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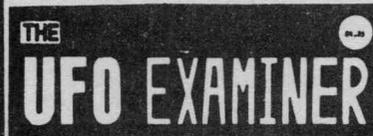
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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

New UFO Sighting

Claimed In Freeport

FACE ONE

By KEVIN GALE
Journal-Standard Reporter

When Roderick Simenson went to bed Thursday night "it was apparently still out there."

What exactly "it" was observers weren't sure. Indications are it was the area's second UFO sighting within 10 days.

Simenson, who lives in the 100 block of Fuller Street, said he saw the UFO when he went to lock his car at about 10:50 p.m.

"I happened to look out to the west and there it was," he said. "I knew it wasn't a star, because I teach stars to my scouts. It was glowing red, yellow and green.

"Most of the time it was stationary and then it slowly drifted. It looked like it was drifting north. Then it returned towards the south again so we could see it a second time."

The UFO was seen by Simenson; his wife, Joyce; and Bill Martin and Barb Atherton, two neighbors.

"I wouldn't want to be the only one who reported that thing," Simenson said.

Thursday's sighting was similar to one reported last week.

That UFO not only had red, yellow and green lights but also white and orange, according to law officers in the Stockton, Warren and Stockton area.

The UFO hovered over the area for about one hour from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., according to various reports.

Mrs. Simenson said she watched Thursday's UFO for "over an hour."

She was watching a movie on television when her husband called her outside. "It was no airplane absolutely not. We watched an airplane over to the south. He couldn't have missed (seeing) it."

Spokesmen at Albertus and Greater Rockford Airports said they received no UFO reports Thursday night.

Simenson, who watched the UFO through binoculars, said he couldn't determine what shape the object was. It appeared to be about the size of a felt tip pen cap held about 10 feet away.

The UFO changed color about once every three seconds as it drifted erratically through the air, he said. Simenson said he wasn't sure how high it was, but guessed it was located over the Lena or Stockton area.

Miss Atherton arrived after the object disappeared behind some trees and then reappeared. "I came home and saw them standing in the street," she said.

They stationed themselves so a telephone pole lined up with the object and determined that it stopped motion for up to ten minutes.

"You know how a real bright star will flash? It was kind of like that," Atherton said. "Only it was there and then it wasn't so I know it wasn't a star."

The chief investigator with the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Allan Hendry, said Friday (before Thursday's sighting was reported) that he hoped to talk this weekend with witnesses to the Stockton area sighting.

"You're talking with someone who's swamped with cases from all over the area," he said.

A good sighting, involving radar contact with a UFO, occurred near Madison, Wis. on June 22, he said.

An airplane pilot "described that one as looking like an oval white light, half the size of a full moon, surrounded by five distinct red lights," Hendry said.

The pilot said he passed directly under the UFO, which was confirmed by Truax Municipal Airport radar.

"The scene in the radar room was every bit as dramatic as the radar room scene in Close Encounters (of the Third Kind.)" Hendry said.

Hendry, who has a degree in astronomy and has investigated 2,000 reports of UFOs, said nine out of ten UFO reports he investigates are solved.

One solution to the recent sightings won't be a particular Rockford based airplane. The airplane was earlier expected as the cause of some UFO reports because of multi-colored lights under its wings, which are used for advertising.

The airplane has not left the ground during the past two weeks, said an attendant with the airport's flight service department.

Joe Librizzi, a National Weather Service forecaster at the airport, said he received 15 to 20 calls reporting an object north of Rockford Thursday night.

He looked north and said he saw an object that looked like a planet.

"I haven't seen anything out of the ordinary and I have to watch the sky — it's part of my job," he said.

To avoid any confusion, Librizzi added that he watched the sky "not for UFOs but for clouds."

"UFO, unidentified flying object, that's what it means to me," he said. "A lot of people hear UFO and think it's got to be little green men or something."

Calls about objects in the sky have gotten to be "a nightly occurrence" during the past few weeks, he said. "That doesn't necessarily mean its Martians."

Whatever the sightings really are, Simenson isn't losing a lot of sleep over them.

Thursday night he watched the UFO until about 12:15 or 12:30 a.m. and then went to bed.

As he said, "It was getting sort of late."

UFO Sighting Reported; Just Skimming Tree Tops, Some Say

PAGE ONE

Have you seen anything strange in the sky lately? Several people in Chautauqua county did last Thursday. Jauanita Thomas was the first to call the newspaper office on Friday morning. She reported that her son, Dale, and a friend, Mike Rees, got her out of bed around 9:00 p.m. to look at something. When she got outside she said she saw an object shaped like a kite traveling from northwest to southeast at a seemingly low rate of speed. It looked to be about the size of a 747 but made a low humming sound rather than the usual sound of an aircraft or the whirl of a helicopter, she stated.

Mrs. Russel Wemmer, who also saw the object, said it made no

sound that she could hear. She, too, claimed the object was diamond-shaped and added that there were three steady white lights on the front, back and right of the craft and a red blinking light on the left.

The reports came in mostly from the Peru and Sedan areas and most of the sightings were recorded

between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. Some people said the object seemed to be flying at a very high altitude and some claimed that it barely cleared treetops.

At least as of Tuesday afternoon, no one has reported having a close encounter with any of the occupants of Chautauqua county's unidentified flying object.

LA CROSSE, WIS. - TRIBUNE
*****SEPT. 7, 1978*****

UFO sightings baffle viewers, authorities

PAGE ONE

MCGREGOR, Iowa — Clayton County authorities and McGregor police are investigating numerous sightings of what appear to be unidentified flying objects.

The sightings took place Wednesday night in and near McGregor.

McGregor Police Chief Todd Miller said calls started coming into police headquarters at 8:45 p.m. and police received 25 calls within a 90-minute period.

"The objects seen were described as being white with a stationary green light and a red light revolving around the entire object," Miller said, adding that several of the objects appeared to have one or two flashing yellow lights.

Miller said reports came in of eight to 10 of the objects being seen. He said that while most of the objects were stationary, or slow moving, a stationary one started moving south, picked up speed and quickly vanished from view.

The objects were seen at various distances from earth and were visible with the naked eye.

Authorities in McGregor and nearby Monona and Prairie du Chien, Wis., all report viewing the objects, but no one today could come up with a definite explanation of what it was they saw, although Maurice Ohler, a Prairie du Chien High School physics teacher, said he thinks the lights could have been campfires, farm lights or stars distorted because of convection currents.

He said that on a hot day such as Wednesday, the earth releases heat into the atmosphere and convection currents may cause objects to take on a shimmering appearance.

Several persons were reported congregating on a hill Wednesday night near McGregor, watching the objects.

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SPET 26, 1978

OUTER SPACE ISN'T TALKING, SAYS PROF LOOKING FOR LIFE

IF THERE is intelligent life on any of the other planets, they don't seem to be talking.

The latest of a series of searches to discover if there is anyone out there recently recorded another failure.

Dr. Paul Horowitz of Harvard University, who conducted the search, says there is no evidence of any extraterrestrial existence.

Horowitz studied 200 stars near the earth and similar to the sun (the most likely kind of stars for having planets) with the earth's most sensitive receiver, the Arecibo radio telescope.

The idea was to search for other radio signals that anyone interested might be beaming toward our sun from their planets.

Horowitz says the failure may mean that there are no other advanced creatures out there.

Or it may mean that they are not intelligent enough to know about radio, or they may not be interested in sending recognition signals to particular stars.

Or maybe they have chosen not to broadcast at all, he adds.

New UFO sighting at Army base where MPs had a terrifying close encounter

By JOHN LATTA

A UFO sighting has been reported at one of the country's largest Army bases on the anniversary of one of man's closest encounters with a reported unknown — at the same base.

The most recent sighting was made by two youngsters, who reported seeing strange lights at a golf course near massive Fort Stewart in Savannah, Ga.

And in another major development, THE STAR has uncovered the official documents which detail the first frightening encounter at

the base: the reports of two highly-trained military policemen who claim a UFO attacked them, ramming their jeep into a ditch.

The sightings took place at 2:20 a.m. on September 8, 1973. MPs Bart Burns and Randy Shade were patrolling the perimeter fence of the 280,000-acre base when they noticed an object travelling at what appeared to be a high rate of speed from east to west at what they thought was approximately 2,000-ft.

The official report of the incident

says: "Approximately 10 minutes later they resighted the object when it appeared at treetop level and made an apparent dive at their vehicle, seemingly just missing the vehicle."

The jeep was slammed into a ditch and the two men left it to watch their mystery assailant's craft until it disappeared. Shaken, the two men resumed their patrol of the 17,000-men base, at that time just ending its training of Vietnamese pilots.

The report goes on: "The object appeared again at another location and came to hover for approximately fifteen minutes.

"They then returned to the main post area and were followed by the unidentified object 50 to 100-ft. away at tree top level, until it veered off."

The two men filed a serious incident report, describing the UFO as round or oval in shape, and between 35 and 75-ft. across, silent, with brilliantly flashing lights of blue, white and amber.

Four days later, MP Burns was with Sergeant Alexander S. Murray in a jeep on the perimeter of the Hunter Army airfield, part of Fort Stewart.

The report of the second sighting says: "At approximately 4:30 a.m. they observed what they first believed to be the red light of an aircraft some distance away. The light then moved rapidly and disappeared into the woods."

The report was forwarded to Washington by Fort Stewart commander, Colonel Frank L. Dietrich. It became an important piece of evidence when it was finally disclosed to UFO watchers, including Charles Tucker, director of the International UFO Investigative Bureau.

After the mysterious sightings, the base doubled its vigil, and later reported: "Further sightings of light sources have been reported."

Now the mystery has been heightened by the reappearance of the mysterious lights, almost five years to the day after they were first sighted.

The youngsters made the latest sighting at about 10:30 p.m. Their sighting was confirmed by adults.



Sprawling Fort Stewart in Savannah, Georgia was recently the site of a return close encounter, with UFO sightings over a golf course.

'Close encounters' or false alarms?

Several reports of the sighting of unidentified flying objects have been made in the Oceana area in recent weeks. The most recent was a sighting of an unknown light in the sky over the Consumers Pumped Storage generation plant at Ludington and then later over Lake Michigan off the Wisconsin shore. Several weeks ago there was a report of unfamiliar orange lights in the Juniper Beach area, but that was explained as a Coast Guard helicopter using parachute flares or infrared light in a search for a supposedly lost boat offshore.

SHELBY, MICH. - OCEANA HERALD
*****AUG. 24, 1978*****

ELKADER, OWA - REGISTER
*****SEPT. 13, 1978***

Sightings at McGregor: Stars or UFO's? PAGE ONE

At approximately 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, September 6, several residents of McGregor telephoned the McGregor Police Department to report seeing objects that they believed to be UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects). The objects were described as being white, usually with a stationary green light and a red light revolving around the entire object. Several objects appeared to have one to two yellow stationary lights. Eight to ten objects were reportedly seen in one and a half hours. The objects were stationary or slow moving, although one object observed started moving south, picked up speed until observers could no longer follow it with binoculars. The objects reportedly seen were quite distant.

Twenty-five people are to have seen the objects and agencies with Iowa and Wisconsin reported seeing objects similar to this description.

Since the sightings, it has been suggested that the objects were stars with lights made by "temperature inversion." Todd Miller, chief of McGregor Police, saw the objects reported but was unable to focus them in a telescope.

'Hot air' gets blame for McGregor UFOs

Courier News Service

MCGREGOR — McGregor residents, along with many other northeast Iowa and Wisconsin residents, saw some curious things Wednesday night — but they might just be the result of a lot of hot air.

The first UFO report was received at about 8:45 p.m. by McGregor Police Chief Todd Miller, who also saw the luminous objects.

A Lucas College physics professor, Frank Miller, said he observed the lights and judged them to be from the star Capella. Miller said atmospheric conditions made it appear that Capella twinkled and changed colors.

A HOT DAY and a clear night is one

condition that produces the phenomena," Miller said. "Heated air layers rise during the night affecting the colors of light coming from the star. The layers of air can make it appear the star is changing color, even moving."

Lynn McKeezer of McGregor was driving across the Prairie du Chien-Marquette Bridge. She reported seeing eight objects in the sky with oscillating red and green lights. She said two of the objects appeared to move.

A graduate of the University of Chicago, she said she is familiar with the light-skipping phenomenon, and that atmospheric conditions were perfect for it — hot, humid, and foggy.

Chief Miller said the objects were described as white, usually stationary, with green and red lights revolving around the perimeter.

Several of the objects also appeared to have one or two flashing lights, he said.

Prairie du Chien high school physics teacher Maurice Oehlers was one of many people who went to the Prairie du Chien bridge. He heard the UFO reports on a police scanner.

HE DOESN'T PUT much stock in the UFO theory, saying moisture in the sky often causes stars to twinkle and bleed out colors.

A Monona policeman, George Balekos, reportedly told a Clayton County deputy this morning that as far as he was concerned, they were weather balloons. Others speculated that the phenomenon was caused by barge lights bouncing off the fog.

And there were those who weren't speculating. They were convinced the lights were UFOs. The phenomenon also was observed in Waterloo, Edgewood, and LaCrosse, Wis.

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*****SEPT. 9, 1978*****

Sightings keep law on the go

By JOHN SANDOR

FREEPORT — Law enforcement authorities here Friday night were enjoying a welcome respite from a deluge of UFO sightings earlier in the week throughout Stephenson County.

In the Sheriff's Department, Officer Ellen Knodle said "quite a few UFO calls" were received in the past two weeks.

She said there were about a dozen UFOs reported Thursday night, while eight to 10 persons reported strange objects in the sky Wednesday night.

In all cases, she said investigation bore out the UFOs were either brilliant stars or lights on fast-moving aircraft.

Where were the sightings reported?

"Oh, good lord, ask where they weren't seen, that's easier," she responded.

At the Freeport Police Department, Lt. R. Jack Munda, shift commander, welcomed a news reporter with a smile.

"We want to get something in the paper about this," he said in a reference to the added workload that has resulted from following up UFO reports.

His department got about a half-dozen citizens' reports of UFOs Thursday night, and about a dozen calls on each of the previous nights, he said.

As with the UFO sightings reported in the county, Munda said follow-up checks by officers showed the phenomena to be "self-explanatory." Callers had either seen the brilliant, pulsating light of a star or an aircraft's lights.

Exceptionally clear skies in recent days have made the stars and flying aircraft far more visible, he explained.

Reports of UFOs have snowballed in Jo Daviess and Stephenson counties since two police officers reported sighting a lighted object Aug. 22 east of Stockton.

BISMARCK, N.C. - TRIBUNE
*****SEPT. 7, 1978*****

U.F.O.

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A Mandan reader wonders whether others in this vicinity shared his experience about 6:05 p.m. last Saturday.

He saw what he describes as "a high velocity, high-flying object heading northwest over Bismarck for about 30 seconds, disappearing from view before it ever reached the horizon. The tiny object had a metallic tinge, and I think it was a satellite."

More sky sightings reported

CONROE, TEXAS - COURIER
*****AUG. 3, 1978*****

'Two white lights and a red light' report sighters

By LOUIS PARKS
Staff Writer

A Daily Courier story reporting an Unidentified Flying Object sighting has brought forward similar reports from several more Montgomery County residents.

In a Tuesday front page story the Courier reported the experience of a New Caney couple who saw unexplained lights in the sky near their house Sunday night. A Piney Point subdivision woman, who requested she not be identified, said she saw what appeared to be the same thing the first couple saw.

"I heard something that sounded like a big truck," she said. "We don't have a highway nearby, so I went outside and it sounded more like a jet. This was Sunday night. It had two very bright white lights, and a small red one on the left, from my perspective."

"It's possible it could have been a jet, I guess, but the lights didn't seem right. They looked like headlights, and they were going away," she said. "I couldn't tell how far away it was though."

Another report from the same evening came from Eric Thompson, of Conroe, who saw an object while driving with his mother, Grace Thompson, at the Creighton Road cut off, near Grogan's Mill Road.

"It was between 9:30 and 9:40 p.m., Sunday night, and we were heading south on Creighton," Thompson said. "It was about 11 o'clock high in the sky. It was just hanging there: I thought it was a helicopter at first, but the lights were too close together. It was a clear night, but we couldn't see any shape."

"We watched it for about two minutes. Then I lost it behind some trees (they passed while driving) and when I looked for it, it was gone," Thompson said. "It seemed about a mile or so away, but it was hard to judge."

Thompson said the description was similar to the others given, but the red light, which accompanied the two white lights, was flashing on and off.

Another report, this one from Friday afternoon, July 28, came from two engineers working for an oil service.

Waynon Temple, and Fred Schiller, both of Conroe, were driving near 210 Industrial Court off Texas 105, near FM 1314.

"We were driving south, when we saw something," Temple said. "It wasn't an airplane or weather balloon. It had two bright lights at least, and it looked like it had a silver background. I didn't see a red light, though."

"Fred was driving, and I said, 'Fred, what was that?' He said, 'I don't know, but it wasn't an airplane. It was moving east, plain as a sore thumb. The sky was very overcast, but it was below the clouds.'"

Asked what he thought it was, Temple said, "I know it wasn't a plane or helicopter. Well, it was an unidentified flying object, because I don't know what it was."

Slight, but intriguing variation seems to be the rule in the sightings. In another report, Annette Terrell, of Conroe, a registered nurse, saw a similar sighting Sunday night, around 9 p.m.

"I thought it might be a jet, but it was too low, and there was no sound," Mrs. Terrell said. "It wasn't the blimp, because it's gone over our house before and you can hear the noise. This had no noise whatsoever."

According to Mrs. Terrell, when she observed the object, the white lights blinked fast, but the red did not. She said the lights were not beams, just plain, round lights. And there was no noise.

"It was odd," she said. Mrs. Terrell has been a director of nurses at Pine Shadow Retreat for three years.

The Goodyear Blimp, which has been mentioned by several people as a possible explanation for the sightings, has been out of Texas since May, according to Goodyear's public relations office in Houston.

In one other tantalizing report, a local couple requested the name or place they could send photos they had taken two weeks before of what, so far are UFOs. They said all they want to do is find out what they photographed, but they wanted to withhold the photos until that time.

Their "objects," they said, had lights, and vague shapes.

In the meantime, a lot of people in Montgomery County are spending more time than usual observing the heavens.



Kermit Yost...

A close encounter: Wonder Woman and lib



A funny thing happened to me while driving up to the lake late last night. On a lonely stretch of road I became aware of flashing lights overhead and, startled, I realized that a flying saucer was settling down for a landing on the road just ahead. I had two choices: advance and give the countersign or turn tail and get the heck out of there in a hurry.

Curiosity conquered caution, especially when I noticed a stairway sliding from the saucer bearing a beautiful doll who looked and dressed just like television's Wonder Woman and who beckoned me to approach. Now at my age a beautiful female beckoning to me is a very rare event that I was not about to ignore. Parking at the roadside I hurried to the stairway and found myself being led by the hand up into what was apparently a control room where four gals identical to Wonder Woman manned a huge complicated console.

"Your sisters?" I queried after rescuing my departing breath.

"No," she said with an impish smile. "They are clones. Now sit in that seat while I answer in advance the questions you earthlings invariably ask. Yes, we are from an outer space planet where we have a matriarchial society. We have few males and they are only playfellows since births are solely by cloning or controlled test tube conception. Since earth is humanoid we have been monitoring it for centuries hop-

ing you humans will eventually become civilized enough to share our advanced technology without perverting it to evil purposes. We watch from above and also gather what you call periodicals and newspapers and that brings me to the purpose of this interview."

"Which is?" I questioned as she paused.

"We have been reading about ERA, which seems to be of much concern to your women and, being women ourselves in a society with no restrictions, we are naturally interested. We have already interviewed several women but we would like the reaction of what they term a chauvinistic male."

"I can't give you much reaction," I confessed then. "For a long time I thought ERA meant Equal Relief Administration and a lot of us plain Joes in the middle income bracket could certainly use some equal relief. But one of the ERA gals put me straight and I still can't see the sense of it."

"Are your women free to work as they please, play at all of what you call sports, receive every level of education; in short, do all that men do?"

"They certainly are," I replied then. "As one of the ads state it, 'you've come a long way, baby.' All educational fields are open now to women and they can choose any profession. We already have laws forbidding discrimination which include

discrimination on account of sex. They got voting rights decades ago although they haven't cleaned up politics as they promised. They have equal property rights and are free to do anything within their physical and emotional limits."

"Then what is all the fuss about? Your women seem to enjoy all the rights we do on a planet we women rule."

"Hanged if I know," I retorted. "Anything they lack can be covered by simple legislation without cluttering up our Constitution with another amendment. In fact, such an amendment would be of more benefit to us men. We might regain some of the rights we're losing."

Wonder Woman stood up. "This has been most enlightening. Thank you, and now I'll escort you to the stairway and you are free to leave. Yes, you can mention this encounter but be assured, no one will believe you."

"Any chance of going along for the ride?" I asked a bit wistfully while thinking of that practically manless world filled with Wonder Women.

"Sorry, no. We prefer them young and vigorous," she answered curtly while shoving me down the stairs.

Climbing back into my car, I saw the saucer take off in a silent flashing of lights. Granted, no one will believe me, but gosh darn it, that's really the funny thing that happened to me on the way to the lake.

No 'close encounter' with UFO near Carmi

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Special to The Press

CARMI, Ill. — It wasn't anything like the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," where a giant space ship hovers over the ground. But state and local police in Carmi last night said they spotted several glowing, "star-like" lights standing and at times darting through the sky.

Police said the sightings began at 10:20 p.m. and continued until shortly after 5 a.m. today.

"I'm not a star gazer, but I never noticed anything like this before," said Dee Heil, a Carmi police sergeant.

What Heil and other officers say they saw were six distant lights that "looked like stars" in size and shape, but alternated colors from red, to orange, to white, to green.

The objects were first spotted by Heil and another officer while they were travel-

ing on a blacktop road about a quarter mile south of Carmi. The two policemen were joined by other police and citizens who watched the lights throughout much of the night.

Clyde Paris, an Illinois State Police trooper with the Albion post, said he got to the scene about 4 a.m. and saw the star-like objects alternating in color. Paris used his rifle scope to peer at the objects, but he said he couldn't distinguish the shapes.

Paris said five of the flying objects were stationary while another darted through the air "real fast" vertically and horizontally.

While the officers aren't staking their reputations to any claims of flying saucers, they do say that the objects were unidentifiable.

Controllers at Dress Regional Airport at Evansville, with radar capacity extending beyond Carmi for monitoring air traf-

fic, said they noticed no unusual activity at the time of the sightings.

Federal officials generally take a hohum attitude toward such reports. The official "Operation Blue Book" which used to record UFO data at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, closed its book on further investigations in December 1969.

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*****AUG. 17, 1978*****



Glowing object in area sky may be star

By LAURIE BUTLER
Staff Writer

Several Ernest Lane residents saw what they thought was an unidentified flying object in the sky over Henderson Thursday and Friday nights, but the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., said it probably was a very bright star.

Similar objects, described as having red and green flashing lights, were reported spotted over Carmi, Ill., Wednesday night.

Evansville area police said they received three reports of UFO sightings in the area, but Henderson police said they received no calls.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rideout, who first observed the object about 10 p.m. Thursday, said the object, which was shaped somewhat like a kite, seemed close.

"The object seemed to move across the front of the house, and then moved into the vacant lot across the street," Mrs. Rideout said.

"It was in the lot that the object seemed to stop and hover over the ground. It had both green and red lights that seemed to flash in no set pattern.

"I really have never seen anything like it," she said.

The Evansville Weather Bureau at Dress Regional Airport said no weather balloon was reported in the vicinity at the time, and no planes were reported by either the Henderson or Evansville airport.

"This wasn't an airplane," Rideout, a sheriff's deputy, said. "I've seen plenty of helicopter and airplanes, and this thing didn't resemble either one."

Robert Gribble, a spokesman for the UFO center, said there were no reports of identified aircraft in the Ernest Lane area last night. The object's recurrence Friday night strengthens the possibility it is a star, he said.

"A lot of times when one observed a star, it will take on a different color because of the dirt and gases in the atmosphere," Gribble said. "The star would appear to be moving simply because we are moving ourselves with the rotation of the earth."

Taking hay samples?

MUD LAKE — Patiently waiting for the possible UFOs return three-year-old Aaron Staley blissfully plays with his toy. The grain field was the site where a Mud Lake farmer believes an unidentified flying ob-

ject landed and later left this imprint. Jefferson County Sheriff's Department said there is no way to prove or disprove the possibility.

Possible UFO landing pad in Mud Lake field

MUD LAKE — While no one has reported seeing or hearing anything unusual, Nile Wilding, a Mud Lake farmer, believes an unidentified flying object landed in his hay field recently.

When he went out to cut the opening swath around a field of hay on his farm north of the Mud Lake store he noticed a large flattened area about 20 feet from the edge of the field.

Checking it more closely he found a 24 by 234 foot oval-shaped place where a heavy object had evidently rested. There were four circular indentations at the edges which appeared to have been made by legs or landing gear. There were no trails leading up, or away, from the flattened area although the hay was at a stage

of growth to show plainly any disturbance.

There was no indication of any burning, but the object was heavy enough to cut off much of the hay against the ground although there seemed to be no marks on the soil. The hay was all pressed in a northeasterly direction.

Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff Terrall Hanson investigated the scene and took samples of the hay and soil to the Department of Energy site, but was told they do not perform those types of tests.

Hanson said while it is mysterious, there is no way to prove what object might have caused the strange flattened place. He said there is no proof

it was a UFO.

Wilding and his neighbors are still convinced it was caused by a very quiet and unspectacular UFO and would like to know more about it.

UFO photos may explain Illinois sightings

EVANSVILLE COURIER - IND.
*****AUG. 19, 1978*****

By BOB MATYI

The mystery of those bright "starlike" lights that buzzed the night skies over Southeastern Illinois earlier this week may be solved after an investigator of Unidentified Flying Objects examines photographs taken of the purported objects.

Allan Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies at Northfield, Ill., still maintained Friday there probably is a "conventional" explanation for the sightings, although he said the photos could change his mind.

Michael Gott, a jailer at the White County Jail, snapped the photos while observing the lights. The film was developed Friday in Evansville.

Gott said late Friday night the time-exposure color film showed several objects he couldn't identify.

On one picture, he said, "the biggest part of the objects were streaked," except for one stationary light.

"On one, there is a red dot and there is jagged movement on one," he added.

Several law enforcement officials, including four Carmi police officers, an Illinois state trooper from Albion, a deputy with the Edwards County Sheriff's Department and the town marshal at Browns, were among the eyewitnesses to the UFOs.

Hendry, in a Friday telephone interview with The Evansville Courier, amended somewhat a news release he issued Thursday night blaming the sightings on bright stars.

Stars still probably account for most of the pulsating, multi-colored lights viewed continually from about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday to 5:12 a.m. Thursday over several farm towns in Southeastern Illinois, Hendry said.

However, the problem is the star solution is not all encompassing, he acknowledged.

Reports of the lights moving horizontally, and at

apparent high rates of speed, through the sky were common. Carmi patrolman Willard Blazier said he shined a spotlight on one fast-traveling light and it seemingly reacted to the light by "circling back around."

So, Hendry added a corollary onto the star solution. A few late Perseid meteors along with an airplane light or two may have been contributing factors in the UFO sightings.

The Perseid meteor shower peaked last weekend, but it's not uncommon for a few "stragglers" to be seen shooting across the sky several days afterward.

However, police officers who observed the strange lights remain unconvinced by Hendry's theories.

Some of the officers returned for another look early Friday morning on a desolate country road south of Carmi.

RIGBY, IDAHO - STAR
*****AUG. 31, 1978*

Man Believes Hay Crushed by UFO

MUD LAKE -- While no one has reported seeing or hearing anything unusual, Nile Wilding, a Mud Lake farmer, believes an unidentified flying object landed in his hay field recently.

While Wilding went out to cut the opening swath around a field of hay on his farm north of Mud Lake he noticed a large flattened area about twenty feet from the edge of the field.

Checking more closely he found a 24 by 234 foot oval shaped space where a heavy object had evidently rested. There were four circular indentations at the edges which appeared to have been made by legs or landing gear. There were no trails leading to or

from the flattened area, although the hay was at a stage of growth to show plainly any disturbance.

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Claim they saw UFO

By DEBBIE HARVEY
Daily Times Staff Writer

It was Thursday, July 13, at approximately 9:30 p.m. It was a "dark and foggy night."

Rev. Elisabeth and Rev. Stephen Stephenson were traveling from Louisville to their home in Glasgow by way of I-65, when suddenly an object appeared before them that they had never previously encountered.

"It appeared to be an airplane on fire, approximately four to five miles away in the western sky," said Rev. Elisabeth. Adding, she said that the object lighted up the entire western sky. They were approximately 25 miles south of Louisville at the time.

"We pulled to the trouble lane, stopped, and watched this object, within seconds, appear within 100 yards of the highway where it hovered for a short time about 30 feet above the ground," they explained.

The couple said the unidentified flying object (UFO) was rectangular in shape, about 15 to 20 feet high and perhaps 30 to 40 feet long. It appeared yellow in the distance but as a glowing, steady white light when it hovered near us, Rev. Elisabeth said. "The dazzling, almost blinding light was like no other light I have ever seen before," she added.

Rev. Stephen said the UFO was as big as their home, and that he was amazed by the huge amount of light surrounding the object. "I never really saw a shape, just light," he said.

"It was soundless in flight and moved with terrific speed. It reminded us of a large house burning all over except the light was brighter than our brightest sunlight and there were no flames," Rev. Elisabeth said.

The couple said they were totally speechless. We never said a word to each other, we just sat in the car in awe, they said. "We were awed and speechless by the brilliance which lighted the ground and surrounding area," she said. They said a giant oblong shape of light encircled the UFO and penetrated deeply the fog and darkness.

Then just as the object had appeared, it moved quickly to the west again, she said.

The couple continued their journey after the lights had dimmed and finally went out. "The lights blacked out just as if someone turned the lights off," he said.

They said another car almost stopped alongside them; however, it just slowed for a moment then continued. Rev. Elisabeth said others



Staff photo by Donna Buckles

UFO SIGHTING — Rev. Stephen and Elisabeth Stephenson, Ford Drive, Glasgow, have reported their sighting of an unidentified flying object. The couple said they saw the huge bright object July 13, approximately five miles south of the Glass House on I-65. They said the UFO was as large as a house and appeared to be on fire.

must have seen the UFO, but didn't stop possibly due to fear.

She said seeing the object could scare someone half to death if they weren't a Christian.

As they continued on their route to Glasgow, they kept watching the sky and about seven miles down the highway, Rev. Elisabeth noticed a bright glow like a sunrise.

They stopped again, this time turning the car off, and viewed the object which appeared to be a blazing

airplane.

"We watched the object for approximately 15 minutes as it played over a hillside," she said. It went up and down, sideways and zig-zagged atop a tree studded hill about 3 miles away, the couple explained.

Rev. Elisabeth said that at times the object shot forth ribbon-like flares. "We thought a plane was fighting it at first," she said. Adding, she said that they had seen a plane circle the object, but they didn't ever see what happened to the plane.

Rev. Stephen said the glowing light engulfed an area about a mile wide. He said that trees and clouds could be easily seen from the light and that it was an extremely dark night, with neither the moon nor any stars shining.

Rev. Elisabeth said the light varied in intensity, going from extremely bright to dim, until the light finally disappeared from their view.

The couple said that they are aware of no aircraft of this nature that could come and go with such speed. Therefore, they said the object is not a natural phenomenon.

"It could have been supernatural or from outer space. It was definitely from somewhere," Rev. Elisabeth said. Adding, Rev. Stephen said, "It was not an earthly thing."

Both being ministers, they said the brilliant light could resemble a Heavenly light and they wondered if it were a supernatural craft.

The couple said they were hoping to have another encounter with the object. "It was very exciting to us," she said. Adding, she explained that they were so surprised this time that maybe if they ever see the object again they might be able to more closely observe the object.

Rev. Elisabeth said they reported the sighting to the Kentucky State Police and that to their knowledge, no one else reported seeing the UFO. They also reported their sighting to the publication, "National Enquirer."

Rev. Elisabeth said they didn't say anything about the UFO to anyone for some time, but they eventually told the members of the Salmon Tabernacle Church. The couple notified the "Daily Times" about the sighting this week. She said that a lot of people don't believe in UFO's and that some people might feel that they were seeking publicity.

However, both Rev. Elisabeth and Rev. Stephen said they just wanted to let others know what they saw. "People need to know about these things," she said.

2 TEENS TELL OF 'CLOSE ENCOUNTER'

MUNICE, IND. - PRESS
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UFO lights wheel above Lowell, Ind.

By PETER REICH
Chicago Tribune

A series of UFO sightings this summer has residents of the Lowell, Ind., area scanning the skies, particularly on Sundays and Tuesdays.

That's when the strange apparitions seem most likely to appear.

Some people who have seen them say the UFOs are bright lights that hang in the sky or dart about. Others say they have watched the UFOs land in fields, and two teenagers claim a UFO resembling a "white mist" passed over their car and temporarily paralyzed them.

Among the people who have reported seeing the UFOs are two of the town's police officers, Don Dowling and Sam Oliverio, and a correspondent for the Gary Post-Tribune, Mrs. Anna Wheeler.

Dowling and Oliverio described what they saw as "peculiar flashing lights in the sky that we watched for 40 to 45 minutes" a couple of weeks ago, according to Police Patrol Sgt. John Crisan.

"They saw an object of some sort," he said. "It wasn't an aircraft. There were no storms in the area, so it wasn't lightning. The lights were in a pattern."

"We have no logical explanation."

Mrs. Wheeler, a former teacher, said that on Sunday, July 16, she was returning home in a station wagon with her three children and six others when she saw the UFO.

"I was going west on Cheyenne Street in the Indian Heights subdivision of Lowell, near an empty field, when I saw a large white light that had pinkish and bluish lights jumping from it like sparks," she said.

"The light appeared to hang about 30 degrees above the horizon. I watched it for a long time — maybe 45 minutes. I saw it go from 30 degrees down to about 20 degrees in the sky and it appeared to land.

"Then, suddenly, it went up, it didn't fly away, it just went up and — and — poof — It disappeared. The light went out."

"She said she drove around the block in an effort to spot the object again, and "There it was."

This time, the object appeared to be hovering just above the field about 10 degrees above the horizon.

She said all nine of the children

in the station wagon saw it, too, and some admitted they were "a little afraid" of the flying saucer before it again disappeared.

Among the people who contacted her was the mother of a teen-age girl who said she and a boy had encountered "a white mist" that passed over their car and "temporarily paralyzed" them. The mother insisted her daughter does not make up stories.

NORTON, KANS. - TELGRAM
*****AUG 30, 1978*****

Norton lady reports UFO sighting Saturday evening

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"It was wierd, the wierdest thing I ever saw," says Abbie Davenport, 501 E. Lincoln, Norton, of a brightly illuminated object she saw going up and down in the sky early Sunday morning about 1:30 a.m.

She says she watched the object go up and down vertically either in or behind a tall tree across the street northwest from her bedroom. She told the Telegram today that she did not tell anyone except her daughter Mrs. Bill Antrim, Norton, about the sighting until today because she thought "everyone would think I was crazy. But, I, know I saw something like I'd never seen before." When she read in the Telegram about a UFO sighting near Coffeyville last Thursday evening she said she decided to report her sighting.

She is accustomed to reading until late at night before retiring. On Saturday evening she finished reading about 1:30 a.m. and got in bed. As she looked out the bedroom window to check the weather before going to sleep, she saw

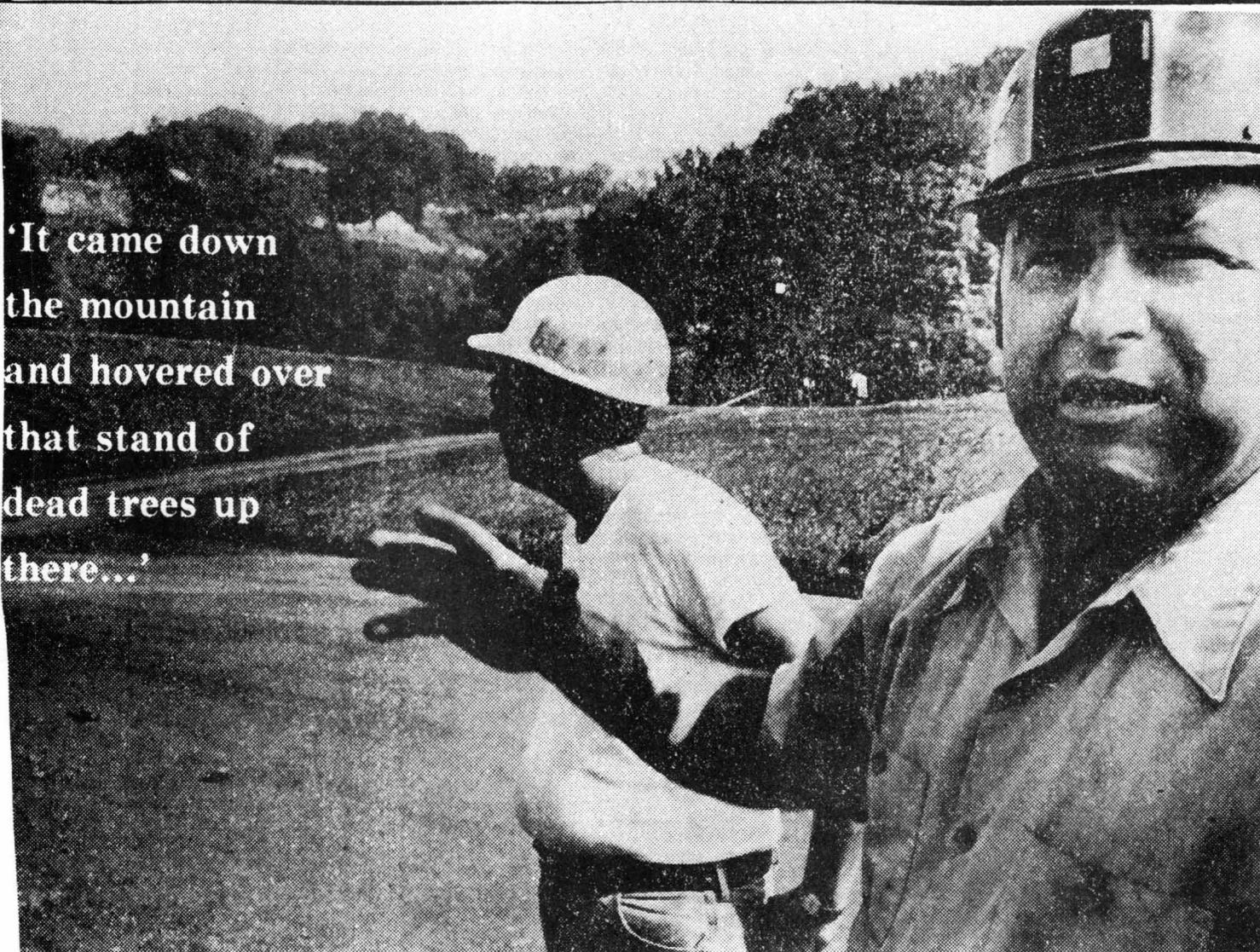
the lighted object either in or behind a large tree in the neighbors' yard. She says it had a yellowish light and was very bright. She couldn't make out the details of the object but said it had ragged edges and was not perfectly round.

The object would go down slowly to a point about five feet off the ground, then shoot up to a point near the top of the tree. It continued to follow this same pattern for the approximately 20 minutes that she watched it from her bedroom window.

"I thought about going out in the yard to get a better view but I was kind of afraid," she says. "It was so late I didn't know of anyone I could call so I finally just went to sleep. I wasn't going to say anything about it until I saw the other sighting in the paper."

Abbie says she has perfect eyesight and that she knows what she saw was not a street light or a star. In fact, she has no idea what she saw. She says she has never seen anything like it in her entire life.

'It came down
the mountain
and hovered over
that stand of
dead trees up
there...'



(Post-Herald Photo by James

Thomas Maynor (left) and Terry Daniel Describe Incident

UFO Hunt Proves Tiring

By DAVID WHITE
Staff Writer

After hearing two equipment operators who work on a slate dump near Clear Creek tell how they saw an unidentified flying object Thursday, several Beckley newspaper employees decided to have a look at the area.

Terry Daniel, 39, of Fairdale and Thomas Maynor, 40, of Pax have worked at the Rowland Mine site at Collins Fork off Workman's Creek for about nine years.

Thursday, Daniel called the Beckley Post - Herald newsroom to report seeing an object hovering and eventually splitting apart before leaving. He said, and his story was corroborated by Maynor, that the object dropped five oblong shaped

The men gave almost identical descriptions of what they saw, and neither was quite sure of what it was. Their accounts were given separately.

WHEN the five of us arrived at the Rowland site we went to the general office to ask permission to talk with Maynor and Daniel. General Superintendent Warren Sharpberg was not exactly thrilled with the idea.

"We'd just like to talk with them and maybe take a look at the place they said the pieces fell," we said.

He laughed. "Those guys are just pulling your leg," he said. "They just wanted to get their names in the paper. They didn't see anything up there."

We kept talking. "Can't we just go

up and talk to them?"

He rolled his eyes. "You can't just wander up there and talk to them," he said. "You've got to have hard hats and hard toed shoes on."

As we discussed the issue further, he finally gave in. "All right, I'll take you up there and let you talk to them but I can tell you right now there's nothing to it."

We piled into his four wheel drive vehicle and up the hill to the slate dump we went. Most of us had never been on a real strip mine before and Sharpberg seemed to enjoy explaining different things to us. This part of the visit was very educational.

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AS WE neared the slate dump, we could see it was at the base of five or six mountains which had been strip mined for some time. Several layers of highwalls contoured with the terrain looked almost like a maze.

We drove to the middle of the dump and Sharpenberg called Thomas Maynor over. He sidled over to the driver's side window and looked in. "These people are from the newspaper and they want to know what you saw out here yesterday," said Sharpenberg.

We exchanged pleasantries and Maynor pointed up the hill to an old highwall about 3,000 feet away. "It was right up there," he said. "It came down the mountain and hovered over that stand of dead trees up there," he said, as he traced the object's path with his index finger.

"Then it glided over this way," chimed in Daniel, who had stopped his bulldozer and joined us. He pointed in another direction. "That's

where it split up and those pieces we told you about fell. They fell somewhere in that area there." He pointed out the spot and Maynor shook his head in agreement.

"IF you had the time and manpower to look for them I know you could find them," said Maynor. "It would take some doing though because that place is infested with rattle snakes and the brush is real thick."

One member of our group asked the men if they would draw what they saw. Each agreed to do this without looking at the other's sketch.

After the drawings were complete and the men had described what they had seen in detail, Sharpenberg said he would take us up to the old strip mine road to look for the pieces.

The men described the object as being pearly white and shaped like a parachute. They said it looked to be lighter than air and before it left the area, it seemed to separate and drop five pieces after which it took on a triangle shape.

When Sharpenberg drove us to the location where the pieces were supposed to have fallen, we could see it would be rough hunting. The area we needed to cover was virtually a jungle. Lespedeza, a covering used on some highway medians, was almost neck high on the slate-covered hillside. Locust trees with three inch stickers abounded. We spread out.

IT WAS tough going. Moving through the brush at a snail's pace, we kept in contact by screaming to

each other. When we had walked nearly half a mile around the rim of the hollow they had designated, we looked down to see Maynor standing atop the roller directing us. We were over too far, but had started in about the right place.

We looked down into the hollow where he was pointing. He was barely visible to us now. A thorough search would take days, and we had to be at work in less than two hours. Reluctantly we climbed back in the four wheel drive vehicle to leave.

One consolation was the skeptical Sharpenberg, who began the day laughing but ended it crashing through the brush with the rest of us looking for five oblong white pieces. He never did agree the men had seen something though.

We believed the men when they said they saw something, but what it was we have no idea.

TO paraphrase Dr. Carl Sagan, Cornell University astronomer, in our galaxy alone, by conservative estimates, there are at least a million planets capable of having civilizations with technology as great or greater than our own.

IRVINE, KY. - TIMES
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Wisemantown resident spots UFO Monday

By TERRY TAYLOR
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Another unidentified flying object has been sighted in Estill County.

Loveda Farthing, of Wisemantown, said an oval, bright silver craft appeared Monday morning at approximately 10 a.m., moving in a westerly direction from Pea Ridge towards Crooked Creek.

Ms. Farthing estimated that she watched the object for about five minutes. During that period, a smaller object, similar in color and shape, detached itself from the large craft and moved back in the direction from which the larger one had come.

It was the first daylight sighting for Ms. Farthing, who said she has previously seen UFOs in the same area several times.

"My eyes weren't fooling me," she said. "It came right up over the top of the mountain. There's not a doubt in my mind."

According to Ms. Farthing, the object moved in a leisurely pattern with a slight "bobbing" motion. When the smaller craft separated, the large one tilted at an angle.

She described the craft's shape as "a large plate with a soup bowl turned over."

"I've watched quite a few," she added, "but this takes the cake. It seemed like I was frozen while I was watching it."

The object left no vapor trail and made no noise of any kind, Ms. Farthing said.

Ms. Farthing said she is not sure how she feels about the mysterious objects she has seen, with some regularity, in the sky. But one thing is certain, she stressed, "They are THERE."

Reporting a UFO often involves skepticism, she noted. "People are inclined not to believe you," she said, "but I don't go around practicing lying."

Another UFO sighting was reported by Kentucky State Police Trooper Jim Whitaker in April, and a July 26 story in the Lexington-Herald said UFO sightings were not uncommon for Estill County.

And if one should ever land in the vicinity of Ms. Farthing, she would probably be eager for a closer look. "I don't think I'd be a bit afraid," she said. "I'd find out what it was."

UFO sightings keep Uintah Basin buzzing

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ROOSEVELT — The Uintah Basin, already famous for numerous UFO sightings in the past 10 years, has been the stage for a great deal of excitement in recent weeks.

Area residents say that at various locations and at times they have witnessed the flight of an awesome dome-shaped unidentified flying object with intense lights.

Dale Wood, 13, a student at Vernal Junior High School, was the first to see the large silver object, near his grandmother's home about seven miles northeast of Roosevelt. About 10:30 p.m. Aug. 11, while walking to his grandmother's trailer home, he could hear the sound of a finely tuned purring engine. Dale said.

He looked up to the horizon and was surprised to see a silver dome-shaped object. It was surrounded by a very intense green light that was jagged like the flames of a fire, he said.

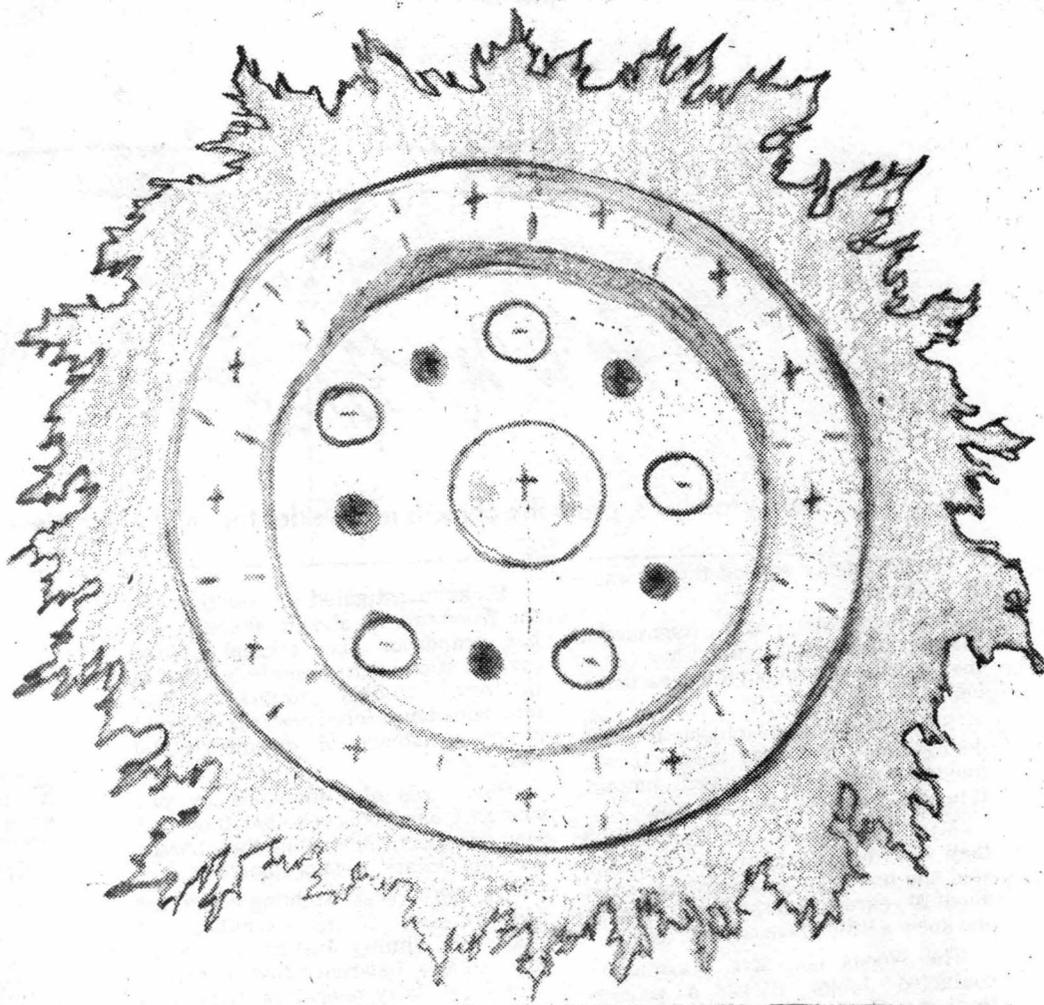
The object then hovered directly above him and he was able to see the underneath section of the craft. He could see lights there, with the middle light of greatest intensity.

While the craft was overhead, the engine sound was not noticeable, he said. The object remained overhead for a few minutes and, Dale said, he had the impression he was being watched.

Dale said he was very scared, but at the same time he wanted to see what the UFO was going to do. It began to circle, and Dale immediately ran to tell his brother, David, who was nearby in his aunt's house.

David called his mother, who was in his grandmother's home doing some canning, shouting that Dale had seen a flying saucer. His mother, Larain Wood of Vernal, told her son Dale was just trying to scare the younger children.

Suddenly, the air conditioning units and television sets quit operating. Mrs. Wood tried the switch on the air conditioning, but to no avail. She also noticed that the dogs were whining and crying — not barking, she said, but whining! as though they could hear a sound beyond the human hearing range.



Mrs. Wood went outside along with some of her children in time to see the craft circle over the area twice. It then took off rapidly toward the northeast. Mrs. Wood said she was very frightened, yet so fascinated she couldn't take her eyes off the object.

Dale had the impression the saucer-like craft may have landed in a field near them. He could hear a herd of horses located there running rapidly. He surveyed the area the following morning, but could find no evidence of a landing.

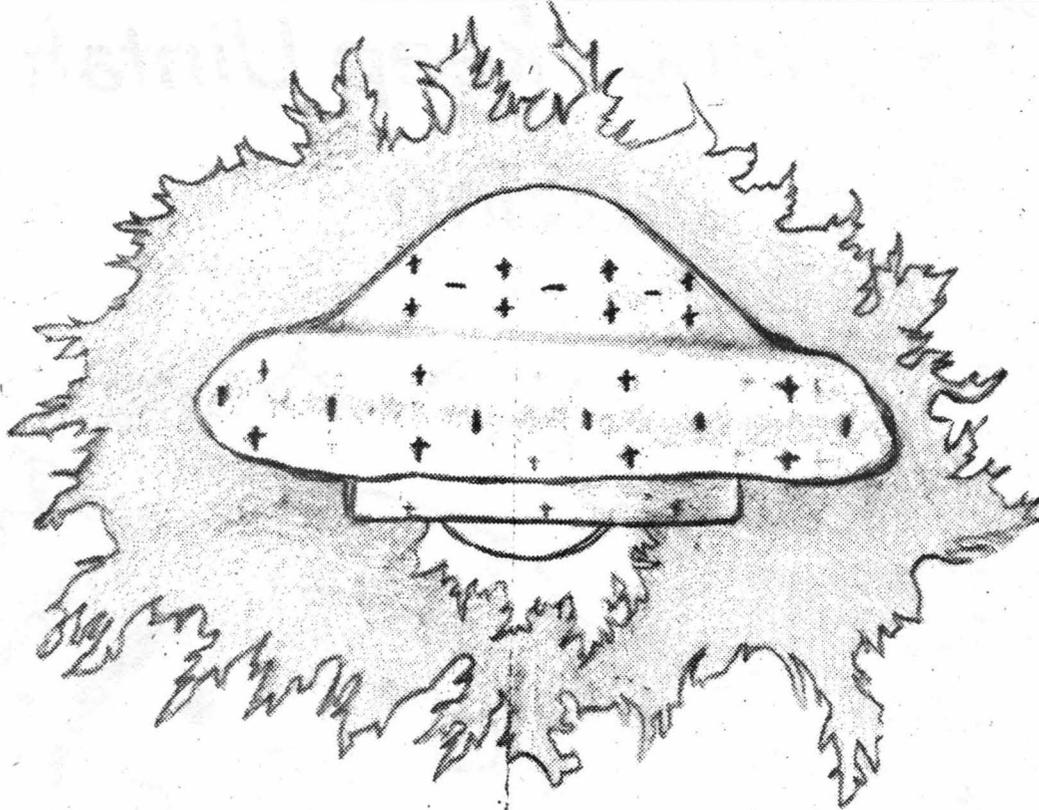
After the UFO disappeared, Mrs.

Wood called the Ute Indian Tribe Police Department in Fort Duchesne. Officer David Murray was dispatched to investigate the sightings. He later said he, too, saw the object near U.S. 40.

The following day, in a conversation with Telintha Rasmussen, a reporter for the Roosevelt Standard, Mrs. Wood learned that Mrs. Rasmussen and her 10-year-old grandson, David, had also seen a craft near their Ballard home.

While driving home from Roosevelt, Mrs. Rasmussen spotted something out of the corner of her eye. She looked up through the windshield and asked David if the shining object she saw was a plane or something of that nature.

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Dale Wood, 13, drew the object's underside, top, and a side view.

David calmly replied that it was a flying saucer.

At that point, Mrs. Rasmussen, fearing an accident, pulled her car to the roadside and got out to have a better look.

She described the object as being dome-shaped and very shiny. It was moving at a high rate of speed, she said. It headed north to the mountains.

Mrs. Rasmussen and David said they were not afraid of the UFO. She said she had seen a saucer-like object about 20 years ago in the Neola area, so she knew a little about what to expect.

The Woods and Mrs. Rasmussen contacted Junior Hicks, a science teacher at Roosevelt's West junior High School who has gained some fame in the field of UFO investigation. Since 1968 he has personally investigated more than 400 sightings in the Uintah Basin.

Through Hicks' extensive files, a book, "Utah UFO Display," was compiled by Dr. Frank Salisbury of Utah State University.

Hicks investigated the sightings by the Wood family, Mrs. Rasmussen and her grandson. Also present at the investigation were reporters from a national weekly magazine. The magazine has offered rewards for proof of the existence of extraterrestrial spacecraft.

Hicks was also informed by two women from Roosevelt that they had seen an object while riding their horses near the Cedars, west of Roosevelt.

The most recent sighting came last Monday about 23 miles southeast of Roosevelt. Jimmy Justice, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Justice, prominent local dairy operators, burst into the family's home to report that he had seen a large glowing object near where he was working. His parents proceeded to the area and observed an intensely lighted dome-shaped object circling the area.

After a few minutes, the craft headed south over the hills. It was reported as traveling very fast. The Justices had the impression the craft may have landed nearby. The following day, Eva Justice, Lawrence Justice's mother, drove to the area. However, she could find no evidence of a landing.

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Star gazers

County police put to rest at least one report of an Unidentified Flying Object today.

Two policemen were sent to Indiana State University Evansville when a security guard called police shortly after midnight to report a twinkling, bright object in the sky.

The deputies viewed the object with their binoculars, then turned the binoculars over to the security guard to let him look.

All were satisfied that they had seen the North Star.

Norton residents report close encounter with UFO

A second sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) in Norton early Sunday morning, Aug. 27 has been reported to the Daily Telegram following the publication of the first sighting in yesterday's edition.

John Rojas, 19, and Sylvia Rojas, 22, children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rojas who live at 504 E. Lincoln in Norton, sighted what was probably the same UFO seen by Mrs. Abbie Davenport who lives at 501 E. Lincoln.

She had reported seeing a brilliantly illuminated object move up and down in the sky across the street northwest from her at about 1:30 a.m. on Sunday. John and Sylvia Rojas saw something similar in their front yard which is just across the street south. Their sighting was shortly after 1:30 a.m. on the same day.

Unlike Abbie Davenport who did not go outside to investigate, John Rojas went out into the yard and made an

effort to observe the UFO.

The incident began when John, who was sleeping upstairs in the two story home, woke up suddenly shortly after 1:30. He said it was so light outside his window that at first he thought it was morning and time to get up. He also heard a constant, loud screeching noise which he says had a real high pitch to it. He looked at the clock and noticed that it was shortly after 1:30 so he hurried down the stairs and outside to see what was causing the commotion.

As he came out onto the porch he saw that an extremely bright light was illuminating an area about 30 feet in diameter. He said it seemed to be focusing on the family dog which was up on its hind legs, barking as loudly as it could and straining at the end of its chain.

He then went back in and woke up sister Sylvia. She came out for a moment, looked and ran back into the house. By this time the noise had stopped and it was quiet except for the dog's barking.

John says he could see an oval shape which was glowing with an orange-yellow light. He couldn't make out the outline of any object because a bright yellow light, like a spotlight would make, was shining out of the center of the oval.

"It was really bright, like someone shining a large flashlight in your eyes," said John. "I walked around in the circle of light trying to get a better angle on it but the light followed me around the yard and I could never get a good look at it."

At one point John says he was able to get outside the circle of light into the darkness momentarily but that before he could distinguish the nature of the object the light was shining in his eyes again!

Whatever it was seemed to be about 20 feet in length and about 100 feet in the air, hovering above a large tree in the front yard. After what

John estimates was about 15 to 20 minutes, the object suddenly raised up into the air a short way, then silently and quickly moved northward, disappearing over the house in which Abbie Davenport lives. John said the bright light shone on the ground below the object until it was over Lincoln Street, then it suddenly went out. He said that when it left, it was traveling at a high rate of speed.

"John said he was more amazed than scared by his close encounter. At one point he thought of climbing the tree for a better look but whatever it was was gone before he had the chance to do so.

After the UFO had disappeared, he spent some time calming down the dog then went inside and visited with sister Sylvia about what they'd seen.

In the morning they told their parents about their experience but decided not to say anything to anyone else for fear they'd "think we'd gone bananas." When they

saw the story of Abbie Davenport's sighting just across the street and at approximately the same time, they decided to call the Telegram and tell what they'd seen.

Yet another sighting

Sylvia, her father Raymond and a friend Kelvin Wright also spotted a UFO Monday evening, August 28 when they were fishing at the Norton Lake.

It was about 11:30 p.m. and they were on the south side of the Lake. They saw a large, round orange light appear in the sky at the far west end of the lake.

"As we watched it, it suddenly dropped below the horizon, then all of a sudden came up again, moved north a ways and dropped out of sight again," said Raymond. He commented that it looked like the moon does when it is full and first comes up in the east when it is big and orange-colored before it gets high in the sky.

As members of the family

talked last night about these two experiences, a third sighting was revealed. It occurred about seven or eight years ago when they lived in a different house about a block from their present location.

Raymond and Sylvia and Carolyn Annon were coming home one evening after dark when they spotted a saucer-shaped object hovering over their garage. Raymond says it looked just like you'd think a flying saucer would look. It was illuminated and had small lights all around it. The object moved down toward the ground, then glided silently up and away. Again, Raymond says nothing was said by anyone because they just didn't think anyone would believe them.

He said they probably would not have said anything outside the immediate family and friends about the two recent sightings, except that Abbie revealed her sighting just across the street and they felt they could no longer keep quiet.

UFO 'definitely conventional aircraft'

By BILL McCULLOCH
Record-Eagle staff writer

INTERLOCHEN — Remember that weird flying object that was sighted late last month by seamen standing night watch at several Coast Guard stations on Lake Michigan?

Richard E. Bagans of Interlochen has seen the object, too. And Bagans thinks he knows what it is — or at least he knows what it isn't. Specifically, it is not a flying saucer full of little green creatures.

"It's definitely a conventional aircraft of some kind," Bagans says, "but it's not like any aircraft I've ever seen before. I'd guess this thing is probably an experimental plane."

Bagans has sighted the object three times now, most recently about 9 p.m. Monday. When he first saw the craft Monday, Bagans says, it was off to the

Interlochen man has seen object three times so far

southwest of his home and appeared to be hovering. "Then it started coming this way," he recalls, "and it went directly over the top of our home, moving northeast."

Seen from a distance, the craft closely matched descriptions given by the Coast Guardsmen who made those sightings last month, Bagans notes. There was one red light, surrounded by three or more winking strobe lights and at least two extremely intense white lights — almost like landing lights, except that they didn't seem to be aimed in any particular direction.

The configuration of the lights led one Coast Guard enlisted man to describe the craft as being round, something like a brightly lit Frisbee flying on its edge.

"With all those lights," Bagans says, "it's easy to see how someone might figure it's a round object, especially when they see it at night. But when it went over the house here, I could see quite clearly that it was a plane."

Bagans examined the craft through a pair of binoculars as it passed overhead in the late evening dusk. He says it had a fat, stubby fuselage with a straight, sawed-off wing line. It appeared to be

flying at an altitude of 4,000 to 5,000 feet, he adds.

Again confirming earlier descriptions of the craft, Bagans says there was virtually no noise, except for a muffled roar — possibly a jet roar — that was audible after the craft had moved off into the distance.

"After it got off to the northeast of us," says Bagans, "it suddenly appeared to lose altitude, almost like a stone dropping. Maybe it landed at the airport in Traverse City. . . they'll probably know what it was."

An air traffic controller at Cherry Capital Airport says he saw nothing out of the ordinary on Monday night. A North Central Airlines flight did land at the airport shortly after 9:30 p.m., he says, but it didn't approach from the southwest, so the strange flying object was most likely a helicopter.

"Or it might have been a seaplane," the controller adds. "It probably came in low and landed on Boardman, and that's why we never saw it here."

Earlier sightings of the unidentified aircraft were made July 27 by Coast Guardsmen stationed at Ludington, Mich., and at three points on the Wisconsin side of Lake Michigan.

None of the men who saw the object heard any noise, even though the craft appeared at one point to be flying at an altitude of only 1,500 feet. The estimated speed of the craft was about 250 miles an hour.

ROCKFORD MORNING STAR - ILL.
*****AUG. 31, 1978*****

UFO sightings still a mystery to area officials

By JOE BAKER

An advertising plane whose flashing lights have been mistaken for unidentified flying objects in the past could not have been responsible for several recent UFO sightings in Jo Daviess County, says the wife of the plane's operator.

That and other possible explanations offered by the Morning Star for the UFO sightings last week were disproved, and no other natural or man-made effects that could account for the incidents have been suggested.

The sightings occurred near Stockton in areas north and west of that city, the most recent the night of Aug. 22.

On that evening, Stockton Policeman Dennis Jagodzinski and Steve Allendorf, a Jo Daviess County sheriff's deputy, reported viewing a disc-shaped object with multi-colored lights.

Suspicions that the object might be the aircraft bearing illuminated advertising signs arose this week, since the plane has been linked to Rockford-area UFO sightings in the past.

The plane's flashing sign is legible only from directly underneath the craft. From the side at night, the plane appears to be only a collection of moving lights.

The plane, however, was not in the area that night.

The aircraft is operated by Mark Lund of Rockford. Lund's wife said the plane was not in the Stockton area that night.

Weather forecasters at Greater Rockford Airport also said skies that night were clear and no significant cloud masses were in the sky. There were some meteorite showers but they do not fit the description of the object, forecasters said.

The sighting occurred about 11:30 p.m.

A. Reyner Eastman, dean of Rockford's amateur astronomers, said that would have been too late for the incident to have been a sighting of the planet Venus.

Eastman said the planet would have been out of view at that time.

Several past UFO sightings have turned out to be Venus, viewed near the horizon. But in those instances, Eastman said, light refraction from the heavy atmosphere produces a variety of colors around the planet.

Forecasters said reports of strange radio reception in the Rockford area last week, in which far distant stations were picked up, probably were because of magnetic storms or solar bursts.

Stockton area sky lighted by large, unknown craft

STOCKTON — Stockton Policeman Dennis Jagodzinski described it as "a close encounter of the first kind" when he saw the large disc-like object with blinking lights in the sky near Stockton late Tuesday night.

About 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, several calls came into the Stockton Police Department — all on the same subject, an unidentified flying object, Jagodzinski said.

Jagodzinski said Wednesday he drove to U.S. 20 and Illinois 78 and observed the object in the sky for about 45 minutes.

He described it as round with a red pulsating light in the middle. Around the disc were blue, green, yellowish-orange and white lights. He said that when the red light dimmed, the other lights would go on, one at a time.

"I know it was something solid, not a star and not an aircraft. I was in the Air Force for four years and I never saw anything like it."

According to Jagodzinski, the object moved laterally to the right and then to the left for about 25 minutes then made small circles in the sky and finally slowly drifted up "and as far as I know it went out of sight."

Once he got to the scene, Jagodzinski called another officer to verify what he observed.

Steve Allendorf, a Jo Daviess County sheriff's deputy, accompanied Jagodzinski and confirmed his description.

"I saw the same thing," he said Wednesday night. Allendorf declined to answer any further questions, saying any more information would have to come from his superiors.

Sheriff Marlo Specht could not be reached for comment.

When contacted by phone Wednesday night, an officer on duty at the department read a news release stating the two officers had seen the object and other area law enforcement agencies

had been contacted to see if other reports had been filed.

A spokesman at the Greater Rockford Airport control tower said there were no aircraft or meteorological equipment in the area at that time.

According to the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center, which monitors high-altitude jets and weather balloons, there were no such vehicles in the sky.

Jagodzinski said unconfirmed reports of such sightings have been coming into the Stockton Police Department for about two weeks.

The sightings have occurred to the west and to the north of Stockton, according to the reports, he said.

Several area sheriff's departments were contacted, he said, but no reports of such sightings were made in Stephenson County, in the Wisconsin counties of Grant and Lafayette or in Scott County, Iowa.

Jagodzinski could not estimate the size of the object he saw.

Long, hot summer

Life in the Tri-State tends to slow down a bit this time of year.

The long, hot summer takes its toll. Feet drag. Tempers flare. And most everyone looks forward to fall's lively colors and cooler temperatures.

Events of the past week, however, brought a number of Tri-Staters out of the summer doldrums.

First, on Wednesday, there were UFO sightings in Carmi. Illinois state and local police reported star-like objects in the sky, alternating colors of red, orange, green and white.

Then came reports from two brothers in Daviess County, Ky. of "Big Foot" roaming the

rural countryside. They supposedly took shots at the creature — "big and hairy and about four feet wide at the shoulders" — with no results. Attempts to get close to the man-beast were stifled by the smell, as described by the men, of rotting meat.

Finally, Evansville joined in the excitement. On Thursday night there were several more reports of UFOs, this time with green lights on the front and red on the rear. Topping off the evening were dual reports of motorists being terrorized by a person in a gorilla outfit.

A strange week, indeed. And we don't wish to cast doubt on any of these stories. But it has been a long, hot summer.

Millville Policeman, Residents Report Sighting UFO

By ROBERT CASTON

A Millville police officer said he and some 20 Wade East Apartment residents saw two unidentified flying objects northwest of Millville at about 9 p.m. last night.

Off. Samuel Rivera reported he was dispatched to the apartment complex at 8:55 p.m. after receiving a call from Mrs. Neida Berrios, 118 Wade East Apartments, about a UFO she apparently observed while driving home with her daughter from Vineland.

The woman reportedly told Rivera she was two large bright objects in the sky join together and

become one light while she was traveling south on Main Road.

Rivera said the woman pointed out the direction where she saw the UFOs and the officer reported he was able to see an unidentified object standing motionless in the sky.

"I could see what it was and it wasn't a star," Rivera told the Daily this morning. "It wasn't a jet or a plane, otherwise we could have heard it."

The officer said he then turned to ask Mrs. Berrios her full name and address and when he looked in the sky again, the object was gone.

Rivera said he and the woman moved to another area in the complex where their view would not be obstructed by the buildings and they found the UFO again, hovering somewhere over Shiloh or Salem.

Before leaving the complex, Rivera said he parked near Wade Boulevard where he had a better view of the object. He said some 20 residents, many who were "all riled up," were now staring at the object in the western skies.

He said that at this time, a second UFO appeared beneath the first UFO and started to circle around the bright light in a clockwise direction and then flew

in an easterly direction towards the Holly City.

Rivera said that when the object came towards the bystanders, it resembled a "car with two headlights." When the UFO was overhead, the officer said, the lights went out and a red flashing light came on.

Rivera said the object then continued on and disappeared somewhere in the direction of Atlantic City.

The patrolman said he turned to look at the other UFO, and after about eight minutes, that object vanished also.

Rivera said one person came up to him after the incident and said, "I want to tell you something, that wasn't a star and I can promise you that."

The officer said the 20 persons on the scene reportedly told him they will be witnesses to the incident.

Rivera said another officer, Robert Lacaillade, also saw the object. The police reportedly contacted the Flight Service Station at the Millville Airport and they reported there were no airplanes or anything in the air last night that resembled the UFO.

However, a spokesman for the FAA said the station did not have any official report on the matter.

Police from Vineland, Bridgeton and the State Police barracks in Port Norris said they did not receive any local reports on UFOs last night.

When asked what he thought the object was, Rivera replied, "I don't have the slightest idea, but I know it's not a star."

"It was interesting and fun to watch," he added.

The officer said he saw a similar object in the same location a month ago when he was driving near Dorchester but he said, "I didn't think anything about it."

LOWELL, IND. - TRIBUNE
*****JULY 26, 1978*****

UFO Seen In Lowell

Residents of the Indian Hts. subdivision in Lowell have reportedly been scanning the night skies for the last two weeks after several people sighted Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) on a fairly regular basis.

According to Doug Mitchell, at least five people have seen the same bright light which hovers over the area for several hours at a time, with smaller shooting lights emanating from it.

The light reportedly disappears suddenly whenever an airplane flies thru the area, and has appeared as early as 9 p.m. and as late as 3 a.m.

One woman did phone Lowell Police to report a sighting several weeks ago, and the police radio dispatcher reported that call to UFO Central, a monitoring agency.

Mitchell said that people living in Indian Heights, one manned with a telescope and another with a camera, are keeping a vigil with hopes of a better look at the UFO over Lowell.

Pair Report UFO Near Clear Creek

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By DAVID WHITE,
Staff Writer

Two equipment operators who work on a slate dump near Clear Creek aren't sure what they saw about 1:15 p.m. Thursday, but they think it was a UFO.

Terry Daniel, 39, of Fairdale has worked as a bulldozer operator for the Consolidation Coal Co. for nine years. Thomas I. Maynor, 40, of Pax has run a roller at the Rowland Mine site at Collins Fork off Workman's Creek for nearly as long.

The pair gave almost identical descriptions of what they saw, and neither is quite sure of what it was. Their accounts were given separately.

"I don't know exactly what it was

but I can tell you what I saw," said Maynor. "I was in the roller on the refuse dump and as I was going back up facing the top of the mountain I saw something that I first thought was a jet airplane."

He said the object came down the mountain, and as it neared it looked like a parachute. "I thought somebody flying may have had engine trouble and bailed out," he said.

"It was about halfway down the mountain, it looked like it was in the tree tops, and I tried to get the dozer operator's (Terry Daniel) attention. I was going to tell him somebody was hanging up there in the trees in a parachute but before I could get him to look, it had already gone back up past the trees and I was afraid to tell

him what I saw," said Maynor.

"The wind currents didn't seem to affect it at all," Maynor said. "Actually I have no idea what it was I saw, I just know it was there."

"He drew my attention to it," said Daniels. "I've never seen anything like it before in my life. It was a big white object ... pearly white...in the shape of a parachute. It was definitely something and I don't know what it was."

Maynor said the object then descended again and returned to the spot where he first spotted it. He said it went out to the left at the base of the mountain and then back to the right and upward again.

"Then after it got to a certain

height, I guess 2,000 feet, it started moving out to the right over Workman's Creek," Maynor said.

"It would have been moving in a northeastward direction and as it started moving upward, moving real slow, six pieces separated from it and it looked like one of them went back to the thing and the other five fell to the ground."

Maynor said after the pieces separated, the object took on more of a triangle shape. He said it looked like the pieces fell somewhere on an old strip road.

"After the pieces separated it started moving real fast straight up and we could see that it was black on the bottom and it just vanished," he said. "It was the whitest white I've ever seen and it looked like it was lighter than air."

The men said they were about a

quarter of a mile away from the object and said it looked to be about four feet in diameter. "Of course if we had been closer we might have seen that it was bigger," said Daniel. "We were pretty close though, it was right up there in the sky."

Daniel said the pieces that fell from the object looked to him to be oblong shaped. "They kind of floated to the ground. We know just about where they hit and if someone wanted to take the time to look for them they could probably find some of it," he said.

Maynor said he and another man went out after work and looked for about ten minutes but found nothing. "It's real grown up out there and it would take some time to find it," he said. "I'm going back out there tomorrow though."

Daniel said when they told the superintendent about their sighting he told them they'd been out in the sun too long. "It wasn't anything like that," Daniel said. "It was up there and we saw it. I just wish some other men could have seen it too."

The men said they watched the object for an estimated eight to ten minutes. "It could hover like a helicopter," said Daniel. "It sure had good control of itself."

They said they asked the superintendent if anyone else had reported the sighting over the radio, but he said his radio was out.

Daniel said he has worked on the site for nine years and has "never seen anything like that before in my life. I've never seen anything like that up in this holler before but it sure was there today."

He said after it had gone they thought about what they had seen. "It kind of has us wondering what in God's name we saw."

ROOSEVELT, UTAH - STANDARD
*****AUG. 24, 1978*****

Area residents report UFOs

Several people in the Ballard area who reported seeing an unidentified flying object last week have been interviewed by reporters for a national newspaper for a story on UFO sightings.

STANDARD correspondent Telitha Rasmussen and her grandson David, age 10, reported seeing a flying saucer last Saturday northwest of Ballard. Mrs. Rasmussen said it was some distance away from them and visible for only a few seconds before it flew into the clouds.

Both incidents were reported to Junior Hicks, who has had a long-standing interest in UFOs and helped compile a book on them.

Sunday Steve Jacques and Eric Faucher, Provo, reporters for the National Enquirer, interviewed those who reported the sightings. Their story is due to appear in the newspaper within four to six weeks, Mrs. Rasmussen said.

KENOSHA NEWS - WISC.
****AUG. 17, 1978****

Strange lights puzzle area

CARMI, Ill. (UPI) — Residents of this southern Illinois town reported sighting mysterious lights in the sky Wednesday night.

Police said callers reported strange lights — glowing red, green and white — traveling at high speed and making sharp turns.

Police dispatcher Rex Harris said witnesses tried to identify the source of the lights through rifle scopes, telephoto camera lenses and binoculars but were unable to determine what they saw.

Controllers at Dress Regional Airport in Evansville, Ind. said they noticed no unusual radar activity at the time of the sightings.

Authorities notified the Air Force and the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Evanston.

BECKLEY, W. VA. - POST-HERALD
*****AUG. 18, 1978*****

UFOs

NEWS-SENTINEL - LOWELL, IND.
*****AUG. 15, 1978*****

Lowell Residents Scan Skies for Lights

By Peter Reich
Chicago Tribune

LOWELL, Ind. — A series of UFO sightings this summer has residents here scanning the skies, particularly on Sundays and Tuesdays.

That's when the strange apparitions seem most likely to appear.

Some people who have seen them say the UFOs are bright lights that hang in the sky or dart about. Others say they have watched the UFOs land in fields, and two teen-agers claim a UFO resembling a "white mist" passed over their car and temporarily paralyzed them.

Among the people who have reported seeing the UFOs are two of the town's police officers — Don Dowling and Sam Oliverio — and a correspondent for the Gary Post-Tribune, Anna Wheeler.

Dowling and Oliverio described what they saw as "peculiar, flashing lights in the sky that they watched for 40 to 45 minutes" a couple of weeks ago, according to Police Patrol Sgt. John Crisan.

"They saw an object of some sort," he said. "It wasn't an aircraft. There were no storms in the area, so it wasn't lightning. The lights were in a pattern.

"We have no logical explanation."

Wheeler, a former teacher, said that on July 16, she was returning home in a station wagon with her three children and six others, when she saw the UFO.

"I was going west on Cheyenne Street, in the Indian Heights subdivision of Lowell, near an empty field, when I saw a large white light that had pinkish and bluish lights jumping from it, like sparks," she said.

"The light appeared to hang about 30 degrees above the horizon. I watched it for a long time — maybe 45 minutes. I saw it go from 30 degrees down to about 20 degrees in the sky, and it appeared to land.

"Then, suddenly, it went up — it didn't fly away, it just went up — and, poof — it disappeared. The light went out."

She said she drove around the block in

an effort to spot the object again, and "There it was."

This time, the object appeared to be hovering just above the field, about 10 degrees above the horizon.

She said all nine of the children in the station wagon saw it, too, and some admitted they were "a little afraid" of "the flying saucer" before it again disappeared.

She wrote a story about what she'd seen. After it appeared, she said, "I received 45 calls from people who claimed they had seen something similar. One was from as far away as Hobart, about 30 miles northeast of Lowell."

Among the people who contacted her was the mother of a teen-age girl who said she and a boy had encountered "a white mist" that passed over their car and "temporarily paralyzed" them. The mother insisted her daughter does not make up stories.

Another caller, who identified himself as Doug Mitchell, said he saw a glowing

football-shaped object in the sky.

Allan Hendry, chief investigator for Dr. J. Allen Hynek's Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., is skeptical.

He thinks Mitchell's sighting may have been an aircraft with a lighted advertising device. And he suggested that one of the Lowell residents who described a stationary UFO in the sky may have been looking at the planet Venus.

He said the woman described the UFO as a bright light "right above the moon" one evening — a position that coincided with that of Venus at that time.

He also said that the "white mist" report is in line with the whirling, electrically charged "dust devils" that some investigators have suggested account for many close-to-the-ground UFO sightings.

But, he acknowledged he has not had a chance to check out the reports and wants to withhold any blanket opinion until after he meets the people who reported the sightings. That will be in a couple of weeks, he said.

ST. LOUIS GLOBE - MO.
*****AUG. 18, 1978****

2 **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.

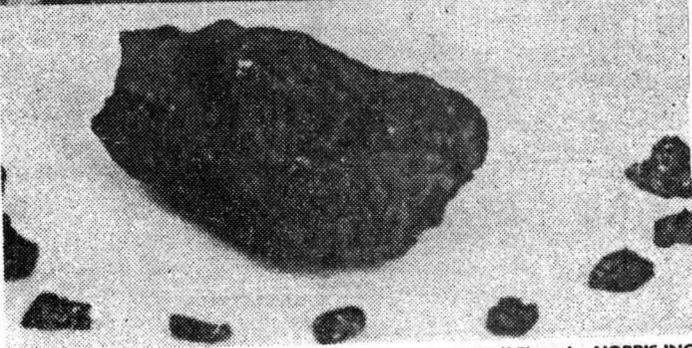
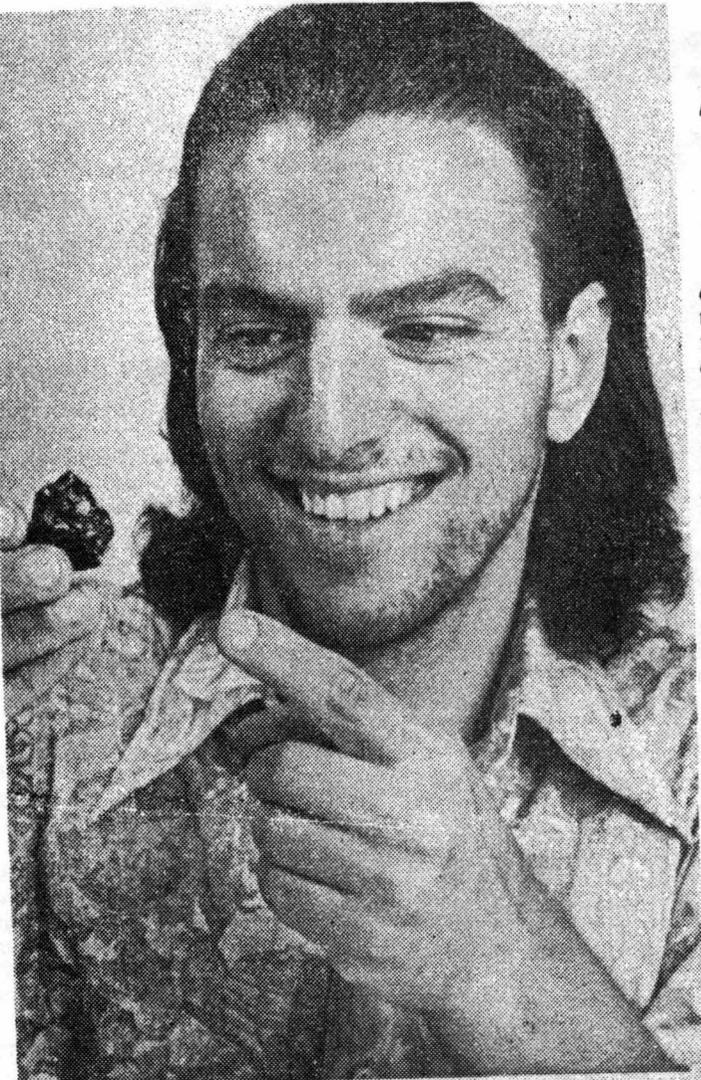
Carmi police officers, state police and neighboring law enforcement officials reported seeing what looked like "red, green and white twinkling lights." They watched the spectacle from about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday to dawn Thursday morning.

"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.



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Joe Kuchar with mystery space objects

FRONT PAGE

Hopeful rock star feels he found his

As far as Joe Kuchar is concerned, the "stars" were right on target, literally dropping their message in front of his amazing eyes.

Kuchar, a 24-year-old unemployed but hopeful rock singing star, claims to have found chunks of a meteorite down by Lansing's Riverfront Park in the wee hours one morning this week.

JUST 24 hours earlier, added the man who's also seen five unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), "My horoscope said if I find something real strange to keep it because it might bring me luck.

"It's strange how it all fell into place," he laughed.

The way Kuchar explains it, he left a downtown bar about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday to walk back to his Pearl Street home. About 3 a.m., he was walking along the Riverfront Park sidewalk north of Michigan Avenue near the tennis courts when "I saw a light in the sky that sort of flickered out like a candle.

THEN ALL of a sudden, he said he saw sparks and "I saw it hit the cement about 100 yards in front of me," he continued. "The big one (about the size of two pounds of hamburger but weighing, Kuchar guesses, about 10 pounds) was embedded into the cement, the 10 little ones were on

the surface." He claims they left burn marks on the cement.

When Kuchar went to pick them up, he says they were still "pretty warm."

He took his find to the state police who referred him to the geological survey division of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. They referred Kuchar to astronomers at Michigan State University's Abrams Planetarium. Kuchar says he'll be talking with them next week.

Robert Victor, Abrams staff astronomer, says he hates to speculate "when I haven't talked to the person directly.

"HOWEVER," HE said, "it would seem the two events the person observed are unrelated.

"None of us are experts on meteorites," he admitted. But he added he didn't think even a "fresh fall" that came through the Earth's atmosphere would be warm to the touch upon landing "because during the last part of the flight it would be traveling quite slowly compared to the cosmic speed.

"The heat would not be noticeable," he said. "In fact, it would be cold to the touch."

BUT VICTOR says he's reserving any final judgment until he sees the object.

TOMAHAWK LEADER - WISC.
*****AUG. 17, 1978*****

Trailer Damages Gasoline Pump

A gasoline pump was damaged about 6:25 p.m. Sunday when a 16-foot trailer being towed by a pickup truck driven by Harry Piepmeier, 56, Woodruff, struck it at the Highway 51 Truck Stop, in the Town of Merrill. No fire was reported.

CB Operator Reports UFO

A citizens band radio operator reported a UFO above Merrill to the county sheriff's department about 1:35 a.m. Aug. 14. The information was turned over to the Merrill police department. Nothing was reported seen by either law enforcement agency.

Top Air Force brass confirm Coast Guard UFO sightings

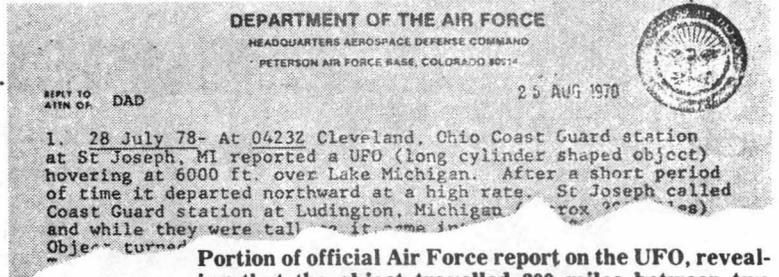
By JOHN LATTA

ONE OF the most startling and detailed sightings in modern UFO research has been documented by three separate U.S. Coast Guard stations in three northern states — and confirmed by America's top defense nerve center.

Late on a clear evening recently, an easily spotted cigar-shaped object moved at speeds up to 1,200 mph over a Coast Guard base in Ludington, Mich. Then a second base at Two Rivers, Wis., picked up the object, based on information hurried on to it from Ludington.

The final sighting came at Cleveland's Coast Guard base, after bases in the entire Great Lakes area had been alerted to watch for the object.

Each base made a report, where the area command post of the Coast Guard in Columbus made its own report. Finally, North



Portion of official Air Force report on the UFO, revealing that the object travelled 200 miles between two Coast Guard bases in only three minutes.

American Air Defense Command (NORAD) headquarters in Colorado made the final appraisal of the reports — confirming some sort of object had indeed been over the three bases.

The UFO was first sighted by civilians, who alerted the Coast Guard at St. Joseph, Mich.

The numerous visual sighting sex-cited researchers into unidentified flying objects after the reports of the incident were uncovered by Robert Todd, an investigator for the International UFO Investigative Bureau. He worked closely with the Coast Guard in evaluating the reports.

UFO investigators say that the most valuable sightings are made by groups of people, especially scientists and those with technical training, like servicemen.

The sighting began to take on major proportions at the Two Rivers base, when Chief Petty Officer Richard Whelchel took the call from Ludington. He told THE STAR: "They told me an object was moving toward us. A number of people had reported a UFO hovering over their base and men on duty at the base had also seen it.

"They radioed ahead to us so we could try and fix on it. We kept an eye out and found it in the sky in minutes after their call."

Base technicians later computed the time between the two sightings

and estimated the UFO would have been travelling at close to 1,200 mph.

At the same station, Seaman Gary Randall was off duty and sitting with friends near the radio room when the Ludington call came through.

"I went up and I remembered to take my camera. The shots I got were not all the best, but they clearly showed what we saw up there," he told THE STAR.

"There was no shape to it when we first saw it, but there were five of us watching from the ground at that time and we could tell it was bigger than a jumbo jet or a B-52 bomber. It must have hovered for about 30 minutes.

"Then it moved away very quickly and we lost it for some minutes, but it came back from a completely different direction."

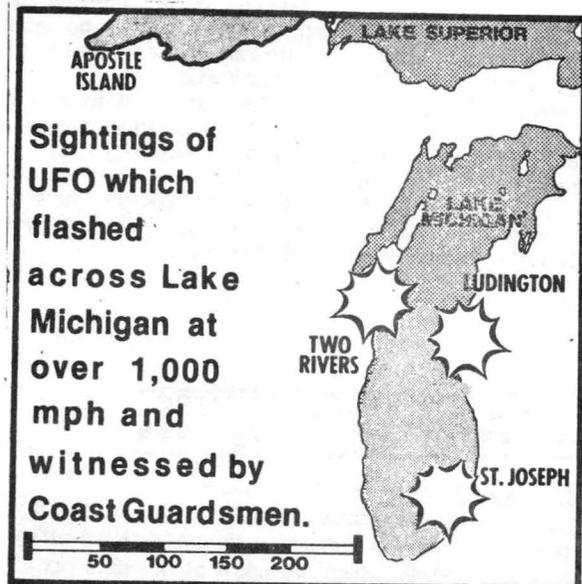
Again the base technicians got to work, this time calculating the speed of the UFO between two sighting points at 831.4 mph.

"It zig-zagged and it moved up and down, we had to look away at one stage when it got too bright," Randall said. "Then at one time it came straight towards us, then stopped dead and hovered again."

From Two Rivers the UFO shot almost instantly from sight. The watchers at the base and a number of civilian observers were unable to plot its direction.

UFO buzzes Coast Guard

Coast Guard officers and men in three different states had a close encounter with a UFO — a happening that warranted an official Air Force Report. North American Air Defense Command investigated the sighting and confirmed that some sort of object had been seen.



More 'lights' seen in Iowa

By Denise Caringer

For the second night in a row, National Weather Service offices and Iowa law enforcement agencies late Thursday and early Friday received numerous reports of unexplained multi-colored lights in the skies.

The lights — his were red and green — were seen even by a Weather Service employee in Des Moines, although he said "there's a logical explanation" for them. But he said he didn't know yet what the explanation was.

The latest reports came from a wide area of central, north-central, south-central and east-central Iowa — from Ottumwa in the southeast to Eagle Grove in the north, and from Des Moines to Newton and Grinnell.

The reports were of bright lights, some stationary and some moving, in the east and south.

Similar sightings in northeast Iowa and nearby Wisconsin were reported the night before.

Calls at Drake

A spokesman at the Drake University Physics Department in Des Moines said the department received a number of calls Friday morning from persons who said they saw bright multi-colored lights in the southeast about 30 degrees up from the horizon.

The lights were "point objects" or "star-like," unlike most unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings in which discs or "extended objects" are reported, the spokesman said.

The Weather Service in Des Moines said it picked up "something" on its radar at an altitude of between 15,000 and 30,000 feet shortly after midnight.

A spokesman said, "It's quite possible they were high-altitude weather balloons, although we

haven't been able to pin that down yet."

The spokesman declined to be identified, saying with a laugh, "I feel ridiculous even talking about it... I went out myself and saw the lights early this morning. They were brighter than stars.

"If you looked through binoculars you could see red or green lights — mostly green. I saw it in the east, moving south very slowly with the upper air wind pattern. There were three lights we could make out..."

Air flow slow

He noted that because of a "huge high-pressure ridge," the upper air flow is very slow. Thus, he said, something being carried aloft in

northeast Iowa might not be seen in central Iowa until a day later.

A physics professor at Loras College in Dubuque Thursday attributed the sightings in northeast Iowa the previous night to natural causes.

He said they probably were the star Capella, which is bright and will be visible in the northeast sky for several weeks.

In Des Moines, the Weather Service spokesman said the office would be contacting other weather offices and the military later Friday to determine if they had balloons aloft that could account for the lights.

"There's a logical explanation," he said. "I don't think there are any little green men up there ready to zap us and take us away."

NEWTON, N.C. - OBSERVER NEWS
*****SEPT. 6, 1978*****

Maiden UFO Landing Causes Near Wreck

A Maiden woman has reported the landing of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) on the outskirts of Maiden which she claims almost caused a truck to wreck.

The Maiden incident is the third UFO reported sighting in Catawba and Lincoln counties in as many weeks, according to George Fawcett of Lincolnton, whose avocation is chasing the mysterious craft reports.

He said that Mrs. Vera Chapman, 70-year-old resident of Route Three, Maiden reported the near wreck caused by the landing of a brilliant reddish-orange round object at approximately 7:30 p.m. on Saturday night, August 19.

She said the object "gave off brilliant flashes" of light on its outer edges as it hit the Golf Course Road, adjacent to Maiden Knitting Mills Inc. The mysterious object, she said, disintegrated and in the process almost caused a frightened truck driver to collide with the Chapman car as it moved away from Maiden.

The truck was not identified by Fawcett.

He said that investigators from Duke Power Company accompanied him to the site but were unable to find any blown transformers on the power lines that could have caused the "ball of fire." No sound was reported during the incident and no reports of meteors or lightning at the time were uncovered.

Mrs. Chapman reported that the UFO was "about 15 feet in diameter" and said it almost scared her to death.

Fawcett said he is also interested in reports of a round, white UFO that stopped a car motor and headlights in Lincolnton in recent weeks and a UFO described "as big as a four or five room house" that was reported to have stopped a motorcycle and doused its lights at 11 p.m. on August 5 on Buffalo Shoals Road in Lincolnton.

Another sighting was reported in Currituck County by a farmer on August 24 and one on August 25 over the Cabarrus County Courthouse in Concord.

UFO Spotted In Rowan

Kentucky State Police in Morehead received two reports about 11 p.m. Wednesday concerning the sighting of

an unidentified flying object (UFO).

The object was seen, according to state police, by Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Gillespie of Rowan County and Wayne Welch of Montgomery County.

The Gillespies reside in the Copperas Hollow area of Rowan County, off Flemingsburg Road. Mrs. Gillespie advised *The Morehead News* yesterday (Thursday) morning of seeing the strange object in the sky.

She explained, "My husband and I were in the yard about 10:40 p.m. when we saw this ball of fire, about the size of a football, moving across the sky. Fire was shooting out of the back end of the object."

Mrs. Gillespie said it took only about 15 seconds for the object to move from one part of the horizon to the other, and go completely out of sight. She noted it was traveling west.

"It must have been at least 100 miles up, judging from the length of time it was visible. It looked like a big ball of fire with a tail on it," Mrs. Gillespie explained.

"It was really quite fascinating. We didn't even have time to call the kids to come outside, it just happened so fast," Mrs. Gillespie concluded.

The state police dispatcher, Dwight Clark, received the call from Gillespie at 10:58 p.m. regarding the object. He described the object to the KSP dispatcher as being "a hudge, red ball that seemed to be in flames".

Some 10 minutes later, a call was received by the state police from Wayne Welch in Montgomery. He also

reported the huge ball of flames passing over Mt. Sterling around 11:05 p.m.

Thursday morning Bill Boyd, a KSP dispatcher, reported hearing on a Cincinnati radio station that an object was seen in the sky over Ohio and Eastern Kentucky and was thought to have been a meteorite.

GREENSBURG, IND. - NEWS
*****SEPT. 7, 1978*****

Couple Sights 'Fiery' Object In The Skies

What's greenish white, as big as a giant boulder and looks like a cross between hot coals and a burning airplane?

Give up? So do Bob and Joan Bostic, along with a few other persons who reported seeing such an object overhead at about 9:40 p.m. Wednesday.

Channel 13 weatherman Bob Gregory theorized that the object, which was reported seen in the Indianapolis area as well as south of Greensburg, was probably a meteor or some man-made object that had burned up when it entered the earth's atmosphere.

Whatever it was, it startled Joan as she and Bob were driving to their R. R. 7, Greensburg, home after serving as chaprons for a church choir hayride here last night.

Bob, a former newspaperman and police officer with eye for detail, said he estimated that the object was only about 300 yards off the ground when he sighted it.

"Joanie saw it first," he said, "then called to me on the CB (if you were on channel 7 last night that was Joan who shouted at about 9:40) and I saw it immediately."

Bob went on to say that his first impression was that the object was perhaps some small aircraft that was on fire and about to crash, but then he soon realized that it was not and decided against notifying authorities.

"Jaybird (Bob's brother Jim who was monitoring channel 7 at the time) said I should call the police, but I told him that they'd probably think I was crazy," the loan officer at Decatur Bank explained.

Joan said that the object was moving from east to west and if it didn't burn up she's sure that it fell in someone's cornfield in the area just past Knarr's Corner.

If other residents spotted the burning object, feel at ease that you aren't losing your mind, these two UFO-sighters are "fairly" reliable persons and if they saw something there must have been something to see.

You do have to wonder though about the little green men Bob spoke about today as he recalled the incident. No one else saw them, Bob.

Star of TV's 'Project U.F.O.': I Saw A UFO When I Was in the Air Force

Edward Winter — who will debut as Capt. Ben Ryan in TV's "Project U.F.O." this fall — says he believes in UFOs because he's seen one.

"There's no doubt in my mind that it was a UFO," Winter said.

"No question about it. Once you've seen something like that, no explanation will convince you that you haven't seen a UFO."

Winter's UFO encounter happened during the fall of 1956, while he was in the Air Force at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss.

He was returning to Keesler from Chicago on a transport plane when the UFO appeared.

"I was in the cockpit with the pilot and copilot," Winter said.

"It was night and all of a sudden, this very bright orange ball of light passed us on the left.

"It was a perfect circle. We had a view of it for about 10 to 15 seconds as it went past. It threw out quite a bit of light.

"My first reaction was, 'What was that?' I'm not easily awed, but I was filled with curiosity and fascination.

"You know, seeing something very unusual and wondering what in the world it is."

Winter said what he learned



STAR: Edward Winter in his role of Capt. Ben Ryan in "Project U.F.O."

the next day turned his wonder to amazement and made him a

believer in UFOs. "The next day we got confirmation that a UFO had been seen in Hattiesburg and Biloxi from the ground," Winter said.

"And it'd been seen by a fishing boat out on the Gulf of Mexico. That ruled out a meteor. And it didn't fit any description I'd ever heard of a weather balloon or swamp gas.

"It appeared to be just a light — but it had such a curious quality.

"When I think back on it, I realize that at night, against a black sky, there might have been a dark shape around the light that I didn't see.

"Your eye would naturally go to the bright light.

"So I don't rule out that what I saw was a flying saucer. I would accept the explanation that what I saw was from another planet. But whatever it was, there's no doubt in my mind that it was a UFO."

What would Winter tell anyone who is skeptical about the existence of UFOs?

He said, "I'd say, 'Keep your mind open — there's something out there!'"

— STUART WILK

UFO Sighting Report By Norton Woman 27th

A "close encounter" with an unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported seen early August 27 by Abbie Davenport of Norton.

"It was wierd, the wierdest thing I ever saw," Mrs. Davenport told the Norton Daily Telegram.

Mrs. Davenport did not report her sighting for three days because she said she thought everyone would think her crazy, but she was prompted to talk after reading about a UFO sighting in Coffeyville the previous week. She says her eyesight is perfect and she is certain what she saw at about

1:30 a.m. can not be explained as a street light or star.

She says she usually reads until late on Saturday night and had done so the night of the 26th. As she looked out her window to check the weather before going to sleep, she saw a large lighted object "either in or behind a large tree in a neighbor's yard," says the Telegram. The object had ragged edges and

was not perfectly round and would move slowing down to about five feet off the ground, then shoot up to a point near the top of the tree.

She said she watched the phenomenon for about 20 minutes, and too frightened to call anyone, eventually went to sleep.

BELLEVILLE, KANS. - TELESCOPE
*****SPET. 7, 1978*****

UFO just may be Mother Nature fooling us

By JOHN NORBERG
Staff Writer

Look. Up in the sky. It's a bird. It's a plane. Naw. It's just a flying saucer.

During the last hour of Thursday, a group of people in the Purdue area saw green and red flashing lights way up in the northeast sky, moving toward the southeast.

Easy enough to explain, really. It was just another Unidentified Flying Object — a flying saucer, no doubt from Venus, here monitoring life on earth.

Or maybe it was something more spectacular. Maybe it was something really unusual and thrilling like an airplane in a fall evening haze.

It's that time of year.

"Actually we always get people calling with UFO reports at this time of year," Don Stoike, Purdue Airport tower chief, said this morning. "This is the second or third this year."

If you've been watching your health and your

habits and you still look up in the sky over Lafayette this fall and see strange happenings, it might just be the result of haze.

"The haze makes a distant lighted object appear to get larger and smaller, fade in and then get bright again," Stoike said. "It's just a deceptive thing. We run into a lot of this in the later part of August and in early September."

Why? Because of an inversion layer, according to Walter Stirn of the U.S. Weather Service at Purdue.

An inversion layer is an area above the surface where there's an abrupt change in temperature.

Haze — tiny particles of moisture — accumulates in this area.

"It happens at this time of year when it's dry and warm like it's been," Stirn said. "You get a rapid cooling rate in the evenings and an inversion layer forms above the surface where the warmer air is."

"Many times this has quite an effect on the transmission of light. It also sometimes affects FM radio waves."

Adding to all this, Stoike said, is the fact that airplanes are carrying more and more lights today — anti-collision devices.

This is probably what the people on campus saw around 11 p.m. Thursday.

Sometimes weather balloons, launched routinely at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Peoria and Salem, Ill., also are mistaken here for UFOs.

Stirn said they sometimes get high enough at the right time in the evening that they still receive light from the sun when it's dark here on earth, resulting in a glowing effect.

But then again, maybe the whole thing was routine and simple to explain. Maybe it was just another flying saucer over the Indiana earth.

"I can't say I'm a total disbeliever," Stoike said. "But I just haven't encountered anything like that myself."

ELKHART, IND. - TRUTH
*****SEPT. 6, 1978***

Sky Object Like 2 Double-wides

What's bright orange, has black and white windows, moves backward and forward through the air and is as large as two double-wide mobile homes?

One Nappanee resident would like an answer to that question. He saw the object about a month ago while driving home from his evening work shift in Ligonier.

That is one of several sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects being reported by Charles Tucker, president of the International UFO Bureau, with headquarters in Nappanee.

The most recent sighting was shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday when members of the Dean Burkholder family, Division Street, New Paris, looked up to see red, white and green lights flickering in the sky.

"It was way up like a star — it kept changing colors, Burkholder said. "It was not an airplane because it was not moving (on a direct path)."

Burkholder said he and members of his family watched the lights for 10 to 15 minutes before looking away. When they looked up again, the lights had gone.

Tucker said there has been a rash of sightings in the state in the past month.

Two men, in separate sightings July 28, reported seeing a multicolored light flickering below storm clouds over New Paris. The light was described as blue, red, orange and white. It flickered on and off before disappearing.

Most interesting, according to Tucker, are reports from 44 persons near Lowell, all of sightings in late July, with additional reports Aug. 28 from nine persons near Carmel.

That object was about 100 feet above the ground, shaped like an upside-down bowl, and had flickering blue, white, red and purple lights, Tucker said.

Tucker is involved in a lawsuit against the CIA, which he claims is withholding evidence of UFO activity.

Object seen in sky called 'space junk'

MUNCIE, IND. - PRESS
*****SEPT. 7, 1978***

A fiery, flying object spotted by several persons in East Central Indiana has been called "space junk" by authorities.

The object was spotted moving westward through the sky and was described as blue- or white-bodied and trailed by an orange flame.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service said the object was either a meteoroid or a piece of man-made space junk.

Charles Kiger, rural Springport, reportedly saw the light of the flying object while driving south of Muncie, near Luray. He said he stopped his car and watched it travel horizontally for 30 seconds after he stopped his car.

Roanoker, 3 Deputies Report Sighting UFOs

ROANOKE, VA. - TIMES
 *****SPET. 11, 1978**

By JOHN WITT
 Salem Bureau

Unidentified flying objects were seen over the Roanoke Valley Saturday night by at least four persons, three of them Roanoke County deputies.

The most detailed report came from William A. Johnson, manager of professional relations and communications for General Electric.

"I'm absolutely convinced I saw something," Johnson said today, but he wasn't able to say what it was he saw. He doesn't think he saw an airplane, however.

Johnson was lying in a hammock on the patio of his house on Luwana Drive Southwest about 9:30 Saturday night. He

watched two planes cruise slowly by overhead, bound for landings at Woodrum Field. Then suddenly two glowing balls of light streaked side-by-side across the sky from east to west, Johnson said.

They left "a sort of effervescent trail ... not like a comet ... more like sulfur burning," he said. The lights did not blink or change color, he said, and there was no sound. It was impossible to tell how high in the sky the lights were, he said.

Two Roanoke County deputies leaving the scene of a shootout on Bent Mountain shortly after 9 Saturday night also saw something strange in the sky.

It was "a weird light, probably heat lightning or something like that," Deputy

R.L. Smith said. Smith and his partner, an auxiliary officer, were puzzled because there were no clouds in the sky at the time, and the light moved too fast for a plane. They decided to keep the sighting to themselves — until they were called a few minutes later to take Johnson's report.

Deputy Sandra Stump, who was off-duty and standing in her yard in West Salem about the same time Saturday night, said she saw two lights racing across the horizon, but she thought she heard the roar of a jet high overhead and thought nothing more about it until she read Johnson's report.

The deputies called an Air Force base to report the sighting, and were assured that an investigation would be made. A su-

pervisor in the tower at Woodrum Field Saturday night said "it was a dull evening." He said there were no unusual radar blips or reports of lights in the sky, but he noted that the weather was in "a transitional period" that could theoretically result in heat lightning or reflections of ground lights.

KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL - TN.
 *****SEPT. 8, 1978*****

Halls Woman Reports UFO Sighting

On the eve of the Knoxville "landing" of a \$300,000 saucer stage for a touring rock 'n' roll group at the Civic Coliseum last night, The News-Sentinel received a call about a real UFO.

A Halls Crossroads woman said she'd seen a UFO (unidentified flying object). She said that along with her husband and daughter-in-law, she watched a white-orange streak speed along the sky about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday. She said it was silent and made a sharp turn out of sight.

She said they waited to hear noise from the speeding object, but heard nothing at all. "Even the crickets were quiet," she said. Some minutes later, the crickets were noisy when a plane passed above them.

A Federal Aviation Administration

official on duty at McGhee Tyson Airport said he received four or five calls about UFOs. Declining to be identified, he said he explained to the callers that the sightings were meteorites and said the sharp turns of the object were caused by the pull of the earth's gravity on the meteorites.

However, Robert Gribble, of the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., said the sharp turn for meteorites "wasn't possible. The only visible movement of a meteorite is a slight arc as it's coming down."

Mr. Gribble said only a very small percentage of sightings reported to the center come from Tennessee. He said Tennessee's reports often concern high flying lights, which under investigation turn out to be satellites.

DAVIS, CAL. - ENTERPRISE
 *****SEPT. 13, 1978*****

Davis man sees UFO?

A Davis man may have seen a passing aircraft, or then again—as he told police—he may have seen an unidentified flying object pass over his home Tuesday night.

Reed B. Maxon, 902 Douglass Ave., told police he spotted three spots of light, forming a rectangular pattern, hover in the sky above his home shortly before 10 p.m.

Maxon said the lights remained stationary for about three to four seconds and then moved south in the night.

Police did not take a formal report of the sighting and Maxon could not be reached for comment today.

TORONTO, ONT., CANADA - SUN
 *****SEPT. 1, 1978*****

Was it lost AirCan jet?

LISBON (UPI) — Dozens of Portuguese bombarded the national radio station early yesterday with reports of a large unidentified flying object hovering over Lisbon.

Callers said the UFO was a large round object festooned with bright red-and-white lights that flew about 150 to 250 yards above the ground.

"Being visited by ships from outer space makes us more cosmopolitan and helps our entry into the European common market," the national newscaster observed. †

Were lights 'natural' or UFOs?

FRONT PAGE

Were strange lights in the sky over Grinnell early Friday the result of atmospheric conditions, or were they unidentified flying objects?

Those questions were being pondered Friday by local and state officials following several reported sightings throughout the area.

Officer Sam Reaves of the Grinnell Police Department said Friday morning that he and a fellow officer, Mike Hilleman, observed three lights in the sky, beginning shortly after 3 a.m. The objects were visible until dawn, Reaves said.

The first sighting apparently was made by Dick Bailey, a night watchman at the Cargill, Inc. plant, who pointed out the phenomenon to Hilleman, who was on routine patrol. Hilleman then called Reaves at the police station.

Reaves described the objects as having white centers surrounded by revolving, multicolored lights.

Appeared to Move

"I couldn't estimate the distance," Reaves said. "They were sighted to the east, and they were mostly stationary. They did appear to move a little in the sky, but I don't know if that was the result of actual movement or the rotation of the earth."

Don King of 732 East St. gave a similar description of one of the objects.

"It was a revolving colored light around a white center," King said. "I could see red, green and yellow. At first I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me. But I couldn't go along with the idea of it resulting from atmospheric conditions; it looked more

mechanical to me."

Reaves said radar trackers in Chicago and Des Moines recorded two distinct blips on radar screens, one at 20,000 feet and one at 26,000 feet.

Friday morning's sightings here followed several reports of similar colored lights in northeastern portions of the state Wednesday night.

Theory

Dr. Beryl Clotfelter, Williston professor of physics at Grinnell College and the author of an astronomy textbook, described as "plausible" a theory offered by a fellow physicist, Frank Miller of Loras College. Miller was quoted Friday as suggesting that sightings in the Dubuque area were the result of atmospheric conditions, and were actually stars. The unusually hot conditions that gripped Iowa the past few days could produce the phenomena, Miller was quoted as saying.

Clotfelter said he observed a similar phenomenon two years ago.

"One night," he said, "some students called me and said there was a flashing, colored light in the east. It turned out to be the star Sirius. When the atmosphere is just right, a bright star can show very marked color. And the strange thing about it is that you can look through binoculars or a telescope and the color is even more pronounced. It's a fascinating sight."

Radar, Clotfelter added, can sometimes receive false signals, especially when there is some atmospheric turbulence. Cells of warm or cool air can cause refraction, thus producing blips on radar screens, he said.

Bright Object in Sky Blamed on 'Space Junk'

A fiery, flying object moving westward through the sky Wednesday night excited scores of persons in East Central Indiana, police reported.

Authorities said the object — generally described as blue or white-bodied trailed by an orange flame — was believed to be either a meteoroid or a piece of man-made space "junk."

A spokesman for the National Weather Service quoted an Indianapolis television weatherman as saying the burning thing was probably "space junk, moving into the earth's atmosphere at over 40 miles per second."

State police said they received dozens of calls about the flare, which many persons reported "seemed pretty close to the ground."

"One guy who called sounded shook up about it," said a state policeman.

The Indianapolis newscaster said sightings of space junk are unusual but not unheard of.

A rural Springport man, Charles Kiger, told The Star he and his family saw the light while driving south of Muncie near Luray, in northern Henry County.

"We stopped the car and watched it maybe 30 seconds. It was traveling horizontally and not real fast, to the southwest."

The NWS spokesman said, "You'd be surprised at how high something can be and still look so low."

Are close encounters really coming closer?

By KEN KAYE

Like the little boy who cried wolf, you can never be sure of the real thing. But since two Parma men reported a UFO in Brecksville Metropark, there have been a number of more serious sightings.

The Brecksville sighting, for all intents and purposes, was a hoax. Witnesses said they saw the two men taking pictures of a toy.

IN A MORE cautious manner, several families in northern Parma near West 45th Street have seen a series of lights night after night, apparently over Cleveland.

"Don't put my name in the paper, they'll think I'm crazy," a man meekly told the Sun Newspapers when he reported the sightings.

"It seems like every night at the same time, about 8:45 to 9:45 p.m., there are these little balls of lights. They look like the lights of an airplane, but they're jumping all over the place," he said.

"THERE'S ABOUT FOUR families. We sit there and watch them every night. I'd just like to know what the hell they are — we can't figure them out," the man sighed.

"I called the police department, but they won't be bothered with it."

Naturally, there are dozens of explanations for the lights. But Earl Neff, head of the Cleveland Ufology Project, said the Parma families are not alone.

"We've been getting a lot of reports from different areas," Neff said. "There have been many folks that have been talking about this (the jumping lights).

"I don't know what it is. All I know is others have been reporting it."

JUST AS THERE was a flurry of UFO sightings after the movie "Close Encounters of a Third Kind," the Brecksville incident caused a number of reports to roll in.

"There have been some good sightings reported in the last week since these two chaps from Parma photographed that model UFO," Neff said. He said residents of Willoughby and Euclid reported sightings at the Cleveland Ufology Project meeting last weekend, and a Sheffield Lake woman called him and reported unusual lights in the western sky.

About a month ago, patrons of a Mentor drive-in

theater saw lights descend behind the screen and many of them honked at it. A week later, the same thing occurred at the Miles Drive-In theater, Neff said.

"They were serious about what they had seen," Neff

said, "and rightfully so. We're in a period today where people don't have to be apologetic for seeing

something in the sky. It's only the people who are totally ignorant who take that view."

WORTHINGTON, OHIO - NEWS
*****AUG. 24, 1978*****

Dear Sir: 1424

Last year there were several reported sightings of UFO's. Most reports were handled casually, if at all. I object to the government's manner of handling a somewhat touchy subject.

Those people who have attempted to report a UFO sighting to responsible authorities have encountered some difficulties. First, whom should one call? Second, which ever agency was first contacted (Air Force, Police, airport control etc.) undoubtedly referred the caller to another agency...being unable to handle such a call.

It is my contention that there should be an agency established with a twenty-four hour telephone service to handle reports of UFO sightings.

Have you ever seen a UFO? Did you report it? If yes, did you have difficulty making your report? What kind of trouble? I would appreciate comment from anyone having similar experiences.

Sincerely,

Derek Mahin
868 Bluffway Dr.

SARASOTA, FLA. - JOURNAL
*****AUG. 30, 1978*****

UFO Sighting Reported

As it looped through the sky lighting up the clouds, a Port Charlotte family decided the object they observed in the northwestern sky was not a star, plane or anything they had ever seen before.

At 9 p.m. the Stanley Gomiela family observed the mysterious light while driving in their car. Local police, the Federal Aviation Administration tower in Fort Myers, Bishop Planetarium and a UFO Research Center in Washington were unable to explain the sighting.

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD - NEBR.
*****SEPT. 9, 1978*****

The Stuff of UFOs

Fremont, Neb.

7424
On the night of Aug. 29 I opened our rear door to look at the sky, as I do every night. Imagine my surprise to see a large lighted object hanging in the sky. It appeared to be almost stationary and I saw movement, which I believed was inside the object. After watching the phenomenon a minute or so, I called my wife to verify my sighting.

Guess what? It was the moon shining through the tree branches. The movement which seemed to be inside the object was the leaves fluttering in the breeze. Of such material, unidentified flying objects are born.

Sorry folks...no little green men

Those weren't UFOs flitting about the nighttime sky during three different evenings last week, say the experts.

But to many McGregor and area residents who witnessed the unusual lights and objects--some of them moving rapidly about--they were out of the ordinary.

Some believed they were spaceships from another planet, perhaps flying saucers. Others said they thought the objects attracting much attention were secret aircraft being tested by the U.S. government.

Whatever they were, they caused at least three days of conversation, particularly in McGregor where the objects were spotted for three nights in a row --Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week.

At least 25 persons reported they saw more than a half-dozen UFOs in the sky over McGregor Wednesday night. A few others reported repeat sightings Thursday and Friday nights. The sightings lasted from about half an hour to nearly two hours each night.

Reports of similar sightings also came from Monona, Marquette, Prairie du Chien, Farmersburg, Luana

and in rural areas of Northeast Iowa and Southwest Wisconsin.

All of the objects were reported seen in the northern, eastern and western skies.

Most of the sightings involved strange colored objects, emitting white, red, green and yellow lights. A few objects had stationary green lights with red lights revolving around them, witnesses said.

The excitement in McGregor began about 8:45 p.m. last Wednesday, when Police Chief Todd Miller began receiving a number of telephone calls from people claiming to have spotted UFOs (unidentified objects). Miller investigated, and said he observed some of them through binoculars for about an hour and a half.

"Eight to 10 of these objects were seen" Wednesday night, Miller said. They were "usually stationary or slow moving," he said, "although one object was observed to start moving slowly from a stationary position toward the south, gradually picking up speed until observers could not keep up with the object."

Clayton County deputy sheriffs were dispatched to McGregor to join in the fun of watching the UFOs.

Three experts in the UFO field discount local be-

LEXINGTON, KY. - HERLAD
*****SEPT. 7, 1978*****

Apparent Meteorite Mistaken for UFO

An apparent meteorite that passed over part of Central Kentucky about 10:40 p.m. Wednesday was mistaken for a UFO by perhaps several hundred people.

"Everyone thinks it's a meteorite," said an air traffic controller at Blue Grass Field. He declined to identify himself but added that he saw it, too. "It went right across the top of the (control) tower."

He said the airport phone had been "ringing off the hook."

A spokesman for Metro Police said they had received about 50-60 calls about the "ball of fire."

The object appeared to be traveling on a horizontal slant, the air traffic controller said. "Zip and there it went." The object was visible for about five seconds, he said.

The pilot of a plane approaching Blue Grass Field told the tower the object appeared to have gone over his right wing. The plane was about five miles northeast of the airport at the of the sighting.

The control tower received calls from police and fire officials in Fayette, Anderson, Franklin, Scott and Jefferson counties. Everyone had seen the same thing at about the same time, the controller said.

liefs that the objects were anything but hot air. They blame the hot, humid weather for the sightings.

"As far as we are concerned, it was more or less a temperature inversion," said Ralph C. DeGraw of Hazleton, state director of investigation for Private UFO Investigations, a national group that follows reports of UFO sightings.

"I can't see what else it could be," DeGraw told the Times Monday night as he wrapped up personal interviews with some of the McGregories involved in the sightings.

DeGraw said the hot, humid weather created a "lens effect" which caused distortions of stars and planets and enabled "people to see different things."

There are no indications that the sightings are not explainable, he said.

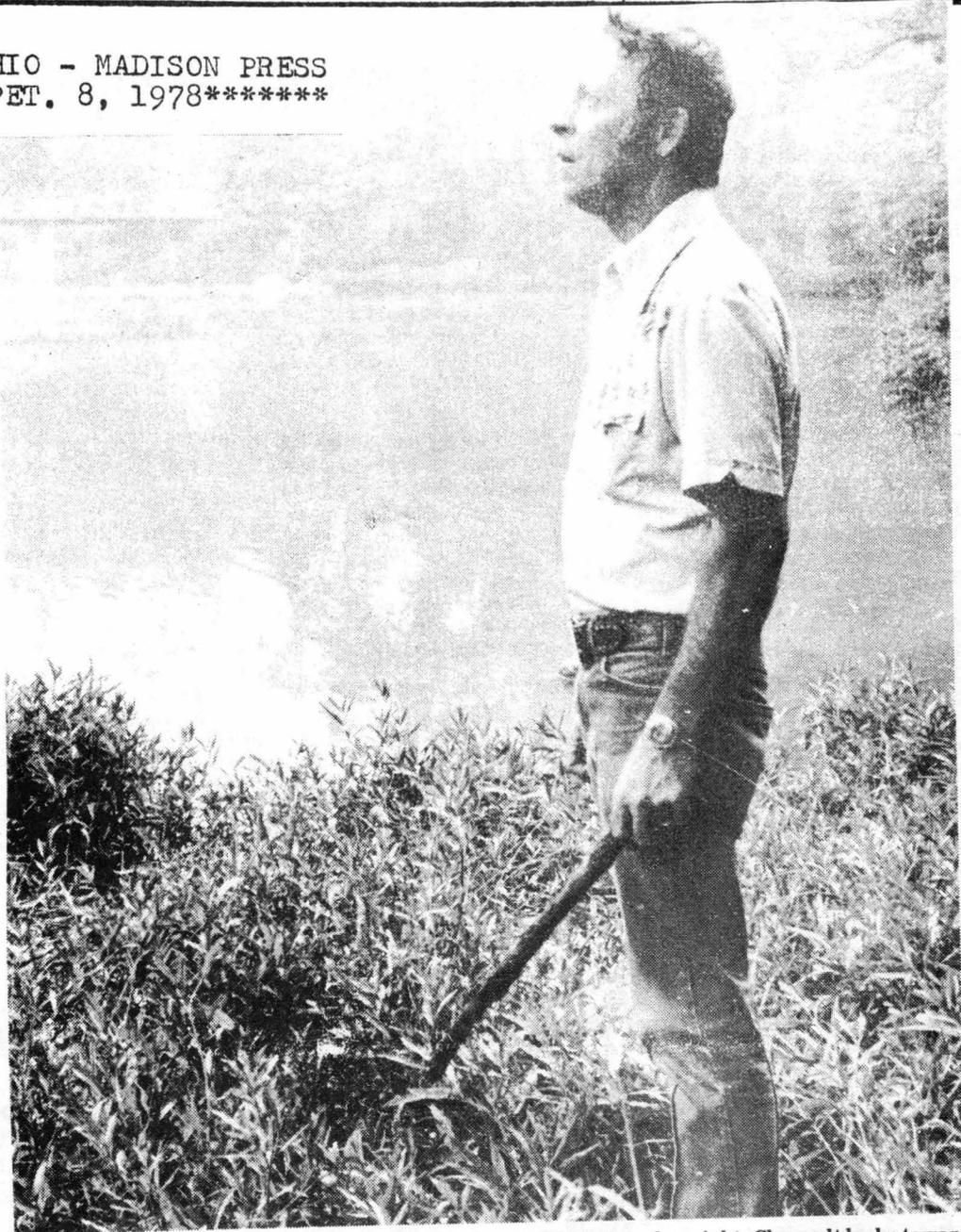
DeGraw said the information gathered from his McGregor investigation, and his findings, have been turned over to the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago. The center, he said, may make its own investigation if it feels one is warranted.

The UFOs were also discounted by Frank Miller, physics professor and director of the planetarium at Loras College, Dubuque. Miller said he saw the same lights last Wednesday night. "I judged the lights to be the star Capella, a bright star which will be visible in the northeast sky for several weeks now," he said.

Atmospheric conditions made it appear that Capella twinkled and changed colors from white to red to green to blue, Miller said.

Maury Oehler, a physics teacher at Prairie du Chien High School, had much the same opinion.

LONDON, OHIO - MADISON PRESS
*****SPET. 8, 1978*****



JIM CHENAULT stands at the spot where he saw a UFO Wednesday night. Chenault looks toward the area where the object first appeared, but he got a full view of it above the trees at the place where the bridge meets the land.

Eerie, hovering light puzzles West Jeff man

By **CYNTHIA LIPOWITZ**

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A fishing expedition on Big Darby Creek Wednesday night turned into an experience Jim Chenault will never forget.

Chenault, who lives just off Heath st. in West Jefferson, saw a UFO south of US Rt. 40 at 10:39. He remembers the exact time, he said, because he checked his watch.

"I saw this rascal on the right edge of John Galbreath's property. I was 20 feet out in the water."

He said that just prior to the appearance of the object he was having good runs with the fish and also had caught two huge turtles. He let the turtles go and started to fish again. "I picked up my pole, took up 10 to 15 feet of line and the fish quit hitting. Then I saw this brilliant light coming through the trees and just as it cleared the trees I saw the bright light."

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"It was 20 to 30 feet and round like a basketball, chrome in color or nickle plated. I could see the first two-thirds. It has a brilliant red circle, like fire, then two white flames dancing off the end of it. This thing traveled level."

Chenault said the incident took about three to four seconds or less. "It was in full view after it crossed the creek then slowed its speed almost like it stopped dead, but it was still moving. It hovered there and abruptly took off again."

After Chenault arrived home about 10 after 11 p.m., he said, he called the State Highway Patrol. "I talked to one of the officers and got the impression that she didn't believe me and thought I was a crackpot, but she put a male officer on and he listened to what I had to say." After this Chenault said he was referred

back to the female officer and she reported to him that the Madison County Sheriff's Department had gotten several calls on it and that one person who saw it described it as a falling star. Chenault, questioning his experience, asked, "Why would a falling star do that?"

He said he felt the patrol was treating it too lightly and said he had heard that Rickenbacher Air Base called it a meteor. However, Chenault said he didn't believe that. "I've read stories on this stuff and I always treated it lightly, but by thunder, I saw it with my own eyes. And I believe it was the real McCoy. You might live a whole lifetime and never see anything like this. It scared me but not to the point where I felt like running."

The object was without sound, according to Chenault. "There was no sound coming at me or going away. It couldn't have been more than 300 yards from me."

Chenault would like to compare notes with someone else who saw the object. He also would like some action taken on the incident. "I don't think anyone is doing anything. The Defense Department should set up some kind of observation posts to get pictures or movies of these things. Maybe they can get something up to defend ourselves, if we need to. What I saw last night (Wednesday) is authentic. I told you exactly what I've seen. I don't hallucinate or imagine things - at least until last night. I'm not so sure I want to see it again."

The State Highway Patrol reported that they received a call from the Madison County Sheriff's Department on the incident, but according to Deputy Sheriff Warren Jones, "There was nothing on it."

Lights Seen by Residents Explained by Deputies

Five or six unidentified flying objects spotted by star gazers early this morning were explained by sheriff's deputies as a combination of stars and atmospheric conditions.

Bob Weeks, Route 3, and his sons were star gazing at 2:30 a.m. today when they noticed five or six objects just above the horizon east of Mineral Springs Addition. Weeks called the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department and said the objects were flashing bright green, red and white lights.

Weeks said he watched the objects for 15 minutes through high-powered binoculars. After comparing the lights with other stars, he told police they were very different. He said he had been watching stars for a long

time and "had never seen anything like it."

The lights were stationary at about 6,000 feet, Weeks said. He asked for an officer to be sent to confirm the sighting.

Officers Robbie Amos and Jim Baker arrived on the scene while the radio operator contacted Indianapolis International Airport to see if the radar could confirm the objects. Radar showed no objects in the area at the time, police said.

Baker said the objects were merely stars that seemed to be flashing in colored lights due to atmospheric conditions. He said the approaching sunrise added color to the horizon and enhanced the visual effect of the stars.

"It was a great night for star gazing," said one police officer.

SHAWANO EVENING LEADER - WISC.
*****AUG. 21, 1978*****

Flying saucers sighted

TOWN OF WASHINGTON — Several persons reported seeing unidentified flying objects last night in the Township of Washington along the south shore of Shawano Lake.

They indicated they were of green and red in color and were visible for about an hour.

Another area resident called the Leader and said they were about the size of an automobile and saw blue and white lights.

There was no report of planes or other objects in the area that may have caused the sightings.

BURLINGTON STANDARD-PRESS - WISC.
*****AUG. 9, 1978*****

Two 12-foot long and 12 two-by-fours 16 feet long. The theft was discovered about 7 a.m. Aug. 8.

UFOs

Two Burlington residents reported seeing unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the Henry Street area shortly before 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8. Pat Nelson, 340 Henry St., told police he saw a glow in the sky to the east for approximately 15 seconds. Dean Willich, 318 N. Spring St., staying at the Nelson residence, said he saw what appeared to be three stars moving in close proximity to each other. They disappeared, he said, after about 30 seconds of observation.

UFO sighting buzzes with speculation

by Dave Jones

MYSTERY surrounds an unidentified brilliant white flying object which was seen moving across the clear night sky above North Wales and Merseyside at the weekend.

The UFO—one report described it as “disc shaped”—was spotted independently by a number of people, although detailed descriptions of it vary.

If the sightings all relate to the same object, then it seems the UFO may have been following a course from the south west to the north east across eastern Clwyd, in the general direction of Runcorn, before changing course and flying north west over Liverpool.

The earliest sighting reported to police appears to have been made by motor mechanic Mr Robert Christopher Davies, 33, and his wife Jean of Ffordd Offa, Newbridge, near Wrexham.

Said Mr Davies: “We saw a large round bright object low in the sky at about 9.45 p.m. on Friday and watched it for about 1½ minutes until it set in the North East behind the mountains.

“It gave the impression of a very large object moving smoothly in a straight line. There was no sound and the object did not change colour.”

Mr Davies said he had seen night aircraft, satellites and meteorites before and he felt certain it was none of these. He had been unable to distinguish any features when he trained a pair of binoculars on the mysterious traveller.

About 20 minutes later schoolboy Anthony Carroll, 13, of Carlton Lane, Old Swan, Liverpool, was scanning the sky through binoculars with two friends when he too, saw an object moving across the star field.

Anthony, a pupil at St Francis Xavier College, said that it was white with

blue, green and red pulsating light. The object—“as big as a one penny piece held at arm’s length”—was disc shaped and seemed to be rotating.

“It moved in a straight line directly overhead then suddenly veered upwards and became obscured from view. It was visible from 10.04 to 10.09 p.m. and travelled from the south east towards the north west.

Air traffic control at Liverpool Airport said that a flight from Dublin had

landed at Speke just before 10 p.m. There were no other flights reported in the area.

Calls about a brilliant white light in the sky had been received from a man at Hale at 8 p.m. and from people in Old Swan and Runcorn, soon after 10 p.m. Nothing had been seen from the airport.

Mr Gary Raymer, president of the Merseyside Headquarters of the British UFO Investigation Bureau, confirmed that he had received reports of a

number of sightings on Friday evening. The last was timed at 10.35 p.m. over Crosby.

The Bureau would investigate all the reports and circumstances and attempt to find an explanation, he added.

Although UFO reports are routinely relayed to Whitehall, a Ministry of Defence spokesman said yesterday that the sightings were not investigated unless the object was seen near a military establishment.

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EVENING GAZETTE - MIDDLEBROUGH, ENG.
*****AUG. 23, 1978*****

More UFOs spotted

SSH, it's you know what again. Another report of an unidentifiable object in Cleveland has just been put on file.

This time it was a 12-year-old schoolboy, Ian Tucker of Ilston Green, Park End, Middlesbrough, who says he saw a silver saucer-shaped object flying in the sky on Sunday.

He said: “I was with a group of friends, and we couldn't believe our eyes at what we saw. The object was flying

rather slowly, and one of my friends got some binoculars so we could get a closer look.

“It had two lights underneath a red and a yellow one, and was shaped like a bowl upside down. It didn't look as if it was spinning. It was just moving slowly along.”

The boys who were walking at the time along Penrith Road have reported what they saw to the police.

Meanwhile a second Cleveland UFO group—Alternative Phenomena Enquiries—has

reported a series of sightings over the past week.

Mr. David McGroarty, of Redcar, coordinator of the American-based organisation, said he was dealing with a number of reported sightings since last Thursday evening.

He added that on that day two completely separate groups of people—one at Maltby, and the other at Thornaby—had reported strange lights in the sky.

Checks showed there were no aircraft in the vicinity.

Clippings

LIVERPOOL DAILY POST - ENG.
*****AUG. 28, 1978*****

Village visitors in silver suits...

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ANGLESEY VILLAGERS talked yesterday about their visitors from outer space . . . as North Wales police reported a spate of UFO sightings.

It all began on Friday night when farmer John Roberts, of Maes Gyfam, near Llanerchymedd, was out shooting rabbits. He said, "It was about eight o'clock when suddenly I saw a bright, shining white light slowly descend from the sky in the vicinity

of the village. It was too bright to be an aircraft."

When Mr. Roberts arrived villagers were gazing towards a hilly field behind a new council-owned housing estate.

One tenant of Maes Athan estate, Mrs. Pat Owen was in her bedroom with her two year old daughter, Adelle, some ten minutes after Mr. Roberts had seen his bright light.

She said, "I happened to look out of the window and saw three men

walking across the field. The cows were terrified of them and stampeded away: They were wearing silver grey suits with a sort of cap on their heads which was attached to the suits. They were all well over six feet tall but I only saw their backs and I was very frightened. I ran to the village square to find my husband."

Meanwhile a North Wales Police spokesman said yesterday that UFO sightings had been reported from Ruabon, Wrexham, Colwyn Bay and Prestatyn. He said, "They were described as cigar shaped objects with blue, green, red and white lights.

BATH & WEST CHRONICLE - ENG.
*****AUG. 31, 1978*****

IT WON'T FALL IN YOUR BACKYARD!

THE MYSTERIOUS orange object which was spotted by many people zooming over Bath late on Sunday night was not recorded on an automatic camera based a few miles east of the city. But Mr Mike Tabb, a member of the British Astronomical Association, who has had a camera operating for 600 hours specially to record fireballs, said today, "It is most likely the object was low down on my horizon and could have been obscured by cloud from my point of view." Last night he developed

Sunday's film and today he said there were only trails of a few brighter stars. Nothing unusual was recorded.

He said, "The camera is only capable of photographing very bright objects."

For the past 18 months he has had a camera operating, but has yet to record a fireball.

He said, "We don't operate near full moon, and it is only if it is dark and on clear nights. I have built a camera which is automatic and it continues throughout the night."

by Gerald Goodman

Mr Tabb belongs to an amateur network in Britain and since 1974 20 fireballs have been recorded.

Worldwide since 1964 the number was about 6,000.

He said three recoveries had been made. There was one at Příbram, Czechoslovakia, in 1959, another in 1970 at Lost City, Oklahoma, USA, and one in 1977 at Innisfree, Alberta, Canada.

He said four years ago

a spectacular fireball was photographed in Sumava, Czechoslovakia, when a very fragile body, an object of 200 tons, entered the earth's atmosphere very fast and completely burnt out in 3½ seconds. It was 10,000 times brighter than the full moon.

In December, 1974, a body which was very hard was recorded in the Scottish Highlands. It burnt out in two seconds.

He said it was a fireball when you see it in the sky, but is a meteorite when you pick it up from the ground.

Millions of the objects enter the atmosphere every year, but only 2,000 reach the surface and three-fifths fall into the sea.

Mr Tabb said there was little likelihood of meteorites or satellites on re-entry falling into someone's backyard because the earth's atmosphere was so efficient in burning them up. When the objects landed they were cold.

Those who wondered whether they saw a UFO on Sunday night at Bath, may now have an explanation.

EVENING POST - LEEDS, ENG.
*****AUG. 23, 1978*****

CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Another UFO has been spotted in North Yorkshire — the fourth in a fortnight. Police said Mr. Richard Jones, Mulgrave Drive, Romanby, North Allerton, reported a "slow-moving star" in the sky last night. RAF stations were unable to explain the sighting.

UFO fades away

A WINSFORD man sighted a UFO last week while leaving Leighton Hospital, Crewe, and reported it to the police.

He described it as a bright metallic object. It flew from north to west, stopped dead and faded away without moving.

CREWE CHRONICLE - ENG.
*****AUG. 24, 1978*****

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3128 'FLYING SAUCER' CHASE NEAR ABBEY

A BOY of 15 spoke this week of a "flying saucer" spotted in St Albans which he and his mother chased up Holywell Hill in a car.

Gianni Vuolo, of Maple Road, Harpenden, said the brightly lit UFO headed towards the Abbey before disappearing. Burglar alarms and fire alarms started off as it passed overhead.

"Two big, white light beams penetrated the mist," said Gianni. "Between the two, at the bottom, was a red block of light.

"It came towards us and was stationary for about half a minute. Then it started to move across the town to the Abbey. My mother tried to speed up the car and we followed it up Holywell Hill. I leaned out of the window, trying to keep it in sight, but it disappeared.

"I couldn't really make out the body, but a flying-saucer shape would fit it. A burglar alarm and a fire alarm went off at the same time nearby."

The sighting came on Monday night at

11.30 when mother and son were on the way home from enjoying an old time music hall.

"I have been quite sceptical about these sort of things in the past but I have never seen anything like this before," said Gianni.

"It looked too big for an aeroplane and didn't make any noise. My mother was quite startled too."

But the episode excited little enthusiasm from Mr Andy Collins, an expert from the UFO Investigators' Network.

"My first thoughts are that it sounds very much like an aircraft," he said. The light positions seem very normal for an aircraft and it seems likely there could well be a logical explanation for it."

● One of the classic UFO sightings occurred in medieval times above St Albans Abbey one Christmas Eve and was witnessed by dozens of monks.

ST. HELENS REPORTER - ENG.
*****JULY 14, 1978*****

VIGIL PLAN AFTER 3128 UFO RIDDLE

A RAINFORD journalist spoke this week of a UFO which hovered over the village, casting a mysterious glow over the surrounding farmland.

Iain Webster . . . who once worked for the ST. HELENS REPORTER . . . stood frozen in his tracks as the luminous light filtered through the clouds.

"I was shocked and stunned," said Iain, aged 23, who was visiting his family in Inglewood Road.

Said Iain: "I was driving to my parents about midnight on Saturday when the sky was lit up by an eerie glow. I had no idea where it came from until a blinding flash erupted from a small copse near Crank Village.

"Up till then, I never believed in UFO's. As a journalist I was automatically sceptical but there is no rational explanation for what I saw."

And Iain was not the only person to see the mysterious object.

His girlfriend, Margaret Hill, aged 22, from Orrell, said: "We saw something we couldn't explain."

Now several Rainford villagers have promised to keep an all-night vigil . . . in case the mysterious sighting is repeated.

And a spokesman for the police said: "We have had no reports about this sighting. But if Mr. Webster cares to contact us, we will investigate."

BRIDGWATER MERCURY - ENGLAND
*****JULY 18, 1978*****

Did you see the silver UFO?

Were you star-watching at about 10.20 on Sunday night? If you were, perhaps you too saw a strange, silver ball-like object float across Bridgewater and then inexplicably vanish into a cloudless sky.

The UFO was witnessed by one housewife, who told us about it, but wishes to remain anonymous.

NORTH DEVON JOURNAL - ENGLAND
*****JULY 20, 1978*****

Midnight UFO report from Ilfracombe

A 29-year-old electronics worker from Ilfracombe makes the latest report of UFO activity over North Devon.

Mr. Michael Birch, of 14, Oxford Grove, Ilfracombe, and his wife Ann saw three bright, oval-shaped objects just after midnight on Saturday over the town.

"My wife was pulling the curtains back at the window of our house when she spotted them. They were fairly high, and appeared to be flying in formation.

"But when I got my binoculars and had a look, it was like nothing one usually sees in the sky. They weren't travelling all that fast and we had them in view for almost a minute.

"They weren't anything like aircraft though they were flying in a triangular formation.

"I told my friends at work and they said I should have reported it at the time to the coastguard, but I didn't think about it. I am wondering now whether anyone else can verify what we saw."

(UFOs over North Devon: Page 32)

Third UFO sighting

A Kemsley man spotted an unidentified flying object on Sunday. It was the third reported sighting in as many weeks.

Mr. David Duffy, of Coldharbour Lane said: "I now definitely believe in U.F.O.s. I thought it was a plane at first, but it was like a spin-

ning top and was glowing. It was silent."

Two weeks ago a U.F.O. was seen by residents of Prince Charles Avenue, Sittingbourne. A week later one was spotted by a motorist driving along Rectory Road, Sittingbourne.

'UFO abductees not just kooks'

UFO experimenters, reporting on efforts to use hypnosis to verify tales of abduction by alien beings, feel they must keep open the possibility the experiences were real.

In a report to the American Psychological Association convention here, Alvin Lawson of California State University at Long Beach and other psychologists disputed the popular notion that only "kooks" claim to have seen alien space-ships.

They cautioned, however, that more research is needed to separate fact from fantasy in so-called "Close-Encounter" reports.

"If any part of UFO abductees' narratives can be considered true, they will have to be taken seriously by traditional science and scientists in the future," said Lawson.

Dr. Leo Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming said he has tested some 150 people who believe they have seen a UFO. He said approximately 25 of those people claimed to have been abducted or studied by alien beings.

"I have concluded, tentatively, that there is little evidence to support the 'psychosis hypothesis' that only kooks see flying saucers," said Sprinkle, who said two UFO sightings of his own spurred his research interest.

"My personal and professional bias is to accept, tentatively, the claims of UFO abductions as 'real.' However, I do not know if these 'abductees' have experienced physical abduction or whether they have experienced 'out-of-body' events. In either case, the experiences seem real to the abductee."

LINCOLN, NEB. - JOURNAL
*****SEPT. 12, 1978***

Renne's UFO sighting receives high priority

By Jana Miller

The sighting of an unidentified flying object by a private pilot from Lincoln has been given high priority by the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

Richard Renne of Lincoln said he was flying his single-engine, four-passenger Bonanza aircraft over Arkansas Sunday night when he saw a bright light off his right wing.

He estimated the source of the unexplained light to be about one and one-half miles from his aircraft, but, he said, the air traffic control center in Memphis, Tenn., reported no aircraft within 100 miles on its radar screen.

Renne, who was flying on private business from Lincoln to Memphis at the time of the sighting, said he notified the Memphis control center and was told to contact the reporting center in Seattle. The Memphis control center said a Southern Airlines pilot also had reported seeing a light in the same skies.

Robert Gribble, a spokesman in Seattle, said the center had received no other reports of unidentified flying objects in the Arkansas-Tennessee area Sunday night. He said staff members, following standard procedure, will get in touch with people in the area to determine whether anyone saw the bright light

from the ground. If not, he said, Renne's report will be filed as a single-witness UFO sighting.

Renne told the Journal he first saw the mysterious light about 8:30 p.m. to the rear of his airplane. There was no form or shape to it, he said, and it darted around his plane 45 minutes.

"I had the feeling it was observing me," he said, adding that he was flying alone.

Renne, who has been a licensed pilot four years, said he doubts the light could have come from another aircraft because of its strange maneuverability. Furthermore, he said, it is required that all airplanes be equipped with a distinctive lighting system, making them recognizable in the air.

Gribble said business has been "very, very slow" lately at the Seattle reporting center. About three or four UFO sightings are reported each week, he explained, a far cry from the 3,000 sightings reported in 1973.

Renne's report will be given high priority, Gribble said, because of the pilot's experience in the air and his scientific background. Renne, 29, is an analyst with Medical Management Systems Inc., a Lincoln group that helps manage physicians' group practices.

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CLINTON, IOWA - HERALD
*****SEPT. 6, 1978***

Farmer sights UFO near his rural Savanna home

SAVANNA — The latest in a series of UFO sightings in Jo Davies and Carroll Counties in Illinois came Tuesday night, according to the Carroll county sheriff's department.

Berle Rice, Route 1, Savanna, said an object surrounded by red and green lights and a white light in the center, hovered near his farm for nearly an hour Tuesday night.

Other reports have come from Shannon, on the county's east end, and law enforcement officers near Stockton, north of Mt. Carroll, also reported seeing UFOs recently.

EAST GRINSTEAD OBSERVER - ENG.
*****JUNE 22, 1978*****

'FLYING WEDGE'

What was the 'thing' zooming over forest?

PETER Franklin does not really believe in flying saucers. He treats reports of sightings as a joke. But when working high up on a drilling rig at King Standing on Ashdown Forest he saw something that will make him keep an open mind about UFOs in future.

"I could not believe my eyes," said 34-year-old Mr Franklin, who is carrying out a geology survey for the Southern Water Authority.

"I was looking down the valley towards Lady Castle Stewart's estate when I just saw something silhouetted against a high bank of fir trees.

"The forest around the radio station is something like over 600 ft above sea-level and I was sort of looking down at it. The object was 500 to 600 yards away and about 50-60 ft below me, but about 100 ft above the ground.

RED ON TOP

"It was flying down the valley towards Nutley and I would have only seen it because it was outlined against the trees. It moved on over the A22 and vanished in the horizon. From where my mate, Norman Gray, and I picked up seeing it we reckon it covered about four miles in three to four seconds.

"I am colour blind but my mate tells me it was light coloured underneath and red on top. The first impression was of the shape of a high powered speed boat.

NUNEATON EVENING TRIBUNE - ENG.
*****JUN 17, 1978*****

SAW UFO

I would just like to say that I too saw this silvery object (UFO).

Walking towards Ash Green I was looking towards some clouds hoping for some rain as I have an allotment.

I saw this silvery object. I thought at first it was a star, but when I looked again it hovered like a disc and secondly it was too low for a star and too big. It was there for about 30 seconds and then just vanished. The time was 9.30 on Saturday, June 10.

5 Canon Drive,
Ash Green.

M. Barr.

UFOs Seen At Chippenham And Warminster

ANOTHER Chippenham man has claimed a UFO sighting over the town—only his UFO appeared a week before the one spotted by a group of children as reported in last week's Chippenham News.

Mr Max Townsend, of 67 Audley Road, Chippenham, said that the object was first sighted by his daughter as she was walking down Dallas Road with her boyfriend.

"They were on their way home at about 11.30 at night when they saw this bright light just above the houses. It was a sort of red disc flecked with silver."

RE-APPEARED

Mr Townsend said that the thing then faded away but it re-appeared right over his home in Audley Road. His daughter, Nicola, had watched the thing for a while before catching him.

"I went outside to have a look and saw what I thought was the moon — but when I looked again from indoors I saw this thing in the opposite direction to where the moon was."

Mr Townsend said the thing faded from sight again and when it returned it appeared to be a different colour and about the size of a dustbin lid.

"To start with it was very bright, but then it faded to yellow and to silver then it went away altogether and there was nothing at all after that."

Mr Townsend said he had re-

ported the sighting to the UFO society in Trowbridge and had sent a report to the British UFO Society in London.

WARMINSTER UFOs

Over 30 people have written to Mr George Jolley, of 73 Sambourne Gardens, Warminster, saying they are interested in the formation of a Warminster Unidentified Flying Objects' Club. The inaugural meeting is to be held at 8.15 p.m. next Monday (26th) in a room at the Kings Arms Hotel, Warminster, which has been donated by landlord Mr David Pullin.

Some of the stamped addressed envelopes sent by would-be members have been mislaid, so Mr Jolley asks anybody who has not had a reply to turn up to the meeting anyway.

One possible sighting has already been reported to the club. Driver Mr Alec McIntyre, of S. and M. Taxis, saw a red glow in the sky in a north-westerly direction when he was between Norton Bavant and Heytesbury on Tuesday evening last week between 11.20 and 11.30.

The British UFO Society has declared tomorrow (Saturday) International Skywatch Day with dawn to dusk observations from Cradle Hill, Warminster, and Parliament Hill Fields, London.

A WARNING

But a note of caution about UFO spotting comes from veteran UFO spotter and author Mr Arthur Shuttlewood in a letter to the press.

He writes: "In fairness to Messrs Geoffrey and Leslie Gale, who lease Ministry of Defence (Army) land at Parsonage Farm, Warminster, it is only right to emphasise that they have been over-generous in affording us the pleasure of using Cradle Hill as a vantage point since 1965.

"As various acts of vandalism and wanton damage have been done to their property by misguided gimmick-seekers over the years, I honestly feel that Cradle Hill should be left in peace from now on.

"By all means use Cley Hill, Corsley for sky-watching. Even Star Hill (or Middle Hill) with Mr "Jock" Price's permission. But farmers have livelihoods to maintain, so we should always seek permission before descending in shoals on their crop-sown land."

CHIPPENHAM NEWS - FILMS, ENG.
*****JUNE 23, 1978*****

Housewives see ³¹²⁸ 'shining gold' object in sky

HAYES housewives Mrs Augusta Pierce and Mrs Claire Payne had a close encounter with what they claim was an unidentified hovering object recently.

The two women were leaving Mrs Payne's home in Constance Crescent at midday when they spotted a "shining gold" object in the sky above a neighbour's fir-tree.

Mrs Pierce told me: "It was golden and about the size and shape of a door with rays of gold all round it — just hanging there in the sky. It was an extraordinary, beautiful sight."

Mrs Payne added: "The object had a sort of incandescent haze of light all round it. It was rather like staring at an electric light bulb."

The UFO did not move at all, and just hovered in the air. After several minutes, the women looked up again but it had gone.

Both women say they are not the kind of people to spin yarns, and when they told their families — they were believed.

Mrs Payne's husband, Eric, suggested the object could have been some form of meteorite burning up as it fell to earth. But that does not explain why it was stationary and "hovering."

Mrs Pierce also discounts the view that it was some kind of reflection, as there was no sunshine.

Mr Timothy Good, of Beckenham, and a top researcher into UFOs said: "It certainly sounds like a UFO — and at face value there is no way it can be explained away."

He added that the shape

By Mark Long
Hayes reporter

seen by the women had been reported on other occasions, and described the sighting as "very interesting."

● Three alleged UFO sightings in Hayes were reported in the *Kentish Times* last year. Each occasion was at night and all the objects were seen to be moving. In April this year, an "incandescent blue ball" fell from the sky on to West Common Road — but that was diagnosed as a rare form of lightning.

EVENING POST - LEEDS, ENG.
*****JUNE 26, 1978*****

A strange ³¹²⁸ encounter for Brian

A schoolboy astronomer reported one of the most baffling sightings on Saturday — the UFO-spotters' "skywatch" day.

Brian Fattorini, 12, of Broom Grove, Belle Isle, Leeds, was outside his home when he saw a bright silvery speck moving in a gap between clouds.

His "close encounter" was one of 17 reported to the British UFO Society on their skywatch — and one of only nine that could not be explained.

MULTI-COLOURED

He said: "I saw this dot moving with the clouds for about 12 seconds. When I put up my binoculars to take a closer look I couldn't get a good focus on it but it appeared to be multi-coloured."

The sighting took place in daylight at just after 8 p.m.

The nine sightings that could not be explained are now to be studied to see if there is any pattern.

'Spinning' UFO ³¹² sets puzzle for pupils

TWO WYCLIFFE College pupils were puzzled last week after watching a mysterious object "spinning" in the night sky.

"The whole dormitory saw this object in the sky; it seemed to be over Bristol," fifteen year-old Tim Bird reported.

Tim, who comes from Cowbridge in South Wales, added that the boys watched the UFO for nearly an hour on the evening of June 6.

"I am most interested in this sort of thing," explained the schoolboy, "and I am convinced it was not a plane. It was white and you could almost say it was rotating."

"It was definitely spinning or reflecting. It was about 10.00 p.m. when someone in the dormitory first noticed it and it seemed to stay in one place for over an hour."

But the boys in Tim's fourth year dormitory were not the only ones to sight the UFO.

"It looked like a flower pot upside down," said Stephen, whose home is at Longborough, Stow-on-the-Wold, "at different times it was showing off different colours."

"It seemed to be spinning, but I don't really believe in these things. I think it could be an image reflected by a satellite," said Stephen.

Footnote: A spokesman for BAC at Filton, Bristol, commented: "There was no activity at that time as far as the Filton airport was concerned."

Their night visitor

IT prompted Mrs. Thelma Baker to call up to her 13-year-old daughter's bedroom window at 11.15 at night.

And it made Mrs. Baker get her husband out of his bath to come and look.

It was a UFO she spotted while bringing in the washing from her back garden in Oswald Road, Moordown.

20 SIGHTINGS

Her other daughter Karen, 21, who also saw the object, described it as oval-shaped and tilted and with binoculars she saw a dome on top.

Karen has seen 20 UFO's since she was ten. Her mother said: "Sometimes she has got quite frightened about what she has seen."

"There was no engine noise and I could not imagine anything like a plane travelling that fast and that low. It was moving too fast for a crop spraying plane, and anyway, there is nothing to spray there."

NO WINGS

"I contacted the police in the hope that someone else might have reported seeing it. It was about 2.30 pm on Tuesday of last week (June 13), and as the object went over the big lay-by on the A22 I thought a lorry driver or some one who stopped there might have seen it and could have corroborated the sighting."

"I suppose a couple of seconds had passed before I tapped my mate on the shoulder to draw his attention to the object. He agreed with me that we could not see wings on it."

"It was about 20 to 30 ft long. I could not get a true idea of its depth because I was looking at it sideways and on top and it flew diagonally across our view."

"I had the impression it was wedged-shaped, with possibly a slight rise in the middle."

Mr Franklin, whose home is in Western Road, Crowborough, and has been working on the drilling rig for seven weeks, added: "I have never seen anything like it."

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*****JUNE 16, 1978*****

OVNIS

"LA MONTAGNE" - Clermont-Ferrand, France May 15, 1978

SUR LA CORDILLERE DES ANDES
UFOs OVER ANDES CORDILLIERA

SAN JUAN (Argentine). — Cinq soldats et un sous-officier argentins affirment avoir vu, dans la nuit de mercredi, deux formations de soucoupes volantes de la terrasse de leur caserne, à San Juan (ouest du pays), indique, dimanche, un journal local.

Ils ont précisé qu'ils avaient d'abord vu une lueur intense arrivant de la Cordillère des Andes. Quelques instants plus tard, une quinzaine de taches lumineuses de tailles identiques ont survolé à très haute altitude la terrasse, et les militaires affirment qu'elles avaient la forme d'une soucoupe volante. Elles volaient en formation triangulaire et ont disparu vers le sud-ouest, ajoutent-ils.

L'Amérique du Sud

Immédiatement après, ont-ils poursuivi, une formation similaire est apparue et a suivi le même chemin.

Depuis quelque temps, les ovnis (objets volants non identifiés) semblent avoir fait de l'Amérique du Sud et particulièrement de l'Argentine leur base d'opération. En effet, jeudi dernier, un ovni était aperçu en Equateur et, ces derniers jours, une formation d'une trentaine d'ovnis a été signalée à deux reprises à l'ouest de l'Argentine.

SAN-JUAN (Argentina) - Five soldiers and one non-commissioned officer from Argentine Army have stated having seen, in night of Wednesday, two UFO flights, from terrace of their barracks, in San Juan (in Western country), according to a dominical news paper from the district area. They have specified that they had seen in first an intense gleam coming on from Andes Cordilliers. A few instants later, a fifteen luminous spots, with a similar size have flown over in a very high altitude, the terrace and militaries stated that these spots were shaped like a flying saucer. They were flying in triangular flight then dsappeared towards the south-west, they added. Immediately after, they said, another simalar flight appeared and followed the same way. Since a few times, the UFOs.....etc.....etc... (Last paragraph withouth importance)

BATAILLE D'O.V.N.I.
dans le ciel des Hautes-Pyrénées

« LE JOURNAL DU CENTRE »
20 juillet 1978

Tarbes. — Les spécialistes du Centre national d'études spatiales de Toulouse se sont rendus dans les Hautes-Pyrénées, pour vérifier les déclarations faites par plusieurs jeunes gens qui ont observé, dans la nuit du 9 au 10 juillet et pendant plus de trois heures, une vingtaine d'O.V.N.I. qui ont produit un véritable ballet dans le ciel béarnais, entre 1 h et 4 h du matin.

Pierre Berriau, 17 ans; Alain Dieumegard, 16 ans; Armelle Sauneuf, 16 ans; Jean-Marie Guery, 16 ans, ont observé tout d'abord un objet de petite dimension dégageant une lumière jaune aveuglante et qu'ils aperçurent au ras du sol, puis un objet de 10 m de diamètre environ, qui présentait plusieurs sources lumineuses de couleurs différentes, qui bascula sur lui-même et présenta alors la forme d'une soucoupe qui s'éloigna vers les Pyrénées.

Dans les deux heures qui suivirent, les quatre jeunes gens ont assisté à un chassé-croisé d'objets de diverses formes, tailles et couleurs, semblant se livrer à une bataille aérienne, nombre d'entre eux projetant des éclairs fulgurants et multicolores.

Les jeunes gens n'ont rendu compte du spectacle auquel ils avaient assisté à la gendarmerie que quelque jours plus tard, quand ils apprirent que d'autres témoins avaient vu près de Pau un spectacle analogue.

Les observateurs du C.N.E.S. de Toulouse ont déclaré les observations des jeunes gens intéressantes, tant par la concordance que par le sérieux des observateurs.

"LE JOURNAL DU CENTRE" - Bourges, France - July 20, 1978

UFOs-BATTLE IN SKY OF HAUTES-PYRENEES DEPARTMENT!!

TARBES: Experts of C.N.E.S. (National Center of Space Studies) have gone in Hautes-Pyrenees department verifying statements reported by several youths who have sighted in night from 9 to 10 July, and for more than three hours, a twenty UFOs which gave themselves a veritable little ballet over Bearn province area, between 1:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Pierre Berriau, 17, Alain Dieumegard, 16, Armelle Sauneuf, Jean-Marie Guiry, 16, have sighted in first, a small object giving off a dazzling yellow light and that they saw skimming along the ground. Then, another object about 10 meters in diameter which had several bright and multicoloured sources, turned on itself and became in that instant, shaped like a saucer. It went off towards the Pyrenees Mountains.

After that, for the two following hours, the four youths could see a general post of objects which were shaped in different lines, and seeming giving an aerial battle between themselves, some of them projecting fulgurating multicoloured flashes. The Youths have reported their sighting to the police only a few days later, when they learnt that other witnesses had seen a similar "show" near Pau town.

Experts of C.M.E.S. of Toulouse have stated that sighting of these youths was very interesting, about their concordance as well as seriousness of observers.

UN O.V.N.I. DANS LE CIEL DE LA GIRONDE

A UFO IN GIRONDE DEPARTMENT SKY

ARCACHON.- Un « O.V.N.I. » aurait été aperçu, de nuit, dans le ciel de Gujan-Mestras (Gironde), par deux jeunes gens de la localité.

Franck Pavia, 18 ans, et Jean-Marc Guitard, 17 ans, apprentis boucher, se rendaient au bal, vers 1 h 30, lorsqu'ils furent contraints d'arrêter leur voiture à la suite d'ennuis mécaniques.

D'après leur témoignage, les lumières se sont soudain éteintes autour de la mairie de la bourgade, tandis qu'un voilissement se faisait en-

tendre. « Nous avons couru jusqu'à l'entrée du cours de la Marne, ont-ils déclaré aux gendarmes, et nous avons vu à 200 mètres d'altitude environ, un objet ovale, plus gros qu'un avion rouge phosphorescent, entouré de flammes blanches se dirigeant dans notre direction. Puis il a dévié de sa trajectoire et a disparu en prenant de l'altitude ».

D'après un rapport des gendarmes de Gujan, un objet similaire avait été observé il y a six mois non loin de Biganos, en Gironde.

ARCACHON - : A UFO would have been sighted, in full night, in sky of Gujan-Mestras, by two youths from this little town. Franck Pavia, 18, and Jean-Marc Guitard, 17, butchers apprentices, were coming in a ballroom, when they were forced to stop their car, owing to trouble of engine. According to their testimony, lights around town-hall switched off while a humming noise was heard. "We have run up to the beginning of Marne boulevard", stated the youths to gendarmes, "and we have seen 200 metres up in sky, an object shaped like an oval, bigger than a conventional aircraft, red-phosphorescent coloured, rounded with white flames, coming on towards us. Then, it deviated from its trajectory and disappeared rising up in the night sky. According to gendarmes' report of Gujan, a similar object was been sighted six months ago close to Bigame, in Gironde Department.

SCARBOROUGH EVENING NEWS - N.Y. ENG. ***** JULY 25, 1978 *****

Any encounters?

HAVE YOU experienced close encounters of the third kind - off the cinema screen?

British skywatch organisation UFO Network is appealing for information on real-life sightings of unidentified flying objects following the boost in interest in the phenomena provided by the smash-hit movie.

"Following the release of the film, we have had many enquiries about UFOs from all over Britain, and would like to hear from any of your readers who have seen UFOs or had any close encounters of the third kind," says Network, which is based at 2 St Ivian Court, Colney Hatch Lane, London.

HONG KONG STANDARD
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More people having 'close encounters'

ARE unidentified flying objects zooming from outer space to Hongkong?

Perhaps. More people have reported UFO sightings to the Royal Observatory in the past two weeks than the first six months of this year.

Within the first 14 days of this month, the Royal Observatory heard of four separate sightings, which is the total number of similar reports from January to the end of June.

However, the descriptions of the UFOs varied among observers, said a spokesman for the Royal Observatory.

The Royal Observatory itself has not verified any UFO sighting.

A spokesman for the observatory said that the relationship of the increase in UFO sightings and the film "Close Encounter of the Third Kind," recently shown in Hongkong, was difficult to assess.

Interest in sightings of unidentified flying objects increased when it was reported that a Cathay Pacific airplane had a close encounter with a UFO last week.

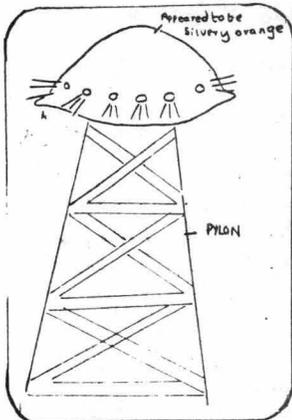
An amateur wireless operator claimed that when he tuned to the Cathay Pacific aircraft last week, he overheard a traffic controller telling the airplane to take evasive action to avoid a UFO.

But the public relations superintendent of Cathay Pacific Airlines, Bill Wong, said they have not received a report of UFOs from their pilots.

● In Teheran, Mehrabad airport and a pilot of Lufthansa jet confirmed sighting an unidentified flying object over Teheran.

Close encounters

of the Maldon kind



● Child's illustration of — a UFO spotted in Maldon.

Band of hope...

MALDON, with its historic buildings, and traditional Thames barges isn't the sort of place you'd expect to find a punk rock band.

But making a lot of noise around the old town and the area in general recently have been the Accidents, a three-piece band, playing what they describe as something between punk rock and the beat music of the '60s.

The Accidents, bassist Will Kemp from Heybridge, drummer Paul Sullivan from Beeleigh Road, Maldon, and guitarist Terry Ruffle of Fitches Crescent, Maldon, have been together since last September, playing the pubs and clubs around Maldon and Chelmsford.

Now they're aiming for the big time. Last week they entered a competition in Norwich, for which one of the prizes was the chance of a recording contract. They were pipped at the post by a band from Lincolnshire, but they've not given up.

"The other bands in the contest were far more commercial, although the winners were, admittedly, very professional. They won because their type of music appealed to the judge," said Will Kemp.

"That hasn't put us off, though. We're thinking about staging a concert in Witham soon, and then we'll be thinking about getting a record out, one way of another," he added.

So, if Maldon goes down in history of popular music, along with Memphis, Tennessee, the Beatles' Liverpool, the Accidents might just be the reason why!

THE moon landing, space travel, and films like 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' all seem very American and far away from us in Maldon.

But, in fact, Maldon can boast 'encounters' of its own kind, some of which have brought UFO experts running.

A UFO (unidentified flying object) encounter fits into two categories. Either high or low priority, depending on how close the witness was to the object, or how much they saw.

In February 1976, Mr Barry Powling was giving a flying lesson over Maldon in a light aircraft, when he heard a report of two objects flying past an airline at tremendous speeds.

The pilot, Captain Philips, was returning from Basle, Switzerland, and was over the Thames Estuary when the objects, two flashing red lights, zoomed past him.

Flying at about 2,000ft and heading north, the objects, Mr Powling estimated, should be coming his way. Sure enough he and his pupil saw two spherical lights flashing about ten miles ahead.

It seemed stationary, a bright, white light with a tint of red flashing. Then, half a minute later it disappeared.

This high priority encounter caused national interest, particularly as a Maldon man saw the same object as the pilot.

Another important sighting for Maldon came in August 1973 when two young girls, playing on Maldon's disused railway line, came within 100 yards of a UFO.

In broad daylight, it was in the afternoon, the girls noticed a pylon structure on a dome building, with circular portholes around the side.

From the holes, the girls later told police and UFO investigators, was omitted a pleasant yellow light.

The UFO was on the ground, and the girls thought it was supposed to be there, even though they had not noticed it before.

The spot was later checked, but to the girls' obvious surprise the 'building' had gone.

Scope

They even drew a detailed drawing, without hesitation, for the experts.

This mystery was never solved, but the girls were positive about what they saw.

On August 1953 a woman living on Market Hill saw what she thought was a shooting star. She was just about to go to bed but something compelled her to stay and watch.

As it got closer the 'star' became a dish shaped object, rotating clockwise on an axis, and coming from the east.

She described it as having a dome shaped top with portholes round the edges of the disc, a creamy silver metallic colour.

And in September 1974 in Orchard Road, Maldon, a woman and her daughter talking in their living room at about 7pm caught sight of a bright red light, stationary over a nearby house.

They thought it was a helicopter at first, but it remained motionless, flashing red lights at intervals.

They ran upstairs to get a closer look and saw the light with another red light either side of it, gradually moving towards the main light.

Surrounded by a sort of "fuzz" they said, the two smaller lights gradually merged into the bigger light, stopped flashing and moved off. They saw it was a disc shaped and a creamy silver in colour as it receded away.

Andy Collins is the UFO contact for our part of the world, and he treated all these encounters, and indeed any others that are reported to him, very seriously and in the strictest confidence.

From Andy's point of view the more eyes and ears available to search the sky the better. He can usually be contacted on his home number of Wickford 4189.

ALDERSHOT NEWS, HANTS., ENG. ***** JULY 21, 1978 *****

A UFO with 'sputnik rays'

YET another unidentified flying object has been spotted - this time by several people living in a quiet road in Cove.

Storeman Albert Pearce and his wife Jennifer saw the object from the front room of their home in Chiltern Avenue at about 9.20 p.m. last Friday.

"It was brilliant yellow and had sputnik type rays coming from it. The object was travelling across the sky, apparently over the RAE and we watched it for about 15 seconds before it suddenly disappeared," said Mr. Pearce.

Mr. Pearce is adamant that what he saw was not a flare. "I have seen many of those in my time but this was nothing like a flare. I thought it was marvellous. I have never seen anything like it in my life."

Mrs. Pearce, who said several of her neighbours had spotted the UFO at the same time. She had been impressed by the "quite large object's spiky projections."

A spokesman for the RAE said: "We had nothing up at all at that time."

More
UFO's
have
been
seen

WEST WALES observers of the Unidentified Flying Object Research Association are interviewing several people in Swansea who claim to be able to see mysterious star-like objects moving about high over the city on clear nights.

By Herald of Wales Reporter

The phenomenon has captured UFORA's attention, especially because the sightings are being made by several people at the same time.

A number of people in the St. Thomas area of Swansea have watched the strange lights in the sky at around midnight on numerous occasions, and one observer has even prepared a book for UFORA on every detail relating to sightings over a period of about three months.

Aircraft, satellites, air balloons, comets and meteors have all been ruled out of the probe so far, and the objects are of the same type seen by Treboeth housewife, Mrs. Rhoda Williams, and her next door neighbour, as

reported in the Herald last week.

Said one observer, a Swansea draughtsman: "One night, for instance, I was looking up when I noticed two 'stars' moving parallel with each other across the night sky, then move away and suddenly disappear.

"They looked exactly like medium bright stars. I was startled, and called my wife. It was about 11.30 p.m. After about five minutes they returned and we watched them move right across the sky, then disappear again.

"Then another appeared. This time I ran up to relatives and told them. We stayed to watch them

through binoculars and saw many of the phenomena that night.

"Unless one is really looking for them it would be difficult to see the objects, for there appears to be no noise emitted and they seem to move back and fore in the sky in a wobbly sort of way.

"It's a most weird phenomena and, as in the case of Mrs. Williams' sightings, they nearly always move off in a south-easterly direction."

Mr. R. Jones Pugh, the West Wales veterinary surgeon who is investigator for UFORA, said that sightings of this phenomena in the area are becoming more prevalent and '26 had been logged by him this year.

More UFOs spotted over the Malverns

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Encounter of the fourth time

SKYWATCHERS have spotted unidentified flying objects over the Malvern Hills for the fourth time in less than a year.

In the latest incident, an Earl's Croome family saw a white light pulsate through reds and oranges, before shooting off in the direction of Bredon.

Now Worcestershire UFO spotters, Skyscan, are investigating the repeated Malvern sightings.

Mrs Doreen Kember, of the Willows, Earl's Croome, near Upton-on-Severn, first saw the light from her bedroom window at about 1.30 on Tuesday night.

She said: "It was just stationary, but it wasn't Venus, because I could see

that as well. It was in the direction of the Malvern Hills.

"Suddenly it started moving. I was so startled that I screamed and woke my son."

Her son, Mr Lawrence Kember, said the light stopped before shooting off over Smithmoor Common at a speed "much faster than an aeroplane." He said the object, which was about as high as the Malvern Hills, had gone in five to ten minutes.

UFOs were also seen on the Malverns last October and November, and as recently as March this year.

ILFRACOMBE UFO CLAIM BACKED

A Barnstaple couple this week confirmed a UFO sighting made by an Ilfracombe husband and wife shortly after midnight on July 15.

The Ilfracombe pair, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Birch, reported three bright, oval-shaped objects in a triangular formation.

Mr. Peter Lynch and his wife Elizabeth, of 32, Northfield Lane, Barnstaple, were on their boat at Instow on the evening in question.

Mrs. Lynch said: "We saw these disc-shaped lights from the Ilfracombe direction and watched them through our binoculars.

"We had them in view for just under a minute. They must have been about 2,000 feet high and at one stage they were red and blue lights travelling towards Bideford."

Mrs. Lynch said the objects must have been the same as those seen by the Birchs since description tallied.

NORTH DEVON JOURNAL, BARNSTAPLE, ENG.
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The year the UFOs came

From our US Bureau

NEW YORK, Sat. — This year looks like being the year of the flying saucer.

As President Carter authorises a million-dollar American research program into unidentified flying objects seen over America, the United Nations is being urged to designate 1978 as International UFO Year . . .

And the reason for this flurry of activity: The number of alleged sightings of mysterious objects is now running at and precedented 400 a week!

This includes at least one close encounter with alien beings, according to the British magazine Spacequest which has investigated several alleged incidents involving motorists on lonely roads being attacked by mysterious objects.

Says a spokesman: "Nineteen seventy-eight will be the year historians will recall as 'the year the UFOs came'.

Today, 15 million Americans—including President Carter — claim to have seen an unidentified flying object.

"We are not the lunatic fringe. We don't believe in bug-eyed monsters and little green men," says Mr Gabriel Green, president of the Flying Saucers Clubs of America.

"We simply maintain that with 100,000 million stars in our galaxy alone, it is a mathematical probability that life exists elsewhere."

Now the search for the

truth about UFOs is hotting up, mainly because after two relatively quiet years, reports of increased sightings are now pouring in from every continent.

President Carter, who claims to have seen a luminous UFO in Georgia in 1973, has made a major contribution to "UFO year" by ordering America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration to re-open a UFO study shelved 10 years ago.

The President's decision was made after pressure by leading space scientists like Dr Hyneck, of North Western University, Illinois, who recently told a meeting of the American Associa-

tion for the Advancement of Science: "I believe that a phenomenon exists and that former vigilance must be re-stored."

It was in 1967 that the US Scientific Advisory Board appointed Dr Edward Condon to conduct an official investigation into UFOs.

More than 12,000 alleged sightings were investigated by a team of astronomers, physicists, engineers and psychologists.

Their official verdict: There was no direct evidence that was totally convincing. But, unofficially, research went on. Now the pressure is growing to make these findings public.

RIVALS JOIN AS UFO WATCHERS

NEW YORK, Sat. — A US group is joining with scholars in the Soviet Union for an out-of-this-world venture—investigating unidentified flying objects.

The Centre for UFO Studies, created by UFO expert Dr J. Allen Hynek, has established contact with Soviet researchers, and evidence on UFO cases is already being swapped.

"Some of the people in Russia are cooperating

with us by giving us information," Mr Sherman J. Larsen of the centre, said.

The centre's "hotline" is being employed in a data exchange to test a theory advanced by statistical analyst Dr David Saunders, a member of Hynek's brain trust.

Using the centre computer facility, Saunders predicted that a "flap" of UFOs would sweep over the Soviet Ural Mountains in December 1977.

Green light for the UFO hunters

What's green and white and hovers around St. Margaret's Church, Barking?

Answers please to Essex UFO Study Group. For whatever it is, they saw it on Saturday night.

A dozen of them were outside the church for a skywatch and at 11 p.m. their

close encounter of the first kind happened.

Study group member, Tony Steel, of Webber House, North Street, Barking, said:

"It hovered over our heads for about two minutes and went out of view in the south west. It couldn't have been a satellite because they can't change direction. There were 12 people on the watch and all of us saw it."

UFO formation 3128 'flew fast and low' over town

A FORMATION OF UFOs flew low and fast over Trowbridge recently, according to Mr Terry Verrett, of The Weir, Edington.

3128 Out Of This World?

ANYBODY looking up at the skies over Trowbridge on Tuesday evening might have encountered something out of this world.

Mr Terry Berrett, of 19 The Weir, Edington, certainly did—he saw a formation of UFO's flying low and fast across the town.

"I was on my way from West Ashton to Trowbridge when I saw what I first thought to be a helicopter flying from the college side of the town across towards Hilperton.

"As it got closer I saw it was a tightly bunched group of black objects, the whole lot seemed to be surrounded by a heat haze—the sort of haze you see when you watch the Red Arrows go past very close.

Mr Berrett said the group of UFO's was travelling very low and very fast. He estimated that the things were going at 200 miles an hour although they hardly broke the skyline as they were travelling so low.

"I travelled half-a-mile at 60 mph, but in that time they had crossed the whole town and disappeared behind Biss Farm."

Mr Berrett said he had perfect eyesight and had taken a course in aircraft recognition. He said whatever he saw could not have been a flock of birds as they were travelling in far too close and orderly a formation, and it certainly was not a helicopter as he had at first thought.

"It took me completely by surprise. I still don't know what they were; I just don't know what to make of it."

"I was on my way from West Ashton to Trowbridge just after 7 o'clock when I saw what I first thought to be a helicopter flying from the west side of town across towards Hilperton.

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200 mph

Mr Verrett estimated the speed at between 200 and 300 mph although the group hardly ever broke the skyline because it was travelling so low.

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Mother and girl spot UFO

A mother and daughter shared a "close encounter" from the garden of their home in Coseley, Wolverhampton, last night.

Mrs Iris Woodings and 18-year-old daughter Sandra spotted what they claim was an unidentified flying object above the Sedgley Beacon.

Mrs Woodings, of Biddings Lane, Coseley, said they thought it was a large star.

"Then it started pulsating. It was bright yellow. We used binoculars and watched it for about 20 minutes.

Shape

"It kept changing shape. One minute it was round, next it was like a cigarette. Suddenly, it got smaller and disappeared," she said.

"I'm sure someone else must have seen it. It was very clear even without the binoculars," said Mrs Woodings.

The strange object was spotted at about 9.45 pm last night. Police said no one else had reported seeing the light.

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WILTSHIRE TIMES - TROWBRIDGE, ENG.
*****JULY 21, 1978*****

Jesus on Venus? Heavens above!

OLDHAM, England (CP) — British UFO experts believe that alien beings from another planet are studying British cows.

Hard to believe? Then try this one. They also believe Jesus Christ lives on Venus.

The UFO experts say three men saw a flying saucer land in a field outside this northwest Lancashire town. Four strange beings, with long ears, emerged from the saucer carrying a device which resembled a bird cage.

"They then proceeded to take close measurements of some cows in a field," said Jennie Randles, secretary of the Northern UFO Research Association.

Randles, a 26-year-old audio-visual technologist, said "most of the reports we get come from high, moorland areas stretching from Oldham, Lancashire, to the Lake District.

She said the UFO association is distributing 1,000 copies of a 90-cent booklet throughout the north of England. Re-

ported in the booklet are:

A fireball which landed on the moors above Oldham; an alien being, about seven feet high, seen at Kirkby near Liverpool; the cow-measurers at Oldham; the blue man with the flowing cape (something like Superman) who was seen floating high above Liverpool.

Still stranger phenomena are reported by the Aetherius Society in London. Its members say they receive regular messages from the planets Mars and Venus and that Jesus Christ is living on Venus.

The spokesman said the society started in 1954 when George King, a 35-year-old white-collar worker, was doing the washing up in his room in Maida Vale, London.

"Suddenly George heard a clear voice, apparently from nowhere, saying: 'Prepare yourself. You are to become the voice of Interplanetary Parliament.'"

THE GLOBE AND MAIL - CANADA
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Queen visits big Easter egg, pad for UFOs

FORT SASKATCHEWAN, Alta. (Staff) — The Queen and Prince Philip toured Eastern Alberta yesterday and saw the world's first flying saucer landing pad and the world's largest Easter egg.

It was a bright sunny day, but very chilly as the Queen drove around in a Great Gatsby-ish chocolate and cream Lincoln convertible, with flaming decals along its side that added a certain unroyal flash to the car.

The flying saucer landing pad was in St. Paul, 200 miles from Edmonton.

The UFO pad downtown at 50th Avenue and 53rd Street was built 12 years ago as a centennial year project. It is elevated poured concrete and looks like a small bandstand. But to the chagrin of city council, it hasn't been used since it was built.

The world's biggest Easter egg was at Vegreville, 60 miles south of St. Paul. The 3,000-pound multi-colored aluminum Ukrainian Pysanka is a symbol of prosperity. It is perched on a steel base in a park and designed to move in the wind.

If the Queen was amused, no one knew it. She just royally smiled and smiled and smiled, her emerald-green fine wool dress and matching hat making her look radiant.

While standing under the aluminum egg the Queen received a plaque with six real Pysanka inset. The microphone on the podium was on when Prince Philip handed the gift to the Queen's Canadian equerry-in-waiting, Major Roger Simard.

"Don't drop it," the Prince could be barely heard to say, adding with a touch of laughter: "Don't leave it in the sun too long, it will hatch."

During the afternoon the Queen and Prince Philip travelled by train from Vegreville to Fort Saskatchewan, about 20 miles east of Edmonton. They whistled at the grain elevator towns of Mundare, Chipman, Lamont and Bruderheim, where names like Chmilar, Fedyniak, and Woychyshyn are the norm and Smith and Jones a rarity. In each place it appeared the whole town came out to give them more Pysanka, flowers, a jar of wheat, a stuffed black bear with a red hat and a book and medalion.

Yesterday was the last day of hard travelling for the royal family in Canada. Today the Queen officially opens the 11th Commonwealth Games in Edmonton and she will watch the Games daily until Sunday when she returns home.

TENTERDEN NEWS

'Close encounter' stuns teenagers

TWO TENTERDEN teenagers are this week stunned after spotting what they have described as a mysterious object surrounded by a shimmering blue aura hurtling across the sky.

Nineteen-year-old Richard West, of 15 Golden Square, and his 15-year-old friend Saul Towers, of 24 Southgate Road, saw the object soaring in the air while they were standing in Recreation Ground Road last week.

Richard glanced up at the sky when he saw something the shape of a clay pigeon, flat and round, coming from the Shrubcote direction towards Liptons supermarket, near where the boys were standing.

Saul took up the story from there. "It was about 9.50pm but I could see that it was travelling very

fast. It hovered over Liptons and then turned away towards the Smallhythe direction. We were able to see it for about six seconds before it disappeared.

"It left us both worried and we sat down and talked about what we had seen for 10 minutes or so afterwards before we decided to report it to the police.

"Until this happened I thought UFOs were a load of rubbish but now I am trying to find out more about the subject and to see if there have been any other sightings in the area. The whole thing has left me completely stunned."

At 11.30pm the same night a similar sighting was made at Lydd.

The object then was thought to be a meteorite.

We saw UFO - Bradford boys

Two Bradford boys claim to have sighted an Unidentified Flying Object.

Andrew Hurst, 16, of 9 Bartle Close, Great Horton, and John Robertson, 13, of 17 Bartle Close, said they saw the UFO last night at 9.20.

"It was about twice the size of a star and very, very white," said Andrew.

Moving fast

He added that he and John were returning from the fish and chip shop when they saw the strange white object in the sky.

It was moving very fast and had no flashing lights to indicate it was an aeroplane.

"It seemed to be over Clayton golf course," said John. "It was coming out of the sky at an angle of about 45 degrees. It looked as though it was landing, because it seemed to be coming down behind some trees near the golf course."

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By MALCOLM DEACON

IT WAS just like a scene from a science fiction movie.

An AA patrolman looked up into the sky last night and saw a large black object moving across the face of the sun. So did two Hampshire policemen in a patrol car.

At the same time and without warning interference blacked out two radio channels in the operations room at the county's police headquarters in Winchester.

Officers in the operations room took the sightings seriously and contacted members of the Wessex UFO Society.

The object was spotted from Southampton at about 8.30pm.

But we can all sleep safe in our beds. The "UFO" was really just... a large sun spot.

"The spot has been moving across the sun for several days now. It is particularly large and is expected to be there for the next five days. And of course sun spots can and do cause radio interference," said a spokesman at the Royal Greenwich Observatory at Herstmonceux in Sussex.

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Flying cushion

MYSTERY of the recent UFO - a great pulsating light above the Norman Park area - has been solved. British Rail confirm that at the time - 3.45 am on August 10 - a diesel locomotive ran into a discarded seat cushion on the line. This caused the cushion's springs to "short" the live rail, resulting in a giant flash and sparks being sent into the sky. The scene was the Bickley-Bromley railway.