in a different sky direction Southeast to West. Never observed any returning in any direction... they were more red and orange than usual, some seem to just set still and get red and orange to looking like a moving star. . .

"Air traffic is just terrific, I can't imagine where they are all going 'talking about fuel waste' — Ha. Ha.

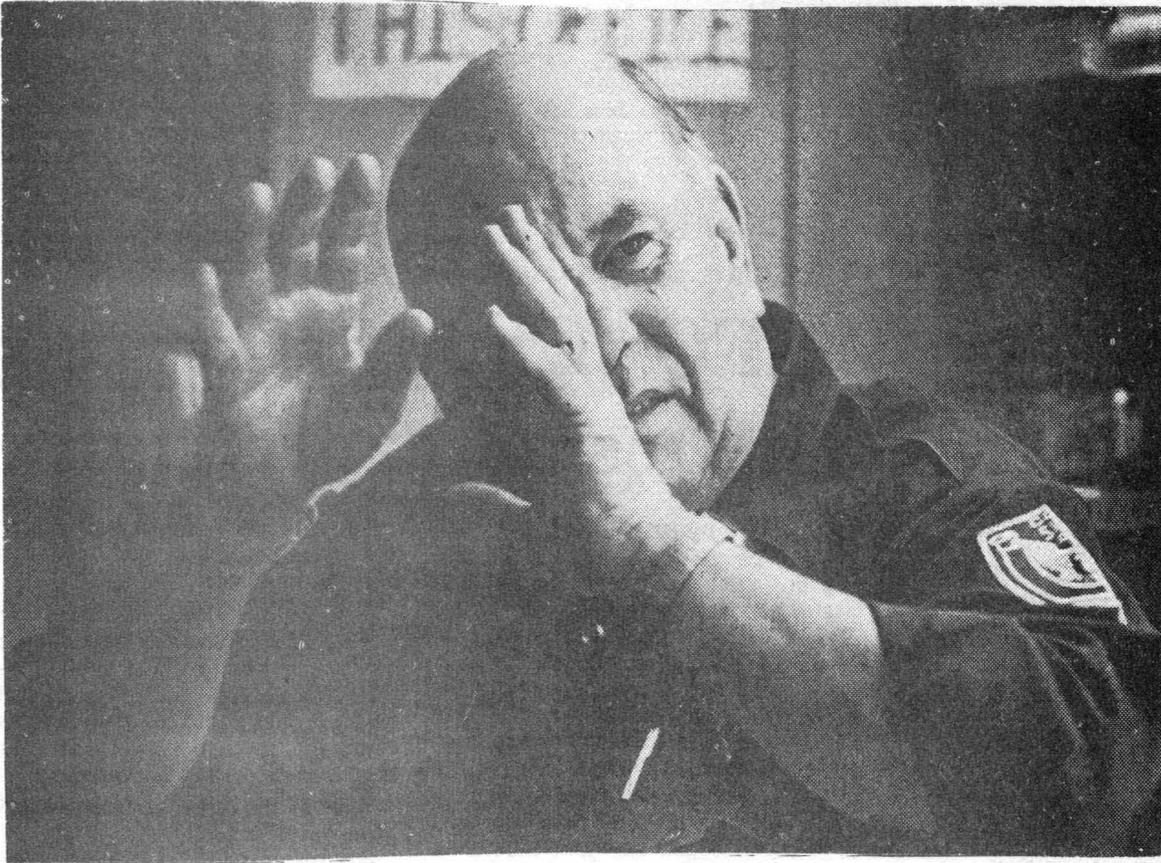
"Saw light (in) East Southeast above trees, very bright red to orange, seems to be doing tricks or putting on a show."

The tower mentioned in the log stands on a knob that is more or less in the center of the area in which the animal mutilations have been reported. The housewife said she didn't know what kind of a tower it was, but that when the blinking red lights at the top went out from time to time, the lights she had sighted "changed sky patterns."

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Sheriff Cliston Hilton of Lincoln County debunks the "sightings" and puts his bet on the vet.
(Post-Dispatch Photos by Larry Williams)

(Highway W runs through a settlement called New Hope, about five miles southwest of Elsberry, and continues past the tower, which is owned and maintained by the Union Electric Co. The tower is part of the utility's microwave communication system to southeastern Iowa, a UE spokesman said. Maintenance reports indicate that one of the bulbs at the top of the tower burned out in May, he said, and that a circuit-breaker that had failed was replaced Aug. 4. Such light failures on UE's towers "are not unusual occurrences, according to our records," he said.)

The entry for Aug. 7 in the housewife's log reads:

"12:00 noon — Neighbor... just called me and said they had a cow down, one front leg had been cut off. They had just found it. She asked me what she should do. I advised her to call the law. Could be why I saw weird light Friday night (Aug. 4), they heard a cow scream at 12 midnight Friday night."

Lillian Vitro said her son, Tony, 15, and a neighbor boy, Angelo Di Bartolo, had found a dead calf while they were cutting weeds last Monday in a pasture. The right shoulder of the calf was missing, and one of the family's dogs had found part of the leg some distance away.

"The calf was a quarter of a mile or a half mile away from the house," Mrs. Vitro said, "and this used to be a pig farm — the ground is rough. You couldn't take a car in there, and anyone in his right mind — if he's a human being — wouldn't go back that far. They'd have to walk in, and it's a mile from the road (Highway W) on one side and almost as far from the road (Highway V) on this side."

Mrs. Vitro said a relative was in the home alone Friday night (Aug. 4) and heard the cattle behind the house making noises, but didn't go outside to investigate.

She said her husband, Joe, a bricklayer, "parks the truck in front of the gate that goes into the pastures, and another of our dogs, Snoopy, is tied up by the gate. Snoopy barks at anything. And we've got two geese out there that make more noise than the dogs, but the dogs and the geese were quiet."

The Vitros and their three sons, Joey, 17; Tom, 13, and Tony, moved from St. Louis to the Elsberry area about seven years ago, and have shared the farm with Sam Di Bartolo and his family about four years. The calf belonged to the Di Bartolos.

Mrs. Vitro said she hadn't seen any of the lights others had reported — "not this year, but three or four years ago while I was sitting on the porch I saw what looked like a gray shadow about dusk. It went up, and then shot off straight."

Wednesday morning, two days after the dead calf had been discovered, Mrs. Vitro reported that the carcass had been moved four or five feet and the right eye and ear were missing.

"What's weird, though," Mrs. Vitro said, "is that the tail's back. Tom said that the tip of the tail was missing when he saw the calf Monday."

A farmer neighbor, Robert Taylor, said the tail was intact when he saw the carcass Monday. When he saw the dead calf again Wednesday, Taylor said, "a dog or something has been eating on it, and dragged it where it is. Something's got at the eye, too; and the ear.

"What's strange is that there wasn't any blood on the calf when I saw it Monday. And look around now; there aren't any buzzards. I've been around cattle almost all my life — I'm almost 65 — and you usually can find a down cow by following the buzzards."

In their living room, Taylor and his wife, Eileene, said they had lost a cow a couple of months ago, and the rectum portion of the carcass was missing when they found it out in the middle of a field after a storm. A veterinarian had said the cow had been struck by lightning and some sort of animal had been feeding on it, Taylor said.

"There had been a thunderstorm that morning," Taylor said, "and there was blood on my cow, but I didn't see any animal run away from it when I came up to it."

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Said Mrs. Taylor: "There's something fishy about there not being any blood on the Vitro calf. Fishy, strange, whatever. No blood."

The carcass of the Taylor cow remains out in the field because there is no reason to move it, Taylor said. It, too, doesn't appear to have attracted any buzzards.

The Taylors never have seen any of the strange lights reported by others,

"but I don't sit out and look for them, either," she said, and laughed.

"I say if they're going to get me, they're going to have to come into the house to get me. I don't think there's anything coming down from the sky and doing anything."

The housewife who has logged lights "that get so bright you can't say what size they are, or how close they are," said she has "talked to some neighbors even now and they don't see them. They don't look. There's a lot of people around here who think it's very serious, I'll tell you that. There are others. . . I don't know what they think."

As for the mutilations, the housewife said, "I think they've got terrific knowledge; they leave no evidence and they've never been caught. I wouldn't want to say who 'they' are, but kids playing a prank? No way. Cultists? No way. Predators? No way."

Sheriff Clifton Hilton scoffs at the idea of UFOs having anything to do with the animal mutilations, or UFOs in general, for that matter.

"I talk to people about those sightings, and I ask them whether they're on

explanation for what has been happening to the dead cattle. "I go along with the theory of others," he said, without specifically endorsing a relationship between the mutilations and the sightings of orange, amber, yellow, red and white lights in the area.

The marshal said he had been told that "August is always the peak month for animal mutilations." He had been told that, he said, by members of some groups from Colorado, Texas and New York who had checked into Elsberry to check into the happenings. He said one such group member was Walter Andrus, from Seguin, Texas, and international director of the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON), whom he had known previously in Quincy, Ill. Livengood described Andrus as "one of the top two or three experts in the United States on UFOs, possibly in the world."

Margaret Ann Watts, editor of the weekly Elsberry Democrat, said a three-man group from APRO in Colorado had been on the scene, although she didn't know what APRO stood for, and that Martin Wolf had been in town from Newfield, N.Y. Wolf, she said, identified himself as the assistant director of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained. Miss Watts offered also a newsletter from Project Stigma of Paris, Tex. The newsletter cited "continuing investigations into the occurrence of animal mutilations," and listed several such cases from January through June of this year in a dozen states (Missouri among them) from Alabama to Oregon.

As Ms. Becker had suggested, some of the residents outside Elsberry have, indeed, taken more notice of the lights sighted in the area since the mutilation incidents. Four were reported between late April and mid-June, and it was June 24 when the housewife began "logging the sightings."

The South East Press, September 8, 1978

UFO sighting stirs interest of expert

By KEN KAYE

It was Tuesday, Aug. 22 at 5:30 p.m. A 219-foot, odd-shaped and shiny object descended over a field at E. 146th Street and Harvard Road and caught a dozen children aghast.

It smashed a tree while hovering so low, let out a silvery spray and took a peculiar interest in some large aluminum fuel storage tanks in the area — since it kept circling them.

The object moved slowly. It would go up into the sky and hide in a cloud, and as it came out into the blue again, the cloud seemed to disappear. The sun was out, but the sky to the north was a strange color of gray.

The children, who until they saw the object were merely playing, were scared to death. Some of the younger ones cried. One had his wits about him and ran for his camera. The object lingered long enough for him to take several shots.

In all, it stayed about 10 minutes before it slowly ascended out of sight.

Earl Neff, the Parma ufologist, called it absolutely the best report of a UFO sighting he's had. Whether a saucer did in fact appear that day is open to speculation. But Neff interviewed each of the 12 children and a 61-year-old man, taped them individually and found "all the stories tallied to the letter."

He was particularly enthused because of the let-down of a hoax engineered by two Parma men in mid-August. They took Polaroid pictures of a toy and claimed a UFO visited Brecksville Metropark.

"I CONSIDER IT one of the really top cases," Neff said of the east side sighting. "This makes me feel good after these chaps wasted our time. We got a payload this time."

Neff this week reported the film was underdeveloped and pictures were not available.

Some solid evidence that the story is true is dead wood and leaves of the tree which was snapped by the object. Neff determined it was 219-feet long by pacing off the distance between the tree and a pole, where the craft had reportedly hovered.

Ages of the dozen children ranged from seven to 16.

"THIS OBJECT was huge," the ufologist said. "It sprayed material out of the bottom of it over these trees. The leaves were dead in a very short time afterwards. This spray was of a silvery nature."

One of the youngsters touched the silvery material. His hand swelled up and it took several washings before it returned to normal, Neff said.

Neff too touched the dead wood. "My fingertips got intensely red," he said. The wood was sent to a testing laboratory in Wooster and the tapes were given to the Flying Saucer Investigation Committee (FISC) of Akron.

"This object wasn't just seen once. It was seen three times in all: once in the morning, and twice in the evening," Neff said.

"IT'S THE WEIRDEST shape. Part of it is circular, and the front is almost like a bottle. There were four lights on it."

UFO sightings tend to increase after well-publicized UFO matters, like the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," and the Brecksville incident.

Neff said since the Brecksville report, a Parma woman living on W. 130th Street told him an object came down so low over her home that she thought it was going to hit the roof.

UFO sightings documented by the astronauts

by Mary Joy Ragle

If American astronauts have sighted UFO's, why doesn't the public know about it?

That's a good question.

But astronauts have been quoted around the country as affirming their belief in the objects, and reported sightings have been compiled in several documents.

The list below was sent to the Biwabik Times last week by Eugene Lundholm, field investigator in an organization called MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), a nation-wide, voluntary membership of UFO believers and sighters.

Lundholm resides in Superior, Wisconsin and has himself investigated several UFO sightings in northern

Minnesota.

This compilation was written November 1, 1976: **The Scientists at Work**

Unknown Objects in Space and In the Air, and What Science Is Doing about Them

"I believe UFOs belong to someone else and they are from some other civilization." - Astronaut Gene Cernan, Jan. 4, 1973, at a Los Angeles press conference.

"I believe UFOs, under intelligent control, have visited our planet for thousands of years." - Astronaut Gordon Cooper, July 1, 1973, at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

"Odds are that UFOs exist." - Astronaut John Young, November 28, 1973, at

a Seattle, Washington, speaking engagement.

Table of UFO Sightings by Astronauts
(from a list compiled by Mr. G. Fawcett.)

Feb. 20, 1962 - John Glenn, piloting his Mercury capsule, saw three objects follow him and then overtake him at varying speeds.

May 24, 1962 - Mercury VII: Scott Carpenter reported photographing firefly-like objects with a hand camera and that he had what looked like a good shot of a saucer.

May 30, 1962 - X15 Pilot Joe Walton photographed five disc-like objects.

July 17, 1962 - X15 Pilot Robert White

objects about thirty feet away from his craft while about fifty-eight miles up.

May 16, 1963 - Mercury IX: Gordon Cooper reported a greenish UFO with a red tail during his fifteenth orbit. He also reported other mysterious sightings over South America and Australia. The object he sighted over Perth, Australia, was caught on screens by ground tracking station.

Oct. 3, 1963 - Mercury VIII: Walter Shirra reported large glowing masses over the Indian Ocean.

March 8, 1964 - VOSKHOD 2: Russian cosmonauts reported an unidentified object just as they entered the earth's atmosphere.

June 3, 1964 - Gemini IV: Jim McDivitt reported he photographed several strange objects, including a cylindrical object with arms sticking out and an egg-shaped UFO with some sort of exhaust.

Oct. 12, 1964 - VOSKHOD 1: Three Russian cosmonauts reported they were surrounded by a formation of swiftly moving disc-shaped objects.

Dec. 4, 1965 - Gemini VIII: Frank Borman and Jim Lovell photographed twin oval-shaped UFOs with glowing undersides.

July 18, 1966 - Gemini X: John Young and Mike Collins saw a large cylindrical object accompanied by two smaller, bright objects, which Young photographed. NASA failed to pick them up on screens.

Sept. 12, 1966 - Gemini XI: Richard Gordon and Charles Conrad reported a yellow-orange UFO about six miles from them. It dropped down in front of them and then disappeared when they tried to photograph it.

Nov. 11, 1966 - Gemini XII: Jim Lovell and Edwin Aldrin saw four UFOs linked in a row. Both spacemen said the objects were not stars.

Dec. 21, 1968 - Apollo VIII: Frank Borman and Jim Lovell reported a "bogie" - an unidentified object - ten miles up.

July 16, 1969 - Apollo XI: This was the mission on which a UFO reportedly chased the spacecraft.

Nov. 14, 1969 - Apollo XII: Astronauts Pete Conrad, Alan Bean and Dick Gordon said a UFO accompanied them to within 132,000 miles of the moon, preceding them all the way.

Lundholm, as field investigator for MUFON, writes preliminary reports about UFO sightings. He also sent copies

Incident: Three women near Babbitt report triangular-shaped object with lights hovering above cars on highway. Sighting about 9:30 p.m., Sept. 11, 1975.

Incident: sightings reported to Duluth Police and County Sheriff's Department "all around the area", about 10 p.m. Sept. 25, 1975.

Incident: Cloquet police report watching an object hovering over the Diamond Match plant. Contacted Air Force Base, which said it was sending two jets over to investigate. Police on duty reported seeing aircraft circling around the object over the plant. Date: Sept. 25, 1975. Time: 10 p.m.

Incident: Air Force Base denies sending jets for surveillance over Cloquet UFO. Jet sightings by police on duty in Cloquet confirmed. Sept. 26, 1975.

Incident: Sighting of saucer-shaped object near Bayfield, Wisconsin by a man and his family. Object about 100 feet in diameter. Daylight hours, Sept. 15, 1975.

of reports taken during 1975 - a time, he said, when the area was deluged by sightings.

These particular sightings took place both in northern Wisconsin and northern Minnesota. UFO's sighted appeared to differ somewhat in description. But the timeliness of the reports would indicate that objects sighted travelled within about a 200-mile radius, were sighted by several persons and during the same time of year.

Most of these sightings took place in September.

Incident: Sighting of a cigar-shaped, oblong object by two students about 60 miles south of Superior, Wisconsin. Green, blinking light, moving very fast, 9:30 p.m. - Sept. 7, 1975.

Incident: Sighting of large, green light 120 miles south-east of Superior about 3:15 a.m. by local policeman. Former radar technician with the military, familiar with all types of aircraft. Object moving very fast at a 45-degree angle down into the trees. Sept. 15, 1975.

Incident: Total blackout of power at two power stations in towns near above sighting. Blackouts occurred between 4 and 4:30 a.m.

Incident: Report from Lake Superior District Power Company of Phillips, Wisc. about power drain occurring Sept. 15. Indicated normally this power drain would indicate a foreign object on the line, but patrolling turned up nothing. Cause: remains unknown.

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More UFO's Seen In Roundhill Area

"Your thing is back out here" the Charles E. Caudills at Roundhill were told as they answered a knock at their front door shortly before 10 p.m. Sunday night. The Caudill's had returned a short time earlier from evening worship services at the Caneyville Baptist Church. They were accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Majors, teachers in the Leitchfield school and the four were peacefully chatting away when Pirtle Johnson, who lives a quarter of a mile up the road from the Caudill's, appeared at the door to tell his neighbors an unidentified flying object they had reported seeing Monday night, July 17, had reappeared.

"We all watched it until it went away," Mrs. Caudill said. "We were looking due west from our front porch toward Hwy. 185. There were two objects, one smaller than the other. One could have been farther away than the other which would contribute to its smaller appearance, Mrs. Caudill said.

"Pirtle had been up the road to get a Coke when he spied the object and rushed to tell us, Mrs. Caudill said.

She said the six of them--including the Caudill's son, Wynn, watched the phenomenon until it disappeared.

"When we started back in the house, we found in our excitement we had locked ourselves out, but Mr. Caudill finally found a window which he could open.

It is a strange thing but always about 10 minutes after the unidentified object has disappeared, an airplane will

come across the sky--as if it is in chase," Mrs. Caudill said.

On the night of July 17 after the Caudill's had seen the object and had pursued it in their truck Mrs. Caudill said the sky was ribboned with jet streaks from planes in the area.

She said she is beginning to have a very strange feeling about the whole situation. For the past three years off and on she said she has been seeing an unidentified object in the sky in the locality.

After the Sunday night appearance the Caudills did not call anyone to report the incident. Maybe because calls after the July 17 spotting resulted in a flood of attention which put the family in the spotlight for news interviews, television and radio reports and long distance calls. Brooks Mitchell, WBKO TV feature reporter, Bob Hill, Courier-Journal columnist, Bowling Green newspaper and radio reporters and numerous other calls and visitors gave the family an exciting, if not hectic week.

One call came from a scientist at an engineering base in Arizona who studies unidentified flying objects and with whom the Caudill's have had previous communication.

One interviewer, whom Mrs. Caudill said was "sympathetic with our experience, ventured to tell us he believed we had a 10 minute lapse or were under a hypnotic spell when we saw the object hovering over us on July 17."

The publicity has not had any effect so to speak on her antique business, but she feels certain more of the women who patronize her shop will now come nearer the middle of the day rather than wait until later.

"It is a miraculous sight

to watch. The first object looked like a large star blue and white around the edge with an orange center, and as we watched it became more orange and more compact," Mrs. Caudill said, referring to the Sunday night sighting.

She described the smaller object as having the same composition as its larger counter part.

The lights appear and reappear before their final disappearance, and they always show between 9 and 10 p.m. the Roundhill resident said.

Whether she is seeing "a gigantic lightning bug or a space machine" Mrs. Caudill said she doesn't know, but she does know she would feel much more comfortable if what she and her family have seen could be identified.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA. - GRIT
*****AUG. 13, 1978*****

UFO's Fill Skies Above Area Town

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Elysburg--UFO's (unidentified flying objects) are still appearing in the skies over this Northumberland County community, frightening some residents and intriguing others.

The fourth sighting of UFO's in the area since last December was reported here recently by three men who do not want their names published.

The UFO's, three of them, were seen by three men who were gathered at the Martz Store near here. The three men said the UFO's were the same size, colored bright red. Rows of lights, twinkling like sparklers, surrounded them.

The men watched the objects for several minutes before one UFO suddenly traveled away at a "fantastic" speed. Two of the objects, about 20 to 30 feet apart, hovered in the area, moving close to earth and then retreating.

After 10 minutes, a second UFO sped away, and a single object remained in the area for 15 to 20 minutes, the men stated.

"I DON'T know what to make of it," said one.

"I have seen several unusual things in the sky, but I never said anything because people will think I'm crazy."

The three are prominent residents of the Ralpho Township area, and two are well-known businessmen, according to citizens here.

A few weeks before this sighting, the Edward Gappa family, of this community, reported seeing an unexplained object in clear skies one night as they were walking along Penn Avenue here.

Mrs. Judy Gappa said she and her children and some relatives from New Jersey 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.

SHE ALSO noted that the center of the object had blinking, orange-colored lights.

"We knew it wasn't a star because it was too low," said Mrs. Gappa. "We were also sure it wasn't an airplane nor a helicopter because we viewed it through binoculars."

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

There have been several reported sightings of UFO's in the Elysburg area, and many more which are believed to have not been reported.

One woman and her daughter reported sighting a UFO last December as they were driving toward Elysburg, and an Elysburg teen-ager, Phillip Skeba, sighted an object in the sky last January and took pictures to corroborate his story.

Some news tips better than others

An unidentified flying object sighting, one of the many hot news tips The Mississauga Times has received since they began their news tip contest, was phoned into The Times newsroom Tuesday afternoon by a 15-year-old Mississauga boy.

Cameron Boyes, a Lorne Park Secondary School student, contacted reporter John Challinor about a sighting made near his Bramblewood Lane home.

Boyes, a Times carrier, took shots of the craft with his Yashica FX-2 camera from the park where he and friend Bruce Barclay were taking pictures of a groundhog.

When the Times learned

of the sightings, Boyes was invited to the offices at 2300 South Sheridan Way to tell his story and present his evidence.

While Challinor was interviewing Boyes, reporter Sid Rodaway and photographer Gorm Larsen took Boyes' negatives into the darkroom to enlarge them so that a better identification could be made.

Boyes told Challinor, and another reporter Jim Adair, that the object made a semi-circle around the park where he and Barclay were taking pictures.

"It stayed around the trees and just over the brow of the hill for about two to three minutes,"

said Boyes. "There was no noise and it seemed very far away."

Boyes, flanked by sister Robin and friend Richie Jinnah, said he had never seen a UFO before this time.

Boyes, said the closest the object came to where he was standing was about 70 to 80 feet away. He shot the object with a 50 ml. lens.

Rodaway and Larsen came back to the newsroom somewhat sceptical after blowing up the photographs Boyes had taken.

"Are you guys finished with your questions," smiled Boyes. "I have a confession to make — I made it."



Mysterious object?

The newsroom broke up with laughter as Boyes told the reporters how he made the 'UFO'.

"It looks like an old VW hubcap," said Rodaway. "Is that a plunger stuck on top of it?"

Boyes admitted that it was a VW hubcap with a

lamp base and pencils stuck in the top. To get it airborne, he simply flicked it as if it was a frisbee.

The fact remains — just what is real and what isn't? Challinor and Adair are convinced the ingenuity of kids is unreal. As for UFOs, they'll wait until the next sighting.

OWEN SOUND SUN TIMES - ONT. CANADA
*****JUNE 2, 1978*****

^{R135U} Man sees his second UFO

WALKERTON — Bruce Harris of Hanover claims he saw a UFO for the second time within one year on Wednesday.

Harris said he was driving west on Highway 4 to Walkerton at about 10:30 p.m. with a passenger, Michael Allen also of Hanover.

He said they noticed a bluish-green object moving north-west near Walkerton-Hanover airport.

Harris said they first

thought it was an aircraft, but noticed the light was not blinking. The object was moving slowly.

The men then turned north up the airport road and suddenly the object disappeared.

One year ago Harris saw

a similar object shortly after dusk and at that time the light was white. At that time police confirmed the sighting.

Foreign

Clippings

Flying object unidentified; Iowa trooper misidentified

By NICK LAMBERTO

Register Staff Writer

Iowa Highway Patrol Trooper Robert D. Clark of Fort Madison is puzzled about a UFO report attributed to him in Missouri last Monday night.

Clark wondered Thursday how he could be credited with seeing an unidentified flying object in southern Missouri when he was in Lee County, Iowa, at the time of the reported incident.

The Associated Press reported Monday that Clark was one of several persons who reported seeing a UFO some 40 miles south of Springfield, Mo.

The AP said Clark, a vacationing Iowa highway patrolman, reported he had seen a green light that slowly descended in the sky.

It was one of several reports of UFO sightings in Missouri and Kansas Monday night.

In Lee County

But Clark, 50, an Iowa trooper for 27 years, said he was in Lee County Monday night and had neither seen nor reported seeing a UFO.

"I don't know how that report got started," Clark said in a telephone interview from his home in Fort Madison.

"I haven't been on vacation. I did have three days off but I never left Lee County," he said.

"I had calls on UFOs years ago and investigated the reports, but I've never seen one myself," he said.

Iowa Public Safety Commissioner Charles Larson said Trooper Clark of Fort Madison is the only one of 600 officers under his jurisdiction with that name.

"It could be an employee in another state department, but not in the Department of Public Safety," Larson said.

The Taney County Sheriff's office at Forsyth, Mo., a short distance from the Arkansas border, received a call about 9:30 p.m. Monday that an Iowa state trooper named Robert Clark

had spotted a UFO in the Table Rock Dam area south of Branson, Mo.

CBer Makes Report

The original report was phoned to the sheriff's office by Marie Kinyon, 55, of Forsyth, a CB radio operator with the handle "Red Wing."

"I talked to the man and he told me he saw a green ball going down behind a mountain below the dam," Kinyon said in a telephone interview.

"He said he was Robert Clark and was a state officer from Iowa. I entered it in my book and called the sheriff's office.

"He said his CB handle was Orange Blimp and that his call letters were RTT5015. He gave what he said were his wrong call letters at first. "He started the conversation by saying twice, 'I know this is going to sound silly,' and then told me about the unidentified flying object."

(Iowa Trooper Clark does not own a CB radio and does not have a CB handle).

Taney County Deputy Sheriff Chuck Peace later talked to the man called Clark near Table Rock Dam, but said he hadn't bothered to make a written report of the conversation.

Peace said the man identified himself as an Iowa state officer, but that he couldn't remember his name.

Told that Iowa Trooper Clark was in Iowa the night the report was made to her, CB operator Kinyon said:

"Could it be someone doing something funny? Someone playing a prank? No, it wasn't one of those strange encounters of a third kind. More like of a weird kind."

UFO baffles restaurateur

By NIGEL GIBSON

Bill Dimopoulos couldn't believe his eyes.

He was sitting in his restaurant in Repentigny around 8 p.m. yesterday when suddenly the sky seemed to light up.

"It was a big, bright ball hovering in the sky," Mr. Dimopoulos told THE MONTREAL STAR "It was below the clouds but it wasn't a plane.

"I called the other customers and we watched it. It stood there in the sky for about half an hour before it began to go up, faster and faster, until it disappeared.

"It looked like the bright light on the top of a TV antenna, but it was too bright for that," customer Denis Kotsinas added.

"I don't believe in UFOs, but it was something very funny," he said. "It seemed to come towards us and then it suddenly veered left and became fainter and fainter.

"It was a 'big, bright light' and it made a whistling sound as it moved," customer Gilbert Mercure said. "What on earth could it be?"

Montreal police and the radar operators at St. Hubert airport had no answers.

"Maybe it's the full moon," a police spokesman volunteered.

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IPSWICH EVENING STAR - SUFFOLK, ENG.

***** JULY 8, 1978 *****

UFO seen over ³¹²⁸ Marlesford

I've heard a lot about things flying through the sky and didn't know whether to believe it or not, but I do believe it now. I had the experience of seeing one.

This happened while I was sitting up in bed, which I often do if I cannot sleep. This particular night was on June 30, at 2.25 a.m.

All of a sudden I heard a very funny noise. I knew it was not a plane or a car, and I had got a clear view of the sky as our house stands up fairly high.

Anyway I looked out quickly and saw going past at a great speed about half a mile up, a bright green long object travelling from east to west. I watched until it vanished, which was only a few seconds.

The sound from it — as near as I could imagine — was like someone tapping on a very low note on a piano.

I was scared stiff to move for a little while, hoping it wouldn't come back.

Every word of this is true. I cannot forget it. — A. GOODCHILD, 6 Hall Road, Marlesford.

***** JULY 6, 1978 *****

ERITH OBSERVER # KENTISH TIMES - ENG.

Flying saucer is ³¹²⁸ cigar shaped

REPORTS of a brilliantly white cigar shaped object which emitted flames as it flew slowly across Bexley have been received by Mrs M. Fry North Kent's unidentified flying object investigator for Contact UK, a world wide organisation which investigates UFOs.

She is now appealing to anyone who saw the object over Dartford Heath or along the A2 on April 7 between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m., to contact her at 250, Long Lane, Bexleyheath, telephone 301 3458.

And she is also interested in hearing from anyone who may have witnessed two strange incidents in the sky at Bexleyheath on March 29 and at Eltham on May 29.

The April incident resulted in independent reports being received of the cigar-shaped object, with triangular front and back and round portholes in the centre, being seen over Dartford Heath.

Mrs Fry claims the cigar, about 400 to 500 feet long, was seen moving slowly towards and down the A2, during which period it emitted flames from the central top and bottom. It finally moved rapidly out of sight at the Black Prince.

Sightings over Eltham, Lee, and Mottingham of a black

metallic object, with myriads of small lights of all colours on its underside, have also been forwarded to her. The incident happened between mid-day and 1 p.m. on May 29.

The March sighting was actually witnessed by Mrs Fry herself. She said: "On the 29th at 1.05 p.m. precisely, a small monoplane with quite clearly seen red and blue lettering flew low over Christ Church, Bexleyheath Broadway and the Bexley Heath and Welling Observer Office.

"I was standing in Antony Jackson's car park watching it, when I noticed a white blob, about three to four feet, was playing tag with the plane.

It looped, curved, circled over and under the cockpit, the pilot seemingly unaware of it!

"I immediately shouted to my husband who was getting out of the car, and to the other people in the car park at the time. They all looked up. My husband spotted it as it gave a final large loop and shot off towards Woolwich."

Mrs Fry claims she reported the matter to Biggin Hill Airport and although they said they would check and identify the plane and pilot, she has not heard from them.

NORTH WALES CHRONICLE - ENGLAND
***** JUNE 8, 1978 *****

Couple's fear of mentioning UFO sighting

An Anglesey couple who rushed into their house and locked the doors after seeing a strange object in the sky were so upset about the incident that they have told no-one about it, until now — prompted by last week's story in the Chronicle of local UFO sightings.

Mr and Mrs E. L. Cornish, who live in a 15th century house at Gronnant, Llanfachraeth, thought people might think they were imagining things, so they kept quiet about it.

Mrs Margaret Cornish said: "It was dusk, one evening in the winter. I went outside and saw this huge saucer-shaped ball of fire in the sky, over

the woods. It was hovering, moving backwards and forwards.

"It moved off towards Menai Bridge and then came back again shortly afterwards. It had a perfectly smooth outline, and lit up the whole field."

Her husband, Mr Edwin Cornish says he saw it clearly too. He said: "It must have

been 30 feet across, and definitely hovered. At first I thought it might have been something from Valley, but it wasn't. I was staggered. It was the shape of a soup-plate with a lid on. There was no sound from it.

"I've never seen anything like it at all. I felt very uneasy about it, and told Margaret to get in the house. We

rushed in and locked the doors.

"I have felt almost afraid to mention it because people think you are mad, or imagining things. But when I read the report in the paper I thought I would let you know."

Two other UFO sightings have been reported over Bangor.

The first came last Wednesday, when Mrs Pauline Ann Mapp of

35 Ffordd Castell, Bangor, saw a white dome hovering above Bangor golf course, with "brilliant" light emanating from it.

Mrs Mapp said that the object was hovering only a few feet above the ground and then it disappeared behind the golf course.

She told a neighbour, who im-

mediately reported it to RAF Valley. They reported it to the Ministry of Defence as an Unidentified Flying Object sighting.

The other sighting came last last Thursday when 19-year-old Tony Tipton of Tany-Bryn, Maesgeirchen said he spotted an oval object above the estate, also with a brilliant light shining from it.

Those 'close encounters' are getting nearer home

"A LONG CONE of light was beamed down on to the ground and the craft stayed hovering for almost an hour. My husband found a pair of binoculars and he could see a long silver craft with what appeared to be lumps on the side, finally it changed colour, to red, and shot out of the sky at great speed. I am convinced it was not a plane or anything like that."

The above is an account by a "Mrs S. of Marple," dated July 5, 1977. And you could say it is typical of the many UFO sightings people claim to have made this year. Unidentified flying objects are not just "seen" in America or Canada, they are an international phenomenon, "witnessed" all over the world — including Great Britain.

In Offerton is the head office of the Manchester Aerial Phenomena Investigation Team (MAPIT for short), the local UFO research team into unidentified flying objects.

It was formed in September, 1973, to collect UFO information, and inform the public and media of activity in its local area.

Since its beginning MAPIT has grown into a truly international setup, its publica-

tion entitled "Skywatch," is distributed not only throughout Britain, but to 19 countries throughout the world.

Hovered

In Hattersley last year a man was getting ready to go to work. It was about six in the morning and already light. He looked through the window of his flat and saw what he later described as a large shining cigar-shaped object in the sky. It hovered, changed colour and disappeared.

Later another man in Newton saw a similar object in the sky. He was not going to say much about it until the other man mentioned his sighting, at the factory where they both work.

We checked at Manchester

Airport. They put forward the suggestion of sunlight reflecting from an aircraft, cloud formation, trick of the light, or possibly a weather balloon.

UFOs are rather like ghosts, you either believe in them or you don't. But in Reddish two years ago a group of children were very sure that what they saw was something from space.

The youngsters were playing on some waste land and one of them went into a shed to make an orange drink. The young girl went about the business of preparing the drinks, while the two boys outside continued their games, determined to make the most of their summer break from school.

But the enjoyment was cut short by a weird crackling noise and a flash of light. They spun round and for the first time saw the eyes that had been watching them.

They belonged to a figure wearing a silver one-piece suit, a grey short beard and yellow hair . . . and he was floating six inches above the ground. The figure remained still for a few seconds, returning their gaze, and then disappearing.

Screamed

It reappeared in front of the shed where the girl was making the drinks, she saw the being out of the window. The figure unhooked a small square shovel from a belt round his waist and started digging up pieces of soil and putting them in plastic bags.

The girl screamed and called for the two boys, but by the time they reached her "it" had gone.

The shocked children saw the "being" once more — bending down and scooping up more earth near a school playground fence. Shortly afterwards they were startled by another flash of light and a sudden gush of wind, a silver-grey object with a dome on top sped away over the school buildings in a south-easterly direction.

MAPIT are fascinated by the "sighting." Apparently the children still believe in what they saw, and their parents support them.

"They don't want anyone to know their names because they are afraid people won't take it seriously, but the parents are confident these are not lies," a MAPIT spokesman told us.

True, or just a story invented by bored children to tell their friends? MAPIT point out that in November, 1976, and the following January, similar figures were seen in Winchester and Broad Haven.

Throughout 1977 many children are claimed to have reported UFO sightings, many of them above or near schools.

MAPIT claims other instances: In October, 1976, two dark cigar-shaped objects were viewed over a brick works in Bramhall, and a group of people in an ambulance saw four unusual smoke rings in January, 1976, they were flying in a close formation.

At the time these people were travelling through the back streets of Hyde on their way to Glossop.

David L. Rees, MAPIT's secretary, who lives at 92 Hillcrest Road, Offerton, goes on: "Our aim at this moment in time is to collect and collate all Stockport/Tameside and area UFO sightings dating back as far as is possible (50s and so on).

"A catalogue of this nature has not been attempted before and on completion would be published. I appeal to all readers, if you think you have had a UFO sighting any time, past or present, please contact us so that we may investigate. All persons wishing anonymity will have their wishes carried out.

"If you are interested and wish to learn more of man's greatest unsolved mystery, write to me."

GROUP PROBE 'FLYING SAUCER' SIGHTING

LEICESTER'S own UFO research centre is investigating a flying saucer sighting over Wigston Magna.

Members of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation of Leicester went into action after a Wigston woman reported a bright orange saucer-shaped object hovering over her home.

The object, which later flew off to hover over other houses, was tilted at a 45 degree angle and beaming light to the ground.

Mr. Trevor Thornton of UAPROL said today: "We are taking this seriously because there have been four or five similar sightings during the past few weeks.

"One woman in Melton Mowbray phoned us to say a similar object had landed in her garden."

Fairly close encounters

THE rash of Unidentified Flying Object "sightings" in northern Ayrshire cannot be dismissed as the product of over-active imaginations by people on the spot. On the other hand, it is hard to visualise wee green men from Venus, or anywhere else, hovering over Stewarton and Dunlop just for the fun of it. Either they have lost their way — a pardonable error considering the difficulties of space travel to which even Earth people have been exposed in recent years — or the average UFO is not what it is cracked up to be in science fiction.

Bright lights are becoming so common in northern Ayrshire these days that folk have to be on the alert to miss them. One man even claims to have spotted such phenomena in daytime — a luminous and "beautiful rich white" object which was given to darting across a field near the Stewarton-Irvine road. Elsewhere, and at night this time, three policemen on different routes spotted mysterious objects in the sky. And earlier this month two other policemen gave chase in their panda car to one apparent UFO, but unaccountably lost touch with it. Policemen being the trained observers they are it is hard to believe that they were being over-enthusiastic. It would be hard, after all, to breathalyse a visitor from

outer space, particularly if he was moving rapidly across the heavens.

Cynics will say, of course, that the proximity of Prestwick Airport explains the mysterious lights in the sky. But residents of northern Ayrshire are well used by now, surely, to the sights and sounds of conventional air travel. The common sense of local people who have reported seeing UFOs is unquestioned, and no sensible person wants to run the risk of being labelled a crank on account of something he has seen in the sky. It is fair enough to presume, therefore, that either UFOs do exist or that there is more to air transport nowadays than meets the eye.

Followers of the UFO cult often maintain that the authorities dare not reveal all that is officially known about such phenomena. That leaves the ground open to fertile speculation. Has anyone noticed, for example, that the Ayrshire visitations have coincided with preparations for the World Cup? There are an awful lot of UFOs in Brazil — or so the science speculators allege from time to time — and that country is a prime World Cup contender. Could the Brazilians be sending some of their interstellar fans over here to keep a watch on the Scottish squad? Mr Ally MacLeod had better look out, just in case he is snatched away and ends up publicising Scottish football to the unresponsive citizens of some asteroid.

SUNDAY TIMES - PERTH, AUSTR.
*****AUG. 6, 1978*****

Flying object follows Collie men

COLLIE, Sat. — Two men claim that they were paced by an unidentified flying object when returning home to Collie one evening this week.

The men, who declined to have their names published, saw the object about 8.30pm on Monday when travelling along the Wilga-

Donnybrook Road, about 28 km from Collie.

They claimed that the object paced their vehicle along the road. When they turned into the Collie-Mumballup Road, some 20 kms from Collie the object followed.

The object continued to pace the car and at the Glen Mervyn Dam, some 10 km from Collie,

the men stopped the car.

At this stage the object appeared to hover, got bigger and brighter and made it possible to determine that it was rectangular in shape.

The men re-started the car and continued towards Collie.

On the outskirts of the town the men noticed the object drop

back. They turned around and again travelled back towards Glen Mervyn dam. The men say that they saw the object fade out of sight.

The men say the object, which was a deep orange in color, has convinced them that UFOs do exist and are hoping that someone may be able to verify the sighting.

Report of three more UFOs

THREE more mysterious objects sighted in the sky at night over Calderdale have been reported after a story in the "Evening Courier" on Monday.

Mr Tom Taylor, of 146 Green Park Road, Halifax, saw an unidentified object early on Monday after a Luddenden woman had seen a mysterious light twice over the weekend.

"I do not believe in life in outer space, but after I had watched the World Cup football match on TV I went outside," he said.

"It was about 1.10 am and I saw an object, similar to a star but a sort of blue colour, moving at different speeds and travelling between Calder Valley and Southowram.

"I cannot explain it but, with its speed variations, it certainly was not an aeroplane".

Mr Trevor Whitaker, of the Yorkshire branch of the British UFO Research Association, said he had two other sightings reported, on Saturday and Monday.

But he discounted the report in the "Courier" on Monday as merely a sighting of Venus.

He learned this when the woman telephoned him when she saw the mystery light yet again and he looked at it himself.

He said he would investigate Mr Taylor's observations.

Mr Whitaker said he had a call from a man late on Monday. He said he had seen a light moving across the sky over Ogden and splitting into three.

A similar description was given by another man who saw it happen near Fly Flats reservoir. They could not have been planes.

"Quite a few people have said they have seen mysterious objects, but mostly they turn out to be a satellite or a plane".

EVENING COURIER - HALIFAX, ENGLAND

*****JUNE 21, 1978*****

More close encounters

3/28
FOUR sightings of a UFO in the past week seen flying over Streatham Common may tie in with burn marks found on the Common three months ago.

That is the opinion of a leading UFO expert after the latest sightings of a "strange oblong-shape ball of fire" flying over the common.

Mr Norman Oliver, editor of the British UFO Journal thinks there may be a connection between what he thought could

have been "landing marks" found on the common in March and the recent sightings.

Two schoolchildren saw the object last Sunday and two other Streatham residents claimed they saw it just two or three feet above the ground heading towards the common.

All four descriptions of the flying object fit - a solid oblong shape ball of fire that appeared to have an orange glow.

In all four cases the object was

moving only two or three feet from the ground in a controlled way.

First to see the UFO was 12 year old Andrew Payne, of Copley Park Road when he was playing football on the common with his brother.

Mr Ken Rodgers, chairman of the North London-based British UFO Association backed up their story and wants them to make drawings of the object.

Fifty-eight year old Mr Len

Beeston, of Rowen Close, Streatham Vale reported the latest sighting.

"It was about 9.30 pm last Wednesday when I looked out of my bedroom window and saw this round ball of fire travelling only two or three feet above the rooftops.

"It was heading towards Streatham Common and it suddenly veered off at a tremendous speed," said Mr Beeston.

"I had never seen anything like it in my life. It was so strange that it must have been a UFO.

"It was certainly not a natural phenomena and the way it suddenly veered off into thin air was absolutely uncanny," he said.

He was so convinced that he had seen a UFO that he has now set up a telescope hoping to sight the object again.

Mr Stan Pearce, of Valley Road saw an object with the same description last week flying over Leigham Court Road.

COMMON'S UFO SCARES THREE SCHOOLBOYS

3/28
THREE YOUNG schoolchildren from Furzedown Secondary School, Tooting have sighted the Streatham Common UFO.

Their descriptions of the object fit with those given at the end of last month by four people who claim that they saw a "strange oblong shape ball of fire" over the common.

A leading UFO expert said then that the sightings could tie in with scorch marks found on the common in March.

Mr Norman Oliver, editor of the British UFO Journal said that there was a possibility that they could be some form of "landing marks".

Zachery Woodhouse and David Adams, both aged 12, and Andrew Bovemizer, aged 13, saw the strange object on Monday evening.

They were so convinced that it was a UFO that they did not stand around - they ran off because they were so frightened.

"It was about 3 feet off the ground and was moving in a

controlled kind of way but could move very fast at tight angles.

"It looked three dimensional and was an oblong shape with an orange glow to it," said David Adams.

"We were so scared that we ran off. I had never seen anything like it before in my life. It must have been a UFO.

"There just can't be any other explanation for it," he said.

CITY FAMILY CLAIM UFO SIGHTING

3/28
GLOUCESTER carpenter Mr. Len Parsons and his family believe they saw a UFO over Gloucester last night.

As they were leaving Mr. Parson's mother's home in Podsmead, his children Lee (9) and Kelly (6) pointed out a bright light over Robinswood Hill.

They all watched the light slowly rise and come over their heads leaving a faint wide vapour trail.

Then the object faded, only to re-appear over Gloucester where it seemed to descend over the city before fading again.

In all, Mr. Parsons, of Reservoir-rd., watched the light for about half an hour.

"I used to be very sceptical," he said, "but either it was a new aircraft or a UFO.

"If it was an aircraft, it was a kind I have never seen before.

"It did not look like an aircraft from its motion."

Several other people also watched the light.



Leslie Hemstock (14), right, and Ashley Coe (12), of Campsall who say they have sighted and taken photographs of unidentified flying objects.

BOY CAMPERS SIGHT UFO IN NIGHT SKY

Close Encounters of the UFO kind were guaranteed to raise a sceptical laugh from Doncaster area school-boy Leslie Hemstock — until a couple of days or so ago when he began to see things that glow bright in the night.

For it was then that Leslie and some of his friends accidentally spotted what they would certainly have preferred not to see — not so normal nocturnal objects which soon had them scratching their heads.

And now, former ardent disbeliever, Leslie isn't sceptical anymore.

In fact, his sightings were, he says only too real for comfort.

The first sighting happened quite out of the blue as it were while Leslie and his pals were camping out in the back garden of his home in Park Drive, Campsall.

"It was going up to three o'clock in the morning, and suddenly I heard a neighbour's dog barking.

"I put my head out of the tent to shout at it to stop and then, casually glancing up at the sky, I saw them — four stars in

a sort of formation and one of them starting to move.

Suddenly the formation began to move really fast and I rushed to call my friends Ashley Coe and Mark Punter who were in the tent.

"We all saw them, they were shaped like a figure eight and not at all like an ordinary star. Eventually they stopped and started to move upwards, turning red and round as they did so."

But this didn't mark the end of the night's eerie happenings. Leslie continued: "In another part of the sky

we caught sight of a large triangular shaped light with bits falling off it."

Instead of taking up their tent and moving back indoors, Leslie and his friends continued to camp outdoors the next night. And this time they set their alarm clocks for early morning — just in case the visitors decided to call back again.

"I couldn't believe my eyes because when we looked up we saw a bright star with a small object by the side of it," Leslie added.

"The object, which was grey and round — started to move at top speed in a straight direction."

The UFO then vanished but the impression it made on Leslie and his friends remain.

UFOs are frequently diagnosed as satellites, aircraft, weather balloons, meteorites or tricks of light.

But for Leslie, they add up to an experience which has made quite a dent in this scepticism. "It was certainly uncanny and we'll never forget it," he said.

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The city of Biwabik had some mystifying encounters last week and I must admit to seeing a "UFO" also. Mine was a couple weeks ago on a Friday night about 11 PM when I happened to look out our north dining room window and saw an unusually large star that twinkled with bright lights. Using a pine tree as a marker, I watched for about 20 minutes before I woke up husband, the unbeliever. He admits it was no star; grants it might have been a satellite, but since flying saucers and the like do not exist to him it could NOT have been a "UFO."



Uzaylılarla 29 yıldır görüştüğünü açıklayan çoban Behçet Öcal, uzaylıların yardımıyla çizdiği evren haritası ile insan metabolizmasından çeşitli silah ve uzay aracının yapısına kadar her şeyi kapsayan bir kitabı bilim adamlarının incelemesine sunabileceğini açıkladı.

Hiç öğrenim görmemiş Behçet Öcal'a evrenin haritasını çizdirdiler

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Çoban Behçet 29 yıldır uzaylılarla görüşüyor

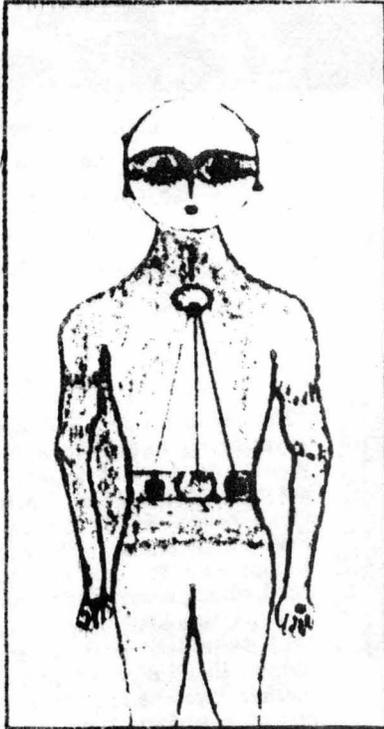
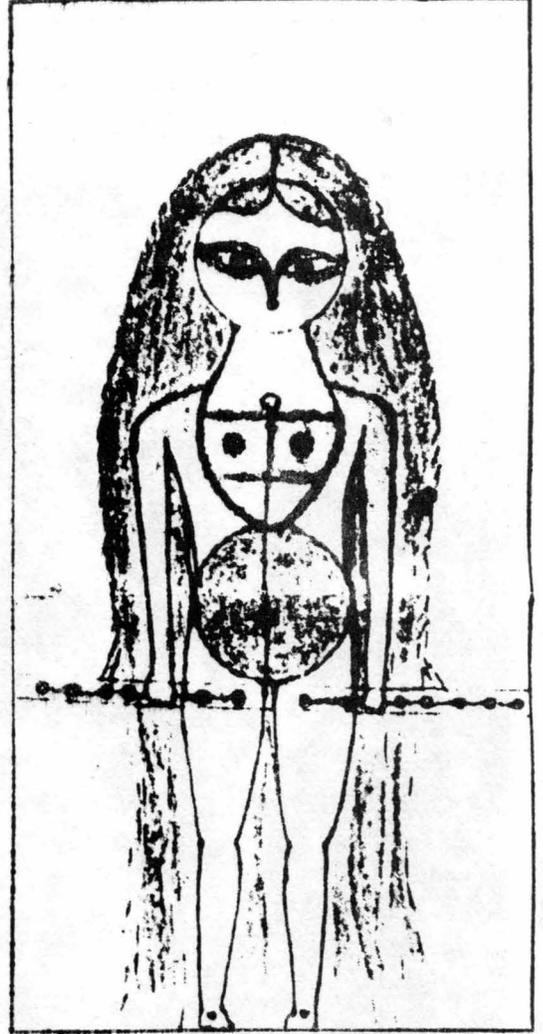
● "Parlak bir ışıktan biri kadın üç kişi çıktı. Hepsi aynı boyda idi. Kadının saçları uzun erkekler ise kabak kafalıydı.

ANKARA, (Hürriyet) - Tam 29 yıl önce gencecik, 15 yaşlarında bir köylü çocuğu koyunları otlatmak için her günkü gibi Niğde'nin Eski Gümüş kasabasından yola koyulmuş ve dereleri tepeleri aşarak yüksekçe bir düzlükte mola vermişti. Sürüdeki koyunlar sağa sola dağılıp karınlarını doyururlarken, Behçet Öcal adlı genç çoban da bir çıkın içindeki azığını çıkarıp öğle yemeğini yemişti.

Adeta güneş ışığını andıran bir ışık huzmesi biraz iler-

risindeki taş yığıntısının üzerine inmişti. Behçet Öcal yıllarca sonra olayı anlatırken aynı heyecanı yaşıyor ve şöyle diyordu:

"Ürperdim, bütün vücuduma binlerce toplu iğne batıyordu sanki. Top mermisini andırır parlak bir ışıktı. Patlar mı diye korktum. Ve ışığın içinden biri kadın ikisi erkek üç kişi çıktı. Bana bir şey yapmayacaklarını, başka dünyalardan geldiklerini söylediler, neresi olduğunu açıklamadılar. Bana sık sık görüntülerini ve resimleri göstereceklerini söyleyerek, geldikleri gibi gittiler..."



Uzaylıların Çoban Behçet'e çizdirdikleri kendi resimlerinde kadın uzun saçlı, çekik gözlü dar elbiseli erkek ise açık başlı kulak yerlerinde ateller olan kemeri düğmelerle dolu olarak gösteriliyor.

Çoban Behçet'in bu yöntemle çizdiği evren haritası akılları durduracak nitelikte. Bir çobanın güneş sistemini tam ölçüleri ile 5 santimetre çapında bir dairenin içine sığdırması ne denli olanak dışı ise, henüz bilmediğimiz öteki galaksileri, tüm evreni aynı harita üzerine yerleştirilmesi de o denli ilginç ve şaşkınlık verici.

Haritaya ilişkin olarak Behçet Öcal şöyle diyor:

"Bu haritada, görmediğiniz, ışık ve renk ayrımı yapılabilen bir cihazın altına tutulduğunda görülebilecek dünyalar da çizilmiştir. Uzaylılar 29 yıl süre ile bana çok şey anlattılar, çok şey çizdirdiler. Haritada da belirttiğim üzere, evrenin merkezi "Kür"dür. Kür merkezinin patlaması ile evren oluşmuştur. Bizim güneş sistemimizin yanısıra öteki sistemlerin adları, "Morikon", "Hulviz", "Cemkon", "Lev", "Morsanit", "Lakit" ve "Ars"dür.

"HURRIYET" - ISTANBUL, TURKEY - December 18, 1977

SHEPHERD BEHÇET HAS BEEN CONTACTING SPACE-BEINGS FOR 29 YEARS

ANKARA, (Hürriyet) - Exactly 29 years ago, a young, 15 years old village boy had taken to the road from Eski Gümüş town of Nigde to pasture the sheep as usually, and after passing over up hills and down dales had stopped to rest for a while on a rather high plateau. While the sheep had scattered around to feed themselves, the young shepherd named Behçet Öcal had taken his provisions out of a bundle and had eaten his lunch .

Suddenly, a ball of light similar to Sunlight landed on a mound of rubble lying just a little further away from him. Behçet Öcal was experiencing the same excitement once again while recounting the event after so many years :

"I shivered, it was as if thousands of pins were being stuck at my body. It was a glowing light resembling that of a fired gun shell. I was afraid that it would explode. And, from inside the light there came out three beings, one woman and two men. They were all of the same height, the woman had long hair, while the men were bald. They said that they would not harm me and that they came from other worlds, but did not explain where from. After telling me that they would appear to me often and would send me pictures, they left the place just as they came..."

The pictures depicting the space-beings, which they had made Shepherd Behçet draw, show the woman with long hair, slant eyed and wearing a tight dress, and the man with a bald head, having instruments in place of ears and with knobs on his belt.

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Shepherd Behçet has stated that he could allow the scientists to investigate his map of the Universe and a book covering every subject from human metabolism to the structure of various weapons and spaceships, which he had compiled under the direction of the space-beings. Especially, the map of the Universe that he had drawn in this way is of a stunning quality. As much the fact that an uneducated shepherd can squeeze our Solar System within a circle which has a diameter of 5 cms. looks impossible, the fact that he can place other Galaxies which we do not yet know and the whole Universe on the same map looks interesting and embarrassing.

Concerning the map, Behçet Öcal gives such an explanation :

"On this map are drawn worlds which you can't see, but can only be seen when placed under an instrument which can make light and color separation. The space-beings told me much and made me draw much for 29 years. As stated on the map, the centre of the Universe is "Kür". With the explosion of the Kür centre, the Universe came into being. Besides our Solar System, the names of the other systems are, "Morikon", "Hulviz", "Cemkon", "Lev", "Morsanit", "Lakit" and "Ars".

UFO sightings excite Gwent skywatchers

MYSTERIOUS "STARS" SEEN in the night sky over North Gwent have excited a group of enthusiasts who gather tonight in an attempt to record more sightings.

The group will be gathered at Henwaen Street, Blaina, with binoculars and telescopes hoping for another sighting of the mysterious objects which have been appearing at night flying high in the sky over the area and which are being regarded by sceptics and enthusiasts alike as

Unidentified Flying Objects.

There have also been reports of sightings during the past few nights in Brynmawr and Abergavenny but it's at Blaina that the best view of the high-flying objects is said to be obtained.

The UFOs, reported to be spherical in shape and a glowing red colour, move slowly across the sky in formation, one about a quarter of a mile behind the other, and are visible for about half an hour before disappearing in a northerly direction towards Brynmawr, say watchers in Blaina.

Mr. Des Powell, one of the first to observe the objects after being alerted by a neighbour, Mrs. Margaret Lewis, said: "I had a look through binoculars, and they appeared at about 9.40 p.m. and slowly moved out of sight by about five past 10.

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Sceptical

"If they had been aircraft I would have thought there would have been navigation lights but nothing like that was visible."

Mr. Powell, a miner, who described himself as sceptical about UFOs, said he would be interested to know if there was a military or other explanation.

Blaina barber, Mr. Bill Chard, and the rest of a group who gathered last night were disappointed when the objects failed to appear.

"We had seen them three nights running and I thought that if they appeared again last night it was obviously a regular thing and might be a military aircraft or other plane going over. But the nights we saw them they appeared to be really going too slowly for a plane or helicopter.

"On Friday night it was a misty evening and there were no stars in the sky and these two objects were very prominent," said Mr. Chard.

Watchers had telephoned the Meteorological Office at Cardiff (Wales) Airport who had no explanation for the objects but it is thought possible that they are military helicopters or hot air balloons.