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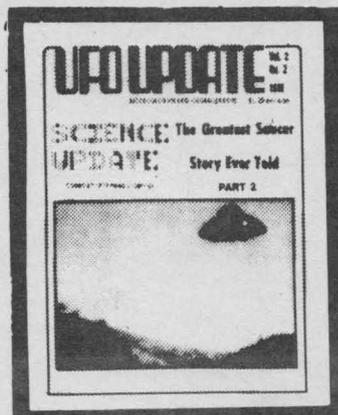
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**FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS**

# Wabasha County Farmer Thinks UFO Landed in His Corn Field

By ALETA FREIMARK  
Post-Bulletin Staff Writer

LAKE CITY — Curtis Olson of rural Lake City didn't see or hear anything, but he believes an unidentified flying object landed in his corn field last week.

While mowing hay Sunday evening, the West Albany Township farmer noticed that corn stalks in a nearby field were damaged. He first thought it had been done by a stray animal. Upon further investigation, he found no trace of an animal, but did find damage the Wabasha County Sheriff's Department now calls "unexplainable."

In the corn field, in a circle about 50 feet in diameter, stalks are flattened in a pattern radiating from the center of the circle. In the center, some corn is missing, leaving bare ground, and other stalks are charred.

"It (the corn) looks like when you take a hair dryer, and it blows all the hair from the center," according to Olson. He said a craft of some kind must have landed, but that other factors lead him to believe it wasn't a helicopter or other type of aircraft.

Also in the field, there are paths leading from the circle to another circle about 18 feet away. The second circle is about 30 feet in diameter, but with no charred or bare areas.

Along the paths between the circles it appears "people or somebody walked around," Olson said, noting that corn ears are peeled back and silks plucked or blown from some ears.

"At first I thought it was lightning," Olson said, adding he hadn't been in the field since the middle of last week. He said the peeled ears couldn't have been caused by lightning. "I myself believe we've been visited . . . other people can draw

their own conclusions," said Olson, who is married and has a family.

Wabasha County Sheriff Robert Loechler said he doesn't know what caused the damage or what could have "positioned the corn in that way," but added that "lightning does funny things at funny times."

Loechler said a nuclear or combustion engine would have produced enough heat to char more corn than is evidenced in Olson's field. He said he will not report the incident to UFO investigators until after an extension agent sees the field and offers an explanation. An extension agent is expected this afternoon.

In addition to the damaged corn, Olson found what he described as a footprint with a heel about 1½ to 2 inches across and toes totaling about six inches across. He said the footprint apparently was not produced by a shoe, but rather a bare foot — but not a human foot. He said it doesn't

look like a print from any animal on his farm.

Sheriff Loechler said there is "some kind of mark in the soil" at the site, but that the print appears to have been made at least a week ago, before the field was damaged.

Olson, 26, said he's never seen anything like it, but added he wouldn't have manufactured a hoax. He said if he had planned the damage and someone found out, "I'd have to hang my head for the rest of my life."

Olson said he has always believed that the universe supports other intelligent beings, and that some of them probably visited his farm.

A neighbor of Olson's who also believes Olson was "visited" told the farmer the "beings" picked his farm because he is the "kinda guy that would visit with anybody." Olson agrees, adding he wishes he could have talked to the "beings" while they stopped in his corn field.

MT. CARMEL, ILL - REGISTER  
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## UFO sighted

The Martians or aliens from outer space may have been sighted Monday in Lawrence County by deputy sheriff Merle Shoulders.

While Shoulders was out patrolling Monday morning about 3:30, he saw some red and green lights in the sky.

Shoulders said he thought it was an airplane so he slowed down, but it looked like the object had stopped. Shoulders was on U.S. 50 at Robeson Hills when he sighted the lights in the sky. Shoulders said there was one red and one green light in the east and one light in the west.

Authorities from Knox County, Ind. were contacted but reported that they had not seen the lights. Coles County authorities in Charleston also reported seeing the lights.

# UFO Sightings, Crime Reported Over Weekend

Two different sightings of "UFOs" led a series of complaints registered by the Greene County Sheriff's Department over the weekend. Both reported sightings were registered shortly after 9 p.m. on Saturday night.

One sighting was reported by Fred Lammert, Jr., Route 1, Lyons. Lammert and his sister observed "three reddish circles" for about three minutes until they disappeared, according to Lammert.

Lammert claimed that "they couldn't be airplanes because they were flying in formation, slowly."

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"My mother was on her way to Clay City," Lammert said, "and when she came home she said that she had seen them too."

Another sighting was reported to the Sheriff's Department by David Holstine, Route 2, Bloomfield, near the Family Drive-In on State Road 231. According to Sheriff's Department reports, Holstine and his family observed the three red lights proceed in a North-Northeasterly direction at about the same time as the Lammert report.

Holstine was unavailable for comment today.

Other complaints registered by the Sheriff's Department included illegal shooting, vandalism and several burglaries, thefts, notably:

A burglary investigated by Deputy Sheriff Jim Hartsburg in Lyons. According to Hartsburg's report, five guns, a microwave oven, and a stereo system totalling \$2800 were stolen. The burglary took place on August 24.

Radiators, copper and brass were stolen from a junkyard in Switz City. According to Sheriff's Department reports,

someone pulled a car alongside the fence and loaded articles into it.

A vacant house located one mile south of Solsberry, was broken into and robbed, according to Sheriff's Department reports. The house was checked by the owner on August 18 and he found everything okay, the report says. On August 23, when the house was checked by the owner's brother-in-law, several possessions-including a refrigerator, a freezer, a wood stove, carpet from four rooms, bed and springs, porch swing, bookcase, nightstand, rocker, and all lightbulbs-were taken.

WASECA, MINN. - JOURNAL  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 18, 1979\*\*\*\*

## UFO citing reported near New Richland

FRONT PAGE

BY STEVE SCHILD  
Staff Writer

An 18-year-old Albert Lea woman reported sighting a LEO at about 10:30 p.m. Friday night while driving on Highway 30 about five miles west of New Richland.

Julie Nelson, who reported the sighting to Freeborn County authorities at 2:17 a.m. Saturday, was driving back to Albert Lea with her sister, Sue, and Vicky Harning, Clarks Grove, after the three had attended a Mankato-Albert Lea football game in Mankato.

Julie Nelson said the three saw a "white light that changed to red a couple of times," about 12 car lengths in front of her vehicle and about 8-9 feet above the highway. She described the light as being between six inches and one and a half feet in diameter and "fuzzy around the edges."

A sheriff's department report states the light "stayed in front of the car even when it pulled into the left lane to pass what she (Julie Nelson) thought was a motorcycle." Nelson, the report continues, sped up to try to catch the light, but it maintained its distance from the vehicle.

The light disappeared for "a few minutes at the most," Julie Nelson said, and then re-appeared, she said, "kind of like a flash, except it stayed."

"We'd seen the lights for about 10-15 minutes altogether," Julie Nelson said this morning, during which time the lights disappeared "three or four times." About four or five minutes after the lights re-appeared within four car lengths of the Nelson vehicle, it disappeared for the last time.

"It was just gone," Julie said.

Julie's 15-year-old sister, Sue, said she thought she saw "a space ship down in the ditch" about eight minutes after the women had seen the lights for the first time. No one else in the car saw what Sue thought was a space ship.

Julie said there was a noise accompanying the lights that sounded "like an 80 mile per hour wind." "We had the windows rolled up and the vents were closed," Julie said, "but I still heard it real loud."

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The Plain Dealer

### UFOs are identified

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Flying objects sighted in the area early yesterday morning apparently were pieces of a Soviet-made rocket re-entering the earth's atmosphere, officials said.

Several Washington State Patrol troopers reported seeing large, airborne objects with three or four red and blue lights shortly after midnight.

Spokesmen at the Canadian Forces Base at Edmonton, Alberta, and at the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., said the object was a Soviet-made rocket body, which fell after its orbit broke up.

# Domed-shaped flying object reported over county

By Terry Farley  
Staff writer

A dome-shaped, glowing, color-changing unidentified flying object was reportedly seen by two DeKalb County residents, last night just before midnight, in the skies east of DeKalb and West of Sycamore on Route 64.

Charles A. Weeden, Route 64, first spotted the object around 10:30 p.m. while arriving home from work. Weeden's attention was first caught by the brilliant light the object gave off in the star-studded, country sky. He watched the object for about 15 minutes and then contacted the DeKalb County

Sheriff's Department, who dispatched Officer Berna D. VanVlerah to the sighting.

Officer VanVlerah first sighted the object, estimated to be more than 1,000 feet in the air, as she was approaching Route 64 from Annie Glidden Road. She reported thinking it might be an airplane at first but after stopping her patrol car and using her field binoculars, she, "determined it not to be an airplane."

Meanwhile, Weeden called his father, Charles L. Weeden, whose farmhouse is 3 miles away, and he confirmed seeing the object, but did not go outside to investigate.

Weeden said the light-changing mass would hover in one place and then move to another place in the sky at

speeds, "faster than what an airplane could move." He said the speed of the object was, "like moving your hand in front of your face."

VanVlerah arrived at Weeden's and together they watched the object for about 20 minutes when it began to move off towards Fairdale in the west.

Rockford Airport was contacted, and they reported no sighting or anything on their radar. VanVlerah said that "it was high enough to be picked up on the radar, above 1,000 feet."

She followed the object to the Ogle-DeKalb County line and contacted the Ogle County Sheriff's Department, which, due to a mix-up in directions, wasn't able to get an officer to her sector at the Route 38 and

Route 72 intersection until the object was out of sight.

Reports this morning from UPI confirm reports of a similarly-shaped object sighted in Kankakee by half a dozen telephone calls to Radio Station WKAN in Kankakee. The times of those sightings were after 11 p.m. last night.

Margie Zozokos, 21, who works at the answering service for Executive Locator, UFO study center in Evanston, reported receiving a call of a similar sighting from Chicago.

VanVlerah said of the incident, "I've never seen anything like it. I don't believe in those things. I didn't believe it until I got out of the car and used the binoculars."

BLOOMFIELD, IND. - WORLD  
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# Latest UFO sightings have scientists in a tizzy

By Michelle Stevens

A deputy sheriff in Warren, Minn., reports he was attacked by an "unidentified bright light" on an isolated road which left his squad car smashed, its windshield broken, its antennas bent and its clock and his wristwatch 14 minutes off.

Whatever attacked Val Johnson the night of Aug. 27 also left him with "welder burns" on his eyes.

Two days later, about 400 miles away, a motorist in Vermillion, S.D., had a similar experience. He said he squeezed his eyes shut; his eyes were not burned.

Chicago area residents also have reported seeing unidentified flying objects recently. Two sightings were reported last week near Kankakee.

UFO SIGHTINGS continue to pour in at a rate of four a day despite the government's official position that UFOs don't exist, or if they do, they're not worth pursuing.

J. Allen Hynek, astronomy professor at Northwestern University and an expert on UFOs, says at least 15 million Americans believe they have seen a "flying saucer." Most can be explained as natural phenomena, such as swamp gas or electrical disturbances or hallucinations.

"There's no explaining it," said Allan

Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, 1609 Sherman, Evanston. "All we know is that they [sightings] have never stopped since 1948, when the government first began to take them seriously."

The sightings didn't cease even in 1969, when the government decided to end its "Project Blue Book" study of UFO phenomena. The Air Force, which had been compiling UFO data for 21 years, closed the book on UFOs after a group of scientists suggested that nothing of scientific or military value could be gained from further study.

**BUT HENDRY IS EXCITED** about these latest UFO sightings.

"It's certainly one of the more striking mysteries of the year," he said after making a rare personal inspection in Marshall County (Minnesota) of the site where Johnson's car was smashed by what he described as a "very, very, extremely bright" light.

"Ordinarily, I wouldn't say something like that about something seen by a single witness, at night," Hendry said, explaining that Johnson is "spoken very highly of professionally. But this one left some lasting effects."

The deputy's car was found sideways on an isolated road, with the windshield and one headlight smashed. The hood bore a small, round dent. The red light atop the car was broken, and two spring-mounted antenna were bent at 90-degree angles.

GLOUCESTER, MASS. - TIMES  
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## Great balls of fire: PAGE ONE at long last, a new UFO

By WARREN WATSON

A resident Sunday described it as a "reddish ball fluttering in the sunset."

Twenty-five years ago, another resident described a similar phenomenon as a "ball of fire" moving vertically.

A coincidence? Unidentified flying objects 25 years apart?

Well, Phyllis Cunningham and other residents of East Gloucester are shaking their heads just as residents were shaking their heads Aug. 28, 1954, when they spotted what they

called a flying saucer over Cape Ann.

Sunday around 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Cunningham of 46 Decatur St. said she saw the strange object in the night sky. "It was round — like the sun. It fluttered. It wiggled," she said.

Other residents noted the same phenomenon, but neither Ralph Barker of Old Salt's Weather Service nor the National Weather Service in Deadham had received any calls.

"Probably a weather balloon," said Barker, matter-of-factly today. "They're here all the time and we don't know it."

But a spokesman in the Blue Hills Observatory in Deadham said he had no record of a balloon in the Cape Ann area.

Exactly 25 years ago, Barker also guessed the strange object was a balloon. But then, officials said they had no information about any craft being released above the area.

Residents said the UFO seemed about 20,000 to 30,000 feet high and slightly to the northwest.

Checks with the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force yielded no new information. Barker was still shaking his head days later.

Both matters are still up in the air.

ENNIS, TEXAS - LOCAL  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 6, 1979\*\*\*\*

# UFO Damages Car of Deputy

WARREN, Minn. — A brilliantly lighted object that swept down on a deputy sheriff's car and left the vehicle damaged and the officer unconscious remained a mystery.

Aside from being shocked and sustaining a mild case of "welder's blindness," Deputy Val Johnson was in good condition, three days after the incident. It happened early Monday on the flats of the agricultural Red River Valley in northwestern Minnesota.

The chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, Allan Hendry, investigated the case, and at his Evanston, Ill., headquarters Thursday, he said "it is a most incredible case, and there are some most unusual clues," including the two bent antennas, shattered windshield, broken head lamp and a small dent in the hood of the patrol car.

"A truly anomalous case," said Hendry. "We receive about 1,000 tips of UFOs a year. We investigate by phone the most interesting ones. But in the event of an unusual case like this, where damage is involved, it's worth going out to see."

Hendry said he was intrigued by the fact there was no damage to the rim of the headlamp. Also, the radio antennas were bent over, but there was no evidence of paint marks, and the bugs on them hadn't been scraped off.

And the fact Johnson's wristwatch and the electric clock in the car each stopped for 14 minutes heightened the mystery.

The Federal Aviation Administration and Grand Forks Air Base had no reports of aircraft in the area at the time of the incident. "But it doesn't prove a plane wasn't there," says Hendry.

Johnson, 35, who apparently was unconscious for about 30 minutes following the incident, has worked at the Marshall County sheriff's office 2 1/2 years.

Johnson intended to rest at his home in Oslo, Minn., Thursday but went to meet with reporters at the sheriff's office in Warren.

"I was pretty down in the dumps the first couple of days afterwards," the officer said. "I thought I was in mental difficulty. It's pretty hard for me to justify, since I work with facts and logic."

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL - WISC.  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 9, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# 5 Report Sightings of UFO

Dresser, Wis. —UPI— Five men claim they saw a large, football-shaped object with a brilliant metallic sheen hover 40 feet off the ground near here, a UFO field investigator says.

Bradley E. Ayers, of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., said the sighting Wednesday morning appeared to hold up after interviews with the five men.

He said their experience would be classified as a "close encounter of the first kind," because the witnesses apparently were within 200 meters of the object.

Ayers said an unidentified witness was driving north about 10:45 a.m. Wednesday on County Road MM in Osceola Township, two miles east of Dresser in Polk County, when he saw a dark, small object above the tree line on the horizon about a half mile ahead of him.

"This small black object moved very rapidly and within a matter of seconds had closed to within 200 meters of where he was," Ayers said. "Then he pulled his Chevrolet Blazer off to the side of the road and got out."

"As he got out, he had the object in view at all times and proceeded to see a small disc-shaped object ... a football-shaped object with a brilliant metallic sheen."

The witness was described as an Army veteran, age 25,



An unidentified flying object reportedly was seen near Dresser, Wis.

who works at a ski resort. He told investigators that the object was six to eight feet in diameter and two to four feet in height.

"As he was watching this thing, it moved across the road and descended to a bean field to his right, where it finally came to a stop and hovered about 10 feet over the vegetation," Ayers said.

While the object was over the field, a passing trucker joined the first witness, Ayers said, and they watched it climb to about 200 feet and move over nearby East Lake.

The trucker then said he saw the disc again above a nearby gravel pit where he worked, Ayers said. He and three others watched it come over the gravel pit and climb into a clear sky at an 85-degree angle, Ayers said.

He said there was no physical evidence of the UFO sighting and no electromagnetic interference was reported.

"At no time did they hear any sound, nor experience any physical effects, other than being awestruck by the experience," Ayers said.

SOMERSET MESSENGER GAZETTE - SOMERVILLE, N.J.  
\*\*\*\*\*AUG. 9, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# Silv'ry and round

*top*

SOMERVILLE — Two borough women who saw something hovering above Hamilton Street yesterday morning aren't sure it was a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object), but then they're not exactly sure it wasn't one, either.

"Me and my neighbor were outside about a quarter to 11 this morning and we saw this big round aluminum thing in the sky," related the woman who phoned the M-G right after their sighting.

"At first we thought it was a kite, but when it got closer we saw it was aluminum and round like a bowl, with openings underneath," she continued.

The resident declined to give her name, saying with a laugh, "I don't want people to think I'm crazy."

No other sightings of any strange objects were reported in the area yesterday morning, a police dispatcher said.

# Wisconsin UFO gets top rating

DRESSER, Wis. (UPI)—An account given by five men who say they saw a large football-shaped object with a brilliant metallic sheen hovering about 40 feet off the ground near the town will be classified as a close encounter of the first kind, a UFO field investigator says.

Bradley E. Ayers, of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., said Friday after interviews with the five men that the Wednesday morning sighting appears to "hold up."

He said their "daylight disk" experience would be categorized as a "close encounter of the first kind," because the witnesses apparently were "within 200 meters of the UFO."

An unidentified "primary witness" was driving north about 10:45 a.m. on County Rd. MM in Osceola Twp., two miles east of Dresser in Polk County,

when he saw a "dark, small object above the tree line on the horizon about a half-mile forward of his position."

"This small, black object moved very rapidly and, within a matter of seconds, had closed to within 200 meters of where he was [in the car]. Then he pulled his Chevrolet Blazer off to the side of the road and got out.

"As he got out, he had the object in view at all times and proceeded to see a small disk-shaped object... a football-shaped object with a brilliant metallic sheen."

The witness, described as a 25-year-old Army veteran, now an employe of a ski resort, said the object was 6 to 8 feet in diameter and 2 to 4 feet in height.

"As he was watching this thing," Ayers said, "it moved across the road and descended in a bean field to his

right, where it finally came to a stop and hovered about 10 feet above the vegetation.

"In the meantime, he's going through all the rational processes, thinking what it could be... all the natural explanations... and excluding them. By this time, he had concluded he was looking at something totally unique."

While the object was over the field, a passing trucker joined the first witness in observing it. They watched it ascend to about 200 feet and move over nearby East Lake.

The trucker said he saw the disk again above a nearby gravel pit where he worked. He and three others "watched it come over the gravel pit and ascend into clear sky at about an 85-degree angle, practically straight up," Ayers said.

REGISTER STAR - ROCKFORD, ILL.  
\*\*\*\*\*AUG 31, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## ... and one sighted near DeKalb

SYCAMORE — Both a DeKalb County sheriff's deputy and a private citizen reported seeing what they believed to be an unidentified flying object about 11 p.m. Wednesday.

According to a release from the Sheriff's Department, deputy Berna VanVlerah was on routine patrol in Clare when she was told to investigate a report of a UFO on Illinois 64, west of Sycamore. On the way to the Charles Weeden residence, VanVlerah spotted a strange object with an orange glow.

VanVlerah said that using her binoculars, she saw a dome-shaped object moving across the sky at 20 to 25 mph. She watched for about four

minutes and then drove to the Weeden home.

Weeden told the deputy he first saw the object hovering over the trees near his residence. He said he was sure it was not an airplane or helicopter because there were no colored or flashing lights.

Deputy VanVlerah then followed the object into Ogle County. She contacted Greater Rockford Airport, but authorities said nothing had shown up on radar. VanVlerah said she was unsuccessful in contacting the UFO center in Evanston.

VanVlerah said at first she didn't believe the sight. "I didn't believe it

until I got out of the car and used the binoculars," she said.

VanVlerah said she followed and watched the object for about 20 minutes when it stopped hovering and began moving to the west. She said the object was hovering at about 1,000 feet.

She followed the UFO to the Ogle-DeKalb county line.

Weeden said while he was watching the object from his farm it would hover in the sky for a few minutes and then move to another location and hover some more.

When the object moved he said it went at a speed faster than an airplane.

# Season begins for UFOs

By MIKE HALL

Herald-Dispatch Staff Writer

The two girls swore they weren't as high the bright orange, eight-pointed star-shaped object they saw in the skies over Huntington last night.

"I'm always looking up at the sky for some reason. I said 'look up there, it's a falling star,'" Cindy Mills, 16, of 2524 4th Ave. said last night.

The Huntington East High School student said she and her friend, Jimette Matheny, 15, of 2576 Collis Ave., were on their way back from a store run, loaded down with pop when the late-summer sky above them was broken apart near 9 p.m. last night.

"She grabbed my arm and said, 'Cindy, it's not a falling star,'" Miss Mills said.

With that, the two girls stood stockstill along 4th Avenue.

"We kept our eyes on it the whole time. We didn't look anywhere else," Miss Matheny recalled.

As they watched, the object began to take shape.

"It was a bright light in the sky, it wasn't an airplane, only light. There was a humming noise, like a real loud piercing," the 15-year-old said, making a loud alto hum.

**SHE SAID** she couldn't tell how high the humming orange object was.

"It wasn't perfectly round, it had thingies coming out of it. . . it looked like legs coming down off it," Miss Matheny said.

The girls said the mystery sky-sight was highlighted by one orange light.

"It was two minutes at the most. It made the noise all the time. Then boom, it just phffft, it was gone," Miss Mills said.

"I about fainted right then and there. I got goose bumps. Nothing just vanishes into the air," she said,

still slightly out of breath and excited.

Well, folks, there is one thing that phfffts and vanishes into the air: a weather balloon.

A call to the National Weather Service at Tri-State Airport revealed that the nightly balloon flight would have ended about the same time the girls saw their UFO.

**RANDALL HATFIELD**, at the NWS, said that when the balloon reaches its maximum altitude the reflection would be a bright yellow-orange and when it broke apart, it would just phffft into the air.

A simple easy explanation right? Wrong.

A second call to Hatfield for additional information sent that reasoning into the stratosphere.

"You know that object you called about earlier? They saw it in Logan County," Hatfield said.

It doesn't sound exactly the same-but. . .

A Logan County deputy sheriff said the report came from Horse Pen Mountain along the Logan-Mingo line.

"It was a large round object with orange and blue lights, moving in sort of an oscillating motion. It just dropped over the mountain," the deputy said of the report.

Well, it's not quite the same, but maybe there is something out there.

# U.F.O. sighted, makes contact near Stephen

About 1:30 a.m. Monday, August 27, Marshall county sheriff deputy Val Johnson had a unique and scary experience. The experience was he came head on with an unidentified flying object. He first saw a bright light which was so brilliant it hurt his eyes. Then he heard the breaking of glass. The impact broke a headlight of the car, dented the hook near the windshield, broke the windshield and a flasher light and bent two antennae.

A watch worn by Johnson and an electrical clock in his

car had been set at 7 p.m. when he started working and upon investigation each was 14 minutes slow.

After examining Johnson's eyes, it was said the burns were similar to that of "welder burns."

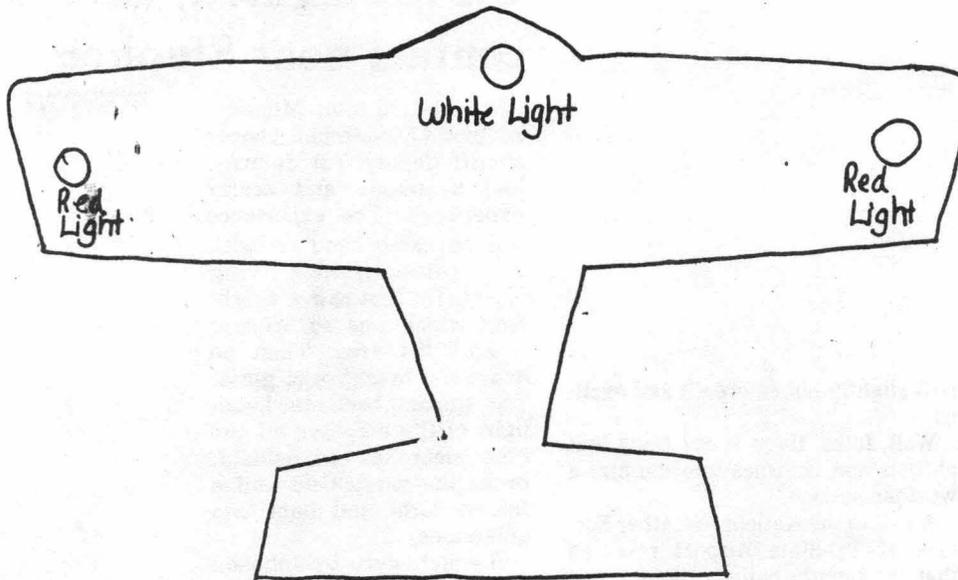
The Center for UFO studies at Evanston, Ill. was notified and an investigator, Allan A. Hendrey, came to view the damage and question Deputy Johnson. Hendrey said the incident has the best credibility of any UFO sighting reported this year.

# Boy, 11, spots UFO

An 11-year-old Anoka boy spotted an unidentified flying object at 136th and Taylor Street, Anoka, about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday afternoon last week.

Phil Dorkik, described it as a round object, high in the sky. "I happened to look up at the sky and saw it," he said. "It was weird and I was scared. The object was going away from me and did not have any lights."

GRAFTON, N.D. - RECORD  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 1, 1979\*\*\*\*\*GRAND FORKS,



## UFO's in area news

By John A. Strand

There's a fellow in Grafton who really isn't too enthusiastic about telling people what he saw in the wee hours of the morning on Wednesday. He's afraid people will think he is crazy or something.

Although he refuses to let his name go along with the story, he was willing to tell it to The Record Friday morning. And, to further clarify what he was trying to describe this fellow drew a picture of the object he saw in the air at about 1 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Relatively unwilling to call it an unidentified flying object, a UFO, he did say he had never seen anything like it in all his years. And quite certain it was not your ordinary plane, for that is what it resembled, he said he could be mistaken about the whole affair. Or at least about what he saw, anyway.

The man lives near Central High School in Grafton and swears that at 1 a.m. Wednesday, in the dead of night, he noticed a rather unusual plane flying over the north side of the city, somewhere over the water tower. He watched it with curiosity, and then the next day after reading about an encounter with a UFO in nearby Minnesota, he really began wondering about what he saw the evening before.

"I knew nothing about this deal," he says. "That is what got me going. I didn't hear any engine noise at all. It

just looked like a plane going in for a glide or emergency landing at the airport."

But then he began to wonder. "It came from the east, and you'd think it would make the fastest approach possible. But then it swung around and went back east again."

He was near downtown Grafton. The plane, maybe 1,000 feet in the air, had no engine noise whatsoever, he says.

And that isn't the half of it. For it did not look like your basic, ordinary small airplane. It had two big lights — red ones, one on each wing, that did not blink but instead were solid beams — and it had a solid bright white light under the nose of the plane.

The plane was larger than a Cessna 172 and it had a wide wingspread and tail section. "And the body in the center was too stubby." He watched it for less than five minutes, he says.

There was no engine noise and it flew in a "nice, beautiful glide. Nothing rough, just stable..."

No one else saw it, at least that he knows of, and the first thing he did was go tell his son-in-law about it. "I didn't see any propeller at all and didn't see any landing gear. I'd even take a lie detector test if I had to," he adds.

The Grafton airport reported that they knew of no emergency landing at 1 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 29. They did not have any record of anybody flying that late and on that specific evening.

PORTERVILLE, CAL. - RECORDER  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 11, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## More Strange Lights Seen In Local Sky

For the second night in a row, strange lights have brightened the skies and widened the eyes of area residents.

Yesterday at 7:45 p.m., a half dozen people told The Recorder of a mysterious, green light arcing in a fall across the eastern skies of Porterville.

Sunday at about 9:45 p.m. Randy Mullins described the same phenomenon occurring over Frazier Valley.

All agreed there was something weird about the lights.

"It started out too low to be a falling star, but was too high to be just a kid's roman candle," said a lady from Strathmore who thought Monday's light may have fallen around that area's memorial building.

She, neighbors and relatives said it made no sound and as to size was perhaps "twice the size of a basketball."

Tom Leasure, residing on E. Morton, described the same light at the same time Monday night, but thought it may have fallen in the foothills.

Sunday, Mullins said he went on a search in the Frazier Valley area he considered it may have fallen into (about 10 miles northwest of River Island Golf Course), but found nothing.

In light of recent UFO encounters in other states, he felt compelled "to tell someone."

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# Object In Sky Sparks Probe

By JACKIE FEAGIN  
News Editor

Reports of a large, white glowing object in the skies over southern St. Johns County touched off an investigation here Saturday.

Acting Sgt. Herbert A. Greenleaf said a 21-year-old man reported Saturday afternoon — after seeing a television account of a Marshall County, Minn., deputy sheriff's sighting of an unidentified flying object — that about 12:30 or 1 a.m. Saturday he and his wife saw a white-colored object in the sky, passing about 200 yards west of their home, located three miles south of the U.S. 1-SR 206 intersection.

**THE OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED** as egg-shaped with a large dome on top and a smaller dome on the bottom, and it dimmed and brightened as it moved through the sky on a straight line, at an estimated altitude of one-half mile, the man told Greenleaf.

According to the witness and his wife, they watched the object for several minutes, from windows in their home. They heard no noise from the object, but a neighbor's dogs began barking "wildly," they said.

The couple reported experiencing problems with an electric clock and fan, which they said kept going off and on during the time the object was visible to them.

**THE YOUNG MAN SAID** he decided to report his sighting after seeing a report telecast by a Jacksonville station, about a deputy's UFO sighting in Minnesota.

Greenleaf said he contacted Station WTLV and was advised their report was that a deputy there has wrecked his car and was burned, but not as a result of the wreck, after sighting a large white glowing object.

Meanwhile, Deputy Greenleaf said a woman who wished to remain anonymous reported she saw a round, bright white object in the sky southbound near U.S. 1, about 12:15 a.m. Saturday. She said the white object appeared to drop a bright red object, which dissolved into the air over the area south of St. Augustine.

Greenleaf said he contacted sheriff's departments in surrounding counties and was advised by the Putnam County sheriff's office it received two reports of UFO's, but considered one unfounded. The other was a report of flashing lights east of Hastings.

DELPHOS, OHIO - HERLAD  
\*\*\*SEPT. 1, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## A UFO in Putnam County?

Some people believe in UFOs. At least, some northern Putnam County residents claim they saw a UFO recently near Pandora.

Craig Gieger of Rt. 1, Pandora told the sheriff's department that he and his aunt, Anna Suter, had observed a UFO for several hours last week.

Gieger said they saw a bright yellow light in the vicinity of Road O and Road 3 northeast of Pandora and watched the object for several hours before it flew off.

He said the UFO appeared stationary for a short time over the intersection and then moved west and upward and finally disappeared.

Baffled, I'm sure they were. They watched the UFO several hours before calling the sheriff's department. What could the sheriff do? Hop aboard?

CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER - OHIO  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 22, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## UFOs seen in W. Germany

INGOLSTADT, West Germany (AP) — Bavarian police yesterday reported independent sightings by about 10 policemen of what they said were three unidentified flying objects that hovered silently near this central Bavarian city, then rapidly disappeared from sight.

Workers at a local Audi-NSU car manufacturing plant first spotted the objects, police said. "They were very big and beamed brightly," police quoted eyewitnesses as saying. "They flew very fast and without engine noise. In doing so, they flickered yellow and red."

CHIEFTAIN - PUEBLO, COLORADO  
\*\*\*\*\*JULY 29, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# Rancher discovers mutilated heifer

WALSENBURG — Reporting Saturday on the discovery last week of a two-year-old mutilated Hereford heifer, area rancher Jack Brubaker commented, "In my more than 50 years of cowboying, I've never seen anything like it."

Brubaker said some type of sharp instrument had been used to remove the anus, rectum, sex organs, udder quarters, tongue, right eye and ear. Brubaker said there was no blood and he theorized that the animal's body fluids had been drained. He commented that there were no blow flies or maggots on the carcass, and that neither coyotes nor buzzards had touched the animal.

Foreman of the T.I. Welch Ranch three miles south of Walsenburg,

Brubaker found the animal while riding the south pasture. The \$500 heifer was owned by Dick Clennin of Rye, who is leasing the ranch.

Brubaker said he found tire tracks near the dead animal but no footprints. Prior to his finding the heifer, neighbors reported seeing a light blue pickup traveling up and down the day before on that section of Interstate 25 which forms the west boundary of the ranch.

The heifer is the third animal found mutilated in Huerfano County this year. The other victims were valuable bulls. Also under investigation is a possible mutilation of a cow which had given birth to a calf a short time before it either died or was killed. □

MILWAUKEE JOURNAL - WISC.  
\*\*\*\*\*AUG. 22, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Space Metal Found

La Paz, Bolivia —UPI— Two light metal discs, believed to have fallen from space, have been found in southeastern Bolivia by farmers, a La Paz newspaper has reported. An official said the objects might have belonged to a third stage of an unidentified rocket.

OSHKOSH DAILY NORTHWESTERN - WISC.  
\*\*\*\*\*AUG. 13, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Ad gimmick brings UFO reports

Several persons called the Wittman Airport control tower Friday night about a UFO flying over Oshkosh. However, it turned out to be an advertising gimmick.

A spokesman for the control tower said an Oshkosh cocktail lounge was advertising itself by using a Cessna 150

plane with a grid attached to its bottom. The lounge's message appeared across the lighted grid while the plane flew about 2,000 feet over the city.

The plane has been spreading the message since the Experimental Aircraft Association Fly-In began last month, the spokesman said.

## Low-flying UFO was likely planes

By Dick Ulmer

Outstate Nebraska Bureau

SUTHERLAND — A UFO sighted last week near the Gerald Gentleman power plant may actually have been two military aircraft engaged in a refueling procedure.

Harold Hitch, superintendent of the Nebraska Public Power District plant at Sutherland, said he received reports of the UFO from 10 employees. It appeared low in the sky northwest of the plant last Thursday between 11:15 and 11:45 p.m. and "didn't act like a normal airplane," employees told Hitch.

But a Federal Aviation Administration official in North Platte said Tuesday that the object possibly was a KC135 military tanker refueling a C5 cargo plane in mid-air.

In a telephone interview, Hitch said workers at the plant saw the object from two different vantage points. They reported that it looked somewhat like an airplane, but seemed to be flying too low and too slow, he said.

According to Hitch, some NPPD employees estimated the UFO to be about 1,000 feet off the ground. "And planes usually don't fly that low over power plants at night."

Robert Pease, an air traffic control specialist at the FAA's North Platte office, said a report of the UFO from power plant workers was logged at about midnight Thursday. The FAA doesn't have a radar unit in North Platte, so the Denver air route traffic control center was notified, Pease said.

Denver radar indicated that a C5 and KC135 "were in the (Sutherland) area at the approximate time (of the UFO siting)," Pease said.

Told of the FAA's findings, Hitch said that lights on the power plant's stacks "might be a good landmark for two aircraft to meet at out here in the middle of nowhere . . . that's probably what it was."

# Chronicle of a U.F.O. Sighting: Investigation Leading Nowhere

**I**N 1975, Dr. Peter A. Sturrock, professor of space science and astrophysics at Stanford University, circulated a questionnaire to 2,611 astronomers asking them their sources of information on unidentified flying objects and whether they believed the subject "deserves serious scientific study."

He reported that 1,356 replied, of whom 23 percent said "certainly" U.F.O.'s merit such study. Another 30 percent said "probably" they do, 27 percent said "possibly" and the rest said probably not or certainly not. Of those who replied, 2.5 percent requested anonymity.

It was a surprising result, since it was — and still is — widely believed that only a small percentage of scientists regard U.F.O.'s as demonstrating anything more significant than the fallibility of human observation.

Nevertheless, Dr. Sturrock and a few others — notably Dr. J. Allen Hynek — have continued to champion the legitimacy of U.F.O. investigations. Dr. Hynek, a professor of astronomy at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., operates a clearinghouse for U.F.O. reports. It circulates a publication entitled "International U.F.O. Reporter."

"There is a sense," Dr. Hynek has written, "in which each age is ripe for breakthroughs, for changes that were not only impossible but even frightening when imagined in an earlier age. The U.F.O. phenomenon may well be one such challenging area of interest even though it is seemingly out of place in our present world picture — as incredible to us as television would have been to Plato."

Typifying those of the contrary view is Dr. Carl Sagan of Cornell University, who argues that U.F.O.'s are puzzling only because they have not been observed adequately enough for identification. He has long argued that intelligent life probably exists elsewhere in the universe, but that there is no evidence to associate U.F.O.'s with such life.

No one knows exactly how often someone looks up and sees an object that is unidentified and flying, and how many times such U.F.O. sightings are reported. Some estimates put the number at 600 a year. They vary from lights in the sky to humanoids allegedly descending from "flying saucers" in remote areas.

This is the story of one sighting, and the events which followed it.

By **MATTHEW L. WALD**

**G**ARY HULL was having an after-dinner cigarette on the patio of his in-laws' north Stamford home at 11:10 P.M. on July 27 when something made him look over his shoulder at the northwestern sky. Shining bright enough to be seen through the treetops was a cherry-red ball.

"It was inordinately bright," said Mr. Hull, 28 years old, who had never seen anything like it in the years that he lived in an eighth-floor apartment with a view of the planes approaching Westchester County Airport, or when he floated through the air as a skydiver.

The pulsing ball moved and appeared to hover over downtown Stamford, to the south. Mr. Hull walked down the driveway to an open field to get a better view.

As he watched, four distinct white flashes appeared. "It looked like somebody sticking a hand out of an airplane dropped four firecrackers," Mr. Hull said.

He ran inside to get his family. "It looked like a red ball," said his 5-year-old son, Andy, more than a week later. At the time he asked, "Is that Superman?"

Then the ball moved off to the north, diminished as if it were going straight

up, and disappeared. That was at 11:19.

Mr. Hull, like about a dozen others in Stamford, called the police. It seemed to be the right thing to do, he said.

Simultaneously, a few miles to the west, Housein Naraghi saw a red flashing light north of his house. He watched the object discharge three or four firecracker-like objects before it turned white, got dimmer, and slowly moved north and disappeared. Then he called the police.

Three and a half miles to the north, Peter Cavanaugh and some guests at his home looked up some time between 11 and 11:30 and saw a red light that seemed to be bright for three to five seconds, dim for one second and then bright again. It was to the northeast, and it turned white before dimming and disappearing. They, too, called the police.

On duty at the desk was Sgt. Harold Westerfield, who said that the department usually receives three or four such calls a year. But to the surprise of some of the callers, most of whom did not leave their names, he was sympathetic.

"Sometimes I feel Uncle Sam has things going on that he doesn't want us to know about, and they are explained as U.F.O.'s," said Sergeant Westerfield, an eight-year veteran of the force who was an Air Force mechanic for four and a half years. "I saw one once, two years ago, early in the midnight shift," he said. "I saw a group of people

standing in the street, looking up. There was a single white light, zigzagging in an erratic manner."

The investigation was under way. Sergeant Westerfield put out a call on the police radio and Officer Joseph C. Chovit answered it, interviewing witnesses at the three houses. With some police-style incongruities — the sightings were referred to as "complaints" and the officer's report duly noted that there was "no arrest" — Officer Chovit recorded the impressions of the witnesses, asking them to compare the size of the object they had seen with an object held at arm's length. At the Naraghi home it was likened to a fist; Mr. Hull said it was the size of a quarter.

"All agreed to sighting and all appeared sober and intelligent," he wrote of one household. "Has no idea what it was," he wrote at another. "Maybe U.F.O."

"I only investigated it," Officer Chovit said later in an interview in the records room of the Stamford Police Department. "I came to no conclusion. It's a 50-50 shot. It could be a Government thing, or it could be extraterrestrial."

"Right," said Sgt. Thomas A. Lombardo, the records supervisor, who was listening. "And when it landed, what got out, Martians or Chinese Communists?" Sergeant Lombardo quickly recalled an earlier U.F.O. report, by a city garbageman, who had actually spotted the planet Venus rising just before dawn.

But the Stamford police, facing a busy but not hectic Friday night, continued the investigation.

"If it looks like anything of substance, we'll follow up," said Sergeant Westerfield. The procedure "depends on who is working the desk and what his knowledge of local facilities is, to be honest," he said.

In this case, the department started with nearby Westchester County Airport, then Bradley International Airport, in Windsor Locks, Conn., and Bridgeport Airport. Westchester reported 10 or 11 planes in the pattern during the period, an unusually large number for that hour, but neither Westchester nor the other airfields spotted anything unusual on their radar screens.

According to aviation and U.F.O. specialists, this may not be conclusive, since Federal Aviation Administration regulations do not require all aircraft to report their position to air traffic controllers, and because airport radar relies heavily on transponders aboard commercial and military craft, which pick up the microwave signal and send it back enhanced, complete with data on identity and flight path of the plane.

Sergeant Westerfield also tried the police departments of neighboring towns and was told that a Darien officer had seen what he described as a "parachute flare" on the northwest side of town, which abuts Stamford.



United Press International

**This unusual cloud formation resembled a fleet of flying saucers**

Still drawing a blank, the Stamford police called the nearest Air Force base, Maguire, which is in New Jersey, 16 miles south of Trenton. The call was made by Sgt. John Dugan.

Sergeant Dugan, who had spoken to some of the witnesses, was impressed. "I never really believed or disbelieved, but I believe they saw something," he said. But when he reached the duty officer at Maguire, "He didn't especially sound excited."

In fact, it was there that the forward movement in the investigation stopped. It has not restarted, and is not likely to advance much.

The Air Force base, like the Stamford police, has a policy to deal with U.F.O. calls, but it varies with the officer on duty. Callers are always referred to one of eight civilian U.F.O. organizations, with the choice depending on the officer.

In the words of a Pentagon spokesman, "We got out of the U.F.O. business on Dec. 17, 1969." That marked the end of Project Bluebook, an investigation dating back under various names to 1948, and covering 12,618 reported sightings. Most were found to be conventional aircraft; some were weather balloons, satellites, planets or meteorological phenomena such as lightning.

Some 701 remain unexplained, but the Air Force, backed by a panel of civilian experts, does not feel that they or more recent sightings merit further study. Both the Air Force spokesman at the Pentagon and the one at Maguire keep handy at their desks a summary of the report which explains why:

"The decision to terminate the study is based on three conclusions. One, that no U.F.O. that had been reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of

a threat to our national security.

"Second, no evidence submitted or discovered by the Air Force that sightings characterized as unidentified represented any technological development or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge.

"Third, there has been no evidence to indicate that sightings characterized as unidentified are extraterrestrial vehicles."

The Air Force spokesmen said they knew of no Government agency that was investigating U.F.O.'s.

In the case of this sighting, Sergeant Dugan was referred to a privately funded group in Seattle called U.F.O. Reporting Center, which has 12 staff volunteers. Robert Gribble, a retired fireman who is the director of the center, was given an outline of the incident and told how he could obtain a copy of the four-page police report, complete with the names and phone numbers of the witnesses.

Mr. Gribble said that his organization had sent a letter to the police requesting the report, and that investigators would call the witnesses and ask for more details.

The witnesses and the police speculated about what the object was. "It could be a joke," said Officer Chovit, who theorized that a prankster in a light plane could have dropped "a regular 15-minute traffic flare and some firecrackers."

But Mr. Hull argued that its movements were too deliberate for that. Witnesses also ruled out a helicopter, because they said the object made no noise.

The unofficial police theory of a Government test is rejected by an Air Force official. "We own millions of square miles out west if we want to test something," he said.

Now the witnesses are wondering, just a little self-consciously. Mr. Hull, a sales representative for a distilling company, said he will wonder "until I'm no longer here" what he saw, but doubts that the authorities will carry the matter much farther.

# Deputy's close encounter draws queries



This photo of the stricken patrol car was made by Marshall County Deputy Sheriff Everett Doolittle about 3 a.m. Monday — about 40 minutes after Deputy Val Johnson called for help after

being "attacked" by an unidentified object. The photo was made as a part of the sheriff's department's investigation.

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By Jim Durkin **FRONT PAGE**  
Herald Staff Writer

Shortly before 5 p.m. Thursday, a rerun of the science fiction serial "Star Trek" was playing on a color television set in the dispatching room of the Marshall County Sheriff's Department.

"It's just a coincidence," said a deputy when asked about the TV program.

Spaceships and unidentified flying objects have been the main item of conversation at the department since Deputy Val Johnson was attacked by an "unidentified thing" early Monday morning.

Johnson was on patrol about 10 miles west of Stephen, Minn., when he spotted a bright beam of light hovering above Highway 220. He drove toward the light, but when he got within about 1½ miles of it, he said, it became "aggressive" and "attacked" his car.

The 35-year-old deputy suddenly heard breaking glass and the inside of his car became filled with white light as the "thing" came at him. After that, Johnson can't remember what happened in the next 39 minutes.

When he came to, he called on his radio for help. Minutes later he was taken by ambulance to the Warren Hospital where he was treated for burns to his eyes and a bump on his head.

A headlight on the patrol car had been broken. There was a dent on the hood of the car, the windshield had been smashed and a red light on top the car was broken. Two spring-mounted, steel antennas, which stuck above the car, were bent.

Johnson's wristwatch and a clock

in the car had stopped, unexplainably, for 14 minutes.

Al Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., was called. He arrived in Warren Tuesday morning to investigate.

"A case like this comes along one time in a thousand reports. We're giving it special attention because it seems so solid," Hendry said Thursday.

Other people are giving it special attention, too.

SKHERIFF Dennis Brekke and his staff put in a hectic day Thursday being interviewed by reporters from across the United States and other parts of the world.

"I got a call at home this morning a little after 7 from someone in London, England, who wanted information about what had happened," Brekke said. He estimated his office had received an additional 50 telephone calls from reporters during the day.

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"We've gotten calls from The Star in New York, National Enquirer called us from Florida, and people from Chicago, Minneapolis, Wisconsin — all over — have called."

"Two phone lines have been lit up all day," said Deputy Everett Doolittle. "It went crazy. It was wild."

The two men said there also had been camera crews from five television stations at the office doing stories.

"I'm getting behind in my job. I haven't been able to get much work done all day," Brekke said.

Johnson, who has recovered from his injuries and is back on the job, admitted Thursday evening that he

was tired. He had spent the day catering to media people — posing before cameras and telling about the incident over and over.

"I had no idea it would blow into something like this," he said.

Neither did Brekke.

"When we put out the story, our intention was to satisfy our local people so they would know what had happened. Val is a good officer. There were all kinds of rumors

going around and we just wanted to tell what actually happened," he said.

"We wanted show our support for Val and back him up. We didn't want somebody coming up with a cock-and-bull story that wouldn't be factual," Brekke said.

"I don't think people around here — at least not the people in Marshall County — think we're a bunch of nuts. Of course, there are always a few people who will think that

way, but most people don't.

"The fact that Hendry handles thousands of calls a year and came out here and didn't think we were all squirrely, that says something for us."

"Val's a very sound officer. We believe him. We've got something that happened and we investigated it. We gave out all the facts we have and that's all we can do. Eventually it will blow over and things will get back to normal."

IRON RIVER PIONEER - WISC.  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 13, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

How about that northern Minnesota deputy sheriff who appeared on "Good Morning America" claiming that his squad car had been damaged by a U.F.O. and that he sustained injuries to his eyes from viewing a super bright light? The government is investigating and there are claims of other sightings in the area. Wouldn't it be nice if they were able to get a clear sighting with a good picture instead of stories, time lapses and stopped watches and instruments? It would have to be someone

else, not me, curious as I am. Don't you think they are possible? So many of the frightening science fiction comics with their improbable devices have become realities - why not flying saucers? If we are able to go to the moon and our earth is only one of the smaller planets, then why couldn't someone from some as yet unknown planet come and visit us? Well, I would like to be able to show husband a real flying saucer some day just to prove to him that they do indeed exist!

LACROSSE TRIBUNE - WISC.  
\*\*\*SEPT. 7, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# Unidentified flying object is reported near La Farge

LA FARGE, Wis. — An unidentified object was reportedly sighted in the sky near here about 10:30 p.m. Thursday.

John and Barbara Madden and their son, John Jr., 13, reported to Vernon County Sheriff's Department officials that for more than an hour they watched a circular object in the sky. They said the object had colored flashing lights that were visible from their rural home, about two miles east of La Farge.

Mrs. Madden described the unidentified object as round with bright flashing lights in the center and winglike appendages extending to the sides. The object, she said, appeared to move in an undulating motion with the

lights alternating between bright and dim.

"It was sort of like it was dangling on a string, with the lights darting back and forth," Mrs. Madden said.

She said her husband was first attracted to a disturbance outside when a neighbor's cows began to bellow and the Madden's dog began to howl.

Madden said he first searched the ground outside in the dark, then looking upward and sighted the object in the sky.

The Vernon County Sheriff's Department received a call from the Maddens and sent a car to the farm to investigate, but officers did not see anything, according to a department spokesman.

A spokesman at the Federal Aviation Administration office at the La Crosse Municipal Airport said his office had no reports Thursday of unidentified objects in the sky.

The spokesman said, however,

that the object seen by the La Farge family could have been a planet low on the horizon. He said atmospheric conditions sometimes make low-lying planets appear to brighten and fade in intensity.



# Eyes Left

by Jerry Sondreal

LAST WEEK, I DON'T remember the day, my almost nine year old son walked from his bedroom about 11 p.m. to report he could see funny lights outside his window. I was skeptical. With kids dreaming and fighting off monsters all night, it is difficult to become very concerned about youthful observations.

The full moon last week played havoc with many persons lives particularly those who suffer personality changes while they are under control of the full moon or suffer loss of sleep.

United Press International reported last week that five men, employes of Trollhaugen, saw a large "football shaped object with a brilliant metallic sheen" hovering about 40 feet off ground near Dresser.

Bradley E. Ayers of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., said the Wednesday morning sighting appears to hold up after interviews with the five men.

He called the incident "a close encounter of the first kind" because the witnesses were within 200 meters of the UFO.

The primary witness was driving north about 10:45 a.m. on CTH MM in the town of Osceola, two miles east of Dresser when he saw a "dark, small object above the tree line on the horizon about a half mile forward of his position."

This small dark black object moved very rapidly and within a matter of seconds had closed to within 200 meters of where he was (in the car). Then he pulled his Chevrolet Blazer off the side of the road and got out.

As the observer got out, he had the object in view at all times and proceeded to see a small disc-shaped object . . . a football-shaped object with a brilliant metallic sheen.

The witness, described as a 25 year old Army veteran who works at a ski resort, said the object was six to eight feet in diameter and two to four feet in height. As he was watching this thing, it moved across the road and descended in a bean field to his right, where it finally came to a stop and hovered about 10 feet above the vegetation.

While the object was over the field, a passing trucker joined the first witness in observing it. They watched it ascend to about 200 feet and move over nearby East Lake.

The trucker then said he saw the disc again above a nearby gravel pit where he worked. He and three others watched it come over the gravel pit and ascend into the clear sky at about an 85 degree angle.

At no time did they hear any sound, nor experience any physical affects other than being awestruck by the experience.

The UFO Center is directed by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a retired astronomy professor at the University of Northwestern. Ayers of Lakeland, Minn., said he has worked with Hynek since 1974.

The center recently investigated a reported UFO sighting in Warren, Minn. In that incident, a deputy sheriff was knocked unconscious after seeing a "brilliant white light" during a routine patrol.

Allen Hendry, the Center's chief investigator, called the Warren sighting the "most dramatic and exciting UFO experience ever reported to us from throughout the United States."

Perhaps my son Patrick knows something that I don't.

## Slightly Offbeat . . .

FRONT PAGE

Logan County Sheriff's Officers are investigating a reported sighting of a UFO Wednesday. The witness reported a strange-shaped orange object thought to be an UFO. The jagged object reportedly had flames shooting from it and hovered in the sky for two or three minutes approximately two miles west of Sterling.

# Daytime sighting of UFO reported by Dresser folks

A daytime sighting of a UFO Wednesday, Sept. 5, by a number of local people caused considerable excitement at Dresser this week.

According to reports, the initial sighting was by Larry Hogan, an employee at Trollhaugen at Dresser. Hogan observed the object as he drove north on County Road MM at about 10:45 a.m. His attention was first drawn to a small black dot just above the tree line about a mile in from of him. Within minutes the object was directly ahead of him, said Hogan, at an altitude of an estimated 50 feet. The object was reported by Hogan to be elliptical in shape. As Hogan approached, said another witness the object moved swiftly over a bean field owned by Louis Klocek of Dresser. Hogan was watching the movements of the UFO when a truck driver for Ostermann's Yellow River Supply approached and stopped to see what he was looking at. The driver radioed the loader operator at the gravel pit nearby. He told the loader he was seeing something but didn't believe what he was seeing. The man at the pit climbed a hill and could also observe the object.

Dale Kelley, Sr. of Dresser, who is an Osceola Town maintenance man, was out at the Leo Pape gravel pit at the time of the sighting. He saw the object after it became airborne. (It had previously either touched or almost touched ground in the bean field).

As it became airborne it looked football shaped and appeared to be a weather balloon at first said Kelley. It became apparent to him it was no weather balloon as it shot up and away at extreme speeds, said Kelley.

The most mystifying to Kelley was the lack of any form of exhaust. "It could have been run by remote control", he speculated. A normal size person could not have stood up in it but could have sat down, he noted.

An investigator who had just been out to talk to the policeman who said he was attacked by a UFO stopped and discussed the incident with the witnesses, said Kelley.

The investigator told them about 7 in 10 incidents turn out that the people really have seen something. It is reasonably easy to tell in a five minute visit with people if their sighting is substantial he told them. At Dresser, the investigator was convinced a UFO was spotted.

Kelley, who frequently operates road machinery at night, has been watching the skies for a long time for a UFO. He was amazed to see his first object in broad daylight.

It was eight to 10 feet across and three to four feet high, said a witness, and looked just like two saucers put together. It was silver aluminum in color.

Estimates were that Hogan had come as close as 200 meters to the spacecraft. Visibility that day was perfect, according to the weather bureau. The sky was clear and cloudless.

Szewczuga provided authorities with a sketch of the alleged UFO. Police were dispatched to the area but were unable to locate the object.

South Milwaukee police say they have received at least three other recent anonymous reports of UFO sightings on the outskirts of the city.

On Sept. 6, five men claimed to have seen a large football-shaped object with a brilliant metallic sheen hover about 40 feet off the ground near Dresser, Wis.

Their experience is being classified by the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., as a "Close encounter of the first kind," because the witnesses apparently were within 200 meters of the object.

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## Close Encounters?

By Barbara Mueller

Two South Milwaukee men claim to have observed a pointed mushroom-shaped UFO hovering over trees at the end of Drexel Boulevard, west of the Chicago & North Western Railroad tracks last Friday night.

A truck driven by Bruce Szewczuga, 717 Milwaukee Ave., was eastbound on Drexel Boulevard, just off of Pennsylvania Avenue, shortly before 8:30 p.m., when he and a passenger, Randall Froschheuser, 1704 Menomonee Ave., saw what appeared to be a large UFO hovering over some trees. The object was in the shape of a mushroom with a pointed top bent to the right.

Szewczuga described the object as "Very bright orange in color, glowing with different shade of orange." It kept appearing and fading as the truck continued in its eastbound direction. It appeared as though it was partially behind some trees as branches could be seen

along the bottom of the UFO.

As the men got closer, the UFO appeared to get smaller, and about a block away it disappeared.

When questioned about what he had seen, Froschheuser told authorities he was not wearing his glasses but could see the shade of the object as being described by Szewczuga.

# Citizens sight UFO near Dresser

Five individuals in separate locations sighted an Unidentified Flying Object east of Dresser on the morning of Wed., Sept. 5.

Bradley E. Ayers, an investigator with the Center for UFO Studies, investigated the sighting. The Center has its headquarters in Evanston, Ill., and Ayers operates out of Lakeland, Minnesota. He inquired about the Dresser sighting after he gathered data about the mysterious UFO incident involving a deputy in northern Minnesota.

The investigator could not release the confidential names of witnesses.

All five witnesses observed the reported identical information about the Dresser sighting, said Ayers in an interview with the Standard-Press on Fri., Sept. 7. He added that similar observations made by a number of people put reliability into UFO studies.

Ayers asked that anyone in or near Dresser who saw or experienced anything peculiar on Sept. 5 at approximately 10:45 a.m. notify him as soon as possible. His address is Box 36, Lakeland, Minnesota, 55043. ph. (612) 439-1945. He will maintain the confidentiality of any reports.

THE UFO was described by witnesses as an elliptical shaped object about eight feet in diameter. It had a silver metallic sheen and did not display any appendages or external extensions.

According to reports, the craft maneuvered near the Trollhaugen Ski Area for several minutes. It next hovered above a bean field and then shot into the sky at a high rate of speed. Some observers were within 200 yards of the UFO and testified that they had never seen anything, natural or man-made, like it in their lives.

The proximity of the viewers in relation to the UFO classified the incident as a "close encounter of the first kind," Ayers said.

ONE WITNESS of the UFO was Larry Hogan, Osceola, who is employed at Trollhaugen. He was traveling northbound on Co. Rd. MM east of Dresser and Trollhaugen when he saw the craft.

"I just saw it coming over the trees and I slowed down and watched it," commented Hogan.

He sketched the UFO as being a small object. The diameter was an estimated six feet long and from top center to bottom center it may have been two feet thick. He noted that the color was silver metallic and there were no lights or windows visible on the craft. In his opinion, it was "just the typical flying saucer."

Hogan watched the UFO hover over a bean field just south of the Louis Klocek farm. It maneuvered from place to place about 20 feet above the field. The UFO gained altitude to approximately 200 feet and flew above East Lake.

As the UFO hovered above the lake, Hogan decided to drive on toward Trollhaugen.

"It wasn't doing anything spectacular, so I just kept right on going," he said. At no time did the UFO move toward Hogan's vehicle or make any form of a threatening action. He lost sight of the UFO as it hovered above East Lake.

Grantsburg resident. He is the son of Dagmar and the late Raymond V. Johnson, Grantsburg.

His encounter began at 1:40 a.m. on Aug. 27 in Fork Township, 17 miles north of Olso, Minnesota. While on trunk highway 220, Johnson saw a light about one mile away as he was southbound in his patrol car. He suspected the hovering light was a plane in distress, but as he drove toward the light, the light moved toward his car.

He recalls hearing the sound of broken glass and seeing a bright light fill the car's interior. Johnson remembers nothing for the next 40 minutes. A headlight was broken, but he drove 854 feet after the light broke before skid marks show the brakes were applied. The skid marks went 99 feet until the car stopped broadside in the highway.

At 2:19 a.m., Johnson regained consciousness and radioed for help. The dispatcher reported that Johnson seemed disoriented and at 2:32 a.m. he was found sitting in his car before being rushed by ambulance to a hospital in Warren. Doctors classified burns to Johnson's eyes as something like a welder's burn.

The car had one headlight broken, but no damage to the frame around the light. A small dent was also found on the windshield, a damaged red light atop the car and two spring steel antennas were bent at right angles. The deputy described the beam of light as eight to 10 inches in diameter.

Allen A. Hendry, chief investigator for the Center of UFO Studies, investigated the incident with Ayers. No disturbances were reported by radar that evening. The squad car watch and Johnson's wrist watch both stopped for 14 minutes during the mysterious encounter.

Johnson has been a reliable and well-liked member of the sheriff's dept. for 2½ years. Most folks believe the incident is true and was caused by a UFO. The affair may only be explained at this time as a strange and phenomenal event.

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# Sycamore pair believe we are not alone

by Paul Gores

Herald staff writer

The night was clear and the stars were shining brightly over the corn and bean fields near Charles Weeden's farm when he returned home from work late one evening last week.

As he occasionally does, Weeden, 32, a life-long resident of the small DeKalb County town of Sycamore, went outside to gaze at the sky before going to bed. He was not looking for anything more spectacular than the twinkle of

the stars against their backdrop of black. But this night the sky displayed something more. It was the beginning of a strange experience for Weeden and several others who happened to cast a glance skyward that Wednesday night.

"A bright light caught my eye," he said. "I watched for a while and it didn't move. Then it started moving from side to side, hovering back and forth. It was too high for a helicopter. I went inside and sat on the corner of my bed and looked out the window. It

dropped behind the trees, but you could still see the light shining through so I went outside again. It was red, orange and green. It wouldn't stay just one color in one place. It moved, and when it did, the color changed. The changing colors would speed up and slow down."

**WEEDEN KNEW HE** was seeing something unusual. He telephoned his father and asked him to look outside at the light. He saw a bright light, but he is not sure if it was the same one. Then the younger Weeden called the DeKalb County Sheriff's Dept. in Sycamore.

That's when Berna Van Vlerah, a sheriff's deputy, saw the very thing she had scoffed at for years.

"Every two, 2½ months we get some kind of reporting of UFOs," said Van Vlerah, who was dispatched to the scene by radio. "I always laugh at them.

This time, however, she didn't laugh.

She drove toward Weeden's farm and suddenly saw the object hovering hundreds of feet up near the Ill. Rte. 64 and Glidden Road intersection.

"It was not an aircraft as we know

it," said the deputy of eight years. "It looked kind of like one of the those popcorn poppers with the plastic lids. It was orange. The orange glow was very bright. Around it (at its outline) the orange glow was fuzzy."

Van Vlerah, 32, pulled out her binoculars to look and watched the strange craft for about five minutes. She said it moved in a westerly direction at no more than 20 or 25 mph. When it looked like it would move no closer, she went on to Weeden's house and phoned the UFO reference center in Evanston.

"I thought I'd call them and let them take it from there," she said. "I knew it wasn't a helicopter or an airplane.

**THE DEPUTY THEN** stepped back into her car and followed the UFO as it headed west. She lost sight of it temporarily, then spotted it again as she approached the Ogle County line. Slowly it moved out of site. She notified Ogle County Sheriff's Police, but they say they did not see it.

"I don't know what it was, but it was something," Van Vlerah said.

Neither the Ogle County Sheriff's Dept. nor the Rockford Airport received any reports of a UFO in the area, and speculation about the UFO continues. Some thought it might have been a helicopter or a hot-air balloon. Weeden and Van Vlerah say it wasn't, and investigators for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston agree.

"The UFO center in Evanston is going to follow it up and we discussed the possibilities," Van Vlerah said. "They said there was no possibility of a glow from a hot-air balloon."

Curiously, Kankakee Police received several calls about a glowing, dome-shaped object hovering in the sky around 11 p.m. Wednesday. And in Minnesota, the direction in which the UFO reportedly was headed when it disappeared from the Illinois sky, a sheriff's deputy said a mysterious bright light broke his windshield and a headlight. The deputy sustained "welder burns" in the incident and his watch and car clock stopped for 14 minutes.

**EXCEPT FOR THE** changing colors on the object Weeden saw and the continuous orange glow of the aircraft Van Vlerah saw, their descriptions of

the object and the way it moved are identical.

"It had kind of a quarter moon shape toward the bottom and came around to

kind of a rounded peak," Weeden said.

Weeden said he called the sheriff's department because "I wanted someone in authority to see it, too."

Yet skepticism greeted the reports of a UFO over the farming community of 8,900. Most Sycamore residents shrug and smile when they are asked what they think of the UFO sighting. They heard the story on television or they read about it in the newspaper. But precious few saw it for themselves.

"Probably just a shadow," said one old-timer in a downtown tavern.

"Maybe, maybe not," said another.

"It's one of those things where you wish you were there to see it for yourself."

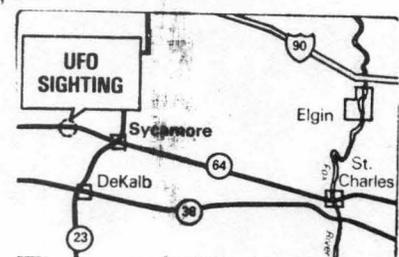
But there are others, like bicycle store employee Russell Knoll, who believe.

"**IT'S QUITE A MYSTERY,**" Knoll said. "I didn't used to believe in them but I'm at least half way now. There must be something to it. There have been so many of them. I'm beginning to believe there's something up there."

"People think of something with little Martians in them when they hear of UFOs," Van Vlerah said. "I somehow think it's government related."

Van Vlerah said the night after the original sighting a woman called and said she saw something unusual in the sky near the same site. And Weeden, despite "the hassle" and teasing his report of the UFO earned him, said he saw "something," too.

"I haven't said anything to anybody about this," he said. "I kind of gazed out there Thursday night in the same direction. I saw similar lights in the same area. I don't know. It seemed it was up there again and then it disappeared more to the north. I know it's hard to believe, but there was something."





Officer Lenny Dinkins scopes 'UFO' while Dennis Hawkins eyes it. (Staff Photo by Phil McPeck)

# Star Light, Star Bright, PAGE ONE Are You the UFO Tonight?

By PHIL McPECK  
DAR Staff Writer

"On a clear day you can see forever." And on a clear night you can see even more.

Those nighthawk police who see Southeast Missouri through the eerie and often sleepy hours of darkness want to know what their eagle eyes saw last night in the clear, deep sky "east of Malden."

First word of "colored lights" hit police airwaves late Sunday night said Nancy Vied, Charleston's night dispatcher. "All we can tell you is it's red, yellow, green and blue flashing lights around a single light that glows all the time," she said.

"It started out northeast of the the city and moved to the southeast," she said about 5:15 a.m.

At 4:45 a.m. two Poplar Bluff policemen, Dennis Hawkins and Lenny Dinkins, were searching for clues. They perched atop their cruisers near the Missouri-Pacific railroad depot.

"It's green with red lights around it," Hawkins observed.

"I could see it real good at Whiteley Park," Dinkins said.

The duo made a tactical change to Highway 142 at Whiteley Park, where city lights didn't interfere with their

"It's elongated," Dinkins observed. "It's pulsating. I'll take guesses on what it is," he said.

"Definitely not an airplane," said Todd Spencer, who helps people through the wee hours at radio station KMIS in Portageville. "It's the size of a star with green — green flashing lights. With a reddish flash to it. You can tell it's moving kind of with the earth. Maybe an exploding star."

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While a newspaper reporter eavesdropped over the telephone on Miss Vied, an earthly voice blurted over her radio. "Reference UFO. It sounds like you're having a very interesting night."

"We have no idea what it is," Miss Vied answered, just as the Highway Patrol Troop E satellite station at Sikeston broke in.

"We would like to know what it is, also," the Sikeston voice said.

Meanwhile, Bernie police had scoped it through a telephoto camera lens from their Stoddard County vantage point, said night dispatcher Linda Hester. Mrs. Hester repeated an explanation she said she received by radio "from St. Louis County, I think.

"It's a real bright star from a constellation that's reflecting light."

Bob Carpenter, the man monitoring night life for the Pemiscot County Sheriff's Department was confident.

"That I was looking at is a little higher now," he said, as daybreak threatened and the sky lightened to dark purple. "It's a star. It did have color. I've noticed that lately."

John Feldt of the U.S. National Weather Service in St. Louis said starlight often appears colored when it is refracted by particles in the atmosphere. But, he added, the Service received a citizen's report of a UFO at Highways 141 and 21 in Jefferson County about the same time southeast Missourians were buzzing with speculation.

By 6 a.m. there was no more time to stargaze and guess. Daylight was sneaking in — a thief the police couldn't stop. Already to the east, the far-away sunrise had stolen the colored lights.

Courage and confidence seemed to build with the coming daylight, and most who had been captured by the night and the lights agreed it must have been a star. But the bright sun still casts shadows of doubt in the minds of those who believe in UFOs.

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# UFO Scene

By Walt Greenawald,  
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Between the Chronicle and myself, we have uncovered a total of eight separate UFO events all ostensibly occurring within a one and one half week period.

All were relatively close to each other geographically with the exception of the Simi Valley sighting. When one considers that I ordinarily may hear of only two UFO sightings a year in the San Fernando Valley, the past series of events represents a staggering amount of work for one individual.

Each UFO witness should be interviewed extensively, the story examined for inconsistencies, correlations with other events and, above all, the witnesses evaluated for a credibility rating. Standard sighting forms were mailed out to all those for whom I could get an address. All have not been filled out and sent back.

I have yet to interview five people who will undoubtedly add to this wealth of UFO detail. In all, 28 witnesses have been noted including two policemen whose identities will remain unknown as the West Valley Division of LAPD doesn't know anything of UFO sightings reported to them, much less of two men from a cruiser seen observing a UFO through binoculars.

In two cases I have found strong corroborating evi-

dence from independent observers who presumably don't know each other. One family is worried about adverse publicity.

However, most witnesses don't mind if their names are used in connection with a UFO sighting. Twenty years ago this was not the case and we would have been lucky to hear of one UFO report indicating that the ridicule factor seems to be diminishing and markedly so.

The latest UFO story from Angelo Mortillaro of Reseda who spotted a saucer shaped craft from his bedroom window just after midnight early on August 3.

He and his wife, Nellie, quickly went out to the backyard and observed the same craft on a northerly course over Hamlin Street. They noted that it made a right turn proceeding towards Van Nuys along Victory Boulevard. Angie estimated that the craft was as wide as Victory Boulevard and that the bottom surface was covered with white blinking spotlights. The time was about 12:10 a.m. with clear warm weather. He and his wife could hear no noise. Angie says that he has had commercial artist experience and promises a sketch of what they saw.

It seems unusual to me that other agencies such as the Valley News haven't re-

ceived at least one phone call reporting a UFO but they say they haven't. The same is true with LAPD. They claim no recent UFO reports.

Griffith Park Observatory said that perhaps only one UFO sighting was turned in during the last month.

Why were these things seen only in the Canoga Park and Reseda area? I would like comments from those readers who have seen something unusual particularly within the last month.

I would also like to hear of your frustrations in contacting someone in officialdom and what was their response. How many witnesses tried to contact other media sources only to run into the proverbial blank wall.

In one of my future columns I shall address the secrecy aspect of UFOs and officialdom ... it appears to exist from the Presidency down to your local sheriff. Call or write Walt Greenawald, 20709 Collins St., Woodland Hills, (213) 887-6632.

## Deputy Val Johnson Appears On "Good Morning America"

Val Johnson of Oslo, deputy in the Marshall County Sheriff's Department, made his debut on national television Tuesday morning. He was a guest on ABC's "Good Morning America" program.

The show was the highlight of a recent media blitz which has been centered around the 35-year old Johnson.

Three weeks ago, Johnson's patrol car was "attacked" by a brilliant light while he was patrolling a lonely rural highway about

10 miles west of Stephen. Johnson's eyes were burned during the attack. His patrol car was damaged, and his wrist watch and a clock in the car stopped -- unexplainably -- for 14 minutes.

Al Hendry, chief investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Illinois, went to Marshall County to investigate the report. He also accompanied Johnson to New York for the television show.

During his introduction, host David Hartman said Johnson's

"could be the most exciting and dramatic (UFO) experience so far."

A tape recording of Johnson's call for help was played. A picture taken by Deputy Everett Doolittle showing the skid marks and the car sideways on the highway was displayed.

Johnson and Hendry explained the experience.

Hendry said the case was strong despite having only one witness. He pointed to the physical evidence -- the eye burns, the damage to the car and the stopped timepieces -- to back his statements.

Hartman asked Johnson what he would do if someone came to him with the same story.

"I'd investigate it more fully and file a report," Johnson said. He added he would have a tendency to believe them.

When asked if he believed in UFOs before the incident occurred, Johnson said he had no preconceived ideas about them.

Hartman asked Johnson how the UFO sighting had changed his life.

Johnson said he and his family had gained a great deal of notoriety in a short period of time because of the press coverage.

Johnson, who was flown to New York by the ABC network,

appeared relaxed during his six-minute television interview.

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## Several persons report odd object in night sky

Sightings of an unidentified flying object were again the topic of conversation today in several northern Illinois counties, including Kankakee.

At radio station WKAN, news director Ed Munday reported that several calls were received, most from the Limestone area, starting shortly after 11 p.m. Wednesday.

In Sycamore, a DeKalb County Sheriff's Police deputy observed what she described as a dome-shaped object with an orange glow at about 1,000 feet above the horizon shortly after midnight.

Lillian Hertz, 459 S. Wabash Ave., Bradley, reported a similar sighting around 3 a.m. today.

"I know I definitely saw something," Mrs. Hertz said. "I didn't really think about it being a UFO at first, I just knew it was unusually bright."

According to Munday, the callers at the radio station all reported a very bright object and some even noted that security lights, hooked to electronic sensors, went out.

DeKalb County authorities said Deputy Berna Van Vlerah was sent to investigate a report of a UFO sighting near the intersection of Ill. 64 and Glidden Road west of Sycamore.

In her report, Van Vlerah said she sighted the object and got out of her squad car to look at it through binoculars. She said it was moving at 20 to 25 miles an hour and she followed it for almost two hours.

Mrs. Hertz said the object moved only slightly downward during the hour in which it was in view.

"It may have been there longer, but I couldn't sleep and got up about 3," Mrs. Hertz said. "I looked and then went back and got my glasses. I wanted to call the police, but my husband said not to. All I can say is that it was very bright. I could see it through the trees and I watched it 'till almost 4."

Charles Weedon, a DeKalb County farmer, made the first reported sighting in that area. He told police he had been watching the object hover over the tops of trees for 35 minutes.

There were no reports of radar sightings of the object and a DeKalb newspaper has reported that the "UFO" may have been nothing more than a weather balloon.

# UFO?

## Citizen makes sighting

"I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me," said James Leshler, who called the Wayne County Sheriff's Department Tuesday to report an unidentified flying object apparently hovering in the night sky.

The department dispatched deputy Jesse Brantley to the scene, Leshler's home on Spring Grove Road, where Leshler was assured he was actually seeing what he thought he was seeing - a cone-shaped, multi-colored object which appeared to be maneuvering among the stars. It was not, according to Leshler, a satellite.

"The object didn't keep a steady orbit so I don't see how it could have been a satellite. I've got UFO in my mind, but it could have been a weather balloon. I don't know," Leshler said.

Convinced that he was witnessing some kind of strange activity, Leshler phoned in his sighting to the National UFO Reporting Center, a private scientific organization in Seattle, Wash. Although the Center could not tell Leshler if he had seen some type of alien spacecraft or not, it recorded his description of the object for its files.

"We encourage the public to call whenever they spot strange things in the sky," said Robert Gribble, a staff member at the Center. Gribble said Leshler's sighting was the only UFO report received by the Center Aug. 28. He said the Center takes calls from the entire North American continent.

Gribble mentioned that Leshler's description is one which is similar to past reports. However, he said the fact that the object appeared to Leshler to remain stationary with occasional movement is "mystifying".



Leshler admitted he was so mystified by the object that he got his aunt out of the house to confirm what he was seeing. It was after her assurance he wasn't seeing things that Leshler called police.

"I was sitting in my truck working on the radio when I happened to glance up and notice this multi-colored object in the sky. I had seen the same thing three days before in about the same area of the sky and hadn't really thought that much about it. This time though I stared at it about 15-20 minutes and that's when I thought I saw it moving around. I guess I probably watched more than an hour altogether," he said.

Leshler said he intends to keep an eye out for a reappearance of the object. In the meantime, anyone else who spots a UFO can call the Seattle Center by dialing 1-206-722-3000. The phone lines at the Center are manned 24 hours a day, according to Gribble.

# Hastings has own UFO

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By MARY LEWIS  
Tribune Staff Writer

An object which was seen in the sky by Hastings residents Wednesday morning remains a mystery today.

The object, described by Nancy Shuler, 607 Ringland Rd., as "a large kelly green fireball with smoke coming out the top," was reportedly seen in the northwest sky between 6:30 and 7 a.m.

Mrs. Shuler was the second person to call Hastings police after seeing the object. Dispatcher Deanna Fischer said she received a call about 7:30 a.m. from a woman who did not identify herself. The caller said her daughter had seen a green light in the northwest sky.

Police discounted the story, since details were sketchy, and the object was no longer visible. When Mrs. Shuler's call at 1 p.m. confirmed the earlier description, she was advised to check with Hastings Municipal Airport.

Mrs. Shuler told the Tribune that airport personnel had no explanation for the phenomenon and advised her to check with the Grand Island Flight Service. Miles Hanelvig, a staff member there, also had no idea what Mrs. Shuler had seen, but told her that it could have been an unlogged private plane. He referred her to the U.S. UFO Center in Seattle, Wash.

Robert Griddle, a staff member at the center, told the Tribune today that although the center has no explanation for the sighting, it is possible to determine "what the object was not."

"We can rule out any astronomical phenomenon such as a meteor because it was green," Griddle said. "The color

green would indicate burning copper, and meteors contain very little copper.

"We hope other witnesses will come forward with more information that will help us," he said. Mrs. Shuler's report was the only one the center had received at 10 a.m. today.

Griddle said if the center receives no other information from the Hastings area, the report will go into a correlation file to determine if similar sightings have been reported in other areas of Nebraska.

Mrs. Shuler estimated the size of the object as "about the size of a large hot air balloon," approximately as far away as the length of a football field. She said it moved through the northwest sky above the treetops from southwest to northeast and dissipated or passed from view.

After an evening news report of the sighting on KICS radio, two other residents called the radio station. Tony Edmondson, news director, said Ken Skalka, 224 E. 9th St., told him he heard a loud bang as he was leaving for work in the morning, and saw what looked like a flare in the sky.

Bill Hathaway, a pilot for Kansas-Nebraska Natural Gas Co., told Edmondson that he was preparing to leave Hastings Skyways for a company flight to Denver when he saw a "brilliant white flare with billowing smoke" due east of the airport.

Sgt. Sam Curley at Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, said two Air Force planes could have been in the area early Monday.

Griddle said if the object is not positively identified after a suitable length of time, it will officially earn the title "UFO."

## First UFO sighting reported here

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Unlikely as it may seem, White Bear Lake last week was the scene of a UFO sighting.

According to police, a report was made of a red, blue and green object with triangular windows heading over White Bear Lake in a southerly direction.

A young woman told police she was returning to her home on Cook Avenue in the early morning hours of Saturday, Sept. 15, when she spotted the object in the eastern sky.

She described the object as being very bright, but gave no estimation of its speed, saying only that it went in an easterly then southerly, direction.

Police said this was the only report of a sighting of a UFO they ever received.

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# UFO sightings made in Bootheel last weekend

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Police Departments in the Bootheel reported Monday a rash of sightings of one or two unidentified flying objects during the weekend, beginning at 11 p.m. Saturday.

According to the Charleston

Department of Public Safety, red, blue, green and white lights "flying in a regular manner and hovering in one spot" were reported by residents and officers until 6:30 a.m. Monday when they

"disappeared due to sunlight".

They said police departments in Knox County, Lawrence County, Cairo, Cape Girardeau, Bernie, East Prairie and New Madrid had

also received reports of the UFO's.

The department indicated the Cairo substation and the UFO Center had been notified of the sightings.

A spokesman indicated the Cape Girardeau Police Department had contacted the Federal Aviation Agency and they had no report of any object scheduled to be in the sky in this area during the weekend.



**Drake Describes Ground Impression**

## Mystery Shape PAGE ONE Left In Grass At Lake Home

MORGAN'S POINT — The shape of things that came may have been a "V."

At 6 p.m. Wednesday, when Bud Drake of Morgan's Point walked over to a well cutoff after watering the flowers in his backyard, he found evidence of what he thinks might have been a UFO.

A mysterious impression on the ground—a giant wedge of discolored grass in a "V" shape, 10 feet high and each bar a foot wide—gleamed on the shaded grass near the cutoff. A line—a curious thin depression in the ground—began at the point of the "V" and ran through the middle, bisecting the shape exactly.

"It was so obvious yesterday afternoon, it was like a neon light," Drake said. The flat figure was fading Thursday with time and exposure to sunlight.

The discolored grass was whitened, not burned, with a distinct and symmetrical pattern. It appeared that pads supporting some kind of heavy object left a peculiar brand.

The shape was in the far northeast corner of Drake's back yard. Drake said he saw no vehicle tracks or signs of tampering at the site, which is about 30 yards away from the nearest road.

Drake had no explanation for the mark, and no one at his house had seen or heard anything unusual in the past few days.

"Whatever it was wasn't very big, but it must have been pretty heavy," Drake said. The supporting ground is very hard, he explained, and would require great weight to such a depression.

Drake would like to see the puzzle solved.

"I thought maybe somebody could come out and analyze the grass," he said. "It's more like a powder burn, but I can't explain it."

Bell County sheriff's officers Thursday said there were no plans to file a report on the case.

### German police report UFO encounter

INGOLSTADT, West Germany — Bavarian police today reported independent sightings by about 10 officers of what they said were three unidentified flying objects that hovered silently near this central Bavarian city, then rapidly disappeared from sight.

Workers at a local Audi-NSU car manufacturing plant first spotted the objects, police said. "They were very big and beamed brightly. They flew very fast and without engine noise. In doing so, they flickered yellow and red," police quoted eyewitnesses as saying.

After a factory worker called police, a spokesman said 10 on-duty officers spotted the pentagonal-shaped UFOs, flying northwest from Ingolstadt in the direction of Eichstaett, 35 miles away.

# Sighting UFO Brings Teasing

You saw a what?

It's at that rather early point in the reporting of an unidentified flying object, that the UFO-sighter is apt to, well, reconsider whether he really wants to talk with the policeman/neighbor/military type/reporter in whom he had chosen to confide.

Still, hundreds of people in the United States go ahead and take that plunge every year, including many in the Pikes Peak region. And a recent recheck on some of those local reports, months and even years after they were made, indicates that the sighters generally (1) took a lot of ridicule for having spoken out and (2) stick by their stories and would make the reports again.

"I got comments like, 'How many drinks had you had before you saw that thing?', things like that," said real estate agent George Zeis, "but it doesn't bother me, I know what I saw."

Zeis' Aug. 24 sighting — the most recent of dozens of local public reports which date back to 1947 (one of the biggest years ever for UFO sightings in the United States) — was made when he was barbecuing in his back yard at 3936 Magnolia St.

It was about 8 p.m. and his wife and son, plus three family friends, saw a bright orange light that streaked south into some clouds, then abruptly veered north out of the clouds.

"I wouldn't definitely say it was a flying saucer," Zeis noted, with

a pause before adding, "but I'd say there's a good chance it was." Yes, he said, there's been some snickering when he and fellow sighter Bruce Kinney have told of the UFO, but the excitement of reporting such a strange sight and perhaps getting it identified by authorities outweighs for them the prospect of ridicule.

It was back in the summer of 1947 that there came a flood of reported

sightings of UFOs and "whirling discs." The reports, from across the nation, were so numerous that the Gazette for a while ran a daily column of them, under the heading "Flying Disc Dept."

In June of that year a Colorado Springs man, Ted Weigand, reported to the Air Force that he'd seen, in May, a saucer-shaped aircraft hurtling along near Pikes Peak; so had some of his fellow

workers at the Pikes Peak Railway. That report wasn't made until newspapers had carried stories of similar UFO experiences elsewhere, accounts that may have bolstered the railway workers' confidence to relate their strange tale.

Weigand died in 1960, but his widow says that "he never saw another one of those things and he didn't talk too much more about that one."



# UFO Sightings Reported In Area

BY CAROLE MAGUIRE

Two Suffolk residents and a Portsmouth resident have said they saw an unidentified flying object on two different nights in the Suffolk-Chesapeake-Portsmouth area.

Cheri Underwood and Debbie Presson, both of Suffolk, said they were returning home from night school in Virginia Beach when they saw an oval or round object, flying above the trees and over Rt. 58 last Thursday around 10 p.m.

Ms. Underwood, traveling between the Chesapeake-Portsmouth Airport and the truck weighing station, described the object as moving in circles, having bluish-green and red lights and one large white light that "didn't seem to be spotting down on anything."

The two women, in their early

twenties, did not report this sighting to Suffolk police, however, they said they stopped at the truck weighing station to ask if anyone there had seen the unexplained event

Underwood said no one there had seen anything out-of-the ordinary. The girls went home. They said there were about six cars on the road behind them so they feel "someone else must have seen it."

The same two girls were traveling the same road on Monday around the same time when they said they saw the object again.

This time there were no other cars on the road and Ms. Underwood said "it went right over our car—low. It was shooting lights out like flying insects."

The UFO was moving along with them towards Suffolk on Rt. 58, Ms. Underwood said. The women went to

the Suffolk Police Department and made a report to the officer on duty who called UFO Central which has a phone number known only to police.

A UFO Central representative told the police officer that someone from that agency would get in touch with Ms. Underwood and Ms. Presson soon.

A check at the Airport Shell gas station, across from the Chesapeake-Portsmouth Airport, revealed that the manager, Charlie Sullivan, a Portsmouth resident, was riding with his wife and three children on Monday night around 9 p.m. in the vicinity of Airline and Victory Blvds. in Portsmouth. Sullivan said that his fifteen-year-old son and his two younger daughters told him that there was a "flying saucer" above them. He said he told the kids it was an airplane and not to be "silly." No report was made to police by them.

A representative of the Langley Air Force Base public information office said the Air Force has been out of the UFO business for a few years. However, she said they have been having increased flying exercises that could possibly be misinterpreted as UFO activity in the area where sightings were reported on Thursday.

The representative said that the exercises ended on Friday. She said that Langley was not doing any night flying on Monday when two sightings were indicated.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Langley also is not involved in investigating UFO sightings, a representative of public affairs said. According to him, NASA flies research aircraft, but only in the daytime and usually only around Wallop's Island on the Eastern Shore.

The department indicated the Cairo substation and the UFO Center had been notified of the sightings.

A spokesman indicated the Cape Girardeau Police Department had contacted the Federal Aviation Agency and they had no report of any object scheduled to be in the sky in this area during the weekend.

CHARLESTON, MO. - ENTERPRISE COURIER  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 13, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Police report sightings of UFO's over wide area

Police Departments in the Bootheel reported Monday a rash of sightings of one or two unidentified flying objects during the weekend, beginning at 11 p.m. Saturday.

According to the Charleston Department of Public Safety, red, blue, green and white lights "flying in a regular manner and hovering in one spot" were reported by

residents and officers until 6:30 a.m. Monday when they "disappeared due to sunlight".

They said police departments in Knox County, Lawrence County, Cairo, Cape Girardeau, Bernie, East Prairie and New Madrid had also received reports of the UFO's.

# UFO sighting at Listie reported

SOMERSET, PA. - DAILY AMERICAN  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 20, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

By SALLY FIKE  
American Staff Writer

What may have been an aircraft from outerspace was reported sighted early Tuesday over the skies of Listie.

"I would have thought I was losing it when I saw it, but my friend saw it, too," said Allen Cline, of Somerset RD 7, who spotted the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) along with his co-worker, Von Wharsel, as

they were leaving work at Summit Mines about 2:05 a.m.

Cline said the night was very still with the skies illuminated by the stars when a bright, white light came into view above the horizon in the southwestern sky. At first, he said, the two men thought it was a plane going to land at the Somerset County Airport near Friedens, but the light didn't move. It remained stationary

about five minutes before it disappeared.

Then, Cline went on to describe, a smaller red light appeared in the same spot that appeared to be rather hazy, and suddenly, the light shot straight up into the sky, moving swiftly and without making a sound. After the red illumination seemed to find its place high in the sky, it reversed back to the brighter white light, having a liking to a huge

spotlight. But it remained there only a second.

Then, in the mysterious chain of events, the light changed again, according to Cline. The hazier red light reappeared, but this time two smaller blue lights, appearing to be behind the red one, were in the sky. After it remained stationary momentarily, it suddenly took off, having the appearance of a jet bursting in-

to flight. But still, Cline emphasized, the night was silent. Even as the ship, or aircraft, or whatever it may have been, moved swiftly over its two spectators, it remained silent. Finally, it disappeared from view, and the two could hardly believe what they had seen.

But, the fact is, they definitely believe they saw something, and Cline would like to know what it was they watched.

There was no such sighting

reported at the Cambria County Airport near Johnstown, and apparently, there was no one working at the Somerset County Airport at the time of the sighting.

Such sightings of UFO's are not uncommon and can be reported to the UFO Center in Washington, D.C. at (206) 722-3000. Even then, no explanation is offered as to what may have been seen. Only the onlookers know what they saw and are left to speculate on what (or who) it might have been.

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# Cargill worker stunned by

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## "close encounters"

WEST FARGO, N.D. - PIONEER  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 5, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

A security guard at the Cargill construction site in Riverside says that he and several others were frightened by their own "Close Encounters" last Tuesday night. The guard, who asked not to be identified, recalled the experience left him anxious to be relieved at midnight by the next security guard. "I just wanted somebody to come back and tell me that it was what I was seeing. I thought I was going crazy."

The report of several UFOs near the construction site that night follows the occurrence two days earlier, Aug. 27, near the community of Warren, Minn., where a brilliantly lighted "UFO" swept down on a deputy sheriff's car. The incident left the deputy unconscious and his vehicle damaged.

Two construction workers at the construction site confirmed the sightings of the several strange lights reported by the security guard. The guard's relief person also witnessed some of the events.

The first of several objects that appeared that night was noted about 11:35 p.m. as a dim blue light along with a bright flashing light that was far more intense than the lights set up at the construction site. "It came out of the south, went north and then circled." All that was visible of any of the supposed objects were the lights. The guard said the lights appeared to set down or hover about a point 200 yards to the east of where he was in his van.

"I didn't think it was really happening. I was scared, but I didn't think it could be happening." When the object apparently set down, it was noted that there appeared to be a bright emission of light. "At first I thought it was on fire. But it was more like a diffused beam." The diffused beam also occurred another time during the approximate one-half hour that the lights were viewed.

Shortly after this a police car approached from the east on the road fronting the construction site. Mustering his courage, the security guard said he stepped out on the running board of his van to get a better view. "I still thought I was seeing things. I said to myself, 'If I run out and stop them (the police) they'll haul me off.'"

At one point two similar sets of lights approached from the south and another two sets of lights came out of the north. The guard recalled that after he got back into his van, he looked over his shoulder only to see what appeared to be a different set of orange lights approaching from the north. That passed fairly close to the ground, almost buzzing a car traveling east on 12th Ave. "The driver saw something because he stepped on his

brakes and put his flashers on." The guard described the object as being at an altitude of about 60 feet.

The orange lights then went from 12th Ave. across to where the other object went down. "I turned around because I was so scared I didn't want to look anymore."

Shortly after this the two construction workers (they were the only ones at the site that night) returned from a break. "I got out and told them I was glad they were back. I needed them to tell me if I was seeing things."

The guard and the two workers scanned the sky and a set of the lights seen earlier in the south began to move west. "We tried to follow it but couldn't because it was so fast." The three then looked to the north and saw a large single

light, that was similar to a landing light, appear in the area of 12th Ave. The guard noted that he had seen landing lights from the largest aircraft arriving at Hector Airport and none of those were as powerful as the one near 12th Ave. A diffused beam similar to the one described when the first object set down also occurred when the large beam, was seen.

The security guard said that once his relief person arrived he did not remain at the site to learn how the objects made their departure. The Fargo police were contacted the next day and a report was given that Hector Airport had lost a plane off its radar scope somewhere west of the airport. This explanation of a downed plane did not satisfy the guard and the others viewing the occurrences at the site, however. A UFO reporting station in Grand Forks was also contacted, but an investigation isn't likely because of what was noted as the lack of substantiated evidence.

A search was made of the area where it was thought the first object may have set down, but the security guard said this was complicated. "We didn't know what we were looking for."

TOLEDO, ORE - LEADER  
\*\*\*\*SEPT. 19, 1979\*\*

## UFOs Here?

Lincoln County may have been visited by unidentified flying objects last week.

According to county sheriff's reports, a woman, who declined to leave her name and phone number, called the county sheriff's office at 4:05 a.m. last Wednesday and said she noticed a "bright star-like" object fall from the sky near Fogarty Creek.

She said the object shot out of the sky, hit the ocean, bounced in the air and hit the ocean again and disappeared.

She asked the county sheriff's department to call the Coast Guard, Navy and Army to investigate.

A sheriff's office spokesman said the department took no action on the request.

RICHLAND, MO. - MIRROR  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT 20, 1979\*\*\*\*

## R.H.S. students spot U.F.O.'s!

By Pat Stafford

UFO 1234  
On the night of September 15th, about 9:30 p.m., several students and adults sighted unknown lights. They were first seen from East Side Service Station, and they seemed to be out on 7 highway. There were three glowing orange lights that blinked off, one at a time, and then finally disappeared. About five minutes later they appeared again, seen from the Drug Store, and this time there were four of them. Later by Oaklawn Cemetary there was a

white light flying through the sky making much faster than a regular plane and turned an almost complete circle, then dissapeared! Others said they saw them our on 133 highway. Several others saw the same thing and recalled times when an orange glowing-light followed them in their car.

Can you explain what these glowing orange lights are?

LITTLEFIELD, TEXAS - LEADER NEWS  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 27, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

# What was it?

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## A BIRD? A UFO? A PLANE?

At least seven Amherst students and several from Littlefield saw a strange lighted object flying in the sky Sunday night between 10:20 and 10:40 p.m. near Amherst.

One Amherst High School student said she and her boyfriend were on the road about 1/2 mile southeast of Amherst near the railroad track when they saw a flying object radiating tones of green and red-colored lights.

She said it was running at varying speeds about water tower high, and it would move back and forth across the highway from side to side. It would hover at times, and when it did the big white light on the bottom would go off, but the smaller light stayed on all the time.

The student, who wished to remain anonymous, said, "I know it wasn't an airplane." We turned off the motor to the car, and turned off the radio, and there was no noise at all. We watched it awhile, and decided to turn the lights back on to follow it, and it came down toward us. We turned around and headed back to Amherst, and it went on toward Littlefield."

She said, "It was the strangest object I've ever seen—very un-

sual! And I KNOW it wasn't an airplane!"

One adult in Littlefield reported seeing a green light flash through the window about that time.

And, at about 10:30, reports of lights going out at Sudan, Amherst and Littlefield were given over the police radios, requesting that Southwestern Public Service Company be notified to check for accidents that might have caused an outage. Whether the incidents are related, no one knows.

A check with Sheriff E. D. McNeese Monday afternoon revealed that the UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) was "a regular little plane like those that land here at our airport."

Sheriff McNeese said he had sent his officers to Amherst to investigate the matter, and that was their conclusion.

Some of the youths went to a field below where the "UFO" was sighted, and found a burned place, which Sheriff McNeese said was the remains of burned debris from a combine, which the farmer had set on fire after unplugging a stopped-up combine.

But, one youth who saw the craft declares:

"They may want to give me a lie detector test, but I know it wasn't an airplane."

## 2 Area Men Report UFO In Daylight

Two men fishing on Lake George in southwest Rochester reported they saw a silvery UFO following a leisurely course from southwest to northeast about 5 p.m. Tuesday.

The men — Tim Thornforde, 22, of Zumbro Falls and David Hinrichs, 24, of Zumbrota — described the object as chrome-colored, highly reflective and spherical in shape, though flat on top and bottom.

Both — speaking to the Post-Bulletin separately by phone this morning — said they had no idea what the object was.

Air traffic controllers at Rochester Airport said they received no reports of any type of UFO or balloon in the area. The National Weather Service at the Airport said the nearest balloon launch area is St. Cloud, and balloons are launched from that station about 5:30 p.m.

If the object was some type of balloon, its course was approximately with the wind, which was blowing from the south at about 17 miles an hour at that time of day, according to the Weather Service.

Rochester police and Olmsted County sheriff's officers said they received no UFO reports.

Thornforde, who called the Post-Bulletin with the sighting report, gave this account:

While fishing on the artificial lake in Green Meadows Subdivision with friend Hinrichs and Thornforde's 2-year-old son, he said they spotted the object about 5 p.m. and continued watching it until the object, moving higher as it traveled northeast, rose out of sight.

Thornforde described it as round, flat on the bottom "like a Frisbee," without wings, having no lights, making no sound he could hear and leaving no visible trail.

# Pattern, tracks in field could have been UFO

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"You'll have to come out here and see it yourself, but everyone who does agrees something landed in my cornfield," Curtis Olson told Graphic Wednesday morning.

Olson, who farms west of the intersection of County Roads 4-33, found damaged corn stalks in his field in a 50-foot circular pattern plus tracks leading to an area where something else apparently hovered—if not landed—in the same vicinity.

"SOMETHING peeled the corn; something definitely landed, and the county agent told me this morning (Wednesday) that the corn is disease free—no rootworm or anything else," Olson said.

It happened three or four weeks ago, but it was just Sun-

day evening that Olson spotted the damaged corn while mowing hay in a nearby field.

"We also can rule out vandals, animals and lightning," he added. Interviewed by the Rochester Poso-Bulletin, Olson told reporters that stalks are flattened in a pattern radiating from the center of the circle. In the center, some corn is missing, leaving bare ground, and other stalks are charred.

"IT (THE CORN) looks like when you take a hair dryer, and blows all the hair from the center," according to Olson. He said a craft of some kind must have landed, but that other factors lead him to believe it wasn't a helicopter or other type of aircraft.

Also in the field, there are paths leading from the circle to another circle about 18 feet away. The second circle is about 30 feet in diameter, but with no charred or bare areas.

Along the paths between the circles it appears "people or somebody walked around," Olson said, noting that corn ears are peeled back and silks plucked or blown from some ears.

"AT FIRST I thought it was lightning," Olson said, adding he hadn't been in the field since the middle of last week. He said the peeled ears couldn't have been caused by lightning. "I myself believe we've been visited . . . other people can draw their own conclusions," said Olson, who is married and has a family.

Wabasha County Sheriff Robert Loechler said he doesn't know what caused the damage or what could have "positioned the corn in that way," but added

that "lightning does funny things at funny times."

Loechler said a nuclear or combustion engine would have produced enough heat to char more corn than is evidenced in Olson's field. He said he will not report the incident to UFO investigators until after an extension agent sees the field and offers an explanation.

IN ADDITION to the damaged corn, Olson found what he described as a footprint with a heel about 1½ to 2 inches across and toes totaling about six inches across. He said the footprint apparently was not produced by a shoe, but rather a bare foot—but not a human foot. He said it doesn't look like a print from any animal on his farm.

Sheriff Loechler said there is "some kind of mark in the soil" at the site, but that the print appears to have been made at least a week ago, before the field was damaged.

Olson, 26, said he's never seen anything like it, but added he wouldn't have manufactured a hoax. He said if he had planned the damaged and someone found out, "I'd have to hang my head for the rest of my life."

OLSON SAID HE has always believed that the universe supports other intelligent beings, and that some of them probably visited his farm.

A neighbor of Olson's who also believes Olson was "visited" told the farmer the "beings" picked his farm because he is the "kinda guy that would visit with anybody." Olson agrees, adding he wishes he could have talked to the "beings" while they stopped in his corn field.

CRESTON, IOWA - NEWS ADVERTISER  
\*\*\*\*\*SEPT. 20, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

Any UFO buffs out there? "Curtis Olson of rural Lake City, Minn., didn't see or hear anything, but he believes an unidentified flying object landed in his cornfield last week," according to an Associated Press release.

He was mowing hay Sunday night when he noticed that cornstalks in a nearby field were damaged. Done by an animal? Olson thought not. The stalks were flattened in a pattern radiating from the center of a circle about 50 feet in diameter. Some corn is missing and other stalks are charred.

"It looks like when you take a hair dryer and it blows all the hair from the center," according to Olson.

The story becomes even stranger. There are paths leading from the circle to another 18 feet away, this circle being about 30 feet in diameter. This contains no charred or bare areas. It also looks like somebody walked around along the paths. Olson noted that corn ears are peeled back and silks plucked or blown from some ears.

At first Olson thought it was lightening, but how could lightening peel ears of corn? Of course, the county sheriff added that lightening does funny things, and he is skeptical. That's a shame; why shouldn't there be extraterrestrial visitors? I'm sure they're all a part of creation. Besides, it sounds like they wanted to find out more about how earthlings managed to produce those good ears of corn.

According to Al Hendry of the Center of UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., "It's not unlike any of the 1,300 physical trace sightings reported throughout UFO literature."

This type of thing has been experienced in Iowa before; who knows when it may happen again?

# FOREIGN CLIPPINGS

GLOUCESTER CITIZEN - ENGLAND  
 \*\*\*\*\*JUNE 26, 1979\*\*\*\*\*



Dominic Hudd (10), with a drawing of the UFO.

## WHITMINSTER BOY SPOTS UFOs

WHITMINSTER schoolboy Dominic Hudd (10) had the fright of his life while he was flying a kite near his home. He claims he saw three UFOs in the sky and a fourth take off to join them.

His mother, Mrs. Honor Hudd, says she also saw the four cigar-shaped objects as they made off towards Bristol.

"Dominic came rushing in. He was really petrified. I have never seen him in such a state before," said Mrs. Hudd, of Moorhurst, Bristol.

"I went up into a bedroom with him and looked out of the window. There were three shiny silver objects in the sky, they were not planes because they did not fly the same as aeroplanes do. Each had a little dome on the top with a light on.

"Dominic told me they had been completely silent, about as long as a dormobile, and about as high as a double decker bus," she said.

Mrs. Hudd, a nurse at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital, went downstairs to telephone the police. While she was there, Dominic rushed back to tell her he saw a fourth UFO leaving a field near to where he was flying his kite. The fourth object joined the others in the sky; they hovered and made off into the distance.

When the Police arrived, said Mrs. Hudd, they seemed very interested and said they would report the incident which occurred between 8.30 pm and 9 pm on Sunday night.

A Police spokesman from Whitminster said today he thought it was a genuine sighting because both the mother and her son saw it.

The Police did not find any trace when they got there, but the boy could not

say exactly from where the UFO had left the ground.

"Mrs. Hudd said the objects were below cloud level and that means they must have been quite low because the cloud was very low that night.

"The boy was asked to make a drawing of what he saw because he managed to explain it very vividly," said the spokesman.

The objects were not aeroplanes from Staverton or nearby RAF Kemble, because they were not operating on Sunday evening. At RAF Innsworth a spokesman said no sighting had been reported.

But, at RAF Brize Norton an assistant air traffic controller, said he also saw something peculiar in the sky heading for Gloucester direction on Sunday night.

"It definitely was not an aircraft from here. It was something like a shooting star, a long streak in the sky," he added.

MILTON KEYNES GAZETTE - BUCKS, ENGL.  
 \*\*\*\*\*JUNE 22, 1979\*\*\*\*\*

## Something 3128 alien' in the sky?

A NETHERFIELD man and his friends had what he claimed last week was a close encounter of the third kind.

Rob Chambers, of Farthing Grove, was leaving a friend's house on Beanhill just after midnight on Thursday night when he saw a bright orange light in the sky over Fisherhead.

The "vision" was also witnessed by Martin Glasett, of Landra, and his brothers Jim and Mark. Mr Chambers takes up the story.

"When I came out of Martin's house I saw this big orange ball. It was just going across the sky and was not moving very fast.

"It was about four times bigger than the flashing light on a plane and just gradually made its way over the horizon.

"It didn't worry me—I was just very curious and I rang the police to tell them about it."

The city area has been the "spotting ground" for a number of UFOs in recent years. Local observations can be traced back to the 1960s and the most popular areas appear to be Newton Longville, Drayton Parslow, and Blatchley's Lakes Estate.

Mr Ken Phillips, who lives at Springfield, has spent 10 years studying the phenomena and is investigations coordinator for the British UFO Research Association.

He thinks Milton Keynes is one of a number of peculiar geographical areas where UFOs tend to turn up.

## Start the day

# An arresting sight for PCs

More unidentified flying objects have been sighted over South Yorkshire and police officers are among those who have seen them.

The main sighting appears to have been over Barnsley where more than a dozen officers spent more than an hour watching what they described as bright, white lights hurtling across the sky in the early hours of the morning.

Senior police officers were reluctant last night to discuss the sightings, saying only that there was nothing in their official records, but two constables talked about their experiences.

One officer said: "I've still got an open mind on the subject, but it was not possible for the lights I saw to be shooting stars or conventional aircraft."

"They were at a great height — probably about 30,000 or 40,000ft — and sometimes the lights were weaving a zig-zag pattern across the sky."

"A lot of the night staff were watching them and the lights kept re-appearing travelling in different directions at a very fast speed. I've seen plenty of shooting stars in my time, but these were certainly not."

Another officer said: "I thought at first they might be satellites, but

then I saw a flash at the rear of one of them like exhaust flames.

"I understand other officers in Sheffield and other parts of South Yorkshire also spotted the objects the same night."

Flying saucer expert Paul White, an official of the Aetherius Society which has a metaphysical healing centre at Birdwell, was not surprised about the sightings.

He said: "We have always said that flying saucer activity would increase when mankind took a more serious attitude to their existence and that is what appears to be happening."

"We have had an increased number of similar sightings ourselves recently. But these people do not intend any harm towards us."

At Finningley RAF station, an officer said: "We were not flying that night. It follows that our radar wasn't working either so we wouldn't know anything about it. I can only wish you good hunting and refer you to Bawtry Meteorological Office."

At Bawtry, a spokesman said: "We wouldn't expect to get any reports about objects of this nature."

**BRIAN STEER**

# Mystery green UFO spotted

A MAN out walking his dog spotted a green ball of fire flashing across the night sky near St Albans.

The sighting follows reports of green lights in the sky over Leavesden Aerodrome near Watford last week.

And police have passed on the report to the RAF Department at the Ministry of Defence.

## Martians

The latest "UFO" was seen by Mr Melvyn Bailey as he walked his dog near his home in Bedmond Lane, St Albans.

Mr Bailey, a council worker said: "It was an incandescent green ball with a short tail of red sparks."

"It was relatively low in the sky about a mile away. I

realised it was the wrong shape and speed for a firework.

"I'm not saying I saw Martians or anything. I don't disbelieve in UFOs but I remain to be convinced."

"There has been a lot of comment about the American Skylab breaking up and coming down to earth and I thought it might have something to do with this."

An off-duty air traffic controller and people at a barbecue party saw two mystery green lights over Leavesden Aerodrome last week.

Rolls-Royce, who own the airfield, believe the lights may have been space debris — possibly from the Skylab — entering the earth's atmosphere and burning up.

# Are we being watched?

WITH Sky Lab expected to hurtle to earth sometime tomorrow anxious eyes will be scanning the heavens — and that will mean a sharp increase in the number of UFO sightings.

Most reports of unidentified flying objects are accounted for by the scientists or the meteorologists.

But the mere fraction of inexplicable phenomena fuels the argument that we are not alone.

So are we being watched from out there in the vast void of space The Echo tonight examines what continues to be one of the most thought-provoking questions facing man. And reports on how UFO investigators probed one of the biggest and most spectacular "visitations" to occur over Merseyside.

# VENUS — OR UFOs ?

Space-ship spotters beside the seaside have been seeing red — and blue and green — over the past two nights.

Flashing coloured lights have been reported in the sky over the Yorkshire coast, all moving slowly.

One witness at Sewerby said they varied in shape, but were basically oval.

They appeared at about the same time each night, from about 11 p.m., and last night could be seen until early today, going south.

A coastguard said it could be Venus which can be seen on clear nights in about the same position as the UFOs.

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# UFO could 3128 have been weather balloon

**EVENING** strollers in Farnworth were puzzled by a strange object hovering over the rooftops. It lingered over their heads for a few minutes before disappearing into the sky at night.

Now local people are wondering whether their caller was visitor from another world.

One witness, Mrs Jean McDermott, of Starling Drive, Farnworth, had a clear view of the intruder. And she is convinced it was no ordinary flying machine.

"It was balloon-shaped and looked as if it had come from the direction of Four Lane Ends," she said. "It had a flat bottom and was hovering high in the sky.

"Suddenly, it turned on its side and it became cigar-shaped with a silver streak down the side."

## DRIFTED

A number of other people watched the UFO from a nearby roundabout on Hadfield Road.

"It was in the sky for about two minutes", said Mrs McDermott. "And by the time I had got into my front room, it had gone.

Her husband, Peter, arrived in time to catch the last few seconds of its visit.

"I've no idea what it was," said Mrs McDermott, "but it looked too high up to be a balloon."

## DEFLATE

Local UFO investigator Miss Jenny Randles, said the object could have been a weather balloon which

had drifted from Liverpool. "Quite a number of these balloons are released from Liverpool," she said. "And if the wind is in the right direction, as it was on Wednesday night, it is quite possible that one of these could have floated into the Farnworth area."

Several reports of UFOs had turned out to be weather balloons, she said and added: "They can sometimes deflate suddenly which causes them to depart very quickly as the air rushes out. Many are found on the Pennine Moors."

Miss Randles stressed that the object may not have been a weather balloon — but the shape and wind direction suggested that it was. Liverpool, the only release point in the North-west, sends out four balloons a day.

# Black 'UFO' sighted

A 14-YEAR-OLD St Albans schoolboy and his cousin from Redbourn claim that they saw a black flying saucer ascending above playing fields.

Timothy Lebas, of Lancaster Road and his cousin, also 14, Charles Hoskyns Abrahall, of Cupid Green, Redbourn, have reported their weekend sighting to the police.

Timothy, a pupil of Wheathampstead School, said he was on the playing field with his cousin near his Redbourn home when the UFO appeared, early on Sunday evening.

He said: "We saw an aeroplane go by on its way into Luton Airport. Then this black object appeared. It was directly above us at about 1,000ft and ascending. It was black, oval and about half the size of a house.

"My cousin's house is right next door to the field and he ran in and got his binoculars while I kept watching it.

"My cousin looked at it through the binoculars and said it had a cone on the top. I went up to about 10,000ft and my cousin then said it seemed to explode and disappear.

"My cousin has now gone back to boarding school but I have re-checked with him about what we saw. We reported it to the police and to the British UFO Association in London."

Timothy, who said the UFO had no visible lights or windows, added: "I phoned the police in St Albans on Monday and they said they could not help because I had not called on the day I saw it."

A spokesman at Luton Airport said he could recall nothing unusual on their radar at the weekend.

# Round 3128 and about Wigan

GROUP pledged to solving the mysteries of UFOs wants to hear from Wiganers who have had close encounters of the third kind.

The British UFO Research Association is appealing for times, places and any other details to enable them to carry out investigations into UFO sightings.

Its appeal comes only 24 hours after a sighting over Wigan bus depot, and the Association is eager to trace anybody with similar experiences to Wigan bus garage-man Bill Davidson.

If you do contact BUFORA your information will be treated with the utmost confidence, they say. The regional co-ordinator for this area is Mr Bill Hartley of 23 Hastings Road Thornton-le-ay, Lancashire, telephone Cleveleys 824417.

# I spotted UFO, says student

A Bristol engineering student today claimed to have spotted a UFO over the city.

David Edmonds (22) sighted the object just after midday from the window of his home at Reedley Road, Stoke Bishop.

"It was metallic silver in colour, round, flat on top and seemed to be revolving in the sky," said David.

David, an amateur astronomer, said he watched the object for about three minutes through the lens of his six-inch telescope.

"My father saw it too," he added.

David reported his sighting to the air traffic control centre at Filton.

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# Police sight UFOs

**Unidentified Flying Objects have been seen in the night sky over Barnsley — by policemen.**

The strange objects, about a dozen in all, were seen by local officers in the early hours of Monday.

The officers say that at first they thought they had seen a meteorite or shooting star. But over a period of about 1½ hours, they saw a number of lights high in the sky moving very fast and giving out a steady glow.

They contacted radar tracking stations, but they could not confirm what the objects were.

One of the officers commented: "We don't know what these things were, but they were very high and moving very fast. From their flight pattern, we are all convinced they were not aircraft.

"A fair number of officers saw the lights which kept re-appearing, travelling in different directions and sometimes weaving a zig-zag pattern across the sky.

"We have heard that other officers in Sheffield and other parts of South Yorkshire also saw these objects the same night."

A flying saucer expert from the Aetherius Society centre at Birdwell said he was not surprised about the sightings. Society members had experienced increased sightings lately, "but these people do not intend any harm towards us," he said.

"We have always said that flying saucer activity would increase when mankind took a more serious attitude to their existence, and that is what appears to be happening."

But senior officers in Sheffield have claimed they know nothing of the sightings and have no reports on record.

# Another UFO sighted in City

ANOTHER unidentified flying object has been sighted in the Gloucester area.

After last week's report of a sighting by a Whitminster boy, Miss Lita Wasley (23) of Longievens, described the strange objects she saw from her home on Sunday.

She saw a large bright orange globe followed by a smaller white light hovering in the air from the May Hill direction. "I thought at first it was the moon or even the sun—but it was after midnight," said Lita, of Elmleaze.

Lita and her boyfriend, William Stanley, told Lita's parents, Bernard and Thelma Wasley, and her sister, 14-year-old Denise. "It was very uncanny," said Mr. Wasley. "I am not the sort of person who believes in this sort of thing—but there was definitely something that I could not explain."

"Lita told me that she had seen something once before but I did not believe her—now I'm not so sure," he added.

Lita says that the orange object was shaped rather like an old cottage roof—with a small dome sitting on a bigger dome. "I think there were lights around it but it kept disappearing behind some smoke and then appearing again. It eventually disappeared altogether after we had watched it for about half an hour."

However, neither police nor radar tracking stations have reported anything unusual.

# Among the favoured few

Once upon a time a UFO sighting caused more excitement than any other phenomena—but these days the theorists with their "logical explanations" almost always spoil the fun.

It was quite an event in the life of a Rugby girl though when she saw a bright round object flashing in the sky one night last week.

Sixteen-year-old Wendy Hudson spotted the UFO from the window of her home in a tenth floor Rounds Gardens flat at 11.20 pm.

"It was a round ball, white inside and orange outside. It looked about the size of a dinner plate—but I couldn't really tell how far away it was," said Wendy.

"I called my mother and she saw it too before it suddenly disappeared."

No doubt some sport will come up with the obvious explanation but until they do Wendy's flying object remains unidentified and she counts herself among the favoured few who have actually seen a UFO.

# Two more UFO's sighted

THE mystery of unidentified flying objects over the south west of Gloucester is deepening.

Since this week's story about the sighting of four UFO's at Whitminster there have been two more reports of peculiar objects in the sky.

Mrs. Irene Lansdale, of The Terrace, Haresfield, was driving with her husband towards Nupend, Stonehouse, about 8.15 pm on Monday when they saw two cigar-shaped objects.

"They were very bright, moving closely together, high in the sky but below cloud level.

"If they were moving they were going very slowly. We were driving in the opposite direction and eventually lost sight of them," she said.

Mrs. Lansdale, a coffee bar assistant at the CEGB, does not think the objects were aeroplanes because they were too close together.

And on Tuesday a Stonehouse resident claims to have seen a round light in the sky. It was moving rapidly westwards. He does not believe it was an aeroplane because there was no vapour trail.

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# 'Shaken' pilot reports UFOs

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A 29-YEAR-OLD flying instructor is convinced he saw two UFOs while walking home in the early hours of the morning after his car ran out of petrol.

Mr. Tim Steggles, of Branksome Hill Road, College Town, says he saw the strange objects streak across the clear sky and disappear over the horizon.

And Mr. Steggles, who says he is quite used to seeing unusual - but explainable - objects in the sky says: "I was really quite shaken. I have never seen anything like this before."

Mr. Steggles, who is married and has just completed a commercial pilot's course, has clocked up considerable flying time.

## LIGHT

What he saw in the sky as he walked along the London Road at Blackwater on Monday morning, he says, was nothing like he had seen before.

As he walked past the Hawley Hotel after leaving his car, he glimpsed a light in the sky which he thought was a piece of space debris.

"That was what the first sighting appeared to be, although it seemed to leave a gas trail," he said.

But it was the second sighting that intrigued Mr. Steggles about 15 minutes later at 1.37 a.m.

He said he saw a light appear on the horizon towards the north west. It was quite bright and moved across the sky in a straight line towards the south west.

As the light came overhead it split into two and while one continued on the straight course the other separated, branching off and then the two points moved close together into a parallel course and disappeared.

Mr. Steggles telephoned the police from a call box and was referred to the Air Traffic Control at Heathrow.

He telephoned them and they said there was no scheduled flight for the area at that time.

Said Mr. Steggles: "I have always held an open mind about this sort of thing and tried to find rational explanations for sightings by other people. But I can think of nothing to explain what I saw - and I know what I saw."

## RATIONAL?

Now he wants to hear from anyone else who saw the strange bright objects in the sky and he would even like to hear from anyone who believes they may have a "rational" explanation for the lights.

He said: "I just wish there had been someone else there to see them. I would even have stopped a car so the driver could back up what I saw."

If anyone did spot anything they can contact Mr. Steggles at his home at 87 Branksome Hill Road, or contact the "News".

# Victoria and her mum spot a UFO

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**AN Unidentified Flying Object has been spotted by a mother and daughter in Crank.**

Victoria Clark, aged 13, spotted the object just outside her home, at Moss Cottage, Moss Lane, Crank, at about 10pm, and told her mother, Mrs. Janet Clark.

Mrs. Clark and her daughter watched the object, which they both describe as yellowy/gold, hovering, and vertically cylindrical, for about 17 minutes and were able to get three photographs of the object, one of which was taken with a camera that Victoria had won in a Reporter competition at Christmas.

Both films are now with a special processing laboratory to ensure they are not tampered with.

## REPORTS

Said Mrs. Clark: "I wasn't disturbed by the sighting as I have seen others before, one about two years ago and the other in November.

"Victoria was with me on one occasion." Victoria said that the object later developed a tail and became "J" shaped, though her mother was not able to confirm this.

The Air Traffic Controllers at Liverpool Airport received three reports that night, two from Fiddlers Ferry which were explained as a high-flying aircraft, and one anonymous call from St. Helens.

So far, no explanation can be offered for the sighting as no aircraft was supposed to be in the area and Liverpool Airport had not recorded anything on their radar.

Other reports of strange phenomena in the area have been received and will be looked into at a later date by UFO enthusiasts.

O.V.N.I. villeneuvois

## Pas d'enquête

L'apparition vendredi vers 11 h 15 d'un objet volant non identifié dans le ciel villeneuvois, n'a pas donné lieu hier à de nouveaux témoignages. Un O.V.N.I. se présentant sous la forme de soucoupe d'une dizaine de mètres de diamètre avait été aperçu, de très près même puisqu'il serait passé à hauteur du capot de la voiture du témoin, par une coiffeuse demeurant à Casseneuil. Celle-ci aurait aperçu l'engin à la limite entre le Lédat et Casseneuil.

Rien ne permet en tout cas de vérifier ce témoignage. Le phénomène aurait selon les dires de la jeune fille eut d'autres témoins, dont des travailleurs saisonniers actuellement employés à proximité de son domicile. Mais aucune autre déclaration

n'est venue conforter ce premier témoignage, d'ailleurs toujours ignoré de la gendarmerie de Sainte-Livrade. Sur la commune voisine du Lédat, personne n'a été témoin de ce phénomène. Peut-être en raison de la loi du silence qui entoure ce genre de découvertes, la crainte de plaisanteries peut expliquer ces témoignages) la « grande lumière jaunâtre » apparue à proximité de Villeneuve ne laissera pas de souvenirs marquants. En tout cas, elle n'a laissé aucune trace dans le champ au-dessus duquel elle se serait immobilisée pendant quelques instants. Faut-il accorder du crédit à un témoignage qui ne manque pas de détails malgré que les cinémas villeneuvois ne projettent pas actuellement « rencontres du troisième type ».

SOURCE: "SUD-OUEST" - AUGUST 29, 1979

### UFO OVER VILLENEUVE (NO OFFICIAL INQUIRY)

(DIGEST) - Friday, about 11:15 a.m., a UFO was seen in the sky of Villeneuve-City. But there weren't other testimonies, except the one that we know. A UFO with a size of about ten metres, and shaped like a classic saucer was seen, even from very close, it seems, because it would be passed just over a roof of a witness's car. The witness would have seen the UFO at the boundary between Ledat and Casseneuil. The phenomenon is described as a big yellow light, and there hadn't been any explanation on the tracks found in the filed near the sighting (The rest is without interest).

## Un O.V.N.I. dans le ciel d'Haisnes près de La Bassée

"Non, ce n'était pas une hallucination, j'ai vu une soucoupe volante"...

Le ton de M. F. Decourcelle, agriculteur, rue Salengro à Haisnes-lez-La Bassée, ne permettait pas de douter.

Il appuyait même ses dires en nommant son voisin qui partagea la vision céleste mercredi soir : M. Decottignies, agriculteur, également à Haisnes, et lieutenant des sapeurs-pompiers. Deux hommes qui n'ont rien en somme de l'étudiant imaginant un canular !

Si l'on écoute attentivement le témoignage de ces deux habitants d'Haisnes, voici ce qu'on retient de la soirée de mercredi. MM. Decourcelle et Decottignies moissonnaient dans leurs champs, situés près du terrain de football de "La Prévoyante", à

Haisnes, à la limite du Hulluch. Vers 23 h 15 ou 23 h 30, ils virent un point rouge orange qui grossissait dans le ciel, avant de cracher des étincelles. La vision dura vingt secondes et l'appareil disparut derrière la cité, à quelques kilomètres.

Hier jeudi, MM. Decourcelle et Decottignies se sentirent confortés dans leur thèse de la soucoupe volante, en effet, on leur rapporta que quatre agriculteurs de Vermelles avaient eu la même apparition !

Étrange histoire ! On se souvient qu'en décembre 73, un autre habitant d'Haisnes, M. Liefoghe, l'épicier, lui aussi avait vu un objet volant non identifié dans la plaine d'Hulluch à Lens.

SOURCE: -"LA VOIX DU NORD" - 8/31/79

### UFO IN HAISNES SKY, NEAR LA BASSE TOWN

(DIGEST).....The main witness is a farmer from Haisnes-les-LaBasse, a village close to La Basse town, Mr. F. Decourcelle, who sighted the phenomenon with a neighbor, another farmer. According to both men, they were together, reaping their field, near the football field "La Prévoyante", in Haisnes area, at Hulluch boundary. It was a night work. About 11:15 p.m., both saw a red-oranged speck which increased in size in the sky, and then

it gave off numerous sparks. The sighting lasted about 20 seconds and then the engine disappeared behind the little town, a few kilometres away. Yesterday, thursday, we have learned that four other farmers, working also that night, had seen the same phenomenon. Four witnesses are living near Vermelles, in the same area.....(The rest is without interest).....

## Un petit homme orange

Un médecin argentin a photographié par hasard un extra-terrestre, un petit homme orange de 15 centimètres de haut, a révélé un chercheur d'objets volants non identifiés (O.V.N.I.), mercredi à Mendoza, à 1.000 km à l'ouest de Buenos-Aires.

Victorio Corradi, professeur de philosophie et de lettres, qui se déclare « onniologue », a fait cette déclaration au cours d'une émission de radio. Cette photographie, a-t-il précisé, a été prise, en février dernier, à Puente del Inca, à 170 km de Mendoza.

C'est en regardant ses photos, quelques jours plus tard, que le médecin a découvert l'extra-terrestre, arrêté à plusieurs mètres de l'endroit où se baignaient son épouse et ses filles.

Selon l'« onniologue », le petit homme est « un être élémentaire, semblable à ceux que l'imagerie populaire qualifie de gnomes ».

SOURCE: "MIDI-LIBRE" - AUGUST 31, 1979

A LITTLE ORANGE MAN - An Argentinian man, photographed an extra-terrestrial being. A little man 15 centimetres high, according to a UFO researcher, about 1000 kms to the west of Buenos-Aires. Mr. Victorio Corradi has stated that he had taken this picture in February 79, in Puente del Inca. The little man is "an elementary being", like gnomes of popular folk, according to Mr. Corradi. He is a professor of philosophy.

# Cigare volant dans le ciel de Saint-Lys

SOURCE: La Depeche du Midi  
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## FLYING CIGAR IN SAINT-LYS SKY

(DIGEST): While they were coming back to their home, four witnesses saw a UFO in open country of Toulous area. It is after a bend of road, about 9:45 p.m., that these people saw a bright shape coming down from the sky and caught the eye of the woman driving the car. After a few se-

Qui n'a pas un jour dans sa vie rêvé de voir ce que Mlle Benguernane a vu, en compagnie de trois amies, lundi soir, dans le ciel de Saint-Lys ? Qui n'a jamais scruté le ciel en tâchant d'y voir une de ces formes qui nous font songer aux autres univers qui viennent frapper à la porte de notre imagination, qui nous fascinent et nous envoûtent, en même temps qu'elles nous inquiètent.

Un O.v.n.i., un objet volant non identifié, c'est ce qu'on vu ces quatre personnes, alors qu'elles rentraient chez elles, à cent lieues de s'imaginer qu'elles allaient faire pareille rencontre, dans ce paysage aussi familier que la campagne du pays toulousain.

Et pourtant, au détour d'un virage, vers 21 h 45, alors qu'il faisait encore grand jour, une forme lumineuse se détacha du ciel, et attira le regard de la conductrice. Il lui fallut quelques secondes pour réaliser, et au moment où elle allait prendre la parole, son amie formula ce qu'elle voulait dire. Mais... c'est un cigare... ! »

Quatre paires d'yeux se rivèrent immédiatement sur la mystérieuse lumière. A environ un kilomètre de distance, planant dans les airs à une hauteur de 150 mètres, luisait une forme oblongue, se détachant sur l'orangé du couchant par sa blancheur métallisée.

« Ce n'était pas un avion, ni un ballon-sonde, nous affirme Mlle Benguernane, il était beaucoup trop bas sur l'horizon; il se tenait juste au-dessus du petit bois qui est là-bas. Nous nous sommes arrêtées et nous avons regardé. L'objet avait vraiment la forme d'un cigare, et il se tenait immobile à l'horizontale. Il était tout blanc, et extrêmement lumineux. Nous n'avons entendu aucun bruit, et n'avons perçu aucune vibration. Il n'y avait pas de nuages, et notre vision était très nette... Un moment donné, il a commencé à se déplacer, très lentement, toujours à l'horizontale, pour venir se placer dans l'axe du poteau électrique (voir notre photo). Et là, un halo éclatant s'est formé, et l'objet s'est mis à tourner sur lui-même, à tourner comme une toupie ! Et il s'est enfui vers Fonsorbes... » C'est au moment où l'O.v.n.i. a entamé sa rotation que la jeune fille a pu constater que la forme générale n'était pas celle d'un cigare, comme elle l'avait vu dans un premier temps, mais bien celle d'une soucoupe, qui fendait l'espace à toute vitesse, dans le plus grand silence...

Peu à peu, la vision s'est éloignée, finissant par s'évanouir dans la brume naissante...

Cette observation, qui s'est déroulée sur la route de Seysses à Saint-Lys, à un kilomètre environ du lieu dit « Augoulet » (direction de Saint-Lys), a duré 5 à 6 minutes. Il ne s'agit donc pas d'une apparition fugace, pouvant être sujette à caution. Quatre personnes dignes de foi sont là pour en témoigner. Une pièce de plus à verser au passionnant dossier des soucoupes volantes ? Souhaitons aux amateurs que les rencontres de ce type se multiplient et que les soucoupes soient bientôt... ovni-présentes !

conds of sighting, she exclaimed: "But...It is a flying cigar!"

All passengers of the vehicle could see the object, hovering 150m in altitude in the air. It had an oblong shape, shining slightly, and standing out against the background of orange coloured sky because its metallized whiteness.

The drive of the car, Miss Benguernane told this: "It wasn't a plane, nor a pibal weather ballon. It was too low on the horizon-line. It was standing just above a little wooded area. It had a shape like a cigar and was stationary in an horizontal position. It was all white and very luminous. We haven't heard any noise and any vibratory. There weren't clouds and our sighting was very clean. At a given time, coming in axis of a telegraph-pole. There was a burnsting halo took form and the object set about whirling on itself, like a top. Then, it speeded towards Fonsorbes town".

It is when the object began its rotary motion that the witnesses saw the shape of the engine. It wasn't the one of a cigar but rather the one of a saucer, moving in the air without the least noise and with a very high speed. Time of sighting: 5 or 6 minutes. Spt of sighting: Saint-Lys on road going to Seysses, one kilometre from the named place, Augoulet, towards Saint-lys.

# ARE WE BEING WATCHED? LORD OF THE UFOs

IT'S becoming the 'in' thing to see objects flying about in the sky—not birds, aeroplanes, or even that big balloon chad hovering over Liverpool last week. No points for seeing them: they're all readily identifiable.

The excitement comes when you spot one of the other type—that weird and wonderful phenomenon known as an Unidentified Flying Object.

President Jimmy Carter has seen one, so have many other people around the world. And there's bound to be a spate of new sightings this week as observers look to the heavens in the hope of seeing the huge American Skylab, due to crash to earth sometime today.

One eminent peer of the realm—who believes he has spotted a thing or two in the past—is taking a special interest in the subject.

The Earl of Clancarty, an author and recognised authority on UFOs, is so keen on the subject that the magazine *Flying Saucer Review* (of which he is a former editor) is now accepted reading in the House of Lords.

The Review, begun in 1955, circulates in 66 countries and is the most important publication of its kind in the world. Lord Clancarty is glad they are

taking it—and him—seriously, at last. For he is the man responsible for building up an international observer corps and for founding the organisation which specialises in investigating sighting reports.

He's all for government authorities to be frank about the situation: to tell people exactly what's happening; and where. And to admit to the public that these objects do, in fact, exist.

## MONICA O'HARA talks to the man trying to convince a disbelieving world...

His Lordship believes the Ministry of Defence are trying to play it cool—to keep us in the dark, so to speak.

Their well-meaning attempts to 'hush things up' are probably to prevent mass panic, he thinks. But he doesn't believe this would happen and, as sightings increase, the time has come for honesty.

Figures vary from place to place, and from time to time. Some reports estimate the number of annual sightings in Britain to be only a few hundred; other say it's around a thousand a month. Lord Clancarty agrees with the view that sightings are on the increase, but he puts the annual figure around 3,000.

When I spoke to him earlier today, he told me that he had formed a UFO study group in the House of Lords and was hoping to 'keep the subject in front of Parliament.'

### Hushing things up

"The Americans have long taken an interest in it and I am hoping to invite Senator Barry Goldwater, who is a believer in UFOs to come and talk to the group in the not-too-distant future.

"I don't like the term *Flying Saucer*. It's a misnomer, conjured up some time ago by the American Press, and not necessarily descriptive either, because they come in all shapes and sizes. UFO is not a good term either—but how else can we describe them?"

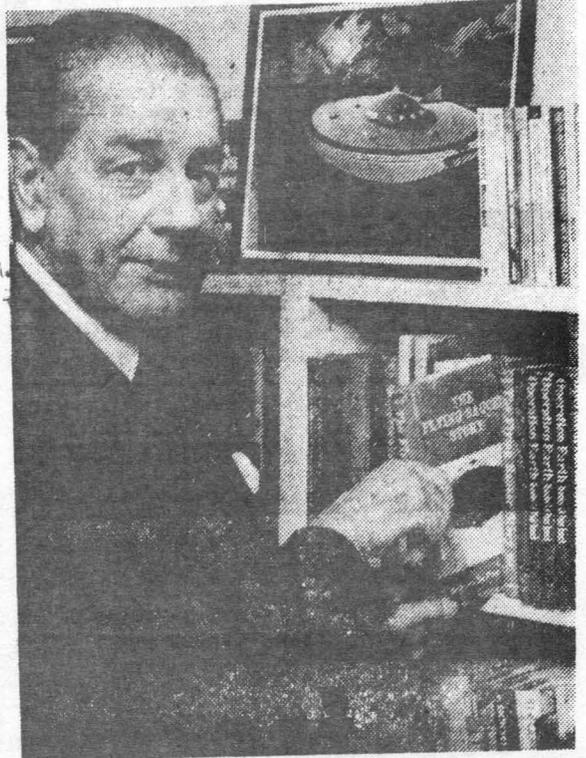
Did he think they were all extra-terrestrial? "No, I don't. Some, I feel sure, can be explained away by natural phenomena."

On the subject of 'hushing things up,' he told me:

"They have a Freedom of Information Act in the USA. Clement Freud tried to introduce a similar private members' bill here, but it was thrown out."

Other influential people who have tried to heighten public awareness, include Lrds Marley and Kimberley and Patrick Wall, M.P. (the latter of whom raised the subject in the Commons some years ago).

Lord Clancarty's views might seem feasible to some, outlandish to others. A student of UFOs for 30 odd years, he is of the opinion that "they, out there" put on this earth many centuries ago, have kept a close watch on us since, but that now, because of nuclear tests and pollution, they are making regular visits to ensure that we are in no danger.



● Lord Clancarty: man with a mission.

### They are nothing new

"Having put us here, they may be worried about us. They might have some knowledge about what is going to happen, and be trying to alert, without alarming us. They do tend to keep contacting the same people over and over again: sometimes visually, sometimes telepathically."

On the whole, he thinks, that because they are concerned about our elfare, they are friendly rather than hostile.

Despite the increased activity in their appearance, UFOs weren't a modern phenomenon, he thought. The Bible was full of reports of people seeing strange objects, not to mention the "visions" of many saints and mystics over the centuries.