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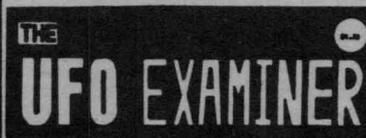


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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

Local UFO sighting genuine,

MONROE, N.C. - ENQUIRER-JOURNAL
*****MAR. 20, 1979*****

investigators say

"We don't believe what he saw was an airplane or a helicopter."

Local UFO investigators Wayne LaPorte and Henry Morton believe that Steve Morton and his family, no relation to Henry Morton, saw a genuine UFO in the sky over Union County on March 9.

Two other groups of county residents also reported seeing UFOs that night. LaPorte said he hasn't in-

vestigated their sightings, but he intends to do so this week, along with a sighting reported in Mecklenburg County.

The three Union County sightings are part of 23 reported sightings in the area during the two-week period between March 3-17.

"That is a record," LaPorte said. An industrial engineer who lives in Matthews, LaPorte has been a UFO

investigator for three years.

LaPorte believes that 10 of the 20 sightings he has investigated are genuine UFOs. He thinks two are "borderline cases," which makes them either UFOs or identifiable objects.

The remaining sightings, LaPorte believes, were caused by Army helicopters, airplanes, and reflec-

tions from airplanes and lights inside a car.

Steve Morton, the county building inspector, and his family were returning from a basketball game at Western Union Elementary School when they saw the UFO near the Corinth Church Road.

"It was hovering 200 feet above the road," Morton said afterward. "There were several bright lights on one end, and a red light on top of it and a red light at the other end."

The UFO, which made no noise, moved away from Morton when he tried to approach it. He said it had an oval shape.

LaPorte said he and Henry Morton are impressed by Steve Morton's sighting because the object did not make noise such as an aircraft would, and that it appeared to have rows of lights on it.

Army helicopters operating in the area that night had some of their lights painted out, LaPorte said.

The investigators were also impressed because the object that Morton saw didn't have the flashing lights, usual on night-flying aircraft, and that he was able to see the object's shape in the moonlight.

TERRA BELLA, CAL. - NEWS
*****MAR 1, 1979*****

Pixley man sights UFO

BY GEORGE MARTZEN --
"It was just a light," said Steve Jennings, speaking of the unidentified flying object he sighted over Pixley Tuesday evening, Feb. 12.

Jennings had just been leaving his home when he observed the object in the overcast 5:30 p.m. sky.

Stopping on Park Avenue next to the El Serape, he noticed the UFO in the general direction of Pixley Park, hovering at about 1,000 feet.

He also noted that the object began moving in a southeasterly direction and climbing at a rate he estimated to be about 300 miles per hour.

A private pilot himself, Jennings noted there were quite a few low flying aircraft that night because of the overcast. There were no stars.

About 15 minutes after the first sighting, Jennings observed another, or the

same object on the west side of the freeway. He said that both sightings appeared to lean toward the freeway at a 20 to 30 degree angle.

Jennings wasn't the only to see the mysterious object.

Vickie Merritt, Pixley, said she was driving with a couple friends when she saw it over the park; "it stayed, I guess about 30 minutes over the park area," she said, mentioning that it was "just a really bright light."

Jennings who shoots a lot of slide pictures and carries his camera with him in his pickup, was fortunate enough to get several pictures of the light.

Although at first appearing to be only a single light, closer observation of the slide shows four circles of light, two larger than others grouped in a line.

Both Jennings and Miss Merritt observed the intensity of the light to undulate - to increase and decrease in brightness.

Maywood man sees UFO while driving

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By Craig Harris

"You guys aren't going to believe me but I'm going to tell you anyway."

Maywood's Bob Shirley then told a group of rural mail carriers how he saw an unidentified flying object on his way to work that morning.

It was about 5:15 a.m. Friday when Bob left for North Platte where he works on Friday as a substitute mail carrier.

"I was just on my way to the Platte. When I went up the hill (to get on Hwy. 83) the car missed on me - but it being cold I didn't think much of it."

"A truck was coming from the south and he was moving pretty slow. He pulled over and shut his lights off."

A lot of truckers pull over at the intersection of Hwy 83 and 23 to catch a quick cat nap. Being 5:30 in the morning the truckers actions didn't seem out of line.

Afterwards Shirley said he wished he would have checked with the trucker to see if his rig was running right or to see if he saw anything out of the ordinary.

Instead, Shirley headed north towards North Platte. About a mile past the junction he saw a flashing blue light.

At first it seemed to him that it might have been lights from the Gerald Gentleman plant in Sutherland.

"Then I thought it was funny that I could see them clear down here."

It flashed in the northwest skies about a half a dozen times.

"I have no idea how close I was to it. It was definitely in the shape of a dome. It was flat on the bottom with a dome on top. What I seen up close - well, at the time it was closest to me - it was just a big blue dome."

Seconds later it "looked like it was clear down by McCook. It came fast, and it left fast," Shirley said.

Authorities with the Federal Aviation Administration say what Shirley saw might have been a reflection or jet fighter.

*"I lived in Korea. I'm sure I know
a fighter plane when I see one"*

Bob Shirley

Shirley has his doubts. "As dark as it was I can't imagine a reflection. And I lived in Korea. I'm sure I know a fighter plane when I see one."

Before Friday he walked the line between a believer and a non-believer of UFOs.

And after he told his story, the mail carriers wouldn't rule them out either.

Shirley said he gets a lot of kidding over the incident but "I definitely saw it. I wish I could tell you what it was."

PENSACOLA, FLA. - JOURNAL
*****MAR 20, 1979*****

Boys See UFO Near Warrington

Four boys reported seeing an unidentified object in the sky Monday evening near the Corry Field Shopping Center.

Roger Lassiter, 14, and his brother Troy, 10, were shooting basketball behind the Warrington Middle School with their friends Robert Shabarekh, 12, and his brother Robbie, 10.

Then the boys lay down in a ditch and played like they were in a space ship, according to Robert. It was 6:50 p.m.

"Ready to take off," Roger asked his friends and then shouted, pointing upward, "Oh my God, there's a UFO."

"I didn't believe it at first," said Robert. "But then I saw this thing bigger than a plane with six red lights hovering near the ground. I'm not sure, but I think it was a UFO."

The boys sped home on their bikes. "We were really scared," said Robert. "We saw it move sideways and then go straight up again."

Robert said the object was not a star.

"A star don't come down that close and not fall," he said.

The Federal Aviation Administration and the Naval Air Station said they received no reports of UFO in the Pensacola area Monday night.

Eagle Creek man fires shotgun blast at UFO

MORE ON UFOs. Two weeks ago a reader phoned our office and asked us if we would urge our readers not to shoot at UFOs in Eagle Creek. Sidney Mort suggested in this column that firing at a UFO could turn out to be a serious business as any beings capable of sending UFOs to this planet could be ages ahead of us in science and technology. "Don't do it," said Mort.

We have since learned that an Eagle Creek resident took a pop shot at a low hovering UFO last summer. The result was most interesting. As the man leveled his shotgun and squeezed off a shot the glowing orange ball above his lawn disappeared. The person who fired on the UFO refused to be named in print, but we will say he is a professional man trained to think in scientific and practical terms. He is respected by the Eagle Creek community and is generally thought to be an astute observer of his surroundings.

Asked why he shot at the UFO, Mr. X said "I am kind of like my dog. I am territorial." A guest of Mr. X and his wife saw the same object one evening and became alarmed. The next evening Mr. X suggested that his guest sleep with his wife in the bedroom while he slept on the living room floor. The hovering object made its appearance again.

He doesn't know what he shot at, but Mr. X suggested that if he had bagged the orange light on the lawn that night it might have become the area's most intriguing hunting trophy. "They wouldn't have anything at the Safari Club to top that one," he said.

The UFO sightings in the Estacada-Eagle Creek area continue. Like many, Pam Ledford of Estacada said she didn't want to talk about the things she's seen, but changed her mind after reading some of the recent UFO accounts in this newspaper. Mrs. Ledford, who says she's seen the same UFO on six different occasions, said "I used to just tell my husband but when I started reading about them in the newspaper I decided to step forward." Mrs. Ledford lives in the Dodge district and drives to choir practice at the Barton Community Church every Wednesday night. While driving home late at night, she has observed two yellowish spotlights. Like many of the other sightings in Eagle Creek, she has seen the lights between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. Sometimes she's been able to make out the darker outline of the object behind the lights.

BRADFORD, PA. - ERA
***MAR 13, 1979**

Unidentified object seen near Eldred by two men

By ERIC PADDOCK
Era Staff Writer

ELDRED — Two Port Allegany men reported seeing two unidentified flying objects Monday evening while traveling near Eldred.

Joan Jeffers, an area observer for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Study, said the Gregory Elliott, 19, of Port Allegany and a 16-year-old companion were driving home from Olean, N.Y. about three miles north of Eldred about 8:20 p.m. when they saw two bright red lights flying over the roadway in front of them.

They said the lights appeared to be about 150 feet above the ground and about 100 feet apart and were traveling at about the same speed and direction as the car, 50 miles per hour.

The two said the lights appeared to be connected because of their actions.

In the course of following the object, Ms. Jeffers said, the pair reported that 10 deer ran across the road as if they were being chased.

Elliott then stopped the car and he and his companion got out to see if they could hear anything.

They ran to a nearby house and when a man came to the door they asked him to come outside to see the object, which had appeared to land about 100 yards from the house behind some trees.

Ms. Jeffers said at this time. "We don't know whether it was on the ground or not."

Lights seemed to flash across the front of it while it was either low or on the ground and it appeared to be a round object with a dome on top.

After the man went back in the house, the travelers said, they saw another object a hilltop nearby. The second object was bright gold and triangular shaped, about half the size of the moon.

It had a fuzzy outline and even though the two were frightened they got back in their car to see if they could maneuver for a better look at the triangular object.

As they were traveling down a road in the direction of the triangular object, they said, it would move very fast and then stop and hover, repeating that pattern several times.

When they stopped at another house to get another person to confirm their sighting the objects had gone.

All this took about 20 minutes, Ms. Jeffers said.

She said after receiving the report she called the airport and found that no aircraft were in the area in the vicinity of the sighting at that time of night.

Ms. Jeffers also reported that visibility was very good and the two "made some very good observations for kids who had no training."

By the time The Era went to press this morning, Ms. Jeffers said she had not checked with the other sources, but noted she would call the National Center for UFO Studies to report the sighting.

She also noted that she will try to visit the site of the possible landing today.

UFO sightings reported in Oconee

By BECKY GILLETTE

OCONEE COUNTY — Reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) may be easy to shrug off when they are reported in far away places such as Australia, but what about when they are reported locally? Not just by one crazed nut, but by a dozen individuals including an Oconee deputy sheriff and a well-known Westminster businessman?

Although descriptions varied somewhat, The Journal has received a number of reports of sightings of an unusual and unexplainable flying object Tuesday night, March 6. Persons in Greenville County also reported seeing the hovering craft, which reportedly had the ability to travel at an incredible speed with little or no sound, according to reports in a Greenville newspaper.

Oconee County Civil Defense Director June Black said he first heard about the UFO from Westminster insurance agent Ben Chastain, who saw the object Tuesday shortly after dark while he was working in his yard. Chastain reported seeing much the same thing that was reported in Jim McAllister's column in the Greenville News Thursday, but Black says Chastain reported the UFO before the News' article came out.

"He told me the same story before the article came out," Black said. "And Ben Chastain isn't the type of person to exaggerate. If he said he saw it, he saw it."

Black has contacted the UFO center in Washington state, which has promised to investigate the sightings.

Oconee County Deputy Sheriff Jimmy Roach also reported seeing the object,

along with three or four other individuals who requested their names be withheld. But it appears that Chastain had the closest view of Oconee County's newest mystery.

"I was a doubter before this happened," Chastain said. "I watched Project UFO on television two or three times and then stopped watching it because I thought it was a bunch of bull.

"I sure never thought I'd be the one to see something like that."

Chastain said he was working in his yard at about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday when he looked up to the north and saw a bright light coming over the trees near a field by the Chastain's home. At first he a plane was coming, but then realized that the light was too bright to be a plane (Chastain knows because he's a pilot himself).

The round-shaped object, which Chastain estimates was about 12 feet in diameter, was moving very slowly and making no discernable sound. The UFO trimmed the tops of the trees and then disappeared out of sight. Although he was somewhat alarmed, Chastain said he would have gone back into the house but then his dogs "started raising a fit." Chastain looked up a saw the object again, this time coming in from a more easterly direction. At this point the object was less than 50 yards away, and Chastain said the light was so bright that it lit up the entire area.

"Usually its pitch black out there," he said. "But the light was so bright I could see the limbs on the bottoms of the trees.

"It scared the tar out of me, I don't mind telling you."

Chastain said the object's light on the flat, red-colored bottom flashed on and off, as though the object was looking for something. The light seemed to be located inside the red area. The UFO was also able to move upwards and downwards with ease to transverse the uneven terrain near the Chastain home.

After the object had circled the second time, Chastain said it moved away and appeared to land at a nearby electrical substation. Chastain immediately ran to the neighbors, where his wife was, and after Chastain caught his breath, they drove down to the area where it appeared the object had landed. But nothing was there.

Chastain doesn't believe the UFO meant him any harm.

"My son asked me if I called on the Lord," he said. "I told him I didn't need to. I don't believe whatever it was even saw me."

Oconee deputy sheriff Jimmy Roach, his wife and a neighbor also reported

seeing the object, but from a further distance.

Roach, who lives just off the Westminster highway near Walhalla, said the object had a very bright light, and was moving too slow to be an airplane. He also said there wasn't any noise. After three or four minutes, the object disappeared from sight.

At about 8 p.m., the Bill Osborne family reported seeing a similar object on Highway 221 in Greenville County. Osborne said the hovering craft had a very strong light that penetrated into the car.

"We watched it hover for a long time in the same spot," Osborne said. "I'd say we watched it for about 30 minutes and then it moved toward the southeast. All during this time there was a very, very strong light that moved about and shined down toward the ground. Sometimes it would shine straight toward us."

Osborne said he and his wife were fascinated by the fact that the object had the ability to stand perfectly still and then move off at right angles, either straight up or straight down.

The craft apparently "followed" the Osbornes about six miles to their house, and then came in closer.

"As long as it was in the distance there was no sound, but when it got within a hundred yards of the house we began to hear a sound. It was unlike anything I have ever heard."

Osborne believed the object was much larger than described by Chastain — about 80 feet long and 25 feet wide. But the large searchlight and other items including the time, coincide with Chastain's sighting.

The columnist who reported Osborne's sighting also stated he had received similar reports from two other Greenville families during the past two or three weeks.

And Civil Defense director June Black said the recent sightings aren't the only of their type reported in Oconee County. He said about a year ago two local doctors reported seeing a similar object in the mountains near Walhalla. However, the doctors never made public their sightings because "people might think they were crazy."

Chastain said he has also talked to local people who have seen UFOs, but didn't report them because they didn't think they would be believed. But that doesn't bother Chastain.

"I don't care who believes it and who doesn't," he said. "I know what I see when I see it once, and when I see it twice, I'm twice as sure."

UFO's sighted

RUSSELLVILLE, ALA. - TIMES
*****MAR. 4, 1979*****

Could be military aircraft

By DOUG DAVIS
Editor

A number of Belgreen area residents have made some sightings this week of UFO's.

The strange sightings began Monday night and have continued every night this week. Those making the sightings have noted that the objects began appearing on the same day that an eclipse occurred.

One housewife stated that her family had seen the UFO's (unidentified flying objects) last summer in the south toward Hamilton but they were at quite a distance away.

The UFO's have been spotted by families in an area as far as five miles from each other yet all

gave the same description. They appear as a light in the sky and can move at incredible speed or remain stationary. As many as five or six have been sighted at one time this week. Last summer some 15 were sighted at one time.

A common sighting which occurred Monday night was seen by residents who told the same story yet were several miles apart when it was seen. One of the objects was circling high in the sky as two flew below it in alternating directions. Then the two lower objects seemed to go straight at each other. The lights have a tendency to flash red and green.

"They don't behave like airplanes", one person said, "we have jets across our place all the time and I have watched them in the distance but none have behaved like these". She also said they could move and change directions too quickly to be weather balloons.

Monday night the occurrences seemed to disturb dogs at one house, according to the witnesses.

One of those interviewed said that when the UFO's were motionless, they were a bright white light but as soon as they moved, they changed to red. When observed with binoculars the whiteness actually was green, the

witness said.

The UFO's appeared to those watching as remaining motionless at times, moving at slow speed or an extremely rapid speed.

Two residents of the area drove in their car to the Bear Creek Dam near Horseshoe bend to get a better view of the objects.

They said they kept them in sight until near Bear Creek then lost them. As soon as they got to the dam, they appeared and were much brighter.

One family drove almost to Hodges following the lights in order to try to identify what they were. They said even

then the objects were quite a distance away.

At one point the people were underneath the objects and at times were on a different side of them.

Two brothers who live in Russellville were contacted by a friend of theirs who lives in the Belgreen area and went to view the objects.

One of them said a UFO passed directly over them and seemed to be moving at a speed equal to that of a person running. He said the bottom seemed to be rounded much like that of an egg. It had lights all the way around it and they were some 12 inches in diameter. He said that either the craft was rotating or the lights were rotating. He also said it was about the size of a small aircraft but was not shaped quite like one.

Aircraft have been

TORONTO, ONT. - CANADA
*****FEB. 12, 1979*****

UFO finders coming out of the closet

How many people have seen unidentified flying objects but never reported their sightings in fear of being ridiculed and harassed?

UFO researchers say there are probably thousands. Times are a-changing, though.

Take Dino Cimini of Coquette Road, Downsview.

Writing to the Sun's public forum on UFOs, Cimini recalled a summer night when he and four or five buddies were outside shooting the breeze:

"I suddenly looked up and saw with my own eyes three bright arrow-shaped objects flying (in formation pattern) and then they were all in one.

"They were a strange bright color and they moved noiseless and very fast. They weren't military aircraft because I live near a base and I've seen them fly.

"All of us just looked at each other afterwards but none of us reported it, thinking people would think we are fools. I believe some planet is keeping an eye on us."

How about you? Have you been keeping quiet about the sighting of something strange in the skies? Write Saucer Sightings, Toronto Sun, 333 King St. E. M5A 9Y6

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seen in the area at the same time as the UFO's. "Jets have passed by as they usually do", said one resident.

The lights were described as extremely bright and the people who went to Bear Creek Dam said the reflection of the light in the water from the object was so bright one could hardly look at it. There was no sound at all produced.

One person stated that it might be airplanes except for the fact that they seem to hover in one spot and make no sound.

He said "We watched one stay in the same position for so long we began to think it was a star and then suddenly it moved." He said it remained motionless for some four or five minutes.

When contacted by the Times, an official at Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus, Miss. said the base did have aircraft operating in this area.

Information Officer Staff Sgt. Pete Vance said several planes from the base were operating out of the airport at Hamilton beginning on Monday night. The operations have continued all week. Vance said the aircraft were T37 trainers which were equipped with a new type of high intensity strobe light "which makes them highly visible to other aircraft". He

also stated that the aircraft fly over the Franklin County area as it is part of their operations area. The T37 is a Cessna propeller driven light aircraft.

The officer said they had received the same inquiry about the aircraft from the Vernon, Ala. area. Residents there reported seeing UFO's in the direction of Hamilton.

The information officer said the maneuvers were conducted at night and had begun just recently because it was the first good weather they have had in a long time.

He said the detachment at Hamilton operated several miles from the base.

YORK, PA. - DISPATCH
*****MAR. 15, 1979*****

In Pennsylvania

'Wave' of UFO Sightings Said Unusual

By Harris W. Sacks

Pennsylvania was among 35 states from October into January where residents had an unusually large number of UFO sightings, according to Robert D. Barry, Yoe, a student of the phenomenon.

However, York County was not involved in the sightings, he said.

Barry is director of The 20th Century UFO Bureau, initiated by Dr. Carl McIntire, a religious leader headquartered in Collingswood, N.J.

Barry said that the "wave" of sightings was "extremely unusual" because it occurred over 25 countries. By comparison, a wave that occurred in October of 1973, including many sightings in York County, only involved a maximum of six countries, he noted.

Deputies report 'UFO' sightings

On the eve of the last solar eclipse visible in the continental United States for the rest of this century, several area residents were apparently looking toward the heavens Sunday.

Green County's evening skies don't usually feature moving lights, but between 7 and 7:30 p.m. the Green County Sheriff's Department received "about 20 calls" according to a dispatcher, reporting an assortment of lights, wandering aimlessly across the sky.

Most callers reported seeing 12 to 18 "little lights in the sky" or "little lights blipping on and off.

Those who reported the sightings were referred to the Midwest UFO Education Center in Appleton. Lenore Heiman, who took many of the reports, said some callers described the lights as being similar to aircraft lights. They added that the air space over Green County is usually free of aircraft.

"Most of the callers described the objects as 'little white lights.' But one Monroe man reported that a large, orange, oval-shaped object had passed right over his house," Ms. Heiman said. "He said that it didn't make any noise as it went by."

"All in all, we still don't know what happened," she said.

When contacted by the Sheriff's Department, radar operators in Madison reported seeing two "blips" on their screen during the time local citizens made the sightings. They could see no evidence of other activity over the Green County area.

The reports came at the same time air traffic was described as being "extremely stacked up" by traffic controllers at O'Hare Airport in Chicago. They said it would not be unusual for aircraft in a holding pattern to wander that distance from the airport.

Paperboy experiences close encounter of strange kind in Tucson

By ELIZABETH MAGGIO
The Arizona Daily Star

It was between 5 a.m. and 6 a.m. last Saturday when the glowing object fell from the sky and landed about a block from where Warren Weisman was delivering The Arizona Daily Star on the city's northside.

Like any curious 10-year-old, Warren went to investigate, but what followed reads more like a made-for-TV mystery badly in need of an ending.

An astronomer said that what Warren saw probably wasn't a meteor. The Air Force denies any knowledge of it.

And a specialist in unidentified flying objects said that the sudden appearance of a strange man made Warren's experience

sound like a particular type of UFO case widely reported in the 1960s.

This is Warren's story:

"I was on Winstel Boulevard delivering papers when I saw this falling star come from the sky. It was traveling at great speed and landed about a block away. It smashed the back of a white Volkswagen, throwing off its right rear wheel, rolled off the car and knocked over a mailbox on a post."

The fifth-grade student at Davidson Elementary described the object as slightly larger than a microwave oven, black, partly shiny with lots of lava-like holes.

"It was still smoking when I went over to it," he said.

That's when the brown car drove up to Warren as he examined the object near the curb. "A skinny man in a brown suit and white shirt got out of the car. He was an FBI-type," said Warren.

"He told me 'Why don't you go ahead and deliver the rest of your papers?'"

Then what Warren thinks was a Pima County sheriff's car pulled up beside the brown car. "I was afraid that the man in the brown suit was going to pull a gun," said Warren.

He threw his last paper and headed home to tell his mother.

About 20 minutes later, he returned to the site with his mother.

"But all we found was the tire and bro-

ken mailbox," said Warren. The smashed car and the smoking object had vanished.

The youngster said he had put a small chip from the object into his pocket while he was examining it.

But when he got home, it was gone, too.

"I don't know what happened to it, but I don't have any holes in my pocket," he said.

Warren wasn't the only one to see something bright fall from the sky that morning.

Three counselors who patrol the area while children deliver newspapers saw it fall but didn't see where it hit.

Margaret Pierce, who lives in the house

where the mailbox was knocked down, said that she and her family just assumed someone had hit it with a car.

Pierce said that she didn't hear anything that morning, but around the time Warren is usually at their house "our dogs (who stay in the house) just started barking and we couldn't calm them down. They were really upset and that's not like them."

- Did Warren encounter a meteor?

Highly unlikely, said University of Arizona meteor expert Elizabeth Roemer.

So what could this object have been? Why was the man in the brown suit eager to get Warren out of the way? And why did

the smoldering object and damaged car disappear without a trace?

Coral Lorenzen, an officer of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization, said it sounds like a particular kind of UFO case widely reported in the 1960s. Her group is a Tucson-based agency that investigates reports of unidentified flying objects.

In the 1960s cases, someone would come upon a mysterious object and would soon encounter a strange man.

Without explanation, the man would warn the person to keep quiet about what he saw and would often imply bodily harm, Lorenzen said.

She declined to speculate on what Warren had experienced, commenting only that "this is strange."

WAYNE, MICH. - EAGLE
****FEB. 8, 1979****

Resident reports on UFO's

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EDITOR:

Because of all the recent discussions and new reported sightings of UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects), I thought I would write and tell you about an experience I had in 1965 and again in 1966.

I saw an inverted cup shaped UFO that appeared to have windows or vents lined a round its outside surface.

The bottom of the saucer appeared to rotate in an opposite direction from the top half. The craft sounded much like a conventional helicopter, and the sound was loud enough for anyone in the area to hear.

From my vantage point, the craft appeared to be suspended from a nearby tree, but the thrust from the engines was creating a large wind that picked up and swirled the dust beneath it.

Harriet Harkertt
Romulus

Local UFO sightings report 'large objects'

By GARTH KRIEWALL
Assistant Editor

BIG RAPIDS — "I was driving my police car at approximately 55 mph. When I was about five miles west of Barryton I saw a very bright light in the sky. It could have been an airplane or a helicopter.

"As I further observed it, it was getting bigger and brighter and seemed to be too big and bright for a helicopter or airplane.

"At this time I could not see a craft or anything like that, only the light. The light was about 50 feet across and it seemed to be brighter than an aircraft landing light, which I have observed before

"I took my foot off the gas trying to observe what was in the sky. I dropped back to 45 mph. I continued to observe the light, which was white in color

through my windshield. Then it was turning to different colors such as blue, reddish, pink and even green.

"I immediately took my microphone and established contact with the Mecosta Sheriff's office.

"I told them I've got something here I cannot explain."

No, those aren't the words of Richard Dreyfuss in the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." They were written by Joel Vincent, a deputy in the Mecosta County Sheriff's Department from Barryton.

What he saw the early morning of Dec. 2, 1978, is unexplained.

His report, along with others made over the years by such persons as President Jimmy Carter, has been marked and filed by the U.S. Air Force as another sighting of an unidentified flying object, a UFO.

And Vincent's not the only local person to see something unusual in the skies recently. Vincent's boss, Mecosta County Sheriff Gerald Weis, was another.

At about 8:30 p.m. Feb. 16, Weis was driving near Horsehead Lake when he saw what he took to be "a large, low-flying plane — only with an odd arrangement of lights," Weis told the PIONEER.

He said it was low to the ground and flying relatively slowly. "It had either five or six lights on a flat plane and they weren't flashing," Weis said.

"I've never seen lights on a plane quite like that," he added.

The sheriff's department received several other reports of sightings that same night. One of the caller's reported hearing the object give off a "vacuum" sound. Weis didn't leave his car and

couldn't report any sound.

"A couple other officers on duty the same night saw it, but they didn't get excited about it," Weis added.

According to Hans Schmidt of Barryton, who collects local UFO reports for the Air Force, the Air Force said none of its planes were in the area at the time of either Vincent's or Weis' sighting.

Although Schmidt, who has been collecting local UFO data since 1977, admitted the sightings could have been of private planes, but said the lights and speeds of the objects indicate it is "highly unlikely it could be a small, private aircraft."

"We still don't know what it's all about," he said.

Schmidt, currently a manufacturer's representative, was involved in the government's missile program several years ago. Through his connections

with the Air Force, he was selected to be the service's local UFO liaison.

And since he's been collecting data, he's noticed a slight increase in local sightings in the last year.

He advised persons who have sighted an unexplained aerial object to contact their local sheriff's department, where their report will be taped. Then, they will be formally interviewed later by either Schmidt or a deputy.

Schmidt also said the observation of such specific details as height, speed, color and number of windows and lights, are helpful in making a complete report.

"All this information will be computed so we can have a better picture of what it might be," Schmidt said.

In continuing his report, Vincent said the craft had the appearance of a "tea saucer," and was "at least the size of a football field."

"The windows looked like airplane windows. There were not square and not completely round, but more like hexagons. At this time the bright white light from underneath the craft shined approximately one-third to the ground. There were also some white lights behind the windows but I could not see inside because there were like stained windows.

The craft was about 12 o'clock high in front of my windshield. Now I was driving approximately 30 mph and the craft was in front of me.

"I definitely could see partitions between the windows but I could not see any creatures or whatever behind the windows since they seemed to be stained.

"The craft had no effect whatsoever on the performance of my police car. But I can say that I was scared to death and I couldn't explain that."

Telling the W-Hole Story

UFOs Reported in Exeter

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Numerous reports of UFO sightings were made Monday by persons driving along Route 422 in Exeter Township.

Although officials attributed the sightings to persons frustrated at not having seen Monday's solar eclipse, the number of reports seemed to bear out the fact that something out of the ordinary occurred.

Several persons reported that the UFOs were low-flying, small, metallic disks. They said they saw several land on or near the highway, with several of the objects whirling along the roadway, dodging oncoming traffic.

One informed source, preferring anonymity to being labeled a UFO freak, gave the following account of his sighting:

"I was driving along 422, shortly before 8. The rain and darkness were playing an impressionistic picture on the windshield. I was thinking about the rotten weather as I neared Schell's Drive-In.

Suddenly, I heard a strange noise and the car shuddered.

In that instant, I saw a metallic object flash past the window on the left side of the car.

By the time I had pulled off the road, the object was no longer in sight.

Our informed source, having some news experience, pursued the matter and discovered that several persons had reported seeing the UFOs land.

A check with Anthony Cusimano, operator of Tony's Sunoco service station, 3153 Perkiomen Ave., revealed that the UFO barrage had begun Sunday.

Cusimano said several of his employees reported sighting the objects spinning wildly above the highway. They said the objects would then disappear into the brush along the roadway.

One employee reported that several persons, apparently from the "mother ship" which was launching the smaller craft, had entered the station. The employee said the unidentified persons did not seem capable of speaking English, although he was able to make out one or two words, none of which was printable.

He said the unidentified persons all seemed extremely agitated and kept pointing to the sky and calling: "PennDOT, PennDOT."

He assumed the word to refer to either from where they had come or to where they were going.

A check by the Eagle, showed that no one along Route 422 knew what the expression meant. One person said, "I wouldn't know a PennDOT if I saw one."

Stories by Charles M. Gallagher
Executive Family Living Editor



UFO — Eagle Photographer Daniel J. Devine snapped this exclusive photo of an unidentified flying object which is similar to those that have been

spotted for the past two days along Route 422 in Exeter Township.

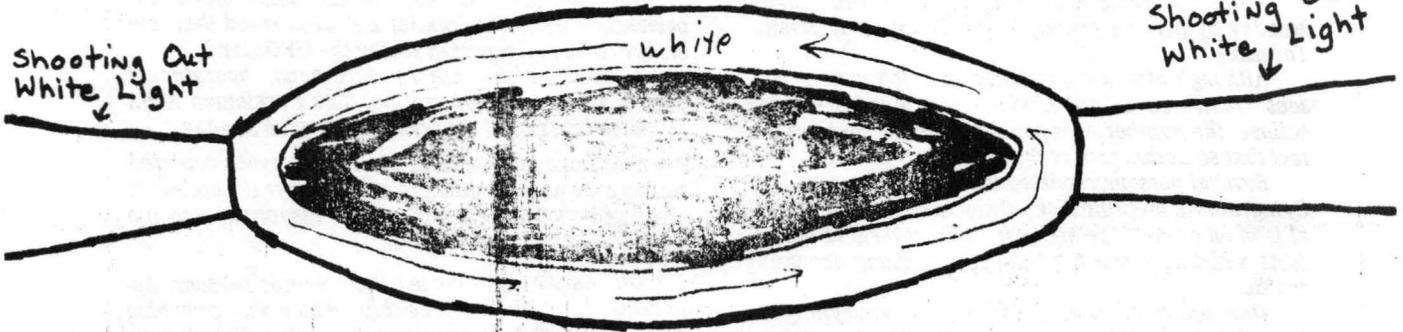
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300 ft. in diameter*

FRONT PAGE

*Bright Light Like A Large
Oval Spotlight Glowing*

*Shooting Out
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MORE SIGHTINGS UFO's Back Again

Flying saucers, unidentified flying objects -- fact or fiction?

Some people don't and won't believe in the existence of these mysterious and controversial objects from outer space, but for those who have experienced contact, real or unreal, there is no doubt.

Tuesday night was such a night for four teenage boys who were "scared out of their wits" according to one parent. The sightings took place on River Drive around 7:30 p.m. while the youths were riding around the neighborhood, and as chance would have it -- talking about ghosts.

It was the second such sighting in the area in recent weeks -- the previous one occurred a few weeks ago south of Williamston when an

elderly woman said a UFO hovered over her home.

There may be proof this time, though. One of the boys took a photograph of the "object", said by one youth to be 300 feet in diameter with a red center light surrounded by a brilliant white light and beams.

"Those boys came in here absolutely scared to death," commented Mrs. Jackie Burriss, mother of Todd Burriss, one of the youths who saw the object. Todd later rendered a drawing which showed the familiar oval object complete with revolving or brilliant lights. This particular one was travelling at a high rate of speed, but there was no sound.

Andy Norris, Eddie Durham

and Freddie Jacks, all in the fourteen and fifteen-year-old age range, saw the object which appeared over the trees near Saluda River. The object gave off a brilliant light and appeared to have a "whirling" center section.

"It was a lot bigger than an airplane," commented Todd Burriss who described what he saw as being white and red and moving extremely fast.

Andy Norris saw the same thing, however, he visualized the object as about the size of a bus. He too, described the oval shaped object and the lighting in the same manner.

The excited youths raced home after the object disappeared, and there was more to come. The Tom Burriss family as well as the

Jim Norris family went looking, and a second object was spotted. This one appeared more to be a white lighted object which hovered at a distance over the trees in the River Drive section. Later there were other sightings along the river, but these appeared to be smaller red and white objects which did not move in the normal pattern of airplanes.

The sightings continued until around 10:30 p.m. and at the time there was no logical explanation offered by anyone in the crowd of spectators who gathered in the area.

"I don't know what those boys saw, but whatever it was it sure did scare them," remarked one of the boys' mothers. "They came in here absolutely scared to death."

RUSSELL, KANS. - NEWS
*****FEB 23, 1979*****

UFO Reported

An Unidentified Flying Object north of Russell shortly after midnight frightened two out-of-state motorists. Retired police officer Walter Bauer received the report at Keilee's Truck Stop at about 1 a.m. today from the motorists, who he said "were really shaken up."

The UFO, described as a bright white light, swooped low over their southbound car, then sped southward. The incident happened near the Waldo junction on US281 Highway, the unidentified motorists told Bauer.

The former officer reported the incident to police and, in turn, the happening was reported to the sheriff's office.

Police said that a check at the airport failed to turn up any report of an aircraft in the area.

No other details were available today.

Pas man reports seeing UFO

A Pascagoula man says he has seen a small unidentified flying object that hovered over the city for a few seconds and then zoomed out of sight in a second.

"It was about 8-10 feet across and was triangular or arrow shaped," said Irving L. Schemer, 29, of Lodge Apartments. "It had no lights, no sounds or no indication that it had a means of propulsion."

Schemer, who owns a dental laboratory and who has been a pilot for seven years, said he was riding at the intersection of Market Street and Jackson Avenue when he saw the bright metallic object hovering over the fire station.

"It was about 1,500 to 2,000 feet up and it seemed to be moving toward me," said Schemer. "It jumped

from Jackson to Convent Avenue in a second, and then came almost to a stop."

He said within 20 seconds it zoomed out of sight.

Schemer said he jumped out of his van, grabbed a camera and snapped some photographs before it took off. The pictures show something above a telephone post, but they are too fuzzy for newspaper reproduction.

Schemer described the incident this weekend. It occurred at 2:40 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 9. He said he waited until the photographs had been processed and returned to him.

He said he was contacting persons who are into UFO investigation and that he hoped to sell the

photographs to a major magazine.

Schemer said the object was not like a plane. There was no forward motion when it would make a turn, he explained.

"I have 20-20 vision and my perception is good," he said.

He said a service station

attendant also watched the object. "He said he thought it was a kite until it took off so fast," Schemer said.

Maj. Bill Pope of Pascagoula Police Department who checked the incident said, "I know he saw something but I don't know what it was."

HERALD EXAMINER - L.A., CAL.
*****FEB. 26, 1979*****

WHAT WAS THAT OBJECT FLYING ABOUT THE SKY?

By MARY BETH MURRILL

Herald Examiner Staff Writer

Several Compton residents — including a Compton police officer — sighted an unidentified flying object darting above the streets of that city at about 9 p.m. Friday night.

"I saw something, but I couldn't discern its shape," said Compton police Sgt. B. Neilson, who spotted the UFO while driving his patrol car east on Alondra Boulevard.

"It had numerous bright lights and was making quick, sharp movements," he said. "It was going very fast."

He said the lights were not flashing, but were "steady, very bright — as bright as a strobe on an aircraft," and that the UFO was flying about 700 to 800 feet off the ground.

"I don't know what I saw," he said, "but it couldn't have been a helicopter or a plane, because it was changing direction too fast."

Sgt. Neilson said he followed the UFO several blocks before it disappeared from view.

Rudolf Gaines, a data processor for the County of Los Angeles and Compton resident, also spotted the UFO at about 8:40 p.m. the same night. He described the object as "bigger than a jet, but smaller than a 747."

"It looked like one of those things you see on TV," he said. "It came down, hovered about five seconds, and took off at about a 65

degree angle. I didn't believe it but it was definitely there."

Vandenberg Air Force Base spokeswoman Sgt. Lisa Ehrler said that an Atlas missile was launched from the Lompoc base at 12:19 a.m. on Saturday morning — but that nothing was launched Friday night.

The Atlas launching was apparently responsible for dozens of "UFO sightings" reported to authorities from Santa Monica to Redondo Beach at about 12:30 a.m. Saturday.

But there is as yet no explanation for the Compton sightings Friday night — four hours before the Vandenberg launching.

Long Beach State University English professor A.H. Lawson, who runs the UFO Reporting Center of Orange County, said that UFO sightings in urban areas like Compton "are unusual."

Lawson said he has received dozens of UFO reports in the Los Angeles area, in the past 10 days, but that most were probably low flying advertising airplanes with lighted, computerized signs beneath their wings.

He has no explanation for the Compton sighting, however.

"It's unusual to see anything in an urban area — especially before midnight," Lawson said, pointing out that most recorded UFO sightings occur in the early morning hours.

He said in the Compton case, "You tend to wonder."

SHENANDOAH, PA. - HERLAD
*****FEB 15, 1979*****

UFO report

Four Pottsville police officers reported an unidentified flying object while on patrol between 4:00 and 4:30 a.m. Feb. 7. They observed the object going from south to north from the direction of the Second Mountain to the general area of Nativity BVM High School. They described the object as a classic flying saucer-type, appearing as a spinning child's top with a red light on top and a green light on the bottom. The object hovered for awhile over the city before shooting straight up into the sky and disappearing. The officers observed the object throughout town and kept in contact as to its position, with the police car radios.

UFO sightings are reported in Marion and Fayette counties

A rash of UFO sightings were reported in Marion and Fayette counties Monday, the first occurring at 6:35 p.m.

Mary Elizabeth Green, 17, a student at Fayette County High School, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Green were in the yard of their home on Highway 43 about 8 miles south of Winfield. They saw what they described as a large, bright red object with a circle around it toward the north. It appeared to gradually grow dimmer as they watched. Miss Green went inside and reported the sighting to

law officers, and a State Trooper and a Fayette County Deputy came out to interview the Greens. The trooper reportedly saw strange lights in the sky on the way to the Green home.

The Winfield Firechief, Ray Westbrook, said that he counted at least four objects of circular shape with red and blue very bright lights over the town, and said they appeared to stop, then take off again. He added that a nightly jet-flight toward Birmingham passed, and that one of the objects caught the jet and passed it "in a

second."

Aother Winfield resident said, "If the Air Force has got anything like that, then I'm glad of it."

Sightings were reported as far east as Carbon Hill.

The Nation Weather Bureau said that they had no launchings which would account for the strange lights. Columbus Air Force Base, Columbus, Mississippi reported that there was a squadron of training planes on a night flight between the Air Base and Hamilton, and law enforcement personnel finally decided that these planes were what was seen in the sky.

LOGAN, OHIO - NEWS
*****FEB 23, 1979*

UFO Sightings Reported Near Murray City

A UFO sighting was reported to Murray City and Hocking County law enforcement officers Thursday night.

The bright light reportedly was seen near the junction of Jobs-New Pittsburg Rd. and St. Rt. 78 about 8 p.m., and officers confirmed that at the same time electric power in the southern part of the village flickered, and lights went out briefly.

Witnesses said a bright ball of fire was shooting blue lights about 100 yards in all directions.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - HERALD
*****FEB 24, 1979*****

WRET eyes 'Big Foot'

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Reported sightings of a strange, ape-like creature dubbed "Knobby" are drawing "Big Foot" hunters from across the country to Carpenter's Knob in Cleveland County. Action News reporter John Alexander and photographer John Godwin were also lured to the scene to talk with eyewitnesses first-hand.

The curious results of their findings, a half-hour news special called "Knobby: North Carolina's Big Foot?" will air Sunday, Feb. 25, at 6 p.m. on WRET-TV.

A combination of talents went into the documentary. In addition to being a photographer, Godwin is also an artist who produced a composite drawing on which a half-dozen or more eyewitnesses agreed. Alexanders, who wrote and reported the program also created special visual and audio effects, to include a haunt-

ing electronic Moog theme that almost seems to echo the creature's name. Editor John Lathem composed "Knobby's Lament," an original song he sings "from Knobby's perspective."

As Alexander points out, the creature phenomena in North Carolina has been around a long time. "Knobby" is the most recent, but certainly no more elusive than any of his predecessors. Jim Hollingsworth, for example has hunted Big Foot in North Carolina for five years, and now spends his weekends "Knobby" hunting. Hollingsworth is featured, along with UNC-C folklorist Dr. James Hedges and others.

What is the creature of Carpenter's Knob? Is it a bear? A black panther? Or could it be there is such a thing as a "primitive humanoid" as Big foot hunters prefer to call the prey they stalk.

Others Saw 'UFO'; May Be Satellite

By BID WALL

"We saw it too, but didn't mention it to anyone. Then we saw the article in the Herald about somebody else who also saw it".

This was the report of four other persons, who, traveling in the same car Sunday night after their Sweetheart Banquet, also saw the UFO reported to the Herald Monday morning.

Bob Burger, with his wife, and Rev. Chester Smith and his wife were returning from the banquet when Bob saw a larger than normal light floating through the air.

The foursome was traveling north on Milnwood Road when they saw the object moving southwesterly. "We saw it, like over the Rice area and it moved to the horizon, about where Winn Dixie is", said Bob Burger, noting, "I've never seen anything like it. It was a bright, white light, moving very slowly, and making no noise."

"It was larger than a star or an airplane's lights normally are, and was very visible. It looked like a parachute with a light on it and it moved from about where Rice is to about where Prospect is", said Rev. Smith, who is pastor of the Heritage Baptist Church in Farmville.

"I've seen weather balloons and other things launched from Wallops Island and this did not look like those", he continued.

Rev. Smith went on to say, "But just because I've not seen anything like it, doesn't necessarily make it a UFO".

The original report of the sighting called the object "perfectly round, about 25 per cent the size of a full moon. It was all lit up, made no sound, and had no blinking lights".

"I didn't want to be identified as the person seeing the light," said L.D. Phaup, Jr., who lives along the Milnwood Road, "because, out of curiosity, I wanted to find out if anyone else had seen it."

Phaup offered this explanation for the sighting. "I think what we all saw was the sun's reflection from a satellite which, when reflected through the cloud cover that night, appeared to be an object moving through the sky.

"I got out my binoculars and looked at it and it was perfectly round and quite visible", noted Phaup, who continued, "If theory is correct, the angle of the sun's reflection off the satellite would have been visible only from the immediate area of Milnwood Road, where I saw it. Rev. Smith and Bob Burger were right in front of my house when they stopped to look at it. So far the theory is holding up," he surmised.

HOME NEWS - NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J.
*****FEB. 18, 1979*****

Local family reports seeing UFOs in sky

SOUTH BRUNSWICK - Feb. 10 was a night one Kendall Park family says it will never forget. The Venas, who live at 6 Marcus Drive, say they saw three brightly-colored, low-flying objects "which looked like nothing we'd ever seen."

Marietta Vena said she was sitting in the family room with her husband and 8-year-old daughter at 6:40 p.m. when what appeared to be three military planes in tight formation flying at tree-level slowly went by the backyard, heading south towards Princeton. The planes were connected by a dome and were flashing bright red, green and white lights, she said.

SHREWSBURY CHRONICLE - SALP, ENG.
*****DEC 29, 1979*****

That UFO was . . .

Members of Shrewsbury Rambling Club believe they may have solved a UFO mystery which has been puzzling experts for more than a fortnight.

One Sunday, a group of the club members walked a 12-mile length of Offa's Dyke, starting near Bishop's Castle and ending in Knighton.

As they walked, one of the Shrewsbury club leaders described an Unidentified Flying Object which he and a companion had spotted as they were surveying the route two weeks earlier.

He told how, looking to the south, they had seen a brightly pulsating light which remained stationary just below the clouds some miles away.

They watched it for about half a minute -- but then it suddenly disappeared.

Later in the day, however, a member stopped the walk with a shout of "I think I've found your UFO".

Other members who answered the call found hanging from the branches of a tree an aneroid barometer, a radio transmitter and a device for measuring wind speed.

A Shrewsbury Rambling Club member said: "The whole thing had obviously been attached to a balloon and so we had solved the mystery. It was a weather balloon the two walkers had seen."

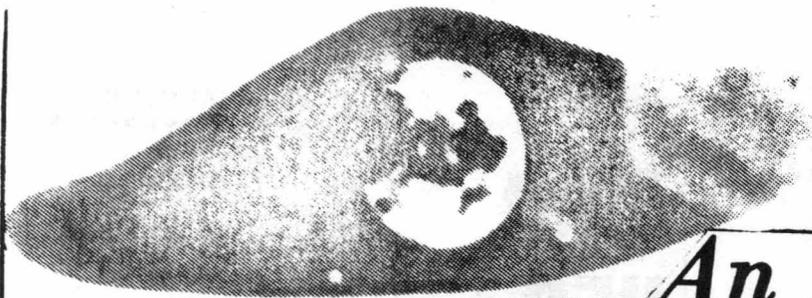
But the member added "Or was it?"

Although she has contacted several government and private agencies, Mrs. Vena said no one has been able to identify what her family observed.

Robert Gribble, spokesman for the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., said the object fits the description of numerous UFOs reported from every corner of the world in recent years. "Nobody can say what these things are," he said. "We are still investigating this one, but we put these things in our unknown file."

A spokesman for the Princeton University Forrestal Research Center said they did not know of any experimental aircraft testings. A McGuire Air Force Base spokesman said the same thing and added, "We've been out of the UFO market since 1969. The reports are just too numerous to check out."

Last September, three people reported sighting UFOs in Hillsborough's Neshanic Station. These objects were said to be large white vehicles with blue and red lights hovering in the sky for several minutes.



NORWICH, CONN. - BULLETIN
*****MARCH 3, 1979*****

Bulletin Illustration

A Bird. A Plane.....?

By LINDA M. RANCOURT
Bulletin Staff Writer

An Encounter Of the Worst Kind

PLAINFIELD — Unidentified flying objects. Everyone's heard of them; some have reportedly seen them.

Most reports of these elusive crafts are scoffed at by police and skeptical hardnosed persons who have never seen one of the "flying vehicles."

Thursday about 8 p.m., a mile north of the Plainfield toll booth on Rte. 52, I saw a UFO and prayed I wasn't the only one.

I was careening down the highway on my way to Norwich from The Bulletin's Danielson bureau in a rattle-trap car provided for this purpose by the company. The car was dropping from 60 to 40 miles per hour on a slight incline, which evoked a string of curses from me. Then I saw it.

The previously black sky suddenly became a light blue. I looked up to my left and saw a white round object speeding upward through the sky. The sight lasted about five seconds before the thing disappeared and the sky was inky black again.

Thursday I tried to refrain from mentioning the sighting to anyone. I thought to myself, it could have been a large meteor or a comet. The thing, whatever it was, had no tail and it was travelling upward, not crashing toward terra firma.

After the sighting, my mind raced with confused thoughts. I wanted to ask the sleepy-eyed woman collecting tickets at the Plainfield toll if she had seen anything. Her weary look and my self-doubt halted my question.

An idea ran through my mind to stop the car, jump out and flag down a passing motorist to ask "did you see that?"

Rte. 52 is not a highway conducive to light chit-chat.

That idea passed quickly. I was overcome with self-doubt, wondering if my sanity had eked slowly over that fine line into the realm of psychosis.

A Plainfield constable relieved my anxiety Friday afternoon. The police are usually the first ones to get phone calls from frantic citizens who will breathily and hurriedly report sightings of UFO's.

I decided to try the casual approach.

"By the way, you guys get any reports of UFO's Thursday night?"

Jeff's eyes lit up. He bolted upright in the desk chair.

"Yeah. I saw it." he exclaimed.

Thank God, I thought. "Really? When? About 8 p.m.?" I asked.

"Yeah."

"What did it look like?" I asked.

He described what I had seen. The sky changing from black to blue, the white light, its sudden disappearance, and the sky suddenly black again.

He said he had been patrolling in a police cruiser on Rte. 12 when he saw the light.

Rtes. 12 and 52 run in a north-south direction parallel to each other.

According to State Police in Danielson, reports of UFO sightings were taken at their barracks Thursday, but those, the officer said, "were helicopters."

According to the National Weather Service in Hartford there were no reports of meteor showers, careening comets or entire swarms of cosmic material floating in the sky Thursday night.

I had what is called a close encounter of the first kind. Close Encounters, a movie drawing hordes of video viewers last year, depicted the stages of encounter with creatures from the beyond.

There are three steps. The first is seeing a UFO; the second, finding physical evidence of its having been around, such as part of the vehicle; and thirdly, actually meeting whatever it is that is piloting the craft.

The first step was enough for me. Unless of course the red-eyed beasties our Science Fiction films depict as the horrifying aliens from another galaxy are more on the line of Mr. Spock, that pointy-eared wonder of the Star Trek fame.

WAYNE, MICH. - WESTLAND EAGLE
*****FEB. 8, 1979*****

Resident reports

on UFO's

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EDITOR:

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Harriet Harkertt
Romulus

UFO Summary Report for 1978

Out comes the yellow pad again to summarize this past year of 1978 as to UFO activity sighted from our hilltop. A detailed record of each sighting of consequence is kept immediately after the sighting while all details of it are fresh in mind; time, direction, horizon level, apparent speed, description of object, weather conditions, etc.

Again, while we had thought the past year a meager one compared with other years, the incidents when re-read, counted and tallied were a surprise. (Over the summer, due to limited visibility because of tree foliage, the hot weather, haze and insects, the possibility of snakes, sky watching time was cut short.)

A total of 30 UFO's were sighted. Tally is as follows: 6 in March, 7 in April, 1 in May, 8 in Oct., 4 in Nov., 4 in Dec.

Brief description follows:

FARMVILLE, VA. - HERALD
*****FEB. 23, 1979*****

UFO Seen In Arvonnia

Feb. 22—Nearby Arvonnia residents reported seeing a UFO which was similar to the one reported in the Farmville Herald last week. However, this was seen on Saturday night whereas the others were seen Sunday night. The times seen were approximately the same. The one spotted near Arvonnia was said to have been going from southwest to northeast.

Mrs. Cary Hughes has returned to her home from an extended visit to Florida. While there she visited her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Seay, of West Palm Beach.

Miss Elizabeth LeSueur has recently returned from El Paso, Texas. While there she attended the dog races at Juarez, Mexico. Later this week she plans to leave for Miami and West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mrs. W.A. Chambers and her sister, Mrs. Virginia Jones, are vacationing in Florida.

March 27, 1978 - 6 total, all the same night between 7:25 and 8:07 p.m., 1 single, then a set of 4, equidistant spaced, horizontal, then later, 1 more. The singles, silver; the 4, round and red.

April 27th, 1978 - 7 UFO's. Long ovals, very huge in size. Luminous yellow with red pulsating light at rear end. 10:25 p.m. Horizontal spaced formation. Both size and speed Very Impressive! A Stunner!

May 23rd, 1978. 1 UFO. A single loner. Dim translucent silver huge Mothership. Speed extremely fast. 9:20 p.m. Long oval.

October 16th, 1978 - 8 UFO's. 2 Sets of 4 each, composed of 2 sets of 2 to make each group of 4. The first group was sighted at 10:17 p.m., the other, identical in type at 10:58 p.m. Translucent golden color with extending, sparkling rays emitted. Brilliant red steady light fore and aft. Very beautiful!

Nov. 2nd, 1978 - 4 UFO's. 2 Sets of 2 each, spaced out, horizontal, large long ovals in shape, a golden ray light in front, mid-section, dim and dark. the rear a pulsating red brilliant light. Time 10:32 p.m.

December. - Total, 4 UFO's. Date of December 11, 1978, Set of 3. Same type as those of 11-2 date above.

Date of Dec. 13th, 1978. 1 UFO. Time 8:04 p.m. Size, Speed, and Magnificence belies description!! Covered from 30 degrees N. Horizon to 45 degrees S. Horizon in just under 2 minutes! Nose area steady brilliant red. Two-thirds toward rear of this very long, immense, oval shape

was an encircling band of outstanding pure gold color lit still more spectacularly with brilliant extending golden rays. A 2nd encircling band as above was near the rear end. This was an earth-shaking, people shaking, pure spectacle. An Incredible Dazzler!! Simply stupefying to behold.

It is in wonder that all philosophy begins. Admiration and incredulity fills the interspace. The last of this subject ... The Answers ... hopefully appear to be closer at hand?

My judgement, to date, True or False? The Creator, created. This all then, another vista and Other Worlds of Creation???

Our total Ignorance, is the most awesome of all! -Lisa.

KINGSPORT, TENN. - NEWS
*****FEB 28, 1979*****

UFO experience

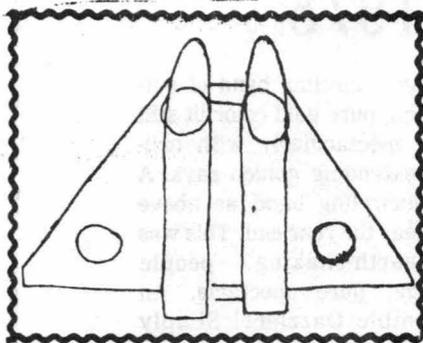
After taking my husband to work and driving on Eastman Road, Sunday morning Feb. 11, 1979 at 6:03 a.m. I noticed a brilliant light over Pleasant View Baptist Church. As I turned right on Fort Henry Dr., to my left was the most unusual object I had ever seen in the sky. It was oval shaped about the size of a car and looked like a solid diamond.

I pinched myself to make sure I was fully awake and then I realized I was observing an Unidentified Flying Object.

As I reached Hammond Bridge Hill, it hovered over the dam, as I got to the bottom of the hill it started moving and I thought it was going to crash into the ridge. But it lifted up and soared over the tree tops. As I crossed the bridge and came around the curve and started up the slight incline in the highway, there it was.

I finally called Tri-City Airport, asking if they had received any reports or observed any bright lights, star display, meteors, etc. They said, "No" and asked me to describe what I had seen. I described it to the gentleman, then in all seriousness asked "Do you think I'm crazy?" He assured me what I had seen fit the perfect description of the last object reported in the area about six months ago. He made a comment and it has preyed on my mind so strongly it has been the deciding factor of my telling the public of my experience and I quote, "The public needs to be made aware these things are in our midst and anytime anyone sees anything unusual or out of the ordinary, they should report it to the airport immediately — We should be the first to know." End of quote.

I regret I did not follow my better judgment in doing that.



OFFICER James Evans's sketch of the giant UFO he sighted.

By **STONEY JACKSON**
MIDNIGHT/GLOBE Contributing Editor

TWO cops who say they got within 100 feet of a UFO the size of two football fields have furnished the most startling description yet of an unidentified flying object.

Officers James Evans and Mike Leech of Nashville were on patrol in their squad car about 11 p.m. in a residential area of the city several weeks ago when they saw an enormous object hovering in eerie silence no more than 75 to 100 feet above them.

The sighting was the second over the Tennessee capital in two weeks.

"That thing was so big it would have required two full-sized football fields to set it down," Evans said. "When I first spotted it, it was maybe 5,000 feet in the air.

"All of a sudden, it started descending like

Close encounter cop: 'I was 100 ft from this UFO'

an express elevator, right straight down, and it didn't stop until it got just above the trees and buildings. Then it just hovered.

"It was just plain incredible to see anything so huge remain stationary for so long. It was much bigger than any ocean liner I have ever seen. It's still hard for me to believe it — but there it was, blinding lights and all."

The craft resembled two parallel cigars joined by a crossmember. Wings or fins extended from both sides.

Mammoth

"There were lights or something like jet streams shooting out the back, and there were huge lights, almost like searchlights, in several parts of the vehicle," Evans said.

Aside from the mammoth dimensions, the lights were the most awesome feature.

"The beacon-type lights were the brightest things I have ever seen in my life," he said.

"All the rest of the lights I saw were arranged as if it might have been the purpose

to outline the craft in detail so as to prevent some other such craft, or our conventional aircraft, from crashing into it.

"There were green lights, also very bright but not very large, outlining the whole thing. They went clear around the edges of the wings and fins, and even outlined the piece that connected the two cigar-shaped cylinders."

The previous Nashville sighting was made by 20 city police officers and several state troopers, who said they watched two objects drift across the sky at a much greater altitude.

Bright

Evans believes the craft he and Leech saw was one of them.

"I think it was just too high on that night for them to make out much detail," he declared. "But they talked a lot about how bright the lights were, and this one really was blinding."

*Is it a bird?
Is it a plane?
No, it's ...*

Whatever it was that Bob Shirley saw early Friday morning, it certainly kept him from dozing off at the wheel as he drove from Maywood to North Platte to begin his mail route.

Shirley, who lives at Maywood, had just left home and was heading north up US-83 about 5:15 a.m. when, about a mile north of the Maywood junction, he saw a bright flashing blue light in the distance toward the northwest. Every time the light flashed, there was static on his car radio.

As the object drew closer in the west, the flash "looked like a blue dome," he said.

Shirley pulled over to the shoulder to watch it and the car's engine died, although he said he did not know if the speeding object had any connection with making the engine quit.

"It couldn't have been a plane. It was moving too fast," he feels. "I didn't hear any sound whatever, but I didn't get out of the car," he added.

As the object sped south into the distance "it looked like a streak or streamer came down from it," he said.

An official at the FAA flight service station in North Platte said the station had no reports of any planes in the area, although low-flying military fighters frequently fly down the route. A plane's collision avoidance strobe light may have been the light seen by Shirley, he said.

FARMVILLE, VA. - HERALD
*****FEB. 14, 1979*

'UFO' Spotted Sunday Evening Over Farmville

A Farmville resident reports seeing a strange air vehicle Sunday evening at 8 p.m. He said the UFO was "perfectly round, about 25 per cent the size of a full moon. It was all lit up, made no sound, and had no blinking lights", he reports.

The object moved about the speed of a jet airplane and traveled from northeast to south.

"It was probably a satellite," he surmised, "but I wonder if anyone else saw it?"

NORHT PLATTIE, NEBR. - TELEGRAPH
*****MAR. 3, 1979*****

National UFO researcher to probe area sightings

By DOROTHY LEWIS
Staff Writer

A national UFO research group is investigating the late-February sightings of a saucer-shaped spaceship above the Twin Cities.

Alan Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., called the sightings "very intriguing, indeed," and said today he will investigate it further.

HENDRY SAID he has talked to two persons who saw the large object in the skies over the metropolitan area on the evening of Feb. 23. "And I understand there is at least one more person who witnessed it," he said.

LEE HOFF, 1801 Stillwater Road, called the Dispatch the next day to report sighting the giant-sized UFO at 11:30 p.m. in the vicinity of Military Road and Highway 19, Cottage Grove. He said he watched it for about 4½ minutes until it disappeared in a southerly direction.

Rose Marie Julig, 4340 Benjamin St. NE., Columbia Heights, after seeing the story in the paper, reported that she and a friend, Suzanne Arent, McGregor, Minn., both observed the UFO from the Julig home for about 25 minutes, beginning about 10:20 p.m.

JULIG DESCRIBED it as "huge ... larger than a jet plane," with two extremely strong lights at the front that looked like a single light until the craft was close.

She and Arent watched it as it approached from the south. "It hovered over the house about 20 feet up for about 1 or 1½ minutes. It was disc-shaped, with a flat, solid gray metallic surface and a grooved understructure where access doors could be located," she recalled. She said it was traveling north. "It was silent, but when I opened the door and looked out, I could hear a humming sound."

"IT SEEMED AS if it wanted to be seen, it was traveling so slowly," she said.

Her description closely matched that of Hoff, except that he viewed it at an altitude of about 250 feet, and for only about 4½ minutes. Hendry said the fact that three or more persons saw the object makes it far more credible. "And by description, it couldn't very well be a man-made or caused phenomenon," he said.

HENDRY SAID he plans to contact authorities here to determine if anything unusual appeared on radar that night. But by its low altitude described by witnesses, it was probably below the radar scope, he added.

"And it would have been hard to detect because of the normal ground clutter," he said.

GERALD LINTON, assistant chief of the control tower at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport, said nothing unusual was reported or seen on radar Feb. 26. And a spokesman for the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., said he had no reports of the sighting.

Hendry, nevertheless, is enthusiastic. He said he would be happy to hear from any other person who saw the UFO in the metropolitan area. The center's number is 312-491-6666.

THE CENTER is headed by J. Allen Hynek, who directed scientific investigations for Operation Bluebook, the government's UFO bureau which closed in 1969.

Hendry said the center receives three or four calls a day on UFO sightings. "The majority fall through. But those which are confirmed by more than one witness, as this one was, are rare," he explained.

"Yes," he said, "I would call it extremely interesting."

FALMOUTH, MASS. - ENTERPRISE
*****FEB. 20, 1979*****

Our Neighbors Report Flying Saucers

The Narragansett Times reports a rash of flying saucer sightings along the Rhode Island coastline. That's not very far away, as the flying saucer flies.

Thirty sightings of unidentified flying objects have been reported along 30 miles of coast since the end of January. The reports have come from policemen, college students and others.

They have described a circular disc, illuminated by intense green, blue or white lights, and a tubular object, shaped something like a baseball bat, illuminated in three distinct sections.

A third of the sightings have been in daylight hours. Most accounts had the UFO's hovering over the water, generally between 200 and 800 feet, visible for several minutes at a time.

A look at the stars and a mysterious formation

CHESTERTOWN, MD. - NEWS
*****MAR. 7, 1979****

UFO Sighted Saturday

A walk with their dog on a mild and pleasant Tuesday night changed the minds of John and Shirley Pozdro of Lawrence about the possible existence of unidentified flying objects.

And the UFO Reporting Center in Washington supports the Pozdros' belief that what they saw briefly Tuesday night "might not be of this planet."

POZDRO, a well-known Kansas University composer and professor of music theory, and his wife were walking in the area of their home at 713 La. about 8:10 p.m. Tuesday.

"It was a nice night to get out, I'd been working and wanted to clear my head, and suddenly we both spotted about eight star-like objects traveling in a wide V-formation from east to west, high in the sky, at a tremendous rate of speed," Pozdro said today.

"It lasted for about four or five seconds, then they dropped behind some trees in the west and we didn't see them again," he added. "We called the police station, they said they hadn't heard anything, but gave us a number in Washington to call. Shirley made the call while I waited outside to see if there was anything else."

The number from the police put the Pozdros in touch with the UFO Reporting Service in Washington, a non-government agency staffed around the clock by persons interested in space objects — about half with scientific backgrounds and about half "just concerned citizens."

"Whoever I talked to Tuesday night said that what we had seen was not unusual, a fairly common thing reported from many places and that there are two main theories — that the formation either is from outer space or else involves some time travelers," Mrs. Pozdro said. "I know that sounds wild and fantastic, but that is what they said."

THE JOURNAL-WORLD contacted the UFO center this morning and Robert Gribble, who was on duty at the privately funded agency, confirmed what the Tuesday night source had told Mrs. Pozdro.

"We have no total explanation for this kind of thing, which has become fairly common around the world," Gribble said. "We have to put them either in the category of vehicles from outer space or something like time travelers, and that is about all we can guess, or at least all we know. Again, there is no total explanation, and we've been working hard to find one."

Pozdro chuckled as he recounted the experience this morning. "Not long ago, I was on a plane coming back from Chicago and a fellow passenger asked me if I put any stake in talk about space travel and UFOs. I told him I was skeptical, that I hadn't seen anything to justify such a belief — but after Tuesday night, I think I'm a believer. At least until I have a real logical, sound explanation, I've changed my thinking."

"These things were simply traveling much too fast and covered far too much area at too great a height just to be some jets. I've seen jets, and they don't move that fast at that

height. They were in a perfect 'V' and their lighting was strong and uniform. If anyone else saw them, I'd sure be glad to know."

MRS. POZDRO added, "When I called the number Tuesday night, I told them I thought we were stable people and not some UFO nuts. The man I talked to replied calmly, telling me what we'd seen was not unusual and that he didn't consider us out of line. It would be different if John and I both hadn't seen the same things. But as of today, we've both changed our thinking about the UFO thing."

The U.S. Air Force may have closed out the UFO-surveying "Project Blue Book," but several residents of Big Woods are firmly convinced that Unidentified Flying Objects, whether alien or domestic, are a reality.

Both Elma Hackett and her grand-daughter, Patricia, were stunned about 6:45 p.m. Saturday to see "bright gray blue and yellow lights" hovering in the night sky near their Big Woods home.

The witnesses described the object as hovering over electric poles in the vicinity briefly and then suddenly disappearing.

While the Hacketts are believed the only one's to have seen the unfamiliar flying object, other residents of the vicinity reported vicarious encounters with "whatever it was."

Houses shook and TV's blacked-out, "as if the electricity was being sucked right out of the lines," residents reported.

One resident reportedly stepped from the bath tub while the object was in the area and was thrown to the floor by the vibration.

State police were informed of the sighting, but indicated they were not able to verify it.

For the Hacketts, there was no need to verify the incident. They know it happened.

Reports also came from the Gregg Neck area, but could not be confirmed.

UFO body snatchers took him for a ride, Hialeah man claims

DEBORAH GRAY and ARTHUR GOLDEN
Miami News Reporters

A Hialeah businessman who says he was abducted by a UFO last month now claims he had another close encounter this week with the same creatures from the great beyond, who again revealed the secrets of the universe.

Investigators from two psychic organizations here say they believe him.

Filiberto Cardenas told a news conference last night that the secrets of the universe were handed to him when he was kidnaped by a flying saucer on Jan. 3.

Cardenas said the secrets were transmitted telepathically during the bizarre two-hour abduction by short, strange beings with red hair that looked like the plastic hair of doll wigs.

Last Monday night, Cardenas said, he was drawn to the same spot on Okeechobee Road where he had been whisked away by the space craft. He said the same UFO was there, and he again communicated with its occupants about the secrets of the future.

These secrets, the 46-year-old Cardenas said, cannot yet be revealed publicly.

Patricia Hayes, a psychic and founder of the Projects Possible in Miami, which investigates paranormal phenomena, said 30 clairvoyants and mystics from her organization had probed the case. She said they all reached the same conclusion.

"We believe that he was in contact with an alien energy vibrating faster than the normal rate," she said.

The psychic investigators, she said, tuned into Cardenas' mental wave lengths and complained of suffering some or all of the same discomforts Cardenas said he experienced after the abduction.

The discomforts included frequent urination, tremendous thirst, an odd taste in the mouth and an unusual body odor, she said.

Cardenas' account was also supported by hypnotherapist Jose Yedra and researchers from another Miami-based psychic group, the Investigation Center of Extraterrestrial Life.

After his abduction, Cardenas had said he could not remember anything about the two hours between his disappearance and discovery. But Yedra said he had re-

stored Cardenas' memory of the incident through a series of hypnotherapy sessions.

Allan Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., the nation's major center for extraterrestrial inquiries, said today that he had been in contact with the Investigation Center on the Cardenas case.

"We are very interested in learning more about it," he said.

Cardenas and three other people last month had been examining his 1970 Chevy on Okeechobee Road near Florida's Turnpike Extension when he was zapped by a red-violet light.

The next thing he could recall, he said, was that he was on the Tamiami Trail near 137th Avenue, 12 miles from where his car had stalled.

"I have been transformed completely," Cardenas says of the incident. "I don't work as hard as I used to. I feel I have to help people more. I think I always had that feeling, but I always wanted to do something else first — like finish my house.

"Now I don't. My family comes first. And I want to read every book I can about UFO's."

Members of the Investigation Center group said they are going to record some of the predictions Cardenas revealed during his hypnotic regression session. The predictions, which were tape recorded, will be stored in a bank vault and reopened many years in the future.

"Did not someone give you a spoon, or at least something material?" asked one skeptic from the audience. "This is not proof."

Well, claimed Virgilio Sanchez-Ocejo, president of the Investigation Center, there is proof.

Two hours after Cardenas called him Tuesday morning about his latest adventure, he said, a member of their organization was contacted by people who said they saw a mother spaceship and several smaller ships hanging above the Miami International Airport.

Sanchez-Ocejo played back the accounts of the one woman and three male eyewitnesses on his tape recorder.

"Had you ever read about UFOs before all this happened?" asked the same skeptic from the crowd.

"I have read little pieces of the Bible — but of UFOs, I'm sorry. I never believed in it," Cardenas said.

MANCHESTER, CONN. - HERALD
*****MARCH 6, 1979*****

Officers Won't Verify Report of UFO Sighting

MANCHESTER — Local police supervisors would not verify reports of a UFO sighting by a police officer last week.

Officer Jonas "Josh" Searle said that he saw a low flying object with blue and green lights moving at a fast rate of speed over the Tacorral Restaurant on Broad Street last Thursday at 8:10 p.m.

Other officers also reported possible UFO's in other parts of Manchester the same night. Sgt. Lawrence Smith, when asked about his sighting over the Manchester Country Club said it looked like a low flying airplane, and stressed, "It was definitely an airplane."

Sgt. Raymond Mazzone, who was on desk duty Thursday night, refused to corroborate any of the reports and told Searle he could not give such information to the press. There was no report in the daily police log. Searle said he did not write up a report.

Patrol Captain Henry Minor said he had received no reports of the UFO's. When asked if he would suppress such information, Minor said he would chastise any officers that did not make a report on a possible sighting.

Robert Bletchman, a local UFO enthusiast, said he had also heard the report of Searle's sighting from another police officer on duty Thursday, which verified Searle's report.

Bletchman questioned why there haven't been more UFO sightings reported through the Manchester police when other police in the area have had significant numbers of sightings.

Amber Light Reported

By WAYNE HALL
NEWBURGH — Clark Ennest of 90 Fullerton Ave. saw them Sunday at about 8:15 p.m.

"It was an amber light in the sky. And then three others joined it. Joe Makarewicz and his wife, Janet, said they were following three of them along South Street as they drove to our house," he said.

City police on the 4 to midnight shift said they saw four unidentified flying objects with white, orange and red lights over Larter and DuPont avenues that darted from the beam of their patrol car spotlight.

A Town of Newburgh police officer's father reportedly sighted four flying objects over the old town dump at Pierce's Road.

And David Callahan, 14, says he might be responsible for the whole thing.

"They might have been some of the what I call Unidentified Flying Laundry Bags. I just take the plastic bags from the cleaners, patch up the holes, put about 18 candles on a balsa wood X-frame, seal the bag around it and let the hot air take it up into the sky."

The North Junior High School ninth grader said he had sent four bags over the city Sunday at about the time the UFOs were sighted by Ennest at Fullerton Avenue.

"We just stood outside and watched them for about 15 minutes," said Ennest, adding that his neighbor Susan Albus at 92 Fullerton Ave. along

with her dinner guests had seen the same objects but thought their lights were red.

"They hovered in one spot and separated into single file and went west slowly until they disappeared," recalled Ennest, a 32-year-old automobile brake salesman.

Apparently, Callahan's floating plastic bags could reach about 1,000 feet, the youngster theorized. "And once one of them outsped me in a car while I was trying to track it." He said he has sent up about 40 of them over the last five years. "It's something fun to do that I found in a book of games."

"It was just before the snowstorm and it was unusually quiet along Fullerton Avenue. If there were planes you would have heard something," said Ennest.

Still, the bag theory wouldn't explain the silvery shape Ennest says he saw years ago crossing the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge.

"It moved like a flash but I know it wasn't a falling star," he said.

"My wife Vawn and I are firm believers that we're not alone, he continued.

There were no reports of UFOs at Stewart Airport's operations tower Sunday, said airport manager Lawrence Gallagher.

UFO Reported In Warren

WARREN — Reports of an unidentified flying object landing on Stirling Road and a series of loud and as yet unexplained "booms" have police here working on a mystery which reads like the latest in space-age fiction.

The reports on strange sounds and sights started last Thursday when 25 residents called to report a possible explosion which left their houses shaking.

They ended Sunday when, shortly before midnight, a patrolman on duty reported seeing a bright turquoise object the size of a basketball falling slowly from the sky and appearing to land near the Chanticleer Restaurant on Stirling Road.

The report of the UFO was confirmed by a resident but neither police or the resident found anything near the restaurant when they went to check things out.

Although police were referring to the object as a falling star, it gave rise to speculation among some residents

that there's more to the story.

Police said they have no idea whether the strange series of reports of explosions, sonic booms and the like have anything to do with the UFO reported by the patrolman.

Residents from Maryland to New York reported hearing what sounded like explosions last week. Authorities originally suggested it might have been a Concorde breaking the sound barrier when it landed at Washington, D.C.

However, French and English air officials said they

had no Concordes landing in Washington at the time the first "sonic booms" were reported and no official explanation has yet been offered.

There have also been reports the cold air is causing the loud noises.

One report explained the noises are caused by sonic booms from supersonic transport planes, since sound travels due to the extremely low temperatures. There is no explanation of the objects sighted Sunday night.

DAILY RECORD - MORRISTOWN, N.J.
*****MAR 15, 1979*****

Boy Scouts Report Sighting Of UFOs

WASHINGTON TWP. (Morris) — Twenty Boy Scouts of Troup 36 reported seeing last night what they claimed was a "formation of unidentified flying objects in a triangular formation over the Long Valley Middle School area."

One of the scouts, Nat Johnston, called in the UFO sighting to the Washington Township police dispatcher, who sent a patrol car to the scene.

The patrolman in the squad car said nothing was visible when he arrived but he made a sketch of the UFO from descriptions given to him by the Boy Scouts.

The description described the UFOs as being cigar-shaped with

four multi-colored lights, one on the front, one on the rear and one on each side. The scouts said the lights appeared to have another series of lights within them which flashed on and off in sequences of red, green and yellow.

The formation was observed on the way to the school by David Ellinwood who, with two others, was being driven to the school by his parents. "We saw them about 7:15," David said, "and when we got to the school about twenty of us watched them."

David said the group stopped watching at 8 p.m. and when they came out of the school at 9 p.m. the objects were gone.

UFOs busy buzzing Charlotte area

By **BOB GLENDY**
and **JANICE SMITH**
News Staff Writers

"When I first saw it, I thought it was a jetliner crashing," said Steve Morton, but what he saw turned out to be an unidentified flying object — one of several spotted in the Charlotte area within the last week.

"We were traveling north on the Corinth Church Road when we suddenly saw these lights hovering over the road," said Morton, director of the Union County Building Inspection Department.

"There were bright lights on the left side and on the right side of an oval silhouette about 200 feet off the ground with a red light on the top."

After reporting his sighting, Morton said he received a call late Friday night from Wayne Laporte of Matthews, an amateur UFO investigator, who said there had been other "reliable" UFO reports in the area within the last week.

Laporte said sightings had been reported near the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, in Sanford and in Mint Hill.

He said a 17-year-old boy, his 15-year-old sister and their 24-year-old aunt reported a sighting last Monday night near UNCC as they were traveling along Highway 29.

The boy described the silent object as a hexagonal disk with a dome on it, Laporte said.

The sighting took place shortly after 11:30 p.m. after the three had made a turn at Harris Boulevard and had started back down Highway 29 toward Charlotte, Laporte said.

Three other people in the area reported seeing lights in the area about midnight that same night, but Laporte, an industrial engineer by trade, said he believes what they saw was a jet.

The mother of the two teenagers, who did not want the family to be identified, said she believes they saw something unusual.

She described her children as "pretty cool-headed" and said they couldn't have been hallucinating because they're not into "the drug scene."

"I believe they saw what they say they saw," she said. They said it wasn't a plane. "My children have been around planes. They have flown."

She said she asked her son to sketch what he saw and later that night, she went back to the area of the sighting with him, but they didn't see anything.

Power was out in the North Tryon Street area that Monday night and Laporte and the mother

said one of the reasons the three said they could see the object so well was because it had lights while everything else was dark.

Laporte said he hasn't been able to investigate the Mint Hill sighting Saturday night, but he said a teen-ager told his wife the object had red, green and blue lights and was dropping sparks.

No details are available on the Sanford sighting.

In his three years of investigation, Laporte said he usually gets about one good case every three months. But now, he said, he has several good cases, all reported within a few weeks.

He said his research has shown that UFOs reported in this area usually have an affinity for power lines, generators, electrical substations or other high-intensity areas.

Laporte asks that anyone who has seen a UFO call him at 882-1732 after 6 p.m.

The teen-agers and their aunt said the object seemed to be following them, but when the route was compared to a map, it seemed as if the object were following the power lines.

Morton's sighting in Monroe came on a return trip from a youth league basketball game. With him as he headed for the White Oaks subdivision south of Monroe were his wife, Debbie, a neighbor, Jeff Fox, and several children.

Fox, a sophomore at Parkwood High School, said the UFO had four or five white lights on the left side and a red blinking light on top.

"We tried to get closer to the thing, but as we moved closer, it moved away, and when we stopped and rolled down the windows to see what we could hear, there wasn't any sound," Fox said.

Morton said the object appeared to be about 60 feet long, but he couldn't get within a quarter mile of it.

The only difference between Fox's and Morton's descriptions was the thickness of the object.

Morton said the object appeared thick, although not as thick as it was long, while Fox said he thought the object was flat like a dish.

"It was dark, although it wasn't cloudy," Morton said. "It really didn't dawn on me then, but the moon was up."

"We tried to get closer to the object, but it moved off and then just took off at a high rate of speed in a southerly direction."

Both Fox and Morton thought at first they might be looking at several helicopters, but the lack of sound eliminated that possibility.

UFO investigator pleased with reports of sightings

By HENRY WELLES
Staff Writer

Local UFO investigator Wayne LaPorte is pleased with the recent number of UFO sightings in the area, and more importantly, that people are willing to talk about what they've seen.

At least half a dozen people have contacted LaPorte within the past few days reporting to have seen UFOs. One of those was county resident Steve Morton, who claims to have seen one on Friday night while driving along the Corinth Church Road with his family.

The Enquirer-Journal has learned that two other groups of county residents also saw a similar object in the sky on Friday night.

"The interesting thing here," LaPorte said, "is that most good UFO sightings are isolated. Here we

have several people together who claim to have seen a UFO. Also, it is rare to have more than one good sighting of a UFO in so short a time."

LaPorte estimates that only one out of 20 people who see UFOs report them. "Very few people want to talk," he said. "Fortunately, there are some who will come forward to tell about their experiences, and that's the only way we learn about it.

You normally get a lot of kidding."

UFO SEEN

Steve Morton, the county building inspector, and his family were returning from a basketball game at Western Union Elementary School when they saw something strange in the sky.

"It looked like a big airliner ready to crash," Morton said. "It was hovering 200 feet above the road.

There were several bright lights on one end and a red light on top of it and a red light on the other end."

The UFO, which Morton described as having an oval shape, moved from left to right across the road and hovered over a field. Morton stopped the car, but he and his passengers heard no noise. He estimated the object to be 60 feet long.

He said the UFO was moving south at 5-10 mph, before it picked up

speed and left the area while Morton was trying to catch up with it. Morton estimated that he and his family were within a quarter mile of the UFO.

"It didn't really bother us," he said. "At the time it seemed natural to try to catch up with it." The sighting, which occurred around 9, lasted about 5 minutes, he said.

Morton said he now believes in UFOs, but he added that "if it had been me by myself, I'd never have said anything about it." He feels his family's presence bolstered his credibility.

"I've always thought there was something out there," he said.

ANOTHER SIGHTING

At almost exactly the same time, Lisa Secrest, a student at Sun Valley High School, saw a UFO similar to what Morton described as she drove west on U.S. 74 near the Kendrick brick plant.

"There were three or four white lights in the front and a big red light on the back," she said. "We turned off the radio and we couldn't hear anything, even with the windows down."

Ms. Secrest said she and two friends who were riding with her observed the UFO for approximately 5-10 minutes until they reached the intersection of U.S. 74 and the Unionville-Indian Trail Road. She said the UFO was moving slowly south when she last saw it.

"I told them (her passengers) it was a UFO but they didn't believe me," Ms. Secrest said. She said she believes in UFOs.

"I've always wanted to see one," she said. "I believed in them before this. I'm not sure what it was though."

OFF WAXHAW ROAD

Loretta Browning saw what she first thought was a blimp on Friday evening as she looked out of the den of her house off Waxhaw Road.

"It was about a quarter of a mile away, near the woods, just above the treeline," she said. "There were lights on it and it was moving slowly south."

Ms. Browning said she watched the UFO for approximately 30 seconds, thinking it was a blimp.

Her opinion changed, she said, when she learned there were no blimps in the area. "It wasn't a plane, and I know now it wasn't a blimp," she said. "Now I don't know what it was."

LaPorte, an industrial engineer who lives in Matthews, says he will check the reports to see if they can be explained. Between 80 and 90 percent of all reports are explainable he says.

People may have mistaken an advertising plane that often flies in this area for a UFO, he said. But he hasn't yet been able to verify the plane's presence in Union County last Friday night.

UFO Reported Here

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An unidentified woman called city police Tuesday to report seeing an unidentified flying object over Swader's Bakery on Perkins Avenue.

She said she was at 19th Street and Perkins Avenue when she spotted a large, lighted square-shaped object hovering over the area of the bakery.

She said she saw the UFO at about 11:20 p.m. and called the police to see if anyone else had reported the incident.

PIXLEY, CALIF. - ENTERPRISE
*****FEB 28, 1979*****

Pixley man sights UFO

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BY GEORGE MARTZEN --
"It was just a light," said Steve Jennings, speaking of the unidentified flying object he sighted over Pixley Tuesday evening, Feb. 12.

Jennings had just been leaving his home when he observed the object in the overcast 5:30 p.m. sky.

Stopping on Park Avenue next to the El Serape, he noticed the UFO in the general direction of Pixley Park, hovering at about 1,000 feet.

He also noted that the object began moving in a southeasterly direction and climbing at a rate he estimated to be about 300 miles per hour.

A private pilot himself, Jennings noted there were quite a few low flying aircraft that night because of the overcast. There were no stars.

About 15 minutes after the first sighting, Jennings observed another, or the same object on the west side of the freeway. He said that both sightings appeared to lean toward the freeway at a 20 to 30 degree angle.

Jennings wasn't the only to see the mysterious object. Vickie Merritt, Pixley,

said she was driving with a couple friends when she saw it over the park; "it stayed, I guess about 30 minutes over the park area," she said, mentioning that it was "just a really bright light."

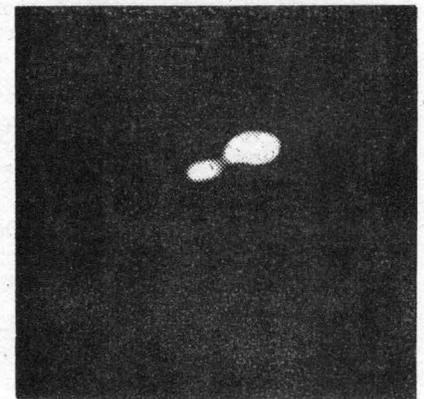
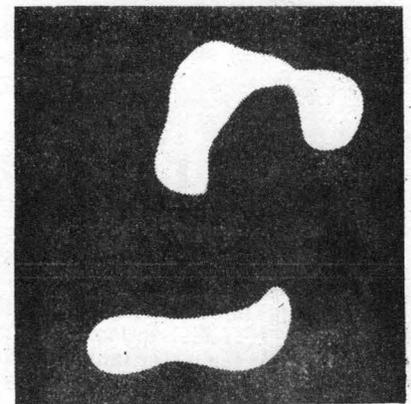
Jennings who shoots a lot of slide pictures and carries his camera with him in his pick-up, was fortunate enough to get several pictures of the light.

Although at first appearing to be only a single light, closer observation of the slide shows four circles of light, two larger than others grouped in a line.

Both Jennings and Miss Merritt observed the intensity of the light to undulate - to increase and decrease in brightness.

Personally, Jennings had little to say in conjecture about the object, except that it was unidentified and flying. He said he was aware of theories on the matter of UFO's, such as creatures from other planets or beings living in the earth emerging from the mysterious Bermuda Triangle.

However, he considered his knowledge on the matter too limited to speculate further.



SLIDE PICTURE OF UFO SIGHTING over Pixley provided the impression of electrical discharge between two or more points, or possibly single points of light travelling at high speeds.

UFO sighted over Dixon?

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Four Dixonites think they may have spotted a UFO around noon Monday.

Kevin Jacobs, John Pardi and Bill Wentworth were standing near the intersection of Cypress and Mayfair streets when Jacobs says he heard a plane overhead and saw the UFO.

Perhaps in a bit of hyperbole, Pardi says he could have shot it with a deer rifle. They describe the object as round and watched it through

binoculars for about 10 minutes as the object moved toward Travis AFB.

"It wasn't like a round balloon," Wentworth said. "It looked like something floating around. It was kind of strange." It wasn't propelled like conventional aircraft, he said.

They were joined by police officer Glen Russell as he came out of his house. Russell described the object as being "like a frisbee that was dropped and floating down." He said its color was blue and that it also was reflective like tin foil.

Wentworth said it at one time looked reflective on the outer portions and dark in the middle.

The four said they couldn't say how large the object was because of the distance.

Russell telephone Travis but was

told Air Force personnel had reported nothing although planes were in the air.

The Nut Tree Airport said it had no weather balloon in the air Monday.

Russell reported the sighting to the Phenomena Research National Reporting Center in Seattle, Washington.

Robert Gribble of the center told the Tribune their personnel would go through the regular process of trying to find additional witnesses. Russell's report will go in the active file for 30 days, he said.

It has a low priority, Gribble said. He said a high priority sighting would be one in which the UFO landed or there was some experience by witnesses with the UFO within several hundred feet.

PLEASANTON, CAL. - TIMES
*****FEB 18, 1979*****

The UFO's: More than meets the eye

It has been nearly two years since members of three Pleasanton families reported sighting an Unidentified Flying Object in their neighborhood.

The best description came from a family of three living near the water tank near Kottlinger Park. They said the strange craft, which gave off a bright white light, was 100 to 200 feet long and hovered a couple of hundred feet above the water tank. It was there for 10 or 12 minutes.

I found it an impressive story. I've never talked to the family personally, but Times reporter Sue Vogelsanger, who did, paints a convincing picture.

I think those people saw what they said they saw. But what they saw is a matter for conjecture.

Jacques Valle, a French astronomer, gives the most likely account of what UFO's really are. Writing in the

Ron McNicoll

February issue of East West Journal, Valle said we should explore the middle and avoid the extremes. Those extremist positions are: either flying saucers don't exist or they are commanded by creatures from outer space.

The answer lies right here on earth, says Valle. It's more than a coincidence they have been spotted since World War II. He traces them to the German "ghost rockets" developed during World War II. Supposedly Jimmy Doolittle was sent to Sweden in 1946 to investigate reports of a crashed "ghost rocket", but his report never has been declassified.

Valle thinks that either certain governments or private forces have the technology to project or simulate UFO flights. Their motives have to be guessed. It might be to "unite earth" by making up a threat from outer space. Or it might be a subtle form of social control to manipulate us into whatever they want, says Valle.

While he cannot outline the exact technology involved, he has some convincing arguments about what we know can be done and about the kinds of lies the CIA tells to cover up things. For example, when airline pilots saw "something up there", the CIA lied, it was flights of geese. The real answer, people learned later, was formations of U-2 spy planes.

Radiation burns on the face have been reported by some who had contact with UFO's. (Remember Richard Dreyfuss's face in Close Encounters of the Third Kind?) Considering what the Russians are doing with low-level microwave radiation across the street from the U.S. embassy in Moscow, it's certainly possible that someone is doing similar things with these UFO's.

And how does he explain the little folks, three feet tall, sometimes reported alighting from spacecraft? Valle doesn't have an exact explanation, but notes that if Hollywood can do a great deal with special effects, scientific whiz kids probably can do a great deal more.

The "bright scientist" angle is very important in his theory. He gets into the history of espionage in World War II, as reported in one particular book, and notes that many games were played against the Nazis using technology — inflatable rubber tanks and sound tracks to simulate an entire armored division, for example. Valle thinks these minds did not stop working after the war.

Valle (the French astronomer in Close Encounters was patterned after him) thinks the scientific community should throw its full weight behind the search to find out what UFO's really are. Right now any scientist would be laughed out of his or her community if he or she wrote a serious article on UFO's for Scientific American, according to Valle.

And whoever on earth is behind this phenomenon wants to discourage such inquiries, he feels. We don't need more UFO cults who think creatures from outer space will deliver us from our problems: we need more UFO detectives, says Valle.

Meteor reports

'Sighting' reported — but sheepishly

By TOM WILLMAN
Press-Enterprise Staff Writer

Saturday night, a meteor flashed across Southern California's sky. Described as a blue-green ball with a fiery orange tail, it was here and gone in an instant but people from Las Vegas to the coast caught a glimpse of it.

That's probably what the people around Lake Arrowhead saw. After all, the air is clear in the mountains, and they started calling the Twin Peaks sheriff station at 11 p.m., the same time the meteor was observed.

And none of the callers — there were seven to the sheriff's station and others to the state Department of Forestry and fire stations — was suggesting the idea of a genuine Close Encounter.

"Nobody actually said UFO," said Dep. Nancy Benson, the dispatcher on duty at the Twin Peaks station Saturday night.

"The only thing that they described to me was a blue-white light that actually lit up the area quite well." And two or three red lights drifting out from the brilliant white object, "moving slowly" down toward the San Bernardino Valley.

"All of them were extremely embarrassed to call me and report it," said Benson.

Well, who wouldn't be, trying to explain something like that?

"It was just a momentary thing but it was quite bright," Benson said. "Even persons who were in their homes, with the curtains drawn, saw it and went outside to look."

When the calls started mounting up, Benson got on the police radio and asked a cruising deputy if he had seen anything. Cruising cars all the way down in the valley heard her broadcast.

"I got a few clicking 'mikes' when I asked if he had seen what might have been a meteorite. Then the whole world laughed at me.

"And then one of our officers who was down in San Bernardino came on and said he had seen it."

That broke the ice just a little. "Several of my officers who were out in the field, as well as several who were down in San Bernardino, saw it," said Benson. So did her lieutenant, she later learned.

One officer suggested it might have been a transformer blowing out, but others disagreed: The light was too piercing, too bright. A plane down? No, too bright.

So Benson called the tower at Norton Air Force Base. The man in the tower "saw what he thought was a shooting star," said Benson.

Probably so. After all, that person didn't even bother to make an entry in the log book. "We checked with the Command Post and the tower, and they have nothing on the log," Norton spokesman Bill Frankenberger said yesterday.

Frankenberger keeps notes of this sort of thing. "The last UFO sighting we had was on Jan. 2," he said. There were two calls. The only fix on the object was somewhere northeast of San Bernardino.

There were a couple in November, and last Aug. 15 there were reports from Running Springs and Rim of the World. And then there was one on Sept. 28, from Lake Arrowhead.

"We usually get a couple a month," Frankenberger said.

Benson doesn't get many calls like those at all. The only other one she recalls was five days before the Saturday incident, a little after sunset. A man with a desert vista thought he saw police cars moving on the desert floor below.

Or more probably military maneuvers of some sort, he suggested hopefully when he called Benson. The only reason he had called, she said, was that the red and orange objects appeared to be hovering above the ground when he checked them through binoculars. That was just before they, well, suddenly disappeared.

That caller was a little sheepish about the whole thing, Benson said.

Well, who wouldn't be? After all, when Benson checked that "sighting" with the Victorville sheriff's station, they hadn't seen anything.

The same with a lot of officers in San Bernardino Saturday night; like the one who chuckled yesterday and said he doesn't drink the same stuff as those people who saw the lights.

"I'm not a disbeliever," said Benson. "I've just never seen anything like that. But I think I'd be hesitant to report something . . ."

No UFO evidence found; 2 others report sightings

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No physical evidence of an unidentified flying object sighted Monday, March 12, near Eldred has been found, but two other sightings were reported that same night, according to an area UFO investigator.

Joan Jeffers, a field researcher with the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Study, said the area where two Port Allegney men saw the object, had a large enough clearing that it could have come close to the ground.

The two men reportedly saw a dome-shaped object with two flashing red lights.

A resident from the Eldred area said he saw a yellow light moving towards Eldred just after the two men alerted him of what they saw, according to Ms. Jeffers. A second object had also been spotted that night and was described as "bright gold and triangular shaped."

The resident also reported television interference at the time of the sighting, Ms. Jeffers said.

Later Ms. Jeffers got a report of a St. Marys couple, wishing to remain anonymous, who had a sighting similar to the first one in Eldred, about five minutes before the object had been seen in Eldred.

"It sounds as if it may have been the same object," Ms. Jeffers said.

The couple described it as having a "bubble on top and a bubble on the bottom with red

lights, working in unison, on either side."

The object was traveling north as the couple was returning to their home in St. Marys and seemed to be following the roadway, Ms. Jeffers said.

At first they couple thought it was an airplane, but it was flying so low (about 200 feet off the ground) and did not make any noise, that they discredited that theory.

Ms. Jeffers reported a check with the Bradford Regional Airport told her that the only aircraft in the area March 12 was traveling west.

Also about the same time the object with the red flashing lights was sighted, three youngsters in Bradford reported they saw a bright red light flying over the School Street Junior High School, about 200 feet above the ground.

Ms. Jeffers remarked the children's parents did not believe them, but called her after reading The Era's account of the Eldred sighting.

This object was "bigger than a small house and diamond shaped," Ms. Jeffers said. It flew diagonally in a northerly direction.

The UFO investigator ruled out the object being stars or planets because it was seen below the horizon.

She is continuing an investigation into the latest set of reports.

Another UFO reported seen on Derrick Rd.

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Area residents have had their eyes on the sky again and the fourth unidentified flying object reported this month was seen near Derrick Road, according to Joan Jeffers of the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

The object, sighted about 8:05 p.m. Tuesday, was described by the woman who saw it as "a bright white disc, traveling east at tree top level."

Ms. Jeffers, a field investigator for the center, said the object was reportedly moving slowly and went in the direction of Duke Center.

The Federal Aviation Administration, stationed in Bradford, said there were no planes in the area at the time, according to Ms. Jeffers.

She added weather phenomenon of any type do not appear to be factors, but possibilities of other identified flying objects have to be checked out.

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*****MAR. 14, 1979****

UFO sighted in Davison

By Ken Grayzel
Index Staff Writer

FRONT PAGE

A UFO over Davison? Well, yes and no.

Yes, three people in different places, but at approximately the same time, saw the same strange and huge object in the sky last March 6. So they did what any normal person would do if they saw a strange object in the sky. Not report it.

Well almost no one. At the constant prodding of a friend, one female Davison area resident phoned in a report of her sighting to the Davison City Police.

"Well, I'll take the report," said the night dispatcher. "But I'll phone the other police departments instead of putting it on the scanner. With all the civilians who have scanners, I'd be getting calls all night."

It was huge, according to accounts by all three witnesses. Its shadow covered the entire width of a city street, one of the sighters said. It had lights all around it, but you couldn't make out the actual shape of the vessel.

Two of the witnesses said they saw a triangle of lights in what they thought was the object's front side. All agreed that the UFO made no noise. All agreed that it moved at a slow pace and was only about 500 to 600 feet in the air moving toward Flint.

Well, the FAA observation tower in Flint neither spotted anything nor received reports of any unusual sightings.

The police, receiving only one formal report of the mystery ship, had not enough testimony to further their investigation.

None of the witnesses were able to take pictures of the UFO and none really cared to report the findings to any official source.

So ask them off the record if they saw a UFO in the sky. Yes, they all agreed, it was a strange thing indeed.

But ask them officially what the UFO looked like. "What UFO?"

So was there a UFO over Davison in the evening hours of March 6. Yes or No.

Mystery in sky scares housewife

HOUSEWIFE Sharon Badcock got the shock of her life when she looked out of her bedroom window today.

For the scene she saw would have been more apt in TV's Star Trek, than Urmston on a cold December morning.

Sharon, of Queens Road, was drying her hair in the upstairs front bedroom of her home when she noticed a brilliant light in the sky.

Then as she watched, it began moving across the sky. "Suddenly another object came out of the bottom of it and descended" she said. "It was shaped like an ice cream cone, with the point upwards and appeared to be circled with what looked like big tyres."

Next a bright beam shot from the "cone" to the object in the sky and seconds later another was returned.

"I was scared stiff" she said. "I just couldn't believe what I was seeing."

Her husband, Alan, took up the story. "I thought the object in the sky was simply a bright star, until I looked at it through my binoculars" he said.

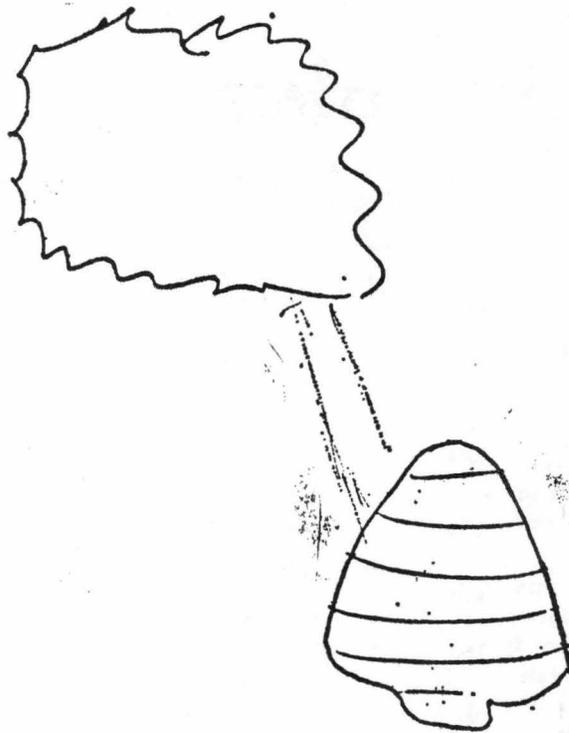
"It looked about the size of a 10p piece and seemed to be made up of several lights. Later it appeared to resemble a web and kept rotating."

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Mr Badcock, a self employed driving instructor phoned the police and then went to see if he could find the object which had landed.

"I got out of the car and headed across the meadows to where I thought it was. I saw something but couldn't get to it because of the River Mersey" he said. "Whatever it was it was big."

Back at the house the couple were joined by two policemen who also watched the object in the sky.



A sketch of the mysterious cone by Sharon and Alan Badcock who are pictured below.



Pc Mathew O'Neil said later: "I looked at the object through the binoculars and it was no star. It was an intensely bright light and we all watched it move."

He said: "We watched the light for over half an hour during which time it moved right across the sky and eventually disappeared. It could have been a satellite, but I've seen nothing like it before."

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Mr Badcock said: "I thought later it might have been lights at the Shell complex at Carrington that we had somehow seen reflected in some way, but the object we saw was in completely the wrong direction."

"I'm no believer in UFO's but you can't disbelieve what you see."

Manchester International Airport has had two separate reports of UFO sightings — one yesterday in the Bury area, and today in Urmston.

A spokesman said both reports were similar, and no explanations could be offered for what had been seen.

EVENING GAZETTE - ENGLAND
*****DEC. 4, 1978*****

UFO seen at airport

An unidentified flying object was seen on Saturday night by staff at the weather office of Basel-Mulhouse airport, airport security police said today.

The UFO, a luminous white sphere about a hundred yards long, was spotted at a distance of 15 miles flying at great speed towards Belfort. It then changed direction towards Basel in Switzerland, leaving red slip streams in its wake.

Foreign
Clippings

Was 'big blue light' a UFO?

TWO local women on their way to a club saw a ball of blue light fall from the sky at Graveley — at exactly the spot where one of them saw another mysterious vision a year ago.

But they did not even mention the phenomenon to each other until it had vanished.

The two friends, Mrs Helen Shepherd, of Shepherds Mead, Hitchin, and Mrs Rita Longcroft, of Mullway, Letchworth, were going along London Road, Graveley, in a car driven by Mrs Shepherd's husband Paul.

They were on their way to a meeting of the Divorced, Separated and Singles Club at Stevenage on Monday night.

"We were just going along talking, and we saw the big-blue light just fall out of the sky. There was an aeroplane going by overhead, but this was much bigger than an aeroplane—it looked like a star," said Mrs Shepherd, 23.

"It was flying directly under the aeroplane. I was

waiting for a big explosion," added Mrs Longcroft, 37, a mother of two.

"I could not believe what I had seen."

Mrs Shepherd said she did not mention the UFO at first in case her friend thought she was "batty".

"But I could not keep quiet. My husband was driving and did not see a thing. He thought we were both barmy."

But the bright blue object was not Mrs Shepherd's first encounter with strange visitors of unknown origin.

About a year ago she was going along past the exact spot, also on her way to the club, when she saw a strange light shape.

"I just happened to see this shape in the sky — the first thing that came into my mind was that it looked like an angel. It was in exactly the same place.

"I just blinked my eyes and it was gone."

Mail COMMENT

Why must life out there be so different

AS the cold weather has a tendency to make us all a little more introspective, there appears to be two kinds of people in Britain, those who believe in the UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) and those who don't. The sighting earlier this month of an object hurtling across the North East sky, including that over Hartlepool, brought forth a variety of descriptions from the scores of people who spotted it. There was plenty of the usual speculation but finally it was confined to the record books as possibly a Russian rocket-launcher burning up in the earth's atmosphere. Meanwhile, in Russia itself, Dr Schlovsky, described as a theoretical astronomer (as distinct presumably from chaps like our own Patrick Moore who actually look through telescopes) has declared that there are no intelligent life forms elsewhere in the universe.

Dr Schlovsky could well be right, of course, but his statement raises a couple of interesting points about the whole business of the UFO and the possibility of "life out there." Why, for arguments sake, shouldn't there be less intelligent beings on some other planet? Why not one packed with humans in the neolithic stage of history? Just think how useful we on earth should all be to them, passing on tips where not to go wrong in ages yet to come. The other point is the automatic assumption that any life we may discover elsewhere in space will be more intelligent than ourselves. Why need it be? This view, of course, is very unfashionable, for surely any life in space we may find MUST be superior to ours. But again why? Could this be a sign that mankind on earth has totally lost his confidence?

UFO spotted by weathermen

AN unidentified flying object was seen on Saturday night by staff at the Weather Office of Basel-Mulhouse Airport, airport security police said today.

The UFO, a luminous white sphere about a hundred yards long, was spotted at a distance of 15 miles flying at great speed towards Belfort. It then changed direction towards Basel in Switzerland, leaving red slip-streams in its wake.

U.F.O. OVER PENRITH

An Unidentified Flying Object was seen, travelling North-East over Penrith, on Tuesday and now Mrs. Lesley Thomson, Newton House, wonders if anyone else spotted the object and can give any explanation.

"It had no vapour trail, like an aircraft. There was a round ball at the front and just a bunch of vapour behind. It was travelling very quickly and high up but was quite clear," she told the "Herald".

Seeing UFOs in a strange new light

From FIRMIN O SULLIVAN in Rome
DECEMBER in Italy was the month of unidentified flying objects. Never had such a flock appeared, never had they been so well documented. Dozens of people saw them and photographed them.

Police and Carabinieri — the military constabulary who are proverbially not given to flights of fancy—photographed them. Nowhere else in the world do they seem to have been to thick in the sky as in Italy, and most of them appeared over, or near, Rome.

Talk of UFOs arouses deep fear in many people. A paranoid attitude towards anything alien to the Earth has long been the mark of science fiction, stories and films; but very significantly the new film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" takes the more reasonable, pacific view.

A friend of mine, an Italian, was among those whose fear was patently stirred by the very suggestion of the existence of UFOs. He would argue desperately against them. He is not uninformed, for he reads and buys The Scientific American regularly. One afternoon he argued strongly against UFOs with me in the square. That night he saw one. Today, he is a calmer and wiser man.

He has an apartment on top of a new building with views in all directions over Rome. He happened to get up at four in the morning, because one of his children was wakeful, and he sat down in his livingroom to read. At four o'clock at this season there is still no sign of dawn, and he was looking westward, enjoying his view over the Eternal City.

Northwest from St. Peter's he saw an intense light break through clouds, downwards. He is an artist, and could perceive and describe the colours clearly: green and blue, with yellow surrounding a very bright, whitish centre. It was there for an instant, and was gone, but made an indelible impression on his brain.

It was clear to me when he told me that he, the former sceptic, had really seen objectively. I took the part of the skeptic, and argued that it might have been sheet lightning, such as is common in the tropics, but not in Europe, as he pointed out, and not at this time of the year.

He had no doubt of the reality. It was difficult to find a convincing normal explanation of the phenomenon.

He picked up the newspaper a day after and read that a late motorist had been scared out of his wits at the same time by a much closer light of the same description in the same location.

However, although he now believes that unidentified flying objects exist, he does not believe that they may be of extra-terrestrial origin.

He thinks they are in relation with the political crisis in Italy, and Italy's vital function in United States strategic designs. The UFOs, in other words, are man made signs and portents intended to keep rising ambitions down in this country. I might add that he would agree with their purpose, if such it be.

I pointed out that it has been shown for many years by mathematical means that at least 1,000 worlds like ours probably exist, in this or other universes, and there is no reason why extra-terrestrial beings are not visiting us.

Why, then do they not use their great powers to make rational contact? he asks. That they do not is strong evidence for him that they are the work of earth minds.

I suggested that the other beings may be so different from us as not to notice us. He laughed me to scorn. It is very hard to shake off the pre-suppositions of our cultural history.

Yet much of the Bible, for example, may be read as accounts of visits from distant space: "The people who walked in the darkness saw a great light . . ."

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Mystery of 'killer' UFOs

312c By John McCormick

UFO experts are investigating claims that the mystery deaths of animals at a zoo were caused by flying saucers.

They believe that the killings, in which one bird was decapitated, may be linked with recent sightings of unidentified flying objects around Newquay, Cornwall.

Detectives are also probing the deaths at the town's zoo.

Officials of Contact U.K.—the British section of a world-wide UFO investigation agency—say the dead animals showed positive radiation readings.

Three ducks, a goose, a swan and two baby wallabies have died mysteriously.

Mr Derek Mansell, research officer of the UFO team, said the findings of radiation were a major breakthrough in UFO investigations in Britain.

"We have never before had radiation readings in this country where animals have died following UFO sightings.

Diet

"A full report will go to the Ministry of Defence."

At the moment the team are keeping an open mind about the possibility of the radiation being caused by sources other than visitors from outer space.

Mr Mansell said: "We will be checking on the diet of the dead birds and animals."

UFO sightings on the Fylde Coast

ON New Year's Eve Fleetwood police were inundated by phone calls from Wyre resi-

dents who had seen an unidentified flying object in the sky.

One of those who saw the

object told the "Evening Gazette," "It was about 7.5 pm. It was a brilliant light in the sky and looked to be only a few thousand feet up. There was a slight silver trail behind it and it was going up the estuary over Larkholme and towards the Thornton area. It was visible for about 40 seconds and then it turned gold in colour and disappeared."

"I was in the RAF and I am sure that it was not an aircraft and I had not had a drink."

The object was also seen by Mr and Mrs Eric Wainwright, of Rutland-avenue, Poulton. It was visible to them for a full three minutes travelling right across the sky and appeared to have a tail to it.

IN SYDNEY: More radar and visual sightings of unidentified flying objects over Australia and New Zealand were reported today following the screening of television news film purporting to show UFOs over New Zealand.

At least 12 policemen said they saw a bright blue object tracing a random flight for three hours over Australia's East coast early today.

Its colour slowly changed to red. "We've got a UFO sighting and we're not kidding," said a patrolman at South Port.

At Wellington airport in New Zealand, radar controller Geoff Causer said today he picked up scores of unidentified blips on his screens over the weekend. More were recorded today.

"We have now recorded sightings by six pilots over 10 days and a host of radar sightings," he said. "There is obviously some strange phenomenon and it needs to be investigated."

Most spectacular of the sightings was reported by an Australian television

crew who say they saw 25 strange objects on a flight over Cook Strait between New Zealand's North and South Islands.

Their film shows what appears to be a fuzzy sphere with lighter bands.

Air traffic controllers in Wellington said they picked up unexplained signals at the same time on Saturday night in the area and reported more mystery blips on their screens this morning.

The blips over Cook Strait indicate the presence of something the size of a small airliner, but come from airspace which no aircraft has notified traffic control it will be using.

A New Zealand Air Force squadron has been put on standby to investigate any further UFO sightings over the country and a patrol aircraft will make a special flight tonight to check on the UFO reports.

The Australian Defence Department said it had been notified of 19 UFO sightings since the Cook Strait incident but was not taking them seriously. One Melbourne couple said they were followed in their car by an egg-shaped object with spotlights shining out early on Sunday.

A top New Zealand expert said today the New Zealand sightings were almost certainly of the planet Venus, now at its maximum brightness.

Mr David Mabin, head of the Mount John Observatory in New Zealand's southern alps, said of the television crew's film: "There is a 99% chance that what they are seeing is Venus."

He said from an aircraft or a car it could appear to be moving at the same speed because of the great distance.

RHYL JOURNAL - LINTSHIRE - ENG.
*****DEC 21, 1978*****

On the mountain

I too saw the UFO from my kitchen window, it was just breaking daylight, and from where our bungalow is positioned we can see a certain area of the mountain.

I did not have my long-distance glasses on at the time, but to me it took the form of two vertical lines like an 11, they moved very slowly, then hovered, then moved slowly.

then hovered, and that lasted about 15 minutes, I am so pleased other people saw this.

I might add my daughter and I saw an unidentified object many years ago in Birmingham, at the time we had the radiogram playing and the plug shot out of its socket on the wall.

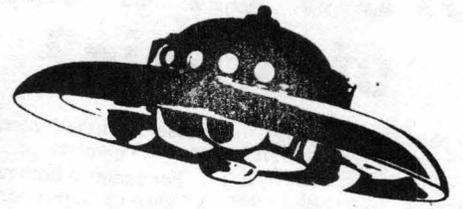
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DAILY TELEGRAPH - LONDON, ENG.
*****JAN 6, 1979*****

UFO over Poland

Two residents of Krakow claim to have seen an unidentified flying object, a big ball beaming red light which disturbed the running of their car engine, the Polish news agency P A P reported. Astronomers said it could have been a falling meteorite.

Nancy saw a UFO-from 150 yards



Everyone's talking about UFOs these days, but do they really exist? It's so easy to be cynical, but so many sightings have been reported in the Nuneaton area during the past few months.

And a Nuneaton woman claimed this week that she observed a visitor from outer space — just 150 yards away.

Nancy Savage, of Camp Hill Road, says she was in bed when she saw a bright light passing her window.

Estimate

"I'd never seen anything like it before, so it certainly wasn't an aeroplane. Besides, it was totally noiseless.

"I would estimate it to have drifted within 150 yards of my window. The object was very bright with a blue haze at the edge."

Ironically, Nancy — one of Nuneaton's best-known photographers — had left her camera downstairs and could not take what could have been the world's first picture of a UFO.

In February this year, Nancy claimed she saw another UFO floating past her house. This was later confirmed in a national newspaper by a reader who saw the object near Chapel End.

Where to report UFO sightings

Sir, — The British UFO Society has launched a campaign to get people to report sightings of UFOs. The society's chairman, Mr. Ken Rogers, says that thousands of people who see flashing lights and flying saucers don't speak up because they are afraid they won't be believed.

The society has installed a special UFO Hotline for people who see UFOs to phone in to. The number is answered 24 hours a day — 01-794 3093. Reports will be handled on a confidential basis and fully investigated and researched.

Until we have all the available evidence, we cannot possibly be in a position to give any conclusive answers. The UFO problem is possibly one of the biggest mysteries facing mankind this century. The answer is very likely a simple one, but until we get all the pieces of the jigsaw together we cannot hope to find any pattern.

Whilst 80 per cent of the sightings reported can be explained in mundane terms, there still remains a high proportion of cases which defy rational explanation. It is these reports that interest the British UFO Society.

The fact that moves are under way to get the UFO subject investigated on an international basis through the United Nations is surely proof that there is something behind the thousands of reports that have been received so far.

British UFO Society,
47 Belsize Square, NW3.

UFO riddle at airport

An unidentified flying object was seen on Saturday night by staff at the weather office of Basel-Mulhouse airport, Strasbourg police said.

The UFO, a luminous white sphere about a hundred yards across, was spotted at a distance of 15 miles flying at great speed towards Belfort. It then changed direction towards Basle in Switzerland, leaving red slip streams in its wake. The same object was seen by the meteorological office at Belfort.

SPALDING GUARDIAN - ENGLAND
*****DEC. 8, 1978*****

UFO's on a tour of Britain?

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Reports of sightings of UFOs or mystery aircraft in the night skies have brought a response from reader Gary Harrison, of 21 Chestnut Avenue, Holbeach.
"Following a business trip to Bedfordshire," he writes, "my father brought home a local newspaper, the Amptill News.
"In it I was interested to see a report of a UFO sighting."
Mr Harrison said the report showed similarities to

those published recently in our newspapers.
For example both reported a "glowing object" and both mentioned lights, the Bedfordshire newspaper four and the Free Press six.
"Which all goes to suggest that these sightings in different parts of the country could well be of the same object.
"The UFO could well be making a British tour," Mr Harrison suggests.

HORNESY JOURNAL - LONDON, ENG.
*****FEB. 2, 1979*****

Are UFOs buzzing Hornsey?

WATCH OUT Hornsey — you are about to have your first invasion of little green men!

At least that's what Irene MacDonald thinks, having

spotted bright flashing lights in the sky for the past two weeks.

Irene, who comes from Mount View Road, Stroud Green first saw the flickering white and red lights hovering over her road two weeks ago. Since then she has spotted them twice, each time in exactly the same place.

RAILMEN SPOT A UFO

A GANG of British Rail workmen claim they have seen a UFO above Glan Conwy.

The mysterious object was spotted early on Monday when the men were just arriving at work in the Conwy tube, the tunnel before Llandudno Junction station.

"It was about 7.45 a.m." said Mr. Hywel Lewis, 3 Brynmor Terrace, Llanfairfechan. "We had just got to the tube when one of the men shouted that there was a UFO over there." The other men looked up and saw a trail of smoke, and an object in the air over Glan Conwy.

"It looked like a round silver object," Mr. Lewis added. "We saw it for about five minutes, then it went back up into the clouds, and we never saw it again."

The gang were re-laying new line along the stretch.

Mystery night object

A FORMER R.A.F. man claims to have seen his first U.F.O. over North Devon — "and previously I had never given them much thought."

Mr. David Watkins, 32, an insurance agent, of 1, Hillside, Bishopstawton, related how he saw the mysterious object on a crystal-clear night while outside talking to a client.

"It was all over in 10 seconds," he said.

"I was in the R.A.F. for nine years and I often look for aircraft. There had been a fair number flying this particular evening, what with F111s and so on.

"As we talked we glanced upwards and she and I saw this dull outline against the night sky, coming from the estuary.

"There was no noise whatsoever, and if we had not happened to look upwards, we would not have known anything about it.

"It looked like a stretched rugby football, with a long, white glowing trail behind it, about 2000ft. up.

"It was going very fast and I have never seen anything quite like it before."

Mr Watkins said that on the following day he casually mentioned the incident to a man who was doing some building for him. "The man told me he saw the same thing on the same night when at Torrington."

EXETER EXPRESS & ECHO, DEVON, ENG.
*****DEC. 1, 1978*****

"I first saw the lights when I got up at 6.30am two weeks ago. At first I thought it was a star, but it began to move across the sky at a great speed. Then it suddenly stopped and stood suspended in the sky" she said.

Mrs MacDonald says that each time the lights were spotted there was either a full moon or a new moon. Also there had been a fall of snow.

She added: "I can't think these lights were from the tail end of a plane. Now I am seriously considering contacting the UFO Society to go into the matter further."

UFO: It was a bit of 'heaven'

IN VIEW of the recent spate of UFO sightings — presumably sparked off by the New Zealand observations — it was, I suppose, no real surprise to read a letter in your newspaper on January 12 concerning the appearance in the sky above Lancashire what had also been taken to be an unidentified object by some.

With the best will in the world I must comment that some people DO see objects in the sky for which they have no explanation readily at hand and some people DO unwittingly give erroneous descriptions of what they have seen.

In the case of the bright moving object seen by Geoff and Marcelline Dixon on New Year's Eve (which was seen by many people in the UK) I can only say that the object what is known as a fireball or bright meteor.

It is produced by a piece of rocky or metallic debris entering the Earth's upper atmosphere in its path around the sun. Frictional heating causes the meteor to appear as vapourisation occurs.

I did not see the New Year's Eve object but I know of an eminent professional astronomer who did. It seems not to be generally known that meteors are NOT uncommon. Even fireballs can be seen over the UK at the rate of several per year.

Every year the Earth encounters at least 100,000 tons of interplanetary matter (entirely natural) which comes into our atmosphere.

Finally, referring to the piece of publicity you gave to the Aetherius Society in last week's paper I note with some amusement that the society omitted mention of its more unorthodox views. One of these is the claim that Jesus Christ is alive and well and living on Venus. He and other religious prophets are supposedly in touch with the

beings piloting "flying saucers."

For more details of the Aetherius Society's activities, including its very own "star war" of recent years I refer readers to an excellent book by Dr Christopher Evans entitled "Cults of Unreason."

G. J. Day, BSc, FRAS, FGS, AFBIS.

37 Clarence Street, Lancaster.

Farmers spot a 'silver egg' UFO

Farmer Mr. William Hallett spotted a UFO over St. Florence last week, and the sighting has been confirmed by another local farmer.

The sighting was made at 11.15 p.m. last Wednesday night. Mr. Hallett, of East Minerton, St. Florence, says he saw the UFO coming from the Haverfordwest direction.

"It was like a silver egg and about the size of a double-decker bus," he said. "It had a bluish flame about half a mile long behind it, about 100 yards wide at the end.

"I've seen a shooting star many times, but this was entirely different."

The sighting was confirmed by another farmer, Mr. Colin Davies, who also lives in St. Florence.

More claim to have seen UFOs

TWO MORE people in the Manchester area today claimed to have seen mysterious flying objects in the night sky on the evening an Urmston couple reported seeing UFOs.

A Droylsden housewife said today she saw a large bright object in the sky while out jogging, and a Stockport mother claimed a similar object had passed over her home. She saw it hover in the air and described it as a triangular shaped craft with lights at each corner.

Yesterday the Evening News carried a report of a sighting by an Urmston couple who described two objects, one a cone-shaped craft, and another resembling a spider's web.

Manchester Airport received reports of the sighting, and of another in the Bury area.

Mrs Barbara McCormack spotted something in the sky as she was returning to her home in Heather Avenue, Droylsden, after a jogging session.

"My eye was suddenly caught by something far bigger than any star and

By DON FRAME

very bright for its size" she said. "It didn't move as I watched it and I wasn't frightened, but it looked like a sketch of one of the objects seen at Urmston, shown in the Evening News," she said.

She added: "I saw the object the evening before I saw the picture in the paper but thought no-one would believe me."

Mrs Bernice Rostron, of Gwenbury Avenue, Offerton, Stockport said today the object she saw appeared as a very bright light in the sky. Then as she watched it, it moved and passed over her house.

"As it was almost directly above it appeared to be exactly triangular, with lights at each corner," she said.

MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS - ENGLAND
*****DEC. 6, 1978*****

UFO trip for samples?

I WAS greatly interested in the details referring to eye witness accounts of the "cone-shaped" UFO and its spinning "web-shaped" accessory over Urmston.

The descent of the cone shape to earth and back is suggestive of a probe taking earth, rock and vegetation samples in much the same way that we did on Mars.

The spinning-web shape had me puzzled for a while until I recalled talk on a theory of propulsion by radio beams. I feel that this webbed affair could have been directed from outer space carrying an earth probe by ULF (ultra low frequency) radio.

I believe that in 1927 during ULF experiments, strange coded radio signals were picked up, but no one (even to this day) ever elucidated them.

W H R Arnold,
Chairman, Natural Phenomena, Science and Research Association, Leigh.

Those close

encounters..

By NEVILLE BARLTROP

WITH THE COUNTRY firmly in the grip of strike chaos the last thing the Government would wish to do would be to panic the public with tales of little green men or flying saucers.

But a good number of our readers are convinced of a cover-up — an information blackout on UFO sightings—a view which has even been debated recently in the House of Lords.

Christmas and the New Year brought in a whole new series of reports from people all over North East Lancashire—in no way out of the ordinary as such reports go—but several were of a strikingly similar nature and concentrated on one particular "sighting" on New Year's Eve.

A mysterious flame-tailed object over the moors above Darwen and Burnley led to scores of telephone calls to police stations, and two policemen were among those who reported seeing it.

DEBATE

Since then, continued world-wide publicity over sightings in New Zealand and daily reports from Italy have added new fuel to the UFO debate.

Mrs Bernadette Thomas, of Priory Drive, Darwen, described what she saw as she sat in the front room of her home.

"My husband, Michael, and my eight-year-old daughter, Donna, were with me at the time. It was a bright night and the curtains were open.

"I was sitting by the window and shot up when I first saw it, because I thought it was a plane going to crash.

"It was something like a single decker bus moving slowly across the sky. My husband and little girl joined me and it glided right across in front of us.

HOUSES

"It was moving very slowly and seemed to be coming down as if it were going to land at the back of the houses, but it carried on in the direction of Manchester."

At first, Mrs Thomas thought of ringing the police but decided against the course of action for fear of what might be said.

It was only later, when she discovered many other people had similar experiences that she contacted us.

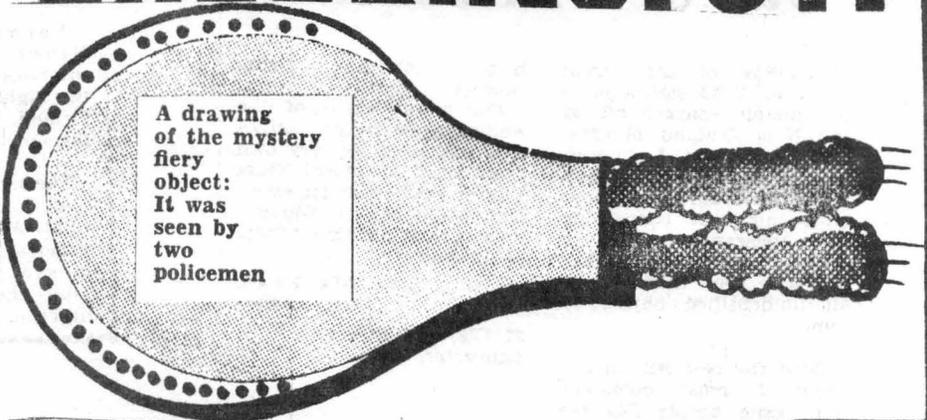
"A few neighbours saw it but did nothing about it because they thought people would laugh" said Mrs Thomas.

FARM

She was also critical of the way the media treat the subject. "I think the media tend to humour people. If a pilot or a policeman sees anything it is all right, but if ordinary people see flashing lights, they think the worst."

Mrs Thomas can be comforted by the words of UFO spotter Mrs Margaret Mason, who on the same evening was staying with her daughter and son-in-law at their dairy farm at Pillinz.

"It still stands out in my mind," said Mrs Mason. "Philip, my son-in-law was out on the farm and I was in the kitchen with my daughter. We heard Philip



'The object hovered above and as our car moved — it followed'

shout and ran outside to see what was happening.

"When I saw this thing in the sky I just stood staring. It was just like a rocket taking off. It was not travelling very fast and there were coloured flames coming from the back. There were definitely windows in it as well. It was travelling towards Manchester."

Coincidentally, Mrs Mason's son Michael, who was in Cumbria at the time, also reported seeing the object.

SIGHTING

Driving instructor Mr John Shannon, of Victoria Terrace, Tockholes, said the object had a tail three times its own length, and saw sparks coming from the tail.

He telephoned the police because he thought it must have been a plane.

Radar operators at Manchester Airport picked up the objects on their screens at about the time the sightings were seen, but con-

firmed it was not an aeroplane.

Three Blackburn school-boys, 13-year-olds Peter Houghton and Wayne Marsden, and Warren Marsden, 12, say they have seen UFOs on two separate occasions recently.

The first sighting was of a long cigar-shaped object with an orange tail flying across the sky above Peter's home in Orchard Street, Great Harwood. They say it was fairly high above the houses. A week later, the

boys say they saw a similar object.

Peter and Simon Anslow, of Washbrook Close, Barrow, near Whalley, write to us kindly enclosed a drawing of what they saw.

Peter tells us: "My brother and I were on our way from Barrow to Lagho when we saw what appeared to be a large tsar. We got out of the car and the object started to move.

"When we got back in the car it started to follow us. At Bridge End, at

Billington, it came lower and we could see the shape of it. It was like the drawing with coloured lights round it.

"Between Billington cenotaph and the Petre Arms we were travelling at a good speed because we were frightened. The object was still hovering over us and there was another car very close behind us.

"Suddenly, the other car vanished and as we got into Lagho the engine of our car cut out. We got out of the car and the object disappeared. Getting back into the car, it started first time.

"Could you please if possible explain this to us?" he asks.

Could someone please explain all this to US?

Red ball in sky

Wrexham had a spate of UFO sightings over the weekend. In the first, Mr Ellis Williams, of Rhos saw a bright red ball, "the size of a house" flying towards Johnstown.

"It was round and had a point," said Mr Williams of 13 Pent Dwr, Rhos. "It looked like it was on fire and going very fast."

Walk

"I was going for a walk with my 18-year-old daughter Valerie and she saw it too. I was very frightened.

"I told the wife but she didn't believe me," added Mr Williams. "And I don't touch a drop either."

The second sighting was made by Mr Richard Owen, a butcher of Plas Grono Lodge, Erddig Park.

"It was Friday night at five to six," he said. "I saw a green - blue flashing light in the sky. It looked about two miles away and as big as a revolving police light. It was standing still, then it

moved from side to side, like a pendulum. Later it went towards Marchwiel.

"We saw it again on Sunday, moving in exactly the same way. I wasn't drinking and it was very, very eerie."

Seven claim U.F.O. sighting

Following on the trail of recent U.F.O. sightings in the Dundee area, seven Arbroath men last night reported a "close encounter" in the early hours of yesterday morning.

Mr Bob Carr, who works in the fitting shop of Halliburton Manufacturing & Services Ltd., Arbroath, was on late shift and had gone outside for a breath of air.

A few minutes later he was back, claiming to have seen a U.F.O. his chargehand Mr Phil Wright said, "Of course I laughed, but Bob just said 'well come out and see then.'"

"Cigar-shaped"

"We all went outside, myself, Bob and five other lads who were working in the fitting shop, and sure enough there it was, a bright, cigar-shaped object, hovering above and just to the left of the Bell Rock," said Mr Wright.

"The object hovered there for some three minutes before it seemed to just shrink away altogether.

"There was no cloud at the time, it was about 4.15 a.m., and the sky was clear, and all seven of us are sure about what we saw."

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((((((((JAN 25, 1979))))))))

Prayer power that changed history

I WOULD like to challenge your reporter to meet me!

In his column (December 11: On My Week-End TV) he described a programme on UFO's, and said: "There were some who were distinctly odd, particularly the crowd on a Devon hillside attempting to charge a Prayer Battery."

As one of those praying on that occasion, I am sorry that he found us odd, but if it is odd to try to help the world in a very potent way, then we are proud to be so labelled.

Pioneers in all ages have been thought odd until time proved the critics wrong.

The innovation of Operation Prayer Power, whereby prayer energy is actually stored and used in a concentrated form at a time of dire need, means that the world now has the tools to change the course of history.

Doctor George King, president of The Aetherius Society, has rein-

troduced to the earth the science of radionics which means that spiritual energies can be stored and manipulated.

This science has not been used since the days of Atlantis. Operation Prayer Power has already brought about miracles including the ending of the Cyprus crisis.

As regards the comment about extra terrestrial craft not doing anything, The Aetherius Society can produce a great deal of information about what has been done and, whether people believe it or not, the earth would be in a much worse state than it is if it had not been for the work done by extra-terrestrials.

They are limited by the Law of Karma in the amount of help they can give. We can only receive the help we deserve.

Many people throughout the world, fortunately more open minded than your reporter, realise this and are working for the human race in ways which will enable more assistance to be given.

So do please come and meet an odd person, Mr Reporter. We can answer any question on the subject you care to ask.

Jean Berry
(Bristol Branch Organiser)
21 Avon Way,
Stoke Bishop,
Bristol.

WEATHER OFFICE REPORTS UFO

STRASBOURG: An unidentified flying object was seen by staff at the weather office of Basel-Mulhouse Airport.

The luminous white sphere about a hundred yards long, was spotted 15 miles away, flying at great speed.

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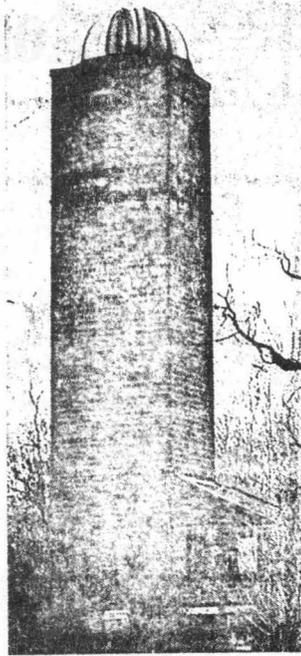
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Harlow Hill Observatory.

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Sightings of UFOs

WITH reference your report on the recent spate of UFO sightings, the British UFO Society is responsible in this country for investigating UFO reports.

While some 80 per cent. of sightings can be explained in mundane terms, i.e. aeroplanes, satellites, balloons, etc., there still remains a high proportion of sightings that are classified unidentified.

Thousands of people from all walks of life have reported seeing strange objects in the sky all over the world. Since no official agency exists to investigate UFOs, the British UFO Society has taken on this task.

We would be very interested in hearing from any readers who may have had UFO sightings or are interested in UFOs. Readers can ring our UFO hotline on 01 794 3093 or write to us in confidence.

KEN ROGERS

(Chairman,

British UFO Society).

47, Belsize Square,
London, NW3.

Essex UFO men ask: Is anybody out there?

AN AMAZING hunt is on . . . for people who claim to have seen UFOs or who have been terrified by things that go bump in the night.

Intrepid Keith Collins and his pal Graham Manser have set up the Southend Bureau of the Supernatural.

Their bureau is the only one in the country exploring all aspects of the unknown — including sightings of visitors from outer space.

Mr. Collins, 26, of North Street, Leigh, and Mr. Graham Manser, 33, of Eastern Avenue, Southend, hope to conquer the traditional attitude of "if you don't understand it - ignore it."

The bureau has already heard from people who say they have seen UFOs. It's also had calls about telepathy.

Mr. Collins and Mr. Manser hope to see all callers and tape conversations to see if there is a pattern to unexplained happenings.

Mr. Collins said "It must be stressed that we are completely open minded about this subject.

"The obvious reactions of friends and neighbours is usually 'You must be mad!' We, however, try to reassure people that their experiences are not unique.

"We try to advise them and see any fears are overcome people begin to think more deeply.

Beliefs

Mr. Manser said: "One thing we don't do is label the experiences. We aren't setting out to draw conclusions about anything and we also don't want our religious beliefs to interfere with the research at all. Our aim is to seek knowledge."

So far, the bureau has not drawn any conclusions from its research but the two men feel women are more receptive and more open-minded than men.

A similar bureau opened in Southend about ten years ago.

The founder, who wouldn't be named, said: "I had to close because it was too time consuming, but also because of adverse publicity. Some people somehow linked a supernatural bureau to witches and evil goings on.

"In a subject like this, there are often extremes. Either people are deeply interested in it or else they are cynical and ridicule the whole thing."

Mr. Collins commented: "I think people have more understanding now than ten years ago. This is probably helped by popular films such as Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

Mr. Manser said: "We'd be pleased if anyone would like to contact us at Southend 67026 by day or Southend 713323 in the evening.

And what would Mr. Collins do if he saw a UFO? "I think I would have to dispel my human gut instinct to run!" he said, smiling.

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'Flying pear' in West

An orange yellow pear-shaped unidentified flying object has been spotted over Weston-super-Mare.

Mr Ian Vinten, regional investigations co-ordinator of the British UFO Research Association reported today that the sighting was made at 9.15 on Saturday evening.

The object was seen approaching the West and turned bluish-white before disappearing.

It was seen by Mr Christopher Smith of Tennyson Road, Weston.

Mr Vinten, of 51, Hutton Park, Weston, today appealed for information from anyone else who may have seen the object.

More sightings of UFO

More sightings of the UFO seen over Yarmouth on Monday last week have been reported — one from a man who, with his family, watched it for seven or eight minutes from 5.21 p.m.

Mr. John Marsland, who sketched his impression of it, was just leaving his home at 84, Crown Road, to go to work when he saw "a bright yellow orange object with about eight red lights on it flying over St. George's park.

"There was no noise coming from it and it looked typical of how flying saucers are depicted," he said. "The red lights seemed to be sparking. It was so stupid I didn't believe it at first."

But his wife, daughter, and grandson also witnessed the phenomenon, which moved from north to south, and at one point seemed to stop over Caister. To him it appeared to be about 18 inches long, although it was difficult to tell the size not knowing how far away it was.

SOUTHEND EVENING ECHO - ENGLAND
*****FREE 5, 1979*****

UFO picture claim

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BY GUY SHACKLE

MR BILL SWIFT of Hele, Torquay, who rang the Herald Express claiming he had photographed a UFO through his front window, denied today that it could be the street light across the road.

The 62-year-old retired engineer took his picture early one evening two weeks ago from his armchair. The photograph which is blurred, certainly shows what could be a blob of bright light, but a Herald Express photographer who checked the angle from which the photograph was taken, thought the blob coincided with the street lamp.

"Definitely not," stressed Mr Swift. "I admit there's a lamp post opposite but its not 200 feet in the air. I pointed my camera over the trees at the sky.
"It was a dark night so I certainly wasn't photographing the moon either."
Mr Swift said the round shape and size of the UFO was similar to the one he had spotted four months ago. "My wife said I was crazy but there was a story in the paper next day saying four other people had seen it.

"I think she's more convinced this time."
The bright light, whatever its origin, was photographed by Mr Swift's Christmas present, an instant camera which he was trying out.
Mrs Doreen Swift, who lives with her husband in Hele Road said: "Don't ask me - I wasn't in the room when he took whatever he took."

— Believe it or not . . . the tale of the little green pastry men

MINCE PIE MARTIANS!

By PAUL CONNEW

THREE little green men with wings took a fancy to Jean Hingley's mince pies when they dropped in.

They fluttered off and took them back to space in their flying saucer parked on the lawn.

The tale of the sweet-toothed Martians may seem hard to swallow. But Jean swears it's not pie in the sky.

Police have made an official record of her close encounter.

But tongue-in-cheek spokesman said: "There seems little we can do. After all, she isn't claiming that they stole the mince pies."

Jean, 43, of Bluestone Walk, Rowley Regis, West Midlands, said: "People are bound to say I'm daft, but I know what I saw.

"I opened the back door and there was a blinding light.

"Then the three men bombed past me and went into the lounge.

"They had horrible waxy faces, like corpses." Jean offered them coffee, but they asked for a down-to-earth glass of water.

Then, on the way out, they picked up the pies . . . and told Jean they'd drop in again sometime.



DAILY MIRROR, LONDON, ENGLAND
*****JAN 6, 1979*****

"La Montagne"- CLERMONT-FERRAND, FRANCE 1/10/79

A UFO IN HIS GARDEN!

● UN OVNI DANS LE JARDIN

TOULON. — M. Raymond Poppel, président de l'Office du Tourisme de Saint-Cyr-sur-Mer, n'en est pas encore revenu : vers 12 h. 30, mardi, il sortait dans son jardin, profitant d'un moment d'accalmie de la pluie, lorsque son attention fut attirée par un objet blanc, ayant la forme d'un ballon qui descendait lentement vers sa maison.

- Dans un premier temps, j'ai pensé à un ballon de la météo, a-t-il déclaré. Je m'aperçus bientôt qu'il était comme dégonflé, et sous lui pendait à quelques mètres un cube ayant peut-être 50 cm. de côté, mais d'une brillance extraordinaire. A ce moment-là, j'appelai ma femme et me précipitais dans ma maison pour prendre ma longue-vue et mon appareil photo. Mon épouse sortit et vit également l'objet distinctement. Mais celui-ci, au lieu de se poser à terre, alors qu'il était peut-être à 80 cm. ou un mètre, remonta brusquement à une vitesse stupéfiante pour un ballon, surtout dégonflé, et disparu bientôt dans les nuages, à grande altitude, en direction de Marseille.

Il est à noter qu'au moment où cet objet volant non identifié (ovni) se trouvait au-dessus de la maison de M. Poppel, une panne générale d'électricité a affecté la seule commune de Saint-Cyr-sur-Mer, et la lumière devait être rétablie vers 14 h.

Les services régionaux de l'E.D.F. à La Seyne ne s'expliquent pas cette panne.

TOULON - Mr. Raymond POPPEL, president of Office of Touring in Saint-Cyr-sur-Mer, couldn't get over it still! About 12:30 in full day, while he was coming in his garden, just after a few rain, when his eye was caught with a white object, shaped like a balloon, which was coming down slowly towards his house. He told: "In first, I thought to a weather-balloon. Then, I saw soon that it was deflated, and under it was hanging at some metres, a cube which was maybe 50 cm a side, but which had an extraordinary brightness. At that moment, I called my wife and ran in my house to grab a binocular and my camera. My wife came out and saw the object very distinctly. But, instead of landing on the ground, it rose up again suddenly with a tremendous speed, while it had reached about 80 cms from ground. It was very amazing. Soon it disappeared in clouds at an high altitude, towards the town of Marseille.

We must note that in the moment where this UFO was above Mr. POPPEL's house, a general breakdown of electricity affected only the village of Saint-Cyr-sur-mer, and that the light came again about 02:00pm. Local departments of electricity Company couldn't explain this breakdown.

NICE-MATIN —

"NICE-MATIN" - NICE, FRANCE - JANUARY 14, 1979

Dimanche 14 Janvier 1979

Un O.V.N.I. dans le ciel de Nice ?

Pour la deuxième fois en quelques semaines, un Ovni est apparu dans le ciel de Nice. Si l'on en croit le témoignage de Mme Michèle Scappazzoni, qui demeure avenue de la Lanterne, une sphère de grandes dimensions s'est immobilisée hier, vers 15 h 30, dans la direction du mont Boron, assez haut dans le ciel. Un témoignage qu'il faut bien prendre en considération puisque l'observation de Mme Scappazzoni recoupe en bien des points celle qu'avait faite, il y a peu de temps, l'un de nos lecteurs : un objet à facettes, très brillant, immobilisé au-dessus de la ville et semblant tourner lentement sur lui-même. Cette fois, l'objet serait apparu pendant au moins trente secondes avant de disparaître subitement.

UFO IN SKY OF NICE?

NICE - For the second time in some weeks, a UFO has appeared in the sky of NICE. If we must believe statement of Mrs. Michel SCAPPAZZONI, who is living Lanterne Avenue, a sphere of big size stationary, yesterday, about 3:15 p.m. towards the Mount Boron, very high in the sky. This testimony can be taken into consideration, because sighting of Mrs. SCAPPAZZONI cross-checks in many points the one made, there are some days, one of our readers; an object with facets, very bright, numoved over the town and seeming spinning on itself slowly. This time the object would have appeared for thirty seconds; at least, before to disappear suddenly.

Spot new tourists: flying saucers . . .

The South-West is now attracting a new group of tourists — aliens from outer space. For "flying saucers" are regularly taking a sky-high view of the landscape, according to a group of Bristol UFO-watchers. They claim that there have recently been several good sightings. UFO — two people spotted

a silver-coloured, cylindrical object with "port-holes" hovering over Portishead power station. UFO — two girls saw a saucer-shaped, grey object hovering over Frampton Cotterell. UFO — a 16-year-old girl spotted two spinning top-shaped "spacecraft" at Minehead. The reports have been com-

plied by the Bristol UFO International. Director Terry Hooper (23), of Vinny Avenue, Downend, said today: "You've got to take this subject seriously. "I firmly believe in UFOs, although I've never seen one. But there are too many good cases of sightings for the study to be dismissed."

BURTON DAILY MAIL - STAFFS. ENG.
*****FEB 1, 1979*****

UFO SEEN OVER TUTBURY

Unidentified Flying Objects seem to have returned to the Burton area, according to a motorist and his friend who were driving along Tutbury Road last night.

Mr. Stephen Clews, of Victoria Road, Burton, said he saw a white object appear in the sky just above another aircraft.

He said: "It flew for about 30 seconds above the plane, which could have been a Vulcan bomber, and then shot up with a great flash."

His workmate, Mr. Alan Lovatt, also said he had seen the flash but not the white UFO itself.

"There was no way that it was another plane. It vanished so quickly and looked just like the white dot you sometimes get on a television screen when you switch off," Mr. Clews added.

UFO's spotted in separate sightings

A SHOP sales girl and an RAF reserve officer and four ATC cadets have reported separate sightings of UFOs.

The sightings were just a few miles away and within three days of each other.

Angela Teggadine, 19, was walking home three weeks ago, when she saw a red, glowing object, the size of a car, on the cricket pitch at Great Gaddesden.

Then, last Friday morning, she was woken at 3am at her home in Bridens Camp, Great Gaddesden.

"There was a glowing light in my room and I thought at first there was something on fire," she said.

"I looked out of the window and saw the same object in the field at the back of my house. It was the same size as a car, flat on top and there were three or four child-like people walking around. It certainly wasn't a dream," she said.

"I didn't tell anyone at first because they would have dashed me down to the doctors. People thought I was mad when I mentioned the first sighting," said Angela.

RAF reserve officer Dennis Berg and four cadets, came on Sunday at dusk. They were

driving back from RAF Halton after a gliding session when they saw an object hovering over Tring.

"It had four big lights and two smaller ones at each end. It was about 1,000 feet up and we are convinced it is a UFO. We know what a plane looks like and this object had no landing or navigation lights," said Flight Lieutenant Berg.

Planes

"We observed it for about three or four minutes, then it slowly got fainter and then completely disappeared." Mr Berg is a post office technician and lives in Highfield Road, Tring.

Mr Berg was able to dismiss the usual phenomena that manifests itself as "UFO's."

"We were at the top of the Wendover Road where there is a clear view of the countryside for miles. It wasn't ball lightning, or electricity pylons," he said.

"No planes fly out of RAF Halton, all gliders are launched by ground winches and the object was on the wrong flight path for Luton Airport. It's the first I've ever seen," he said.

YARMOUTH MERCURY - NORFOLK, ENG.
*****FEB. 2, 1979*****

UFO sightings

Sir — With reference your report on the recent spate of UFO sightings, the British UFO Society is responsible in this country for investigating UFO reports.

While some eighty per cent. of sightings can be explained in mundane terms, i.e. aeroplanes, satellites, balloons etc., there still remains a high proportion of sightings that are classified unidentified.

Thousands of people from all walks of life have reported seeing strange objects in the sky all over the world. Since no official agency exists to investigate UFOs, the British UFO Society has taken on this task.

We would be very interested in hearing from any readers who may have had UFO sightings or are interested in UFOs. Readers can ring us on 01 794 3093 or write to us in confidence. — Yours sincerely,

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Chairman,

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**GRANDS, VERTS
ET DES YEUX
TRIANGULAIRES !**

LES OCCUPANTS DES OVNI (objets volants non identifiés) sont de grands hommes verts avec des veines roses sur la tête et des yeux triangulaires jaunes. Cette description est celle qu'a faite un gardien assermenté de Gênes, M. Fortunato Zanfretta, enlevé par deux fois le 6 et le 27 décembre dernier par de grands hommes verts, « venant de très loin à bord d'un engin triangulaire de couleur acier ». Son témoignage a été enregistré sous hypnose profonde par un spécialiste génois. Ce dernier exclut que le gardien ait pu mentir, mais ne peut pas garantir l'authenticité du récit gravé dans la mémoire du témoin, ignorant tout de la littérature fantastique et des productions cinématographiques de science-fiction. De retour l'un de ses « enlèvements », les collègues de M. Zanfretta avaient constaté que celui-ci avait particulièrement chaud à la tête et que le toit de sa voiture était brûlant bien que la température extérieure était proche de zéro. Pendant son « absence », le radio-téléphone de bord était demeuré silencieux.

TROUBLANT :

**UN O.V.N.I. AVEC " CABINE ÉCLAIRÉE "
OBSERVÉ AU-DESSUS D'EXOUDUN**

Il y a ceux qui croient aux OVNI et ceux qui n'y croient pas. Et puis ceux qui, brusquement, la nuit, au détour d'un chemin de campagne « tombent » sur le phénomène et se demanderont longtemps s'ils n'ont pas été victimes d'une hallucination. M. Charles Coutureau, commerçant niortais bien connu (ancien propriétaire du Négoce du Meuble), et Pierre Lievins, demeurant à Saint-Maixent, appartiennent à cette dernière catégorie. Le 22 novembre, la nuit tombée, nos deux amis roulaient en voiture entre La Mothe et Lezay lorsqu'il aperçurent au-dessus d'Exoudun un engin volant multicolore. Il était bleu, orange, blanc surtout... Pour mieux l'observer et malgré la peur qui s'emparait de lui et de son passager, M. Coutureau coupa le moteur et éteignit les pha-

res. Immobiles dans l'obscurité, les deux occupants de la voiture suivirent alors les évolutions de l'engin « qui volait à angle droit et à une vitesse incroyable : il montait, descendait sans cesse ». MM. Lievins et Coutureau affirment avoir vu alors une cabine éclairée à telle enseigne qu'ils sont persuadés s'être trouvés en présence d'une soucoupe volante. D'un seul coup, elle disparut dans le ciel.

On peut croire dans la réalité du phénomène, on peut aussi estimer que les deux témoins ont été victimes d'une hallucination mais ce qui est sûr c'est que M. Charles Coutureau, de l'avis même de son épouse, rentra chez lui « tout retourné » et que M. Lievins, quant à lui, a reconnu avoir eu plus peur ce soir là que sur le front de Russie !

better still, and in spite of a certain fear which has seized him, also his friend, Mr. COURTUREAU went off engine and headlights of his car. Motionless in darkness, both them followed progress of the object with their eyes. This one was flying with an extraordinary speed and was turning in right angle, rising up and coming down without a stop. Witnesses state having seen even a sory of cabin or cockpit which was so lighted that they are convinced of flying saucer presence! Then, abruptly, it disappeared in the sky. One can believe in reality of this phenomenon, one can believe also that both are laboured under a delusion, but what is sure, it is that Mr. Charles COUTUREAU, according to his wife, came back at home "very upset". With regards to Mr. Lievins, he acknowledged that night, having had more fear than during the war on the Russian front!

"OUEST-FRANCE" - RENNES, FRANCE - JAN 17, 1979

GREAT, GREEN, AND WITH TRIANGULAR EYES

Occupants of UFOs are great green men with pink veins on the head and yellow triangular eyes! This description is the one of an official watchman from GENOVA, Mr. Fortunato ZANFRETTO, abducted two times, on the 6th and 27th of December 1978, by several great green men, "coming from very far inside a triangular steel-coloured ship"! His testimony was taped under a deep hypnosis by an expert from GENOVA. This last has ruled out the fact that the watchman have told lies, but didn't certify authenticity of this story remained graven on Zanfretta's memory, because he is ignorant of all fantastic literature, and cinematographic outputs about science-fiction. After coming back from one of his "abductions", friends of Mr. Zanfretta had noted that this one is particularly warm to his head and roof of his car was burning in spite of a cooled temperature close to zero. During his "missing", radio telephone of his car remained noiseless.

"LA NOUVELLE REPUBLIQUE DU CENTRE-OUEST"
DECEMBER 1, 1978 - FRANCE

DISQUIETING: UFO SIGHTED WITH "LIGHTED
COCKPIT" OVER EXOUDUN TOWN.

There are the ones who are thinking that UFOs are true and the ones who don't believe it. And the, the ones who, in full night, at a turning road, suddenly are meeting the phenomenon and will wonder during a long time, whether they have laboured under a delusion or not. Mr. Charles COUTUREAU, trader of Niort town (former owner of the Negoce du Meuble well-known store of pieces of furnitures), and Mr. Pierre LIEVINS, Living to Saint-Maixent, are from this last category. On November 22, 1978, in full night, both men were running between La Mothe and Lezay (two little villages), when they saw above Exoudun town, a flying engine, It was multicoloured, blue, orange, and particularly white. In order to watch it

Constable sees his third UFO in year

by Gareth Hughes

A DENBIGH police constable reported his third UFO sighting in a year over the weekend.

On two successive nights he has now seen mysterious lights in the sky—and on each occasion there were other witnesses.

Last year Constable Neville Hughes was with a Sergeant in the grounds of the North Wales Hospital when they saw a strange light.

Last Thursday night a family living in the town's Myddleton Park called the police station to report a sighting and PC Hughes, along with a Woman Police Constable, went to investigate. Together they watched the light moving over Bodfari.

The following night PC Hughes and Constable Berwyn Jones were in a patrol car near Llandyrnog when they saw a very bright

light—again near Bodfari.

The light then started moving over them and they watched it for about ten minutes, keeping in constant radio contact with their headquarters in Colwyn Bay.

"We got out of the car and there was no sound. The light was very bright and sometimes hovered above," said Constable Jones.

A check with RAF Val-

ley showed there were no planes in the area, so the two officers followed the object as far as Llanbedr DC before it disappeared over the Clwydian Hills towards Mold.

"I am beginning to wonder why it is always me who spots them," said Constable Hughes.

The same night it understood that there were reports of similar strange lights over the Lleyn Peninsular.

SHIELDS GAZETTE - ENGLAND
*****NOV. 27, 1978*****

Spotted: one spaceship soaring above Shields

A SOUTH Shields woman is convinced she has seen an unidentified flying object.

And Mrs Jane Johnson's sighting is backed up by her 14-year-old brother, Danny Jackson.

They claim they saw a ball of bright, white light when they looked out of the back window of their home in Tasmania Road, Brockley Whins, at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday.

As they watched it rose slightly and then sank slowly.

It started to turn around and they noticed a red light as well as the white one. Between them was a trapezium-shaped object.

The UFO sank again

then started to move up and was gone "in a flash".

Mrs Johnson, 22, is certain it was a spaceship. She said they watched it for about three minutes.

"It wasn't an aeroplane or a helicopter because they couldn't have manoeuvred up and down and side to side like that or moved off so quickly," she said.

"I could have accepted that it was some military machine but there was no noise at all — just absolute silence.

"I was shaking and really frightened."

She said a neighbour also saw something but had thought it was just an

especially bright light on an aeroplane.

Mrs Johnson had a similar experience when she was about seven years old and saw a trace of light across the sky.

And she said that over the years other people locally had reported seeing lights in the sky.

She is so convinced she has seen a UFO that she wants everyone who makes a sighting to contact the Press.

Mrs Johnson will be doing her "space spotting" further afield soon.

She and her 22-month-old son, David are joining her motor mechanic husband, Colin, who is working in Bermuda.

UFOs AGAIN

MORE UFO sightings have been reported in South Lakeland during the past few weeks, following on the large number of sightings in the area in September.

These latest sightings are similar to reported UFOs in various parts of the country, a number of which are currently being investigated by the British UFO Research Association.

One of the Lakeland sightings was made by Miss Jean Shuttleworth, of Hawkshead, while driving up Bannerrigg, near Windermere.

She saw a flashing light and said later that she thought it was "too bright and too low" to have been an aeroplane.

Another sighting was reported over Ulverston when, for a few seconds, an oval-shaped object was apparently seen to emit pulsations of orange light". This has also been reported to BUFORA.

WESTMORLAND GAZETTE - ENGLAND
*****DEC. 1, 1978*****

"L' EST REPUBLICAIN"- 11 Janvier 1979
Encore un OVNI

La région nancéienne semble être le champ d'action voire de prédilection des OVNI (objets volants non identifiés).

Il ne se passe pas de semaine, en effet, sans qu'un habitant de la région nous signale le passage d'un tel objet dans le ciel de la cité de Stan.

Le dernier en date a été aperçu mercredi 10 janvier vers 18 h 30, par Mme Chanrion, demeurant 19, rue de la Seille au Champ-le-Boeuf qui a pu observer un objet ayant la forme d'un cigare de couleur rouge et qui, phénomène étrange, changeait de forme.

L'engin se dirigeait dans la direction ouest-est et a disparu à l'horizon au-dessus de Seichamps.

THE latest has been sighted wednesday, January 10th about 6:30 p.m., by Mrs. Chanrion, resident of Champ-Le_Boeuf, who could sight an object having a cigar shape, a red colour, and which, very strange phenomenon, changed its appearance.

The engine traveled towards the east and disappeared on the sky-line over Seichamps village.

"Nice-Matin" -31 Décembre 1978
Un O.V.N.I. au-dessus de Nice ?

Un lecteur de Nice, M. Zeder, aurait vu hier, vers 11h30, au-dessus de la promenade des Anglais, un O.V.N.I. dont le signalement correspond à celui de l'engin accusé d'avoir mis hors d'usage une centrale électrique en Italie (voir « Nice-Matin » du 30 décembre 1978).

« La sphère lumineuse, nous a-t-il déclaré, volait à une hauteur approximative de 150 m d'altitude, d'ouest en est. Il y a quelques jours, j'avais observé le même phénomène, mais l'engin semblait venir d'Italie. »

The witness has stated; "The bright sphere was flying about 150m in altitude from the west to the east. Some days ago, I had sighted the same phenomenon, but the engine seemed coming from Italy.

"Centre-Dimanche"-21 Janvier 1979

● **O.V.N.I. au-dessus de la Côte-d'Azur**

Plusieurs objets volants non identifiés (O.V.N.I.) ont été aperçus au cours du mois de janvier au-dessus de la Côte-d'Azur entre Antibes et Nice par des habitants de la région.

Il y a quelques jours, un promeneur a vu en fin de matinée dans l'Estérel « un objet d'apparence métallique, extrêmement brillant, voler au-dessus des arbustes, monter très haut dans le ciel, puis se transformer en un point lumineux avant de disparaître ».

Lundi dernier, un chirurgien-dentiste d'Antibes a aperçu du balcon de son appartement situé au 3^e étage « trois disques de forme ovale, entourés d'une auréole orangée » se déplacer en formant un triangle équilatéral.

bushes, then rising up very high in the sky, and becoming a luminous speck before disappearing.

The last monday, a dental-surgeon from Antibes has seen from the balcony of his apartment located to third floor, "three oval-shaped discs, rounded with an orange halo, traveling in a triangular flying shape of an equilateral triangle.

"L' EST REPUBLICAIN" 1/11/79

ANOTHER UFO

Country of Nancy Town seems being the operative field, or the favourite ground of UFO. Effectively, almost every week, an inhabitant of this area states having seen passage of such an object in the sky of Stan City.

"NICE-MATIN" - DECEMBER 31, 1978

UFO OVER NICE TOWN?

A reader from Nice, Mr. Zeder, would have seen yesterday, about 11:30 a.m. above the spot name "La Promenade des Anglais", a UFO of which the description is the same that the one of the engine seen in Italy recently and which was accused to have provoked a breakdown of a power-station.

"CENTRE-DIMANCHE" - JANUARY 21, 1979

UFO OVER THE RIVIERA?

Several UFOs have been seen during January over the Riviera, between Antibes and Nice by some inhabitants from the area.

A few days ago, a rembler saw at the end of morning, over esterel mounts, "an object seeming metallic, very bright, flying over bushes, then rising up very high in the sky, and becoming a luminous speck before disappearing.

ESPAGNE

"DEPECHE du MIDI" - JANUARY 24, 1979

SPAIN: CONTACTS WITH EXTRA-TERRESTRIALS CREATURES?

Contacts avec des extra- terrestres ?

BARCELONA: A fifty inhabitants from Sabadell, close to Barcelona, have stated they have contacts every day, since two months, with extra-terrestrials being According to a spokesman from this community, of which all memebrs like better retaining their anonymity, these mysterious creatures are inhabitants from the planet "Ganimides, near Uranus!!

Barcelone. — Une cinquantaine d'habitants de Sabadell près de Barcelone, affirment avoir des contacts quotidiens depuis deux mois avec des êtres extra-terrestres.

Selon un porte-parole du groupe, dont tous les membres préfèrent conserver l'anonymat, ces êtres mystérieux sont des habitants de la planète « Ganimides », proche d'Uranus.

"NOSTRA" - PARIS - JANURAY 31, 1979

OVNI LUMINEUX (MEXICO)

BRIGHT UFO OVER MEXICO

DANS l'après-midi du 11 janvier, un objet volant non identifié a paralysé pendant plus de dix minutes toute activité dans la ville de Guadalajara dans l'ouest du Mexique. Tous les passants se sont arrêtés, tandis que les conducteurs stoppaient leurs voitures et que les habitants sortaient sur le pas de leur porte; l'O.V.N.I. diffusait en effet une intense lumière orange qui illuminait toute la ville, et se déplaçait en zigzag à grande vitesse. Des milliers de personnes se sont ainsi rassemblées pour observer le phénomène, et certains ont même pu prendre des photographies de l'O.V.N.I. avant qu'il ne disparaisse à l'horizon dans la direction de l'est.

In the afternoon of January 11, a UFO has stopped all activities for more than ten minutes, in town of Guadalajara, in the west of Mexico.

All passer-bys stopped, while car-drivers stopped also their vehicles and that all inhabitants came out of their door-steps. The UFO gave off effectively an intense orange light which illuminated all town, and moved in zigzag with a ghigh speed, Som thoughtsands people assembled to sight the phenomenon, and some of the witnesses could take photos of this UFO before it disappeared on the sky-line towards the east.

DUNDEE COURIER - ENGLAND
*****FEB 3, 1979*****

U.F.O. seen in the Sidlaws

Two Forfar men phoned "The Courier" last night to report the sighting of a U.F.O.

The unidentified flying object was seen hovering over Kinpurnie Hill in the Sidlaws around 6.15 p.m.

Several drivers stopped on the Dundee-Forfar road to have a closer look at the object.

Mr George Simpson, 41 Restenneth Drive, Forfar, was one of them.

Five minutes

"The U.F.O. moved slowly over the hill towards Forfar," he told a reporter.

"It was round in shape and bright silver with green and red flashing lights.

"The object was in view for about five minutes then suddenly disappeared.

"The sky was clear so it did not go behind a cloud.

"And it was too high in the sky to have gone behind the hill."

A second motorist who phoned gave a similar description.

Jupiter?

Mr Harry Ford, of the Mills Observatory, Balgay Hill, Dundee, said he had seen nothing unusual in the sky last night, although he had not been watching at the time of the sighting.

"It could have been the planet Jupiter, which is very bright just now," he added.

Mr Simpson said he was certain he had seen Jupiter at the same time as the U.F.O. and they were definitely in different positions in the sky.