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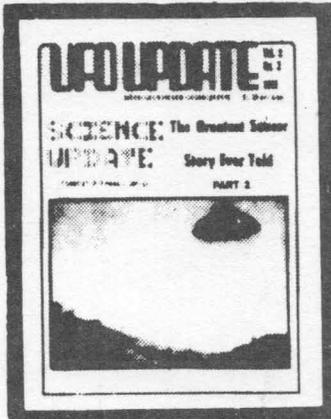
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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

Area UFO sightings increase

By MARILYN F. COWHERD
STAFF WRITER

Three more area residents have reported to Trends that they also witnessed the strange lights visible in the night sky on Dec. 9.

Ringwood resident Gayle Schaeufele was hanging Christmas ornaments that night at about 8:30 when she spotted the lights out of the corner of her eye. "It looked like five red lights. Two seemed very close together and one seemed to drop back for awhile."

Schaeufele called her husband, and

together they watched the strange lights. She said that the lights were low, but she did not believe they could possibly have emanated from a low-flying aircraft.

"I live in Ringwood," she explained. "It was a very quiet night. When planes fly low, you can always hear them, but there was no noise."

Schaeufele described the lights as being in a "V" shaped pattern, with one at the head, two on one side, and two on the other side quite close together. "The last light seemed to drift away from the others, and then caught back up," she said.

"I couldn't believe it," Schaeufele told me. She is anxious to find out what those lights were.

Cindy Koplak of West Milford reported she and four members of her family spotted the lights while driving southbound on Route 23. She reported seeing "four red lights going very slowly coming from the left, which then scattered. Later, a fifth one joined them."

Koplak said that when they turned onto Echo Lake Road, the lights disappeared, but when they arrived home, they saw the lights again hovering above their house. They finally disappeared for good at about 9 p.m., according to Koplak.

Wanaque resident Rick Devore, spotted six red lights at about 8:30 p.m. while driving along Ringwood Avenue with his girlfriend. He reported that the lights weren't moving, and that they were shaped like the Big Dipper.

When asked if he believed that the lights could have come from an aircraft, Devore said no. "I'm in the military. No aircraft would fly that pattern." He added that there was no noise, like that which a helicopter would make.

Devore, a skydiver, estimated the altitude of the lights to be in a 3,500 to 4,500-foot range. "I wish I knew what the explanation was," said Devore.

A young boy, Steve Drada, of Kakeout Road in Butler, also reported that he and his parents sighted the lights from their home. "They were moving southeast towards Riverdale," reported his father.

Steve said that there were "four red dots up in the sky, and another one was trailing behind." The family watched the lights for about a minute, until they disappeared over the horizon. Steve went outside while the lights were visible, but he heard no aircraft noise.

These new reports bring the total number of people who have reported sighting the lights to approximately 21. The question that must be asked is, could such a number of people have made such similar sightings separately, unless there had been something up there?

So far, nobody has come forward with a rational explanation for the lights. The Trends will welcome hearing from anyone with a good theory, or anyone else who wishes to report having made the sightings. For the moment, the UFO remains unidentified.

RIVERDALE, N.J. - BULLYBULL
*****UFO, 23, 1979*****

More UFO sighters surface

AREA—The Argus has received two more reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) sighted over the area on the night of Sunday, December 9, between the hours of 7:30 and 9 p.m.

A Newfoundland resident who read our previous accounts of the phenomenon called to report that he too saw four non-blinking red lights flying in a pattern over West Milford as he was driving toward the township from Dover on Berkshire Valley Road. "I thought they were just helicopters," the resident said; "They didn't strike me as being anything unusual."

A Pompton Lakes woman phoned to report that her children claimed to have seen the red lights on the night of Sunday the 9th: "I didn't believe them at the time, but I guess there was something to it."

At least a dozen area residents, most of them from West Milford and Riverdale, saw the lights, which most feel were moving too slowly to qualify as standard aviation craft. No local airport, national UFO agency, not even the Hayden Planetarium, has received a report of or been able to identify or explain the phenomenon.

'THERE ARE UFO BASES IN AMERICA'

HIDDEN

FIFTEEN secret UFO bases are hidden beneath the earth's surface, claims a Rhode Island woman who says aliens have contacted her by telepathy.

"They've told me they tunnel into the earth through the oceans and lakes, which is where they also land and take off," the woman told *The Globe* this week.

"And I've drawn several sketches, which I received telepathically, of the leaders of the bases."

Three of these amazing sketches are shown here, exclusively for *Globe* readers.

The woman — who calls herself Irena — has requested that her last name be kept secret.

She explained American bases are located beneath Portland, Maine; Barrington, Rhode Island; Norfolk, Virginia; Miami, Florida and Chicago, Illinois.

Other bases are located in South America, Africa and Europe, she said.

"It began in 1975 when I started having dreams of spaceship landings," said Irena, of Barrington, Rhode Island.

"I realized I was really receiving

By RITA ROSS

telepathic messages in my sleep and I was told my name was Goddess Irena."

"The UFO captains told me they have been studying the earth for some time and they say there is a large craft circling the earth right now.

"Most of the UFOs we see on earth are smaller ships, 10-15 ft. in diameter, that are sent here to

observe us.

"They are just waiting until humans agree to accept them.

"Then they will share information with us that will help life on earth to be much happier for all."

Irena said that she has seen several craft near her home over the years.

And other observers have joined Irena to await the UFOs.

Walter Perkins, of Providence radio station WEAN, told *The Globe*:

"I did see something in the dis-

tance that wasn't a plane or a helicopter.

"I can't say for sure it was a UFO. But it WAS something you don't usually see."

Paul Crawford, of Rehoboth, Massachusetts, told *The Globe* that Irena told him a UFO would soon be passing his area.

"On November 18 of this year, I saw a red light moving erratically in the distance. I do think it was an extraterrestrial craft because it flew in such a strange manner."



LEADERS... Irena's sketches of the UFO captains in (from left) Miami, Barrington and Chicago.

AQUARIAN-MONTCLAIR N.J.

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Even Missouri Has Been Shown: UFOs For Real

A MISSOURI PHYSICS professor claims that his six-year study of flying saucer activity over a small area of the mid-West has turned up 153 apparent sightings of UFOs.

Dr. Hartley Rutledge is the director of a UFO research group calling itself "Project Identification."

According to Rutledge, he and many other members of his group have sighted various kinds of colored lights and physical objects hovering or streaking above parts of Missouri since 1973.

The professor is labeling 34 of the sightings "incredible" because, he says, the various craft "exhibited physical or behavioral properties beyond known human technology."

In one case quoted by Rutledge, a Cape Girardeau (Missouri) girl reported being chased by a small disc flying at treetop level.

The craft allegedly temporarily blinded the girl by flashing a bright light down upon her as she reached the door of her home. Rutledge says that two witnesses verified that experience.

The professor says his group of students, engineers and amateur astronomers began six years ago to meticulously keep records of UFO sightings. He claims that the 153 sightings he has catalogued were witnessed by a total of 622 persons, or an average of about four persons per sighting.

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Area residents report

'close encounters'

By JIM TITSWORTH
Independent Staff Writers

There's UFOs in them thar skies.

And there was lots of laughter and ribbing in the Hall County Sheriff's office as a deputy tried to describe the lights he saw at 5:30 Wednesday morning. Maybe that's why he asked to be unidentified.

But he was just one of several people, including other law enforcement officers, who sighted the lights throughout Hall and Adams Counties.

"I could see them from South Locust Street," he reported. The deputy said he cut across to Alda after receiving the call where he stopped and observed the lights.

"There were two objects with red and green lights. One seemed to be moving west and the other northwest," he said.

The Grand Island Emergency Center reported it received several calls about the lights, and the National Weather Service at Grand Island also reported several calls.

The stir began in Adams County. Sheriff Jake Thiel said his dispatcher received a call from an Adams County resident living in the area of 12th Street and the 281 bypass near Hastings. The dispatcher responding to the call, Will Gligrich, said he also saw the lights.

Gligrich, who said he saw red, blue and green lights, radioed Adams County Deputy Gordon Sidlow, on county patrol, who reported the lights.

Initially, the lights were reported by a 36-year-old woman's sister, after the woman saw it through her bedroom window. "I woke up about 4:20 and rolled over," she said. "As I looked through the large window, I thought I was look-

ing at a bright star. Then it looked green."

The woman, who also asked not to be identified, woke her husband who watched the lights with binoculars. "We woke our neighbors, who watched the lights with us until they disappeared about 6:45," she said. She, her husband and her sister and the couple next door saw the lights.

"After looking through the binoculars, I could see the lights were

Possible solution to UFO sightings given

UFO or optical illusion?

Dr. Marvin Glasser, head of the Kearney State physics department, offered a possible solution for the sightings of colored lights in Hall and Adams Counties Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Dr. Glasser pointed out that a temperature inversion distorts light so planets may seem to move and change colors. "It's like you were underwater in a swimming pool and opened your eyes. The edges of the pool would be distorted," he explained.

Dr. Glasser, also a meteorologist, noted when there are clear skies, like the past few days, sudden surface cooling leaves a layer of warm air above causing the inversion.

A spokesman at the National Weather Service in Grand Island, confirmed there was a "heck of an inversion last (Tuesday) night." Wednesday morning at North Platte, the surface temperature was 25 degrees and 500 feet above the temperature jumped to 56 degrees.

The weather spokesman said he could tell there was an inversion driving to work Wednesday morning. "I could see the Sandhills, this morning," he said.

But it really wasn't the Sandhills, but light being refracted because of the inversion. On clear mornings, during an inversion, it's possible to see beyond the horizon, he noted.

Dr. Glasser also noted that the sightings seem to move the lights from the eastern sky to the western sky. This corresponded with the movement of the night skies, he explained.

green, white and red (and appeared about the size of lightbulbs). Then sometimes they appeared blue. That could have been because they were spinning," she said.

"They didn't move very much. But we all saw them move at one time or another. Looking through the binoculars, the lights definitely were spinning. I was sorry to see them disappear; they were so beautiful."

The Adams County Sheriff's office

called the National Weather Service in Grand Island, and they confirmed sighting the lights with binoculars, Thiel said. "They reported trying to get a fix on it with their radar," he said. But there was no radar sighting.

Dan Davis, metrologist-in-charge at the Grand Island station, said the station's radar isn't designed to track such things. "We can pick up aircraft sometimes if we know their location and altitude," he said.

Davis, who was not on duty during the sightings, said the only word left by the earlier shift about the sightings was the constant phone calls throughout the night.

Phyllis Hall, of rural Grand Island reported a sighting to the police as early as 10:10 p.m. Tuesday. The police report showed she was returning home from a District 1R school program when saw the lights in the direction of Hall County Airport.

She told police at first she thought it might be an airplane, but it was hovering. Her four children, aged 14, 11, 12 and 5, also saw it, and they watched it as they drove about three miles. There were three lights, two blinking blue lights on the outside that were blinking and a bright-red one in the center, she reported.

The Hall County deputy said Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha was contacted and reported no military aircraft in this area. "They said their radar didn't reach this far," he said, so they couldn't get a radar fix.

The Air Force did offer one explanation, he noted. "During times of extreme temperature changes between day and night, the planets sometimes change color," they told me."

UFO' reported sighted above

Diablo

A woman caller, declining to be identified, reported a sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in San Benito County's northeastern tier of the Diablo Range just after sundown last Friday.

The caller said she was driving her pickup below the Laveaga Peak area and was being followed by a ranch employee and two family members in another pickup when the UFO was seen.

"It was hovering above the ridge," said the caller, "huge, oval, and bright like a flame."

She described the UFO as an aerial craft larger than a railroad car and lighted "all about, except maybe for the center. It may have been darker in the center."

'NOT AIRPLANE'

The UFO was above and away from her an estimated two miles, she said, "but it definitely wasn't an airplane."

"We were staring and at first someone said 'Look, it's a plane.'"

"I said, 'Hell, no, look at it. It's not a plane, and it isn't a star.' The size of it was huge, and it was all lit up."

The ranch party saw the UFO hovering just above the ridge for about two minutes, and then it left. The caller told the Free Lance the UFO could have been there much longer but they saw it for just a couple of minutes before it disappeared behind the hills.

That wasn't the last time it was sighted, she noted.

A short time later, as she

drove on — the others had gone on — her pickup stalled.

"And then I saw it again, above me again. It had sort of made a circle and was about near the same place, only a little north. It hovered for a minute and then was gone."

The caller, who said the aerial craft was "not earthly, for sure," said she was not afraid, mostly curious.

"It doesn't bother me. It was something I wanted to know more about."

MYSTERY

She didn't know but said it was a possibility her pickup was stalled by or because of the UFO. After the object again disappeared behind the hills, the vehicle started up and she drove away.

She feels the object must have been moving up and down the valley between the hills and said she wouldn't

give her name because people would question her.

"But it was definitely there, and we all saw it."

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Cascade:

by Maureen Kennedy
382-1254

Unidentified flying objects are a nebulous topic. Some people steadfastly believe in their existence. Others smirk at the mere mention of a UFO.

Whether you're a believer or a doubter, the Knappek family's experience last Thursday night is intriguing. The family of four -- Les, Priscilla and children Cathy and Sabina -- was on its way home from Boise when, six or seven miles north of Banks, a 200 to 300-foot object was seen high in the sky.

Priscilla, who was at first reluctant to share the experience, said there were two diamond shaped lights, side by side, in the center of the object. The lights were flashing much like a police car's but faster.

"We saw it about 10-12 minutes," Priscilla said. "It was going east. We stopped the car and about five seconds later it made a fast shoot across the sky and was gone."

Priscilla said that they all complained of a pain in their shoulders and that her and Les' arms felt numb.

"I didn't get feeling back in my fingers until we got to Cougar Mountain," she added.

Calls to the Mountain Home Air Force Base and Arnold Aviation brought no other reports of an unidentified object in the sky Thursday night, but Priscilla's story sure does make one wonder...

UFO's sighted in area

WAYNE N.J. TODAY
DEC 16 1979

BY JEFF HOYAK
WEST MILFORD—At least four Lindy's Lake residents and possibly others in the area spotted Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) passing over the mountains between Ringwood and Mahwah about 8:30 last Sunday evening.

The residents, two married couples who live down the street from each other, described the UFOs in the same terms: four circular red lights, flying equidistant from each other in a diamond-shaped pattern, with a fifth light behind and higher than the others. All four noted the objects were flying too conspicuously slow to be airplanes - an airplane flew by about 2,000 feet higher than the UFOs while the couples were observing them, and they noted the contrast. "They weren't helicopters, either," one of the residents stressed.

"It was very scary, the first time I've ever seen anything like that," one of the wives said. Her husband estimated the objects were flying at an altitude of about

3,000-5,000 feet and "moving very, very slowly."

The Lindy's Lake residents weren't the only ones having close encounters Sunday night. Also at 8:30 p.m., West Milford police received a report from an unidentified resident of a UFO sighted over Clinton Reservoir. The call was not logged and no further information is available.

According to a spokesman for Stewart Airport in Newburgh, N.Y., a woman from Bloomingrove, N.Y., also reported seeing a UFO on Sunday.

Ringwood police received no UFO reports, although Mahwah police received a call from a Ringwood woman who reported seeing an orange disc-like object hovering over West Ramapo Avenue on Monday night.

A spokesman for Newark International Airport's air traffic control division said there was "nothing unusual" sighted by controllers and recorded in the log last Sunday.

One of the Lindy's Lake residents theorized the slow-moving objects might have been old World War I

biplanes, which are flown in meets and shows by the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome in Rhinebeck, N.Y. A spokesman for the Village of Rhinebeck said the antiquated crafts are flown in meets only between May and October, and a spokesman for the Aerodrome itself could not be reached for comment.

Larry Brown, an astronomer at the Hayden Planetarium in New York, told Today that this time of year, the planets Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn are prominent in the sky and often mistaken for UFOs.

However, Brown pointed out, Venus sets in the western sky after 6:30 p.m., two hours before last Sunday's sighting, and Mars, Jupiter and Saturn don't even rise in the east until 10:30 p.m.

A spokesman for the National UFO Sighting Center in Seattle, Washington, which receives reports of sightings from all over the country, told Today that no reports of Unidentified Flying Objects in the northern New Jersey area were filed Sunday night.

Officers trail UFO

CADILLAC Law enforcement agencies from four counties spent part of Friday night observing an unidentified flying object, described as having green and white lights.

"We've been looking at it for about the past 10 minutes," said ambulance attendant Chip Haight. "We went to look out the window and we saw what everyone appeared to be talking about."

Haight, who was on duty at the Wexford Sheriff's Office, said the object

had been spotted by officers in Osceola, Benzie, Wexford and Kalkaska.

"We've had quite a number of calls on it tonight. We are making inquiries and trying to check it out."

"Whatever it might be, it doesn't appear to be moving. It appears to be stationary, almost like its hovering in one spot," he said.

CADILLAC MICH NEWS
DEC 28 1979

Haight said most of the reports indicate a green and white light pattern, but there have been some persons who claim there also are some red lights.

He said most reports indicate the lights were visible from the southeast section of Cadillac.

The first reports of the object began around 9 p.m. Friday.

"There has been some talk of it being a weather balloon. But we don't know for sure until we check," Haight said.

"I know it sounds a little bit weird," he said. "But we are getting calls from folks who say they've seen it."

JAN 2 1980

Strange lights in sky may remain mystery

CADILLAC -- A bright red and blue object that appeared over the northern Michigan area over the weekend probably will never be explained.

That is because the dozens of people who reported seeing it can't agree on what they saw, because the Federal Aviation Administration didn't report seeing it and because the U.S. Air Force refused to look at it.

One person who did see it, and can't explain it, was Osceola County Commissioner Ed Kirkby.

"I was amazed by it," said Kirkby. "I've always been amazed by the skies at night time, the beauty of it all, but I've never seen anything like this before."

Kirkby said he attended an astronomy course in college "approximately 20 years ago and we were told that if you can detect light in the skies with the naked eye that it is either an airplane, a balloon or something unnatural.

"I don't know if that theory is old fashioned or not, but what I saw was definitely not an airplane or balloon; it stayed in one position for far too long."

The object was confirmed as being sighted by several area police agencies, including departments in Wexford, Osceola, Benzie and Kalkaska counties.

Lt. Barry McQueen, of the U.S. Air Force, stationed at Wurtsmith Air Base in Oscoda said the Air Force "no longer investigates UFO reports."

"Since we closed the covers on Project Blue Book we've taken the stand that there is no evidence to substantiate such findings," he said, "so there is no reason to investigate."

"If anyone actually believes that they saw something that might have scientific value, though, then we suggest that person contact the nearest university," he said.

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Strange lights are sighted

GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) — A weather aberration or UFOs? That's what they were trying to figure out in Hall and Adams counties Wednesday.

There was plenty of laughter and ribbing in the Hall County Sheriff's Office as a deputy tried to describe the lights he saw at 5:30 Wednesday morning. He pleaded for anonymity.

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A spokesman at the weather service in Grand Island confirmed there was "a heck of an inversion Tuesday night."

Lights baffle area sky watchers

BOONTON N.J. TIMES-BULLETIN
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By MARILYN F. COWHERD
STAFF WRITER

*"I never saw a flying saucer
I never hope to see one.
But I can tell you anyhow
I'd rather see than be in one."
(Trentonian, Oct. 19, 1973)*

Something odd was visible in this area's night sky on Sunday, Dec. 9, about that there is no disagreement. A number of people separately reported sighting an unusual pattern of lights from between 8:30 and 9 p.m. for which they could find no rational explanation.

Just what did they spot? Everyone reported seeing four or five blinking red lights hovering overhead in a diamond-shaped or circular pattern. Most asserted that the lights were too low and were traveling too slowly to be an airplane or helicopter.

Local airport officials reported nothing unusual that night in the sky. Air Traffic Controller Steve Springer, Stewart Air Force Base, said that log records show that no unidentified flying objects (UFO's) were reported or spotted, and that the night in question was in fact quite cloudy.

Spokesman Robert Gribble from the UFO Reporting Center in the state of Washington said that no reports had been received concerning the Dec. 9 sighting.

And yet, the lights were strange enough to draw the attention of several area residents. A Trends employee was in her car in Bloomingdale when she looked south and saw the lights. "It was too low for a plane and it couldn't have been a helicop-

ter," she said. She described the lights as being in a vertical, diamond-like pattern. "I was intrigued by them. It was spooky."

Three Riverdale residents reported that they viewed the UFO. Tom Fox was driving along the Newark-Pompton Turnpike when he suddenly saw four "bright red glows" in the sky over Pompton Lakes. He added that they had an orange-reddish glow around them, "almost like a halo."

After hesitating a couple hours, he called Officer John Schaub at the Riverdale

Police Station. Fox had noticed Schaub near his car at the time of the sighting, gazing at the sky in the company of Steve Gosses. Schaub told Fox that he had witnessed four objects that were eventually joined by a fifth. Gosses confirmed the sighting.

"We watched them go all the way across from Slater's Mill to Vancouver," said Gosses. "I didn't see them after that. I was kind of amazed."

Neither Schaub nor Gosses think the object is extraterrestrial and have guessed that perhaps the lights came from some kind of aircraft, although they heard no noise.

Four Lindy Lake residents of West Milford also reported seeing UFOs passing over the mountains between Ringwood and Mahwah. Two married couples, who were not identified, estimated the lights' altitude at between 2,000 and 3,000 feet and felt certain that the lights could not have come from any aircraft with which they were familiar.

There were additional reports of a Ringwood woman and a Bloomingrove, N.Y. woman making similar sightings, but their reports have not been confirmed.

About all that these sighters and others who may have been too embarrassed to step forward and admit to having witnessed the lights can expect is something intriguing to think about on those long, cold, winter nights ahead of us. Traditionally, UFO sightings have been treated with skepticism by even those organizations formed to keep track of such events and search for plausible explanations.

The original organization that handled such reports was the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, under the auspices of the U. S. Air Force. The task of identifying the UFOs naturally fell to the Air Force, since they are the official group responsible for defending the nation against an aerial attack.

However, over the years, the Air Force repeatedly denied sightings or claimed that every sighting had been explained, according to Major Donald E. Keyhoe, author of "Aliens from Space... The Real Story of Unidentified Flying Objects."

Keyhoe was director of NICAP, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena from 1957 to 1970. In his book, Keyhoe reported many incidents of stonewalling of UFO reports from the Air Force, CIA and even Congress.

When a phone number was sought by Trends to contact NICAP in Washington, it was found that there was no longer any listing. Does this mean that this last bastion that welcomed reports of UFO sightings without ridicule no longer exists?

The mystery of UFOs is discussed at length by Philip J. Klass, in his book, "UFOs — Identified." He seeks to find rational explanations beyond the obvious ones of aircraft or antenna towers that could at least partly account for some of the thousands of sightings made in this country each year.

He notes that "The characteristics and behaviors of UFOs have been called mysterious and puzzling..." But this is only if "it is assumed that UFOs are solid spacecraft made by intelligent life in another world. They are not mysterious or puzzling if UFOs are really a family of freak atmospheric phenomena."

This theory, according to Klass, would explain why UFOs' flight patterns are seemingly so erratic, why they can suddenly disappear like apparitions and why

they sometimes seem to play tag with aircraft or motor vehicles.

It could also explain why the sightings are more frequently reported in the early evening hours, "at the same time that the nocturnal temperature inversion entraps both pollutants and radioactive gases near the ground to cause air to reach its maximum electrification."

The atmospheric phenomena theory could also explain the reddish-orange colors, which are the characteristic hues of ionized nitrogen and oxygen (the principal constituents of air).

Klass does not attempt to attribute all UFO sightings to atmospheric phenomena. He accounts for some sightings as being due to weather balloons, and some being sightings of celestial bodies seen under unusual conditions.

Nobody has provided Klass with incontrovertible proof that aliens have visited earth. However, he writes that he is willing to change his mind if such evidence should ever come his way. Meanwhile, he prefers to account for UFOs in more a more scientifically acceptable manner.

It is suggested that anyone in this area who sighted the lights on the evening of Dec. 9, or who has an explanation for what caused the lights, please contact Trends. Your report will be treated with respect and with confidentiality, if desired.

12/23/79

Area UFO sightings increase

By MARILYN F. COWHERD
STAFF WRITER

Three more area residents have reported to Trends that they also witnessed the strange lights visible in the night sky on Dec. 9.

Ringwood resident Gayle Schaeufele was hanging Christmas ornaments that night at about 8:30 when she spotted the lights out of the corner of her eye. "It looked like five red lights. Two seemed very close together and one seemed to drop back for awhile."

Schaeufele called her husband, and

together they watched the strange lights. She said that the lights were low, but she did not believe they could possibly have emanated from a low-flying aircraft.

"I live in Ringwood," she explained. "It was a very quiet night. When planes fly low, you can always hear them, but there was no noise."

Schaeufele described the lights as being in a "V" shaped pattern, with one at the head, two on one side, and two on the other side quite close together. "The last light seemed to drift away from the others, and then caught back up," she said.

"I couldn't believe it!" Schaeufele told me. She is anxious to find out what those lights were.

Cindy Kopilak of West Milford reported she and four members of her family spotted the lights while driving southbound on Route 23. She reported seeing "four red lights going very slowly coming from the left, which then scattered. Later, a fifth one joined them."

Kopilak said that when they turned onto Echo Lake Road, the lights disappeared, but when they arrived home, they saw the lights again hovering above their house. They finally disappeared for good at about 9 p.m., according to Kopilak.

Wanaque resident Rick Devore, spotted six red lights at about 8:30 p.m. while driving along Ringwood Avenue with his girlfriend. He reported that the lights weren't moving, and that they were shaped like the Big Dipper.

When asked if he believed that the lights could have come from an aircraft, Devore said no. "I'm in the military. No aircraft would fly that pattern." He added that there was no noise, like that which a helicopter would make.

Devore, a skydiver, estimated the altitude of the lights to be in a 3,500 to 4,500-foot range. "I wish I knew what the explanation was," said Devore.

A young boy, Steve Drada, of Kakeout Road in Butler, also reported that he and his parents sighted the lights from their home. "They were moving southeast towards Riverdale," reported his father.

Steve said that there were "four red dots up in the sky, and another one was trailing behind." The family watched the lights for about a minute, until they disappeared over the horizon. Steve went outside while the lights were visible, but he heard no aircraft noise.

These new reports bring the total number of people who have reported sighting the lights to approximately 21. The question that must be asked is, could such a number of people have made such similar sightings separately, unless there had been something up there?

So far, nobody has come forward with a rational explanation for the lights. The Trends will welcome hearing from anyone with a good theory, or anyone else who wishes to report having made the sightings. For the moment, the UFO remains unidentified.

BLUE SPRINGS MO. - EXAMINER

12/17/79

Oak Grove couple claim sighting of UFO

A low-flying, bright object that buzzed Route AA at 3:20 p.m. Sunday was definitely not an airplane, helicopter or balloon, according to an Oak Grove man and his wife who saw the object.

The man, who asked that his name not be used, said there is no doubt in his mind the object was not a conventional aircraft, despite the fact it was flying from the northeast to the southwest over the vicinity of the East Kansas City Airport in Grain Valley at an estimated altitude of 1,000 feet.

"I've never seen anything like it," the man said, "It had no wings, no props."

He described it as an oval-shaped object approximately the size of a helicopter's passenger compartment. He said it had a mirror-like finish, but did not have lights. As the object crossed the highway and disappeared in the vicinity over the Haymarket Shopping Center, the man and his wife noticed a "domelike structure over the top" of the object.

Weather aberration or UFO?

A weather aberration or a UFO? That's what Adams and Hall County authorities were trying to figure out Wednesday.

The stir began in Adams County. Sheriff Jake Thiel said his dispatcher received a call at 4:40 a.m. from a resident living in the area of 12th Street and the Highway 281 bypass.

The dispatcher, Will Gingrich, said he also saw the lights in the southwest sky.

Gingrich, who saw red, blue and green lights, radioed Adams County Deputy Gordon Sidlo on county patrol, who also reported the lights.

The sheriff's office called the National Weather service in Grand Island, and they confirmed sighting the lights with binoculars, Thiel said.

"They reported trying to get a fix with it on their radar," he said. "But there was no radar sighting."

Dan Davis, meteorologist in charge of the weather station, said the radar is not designed to track such things.

"We can pick up aircraft sometimes if we know their location and altitude," he said.

Two other sightings were reported in Adams County Wednesday evening. The citizens who reported them also said they saw flashing colored lights, this time in the eastern sky.

There was plenty of laughter and ribbing in the Hall County Sheriff's Office as a deputy tried to describe the lights he saw at 5:30 Wednesday morning. He pleaded for anonymity.

"There were two objects with red and green lights. One seemed to be moving west and the other northwest," he said.

The Grand Island Emergency Center reported it received several calls about the lights, in addition to those from Hastings, and the National Weather Service at Grand Island also reported calls.

Davis, who was not on duty during the sightings, said the only word left by the earlier shift about the sightings were the constant phone calls logged during the night.

The Hall County deputy said Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha was contacted and reported no military aircraft in the area.

"They said their radar didn't reach this far," he said, "so they couldn't get a radar fix."

The Air Force did offer one explanation, he noted.

"During times of extreme temperature changes between day and night, the planets sometimes change color, they told me."

Dr. Marvin Glasser, head of the Kearney State Physics Department and a meteorologist, offered a possible solution for the sightings of colored lights Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

Glasser pointed out that a temperature inversion distorts lights so planets may seem to move and change colors.

"It's like you were under water in a swimming pool and opened your eyes. The edges of the pool would be distorted," he explained.

Glasser noted that when there are clear skies — like the past few days — sudden surface cooling leaves a layer of warm air above causing the inversion.

A spokesman at the weather service in Grand Island confirmed there was "a heck of an inversion Tuesday night."

Wednesday morning at North Platte, the surface temperature was 25 degrees while 500 feet above the temperature was 56 degrees.

The weather spokesman said he could tell there was an inversion while he was driving to work Wednesday morning.

"I could see the Sand Hills this morning," he said.

But it really wasn't the Sand Hills, but light being refracted due to the inversion. On clear mornings during an inversion, it's possible to see beyond the horizon, he noted.

Glasser also noted that the sightings seem to move the lights from the eastern sky to the western sky. This corresponded with the movement of the night skies, he explained.

SUBURBAN SAVER WAYNE N.J.
12/30/79

More UFO sightings reported

AREA—The Argus has received two more reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) sighted over the area on the night of Sunday, December 9, between the hours of 7:30 and 9 p.m.

A Newfoundland resident who read our previous accounts of the phenomenon called to report that he too saw four non-blinking red lights flying in a pattern over West Milford as he was

driving toward the township from Dover on Berkshire Valley Road. "I thought they were just helicopters," the resident said; "They didn't strike me as being anything unusual."

A Pompton Lakes woman phoned to report that her children claimed to have seen the red lights on the night of Sunday the 9th: "I didn't believe them at the time, but I guess there was something to it."

At least a dozen area residents, most of them from West Milford and Riverdale, saw the lights, which most feel were moving too slowly to qualify as standard aviation craft. No local airport.

national UFO agency, not even the Haydn Planetarium, has received a report of or been able to identify or explain the phenomenon.

12/22/79

—Strange amber lights sighted in sky over Lodi—

By JEANNIE ECHENIQUE
News-Sentinel staff writer

As I pulled into the driveway, I saw them — two large lights in the sky where there had never been lights before.

After parking under the carport, I went into the front yard to investigate.

They were still there.

The two large, bright amber lights to the north of my North Lower Sacramento home seemed to be still, yet they weren't in the same place where I had first caught sight of them. There was no accompanying engine noise.

I moved back. I thought perhaps they had something to do with the Happy Holme Company which lies just north of my country homestead. They apparently weren't.

One of the bright spots in the sky hung higher than the other.

By 6 p.m. Wednesday evening, the day's rainclouds had lifted to create a high grey cap above Lodi. A quick glance to the west confirmed there was no starshine breaking through the high-flying clouds.

I raced into the house to get my Mother to come see what I was seeing.

While she put on a coat and boots, a neighbor came knocking at the door.

By the time I was in the front yard again — it must have

been five minutes later — the yellow lights had disappeared.

I explained the lights to my two "witnesses" and promptly forgot about them — that is until a call came into the News-Sentinel.

"We were the only ones that called in," asked an astonished Charlotte Bowers, of 832 Tilden Dr., "why, we pulled over and got out of the car to see them."

The story Mrs. Bowers and her husband Bill had to tell was the same as mine, but it continued where mine left off.

They reported seeing a third light join the first two and above this third one they could see a "hemisphere — like a bubble some 50 to 75 feet wide," said Bowers.

"It sure was weird," said Mrs. Bowers. "It sure wasn't an airplane. The third one had the bubble."

As the Bowers were pulling out of their Tilden Street driveway Wednesday evening at 6 p.m., Mrs. Bowers said her husband commented on a bright star in the sky that he supposed was Venus or Mars.

"I told him it couldn't be — because there was another one just like it," she said.

Bowers described the lights.

"They were golden or amber in color and had an intensity about four or five times of a star," he said. "At the first

sighting they were probably over mid-Stockton" and the lights were steady and did not blink on or off as an airplane's lights would.

As they watched, the lights came closer.

"Both were moving in a northerly direction," he said. "perhaps at the speed of an aircraft — or a little slower at about 300 miles per hour."

He felt that because they were moving from the south towards them they had the appearance of moving very slowly.

"One must have been at 10,000 feet and the other at 5,000 feet," he said.

After the Bowers had driven about four blocks, they finally stopped and got out of their car to watch the lights.

"Another one came from the northeast," said Bowers. "It was lower, only about 1,500 feet high."

"We noticed a hemisphere over this third one," he said. "It looked like a big gigantic bubble — it was greyish in appearance."

Bowers said he thought it was going to make a rendezvous with the lower of the first two bright lights — but it didn't.

"It passed them, did a hairpin turn and followed the other two a little behind," he said.

When the objects passed overhead, Bowers said there was "complete silence."

"They certainly were not moving by a normal means of locomotion," he said.

The Bowers did not watch the objects until they disappeared. "I told him we had to go because the kids were waiting for us," said Mrs. Bowers.

When they drove off, the three lights were moving "towards Sacramento," she said.

What were these amber lights in Wednesday's Lodi sky? We may never know.

A call to the Aereal Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, Ariz., produced this response from a spokesman — "It probably was a U.F.O. (Unidentified Flying Object)," said volunteer clerk Jerry Schuoz. "But the basic question remains — why, who, what — we can't say where they come from."

The APRO has been gathering data on UFO's since 1952 and investigates reports from around the world.

When the Bowers and I file our sighting reports with the organization, we probably won't hear from them. Field investigators only contact the "extraordinary reports," Schuoz said, for example, the abduction cases.

"Just sighting reports are filed according to year and location," he said.

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Are UFOs visiting the Molalla area?

As many as five unidentified flying objects, UFO's, were reported as being seen near Mulino recently by a woman who preferred to remain anonymous, according to a report from the Canby Herald.

According to the report, filtered to the Molalla Pioneer office late last week, the woman was driving on Mulino road when she spotted five diamond shaped objects flying

approximately 200 feet off the ground in a westerly direction. She claims that a car ahead of her stopped to watch the objects, described as a bright, silvery color.

A check with the Clackamas County Sheriff's office revealed that they had no record of a sighting being reported to that office. The Portland airbase also reported no knowledge of any unusual activity on the evening in

question.

Neither had the official UFO reporting service in Seattle received a report of the sighting.

The Oregon Air Guard office in Salem said, after checking field offices, that no report had come into their offices.

Regardless, the reported sighting is not the first time, such activities have been reported in the immediate area. A Molalla man reports

that he saw "something that must have been a UFO" some years ago west of Liberal. He said the object, witnessed by himself and his father-in-law, was hovering 50 feet above the railroad tracks west of Liberal. He described the object as having a large dome on the top, emitting a greenish light, the bottom of the object was described as flat. "It didn't make a sound, it just hung there and suddenly vanished," he said.

Another such object was sighted flying near Molalla within the past three years, as was a similar object spotted over Canby at about the same time.

Such reports are difficult to trace or verify since those witnessing such phenomena are reluctant to come forth. There have been thousands of similar sightings around the

world but so far no concrete physical evidence has been found that UFO's actually exist.

Photographs have been distributed that, claimants say, show actual UFO's in flight. Many have been proved to be a hoax but there remain hundreds that defy description or analysis.

According to a national UFO research organization, sightings are due to increase during the winter months. The Pioneer asks that anyone witnessing such phenomena please contact the Pioneer at once with date that could possibly be verified.

Anyone seeing anything that might possibly be construed as a UFO should call the UFO reporting center, 1-206-722-3000 in Seattle or the county sheriff's office.

WEST MILFORD N.J. INDEPENDENT

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Many Claim Possible UFO Sightings in Area

Several area residents reported sighting an unusual light configuration in the sky on the night of Sunday, December 9.

At present, eight people claim to have seen four or five red lights traveling slowly at a relatively low altitude in a diamond shaped or circular pattern. of these self-proclaimed witnesses most feel that the lights moved too slowly to have been conventional aircraft.

"They were moving so slowly," said one witness, a West Milford woman. "It wasn't an airplane, it wasn't heliop wasn't helicopters and it wasn't a radio tower. It was nothing but red lights and it really scared me.

More "amazed" than scared were three Riverdale men, one a borough police officer, who watched the unusual lights "go all the way from Slater's Mill to Vancon."

Thomas Fox spotted a quartet of "bright red glows" over Pompton Lakes while driving along the

Newark-Pompton Turnpike. He contacted Riverdale Police Officer John Schaub some time later. Fox had seen Schaub studying the lights at the time of his own sighting.

Both men agreed on what they had seen, Schaub adding that the four lights had eventually been joined by a fifth. Steve Gosses, also of the borough, confirmed the sighting.

Officials of local airports say that nothing out of the ordinary was reported on the night of the alleged sightings. Steve Springer, air traffic controller at Stewart Air Force Base, stated that no UFO reports were made by pilots or base personnel on December 9. Springer adds that the night in question was quite cloudy.

Anyone who saw the strange light pattern on December 9, or at any time before or since, is asked to contact this paper with with his or her story.

The identities of all callers will be kept confidential.

12/26/1979

Woman reports unidentified flying object

A Rockford couple was awakened by their barking dog early Monday morning and saw something in the sky over Bay's Mountain that they still cannot explain.

Even with the passing of two days, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Garner of Nails Creek Road, Rockford, are still puzzled by their experience before dawn.

"The dog was barking something awful and woke us sometime between 5:30 and 6 a.m.," Mrs. Garner recalls. "Ronnie got up and looked to see what the dog was after."

"He says the dog was barking at a big round light moving down the ridge. I guess it was the ridge along Bays Mountain. That's when he yelled for me to come and look."

"We both watched the light - like a big flood light or a giant light bulb - until it disappeared behind some trees. Then Ronnie went to call the airport or sheriff or somebody," she continues.

"I stayed there looking out and saw something in the field between our trailer and the ridge. I couldn't figure out what it was at first."

She describes the object in the field as having "a dome at the top, kind of round. Then there was this orange-red color like lights inside windows or something. The bottom was dark and I couldn't tell if it was sitting on the ground or just above the ground."

Mrs. Garner says, "Then it just flicked out, like turning off a light switch. It disappeared."

"It scared me to death. I wasn't scared until then but after that I sure was."

Garner called the Federal Aviation Agency and everyone else he could think to contact. The FAA reported no aircraft in the area at the time, and no unknown objects on the radar screen.

"I don't know who all Ronnie called but he called several people," Mrs. Garner says. "Some of them wanted to ask me questions so I talked to them. I remember talking to the man in the tower but I don't know who else he called."

"I never thought much about UFO's until we saw something a lot like the light as we were driving near Walland one night four or five years ago. We just saw it for a few seconds and didn't tell anyone about it because people might think we were seeing things," she explains.

"It makes you wonder what it is that so many people see and can't really explain," she notes.

AQUARIAN - MONTCLAIR N.J.

12/19/1979

Scottish Man Nearly Nabbed By Space Ship

A RESIDENT OF SCOTLAND is claiming that only the presence of his barking dog prevented his being abducted by two robot-like beings who landed near him in a space ship.

Bob Taylor of Livingstone, Scotland, describes his alleged attackers as looking like "in his words" "wartime mines with legs, each about four feet tall."

The 61-year-old forestry worker claims he was out walking with his dog, a red setter named Lara, when he suddenly saw "a strange craft, about 30 feet in width, dark grey and with portholes."

Taylor later told police that "quoting again" "two creatures came towards me, small and round, like wartime mines with legs, each about four feet tall." He adds: "There was a very powerful odor, and I remember thinking they were robots."

"I couldn't move," Taylor recalls, "and I think I must have fainted. The next thing I remember was the sound

of my dog barking."

Taylor managed to crawl home with his clothes badly torn to tell his story to family, friends and police. According to police officials who investigated the incident, Taylor "definitely saw something."

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Satellite saw flash, panel says

Washington, D.C. —UPI— An expert panel has concluded that a US reconnaissance satellite was functioning properly when it spotted a flash that could have been an atomic explosion near South Africa on Sept. 22, The Washington Post reported Tuesday.

"The signal the satellite saw still looks in every way like a nuclear explosion in the atmosphere," one White House source told the Post.

"The trouble is, we still have absolutely no separate data that would corroborate that it was an atomic explosion."

The satellite picked up the traces of what appeared to be an atomic explosion three months ago in an area bounded by the Indian Ocean, the southern Atlantic and the continent of Antarctica. No nation has claimed responsibility for the alleged blast.

5 watch tree-hovering UFO

for 6 minutes,

'won't say it's from space'

By BOB SHAW
managing editor

"I will not say it was from outer space. It was just the definition of a UFO" — Unidentified Flying Object.

That's how Brenda Simanski, Route 4, concluded her description of what she and five others saw above the Seminary Nursing Home Sunday night.

Working separately, each drew matching diagrams of what she saw. They described a flashing triangle of lights that appeared in the southeast sky, hovered silently for about 25 seconds in the treetops in the Seminary parking lot, then moved "slower than walking speed" until it disappeared over Highway 61. The lights were visible for about six minutes.

Their boss, Administrator Wally Sundberg sat in as the five were questioned for 90 minutes Monday night. Could they be believed?

"I have no reservations about any of them. They are all dependable people."

BRENDA SIMANSKI, daughter of the Donald Simanskis, Route 4, left work at exactly 9 p.m. with friend Janine Mattson. Seventeen-year-old Brenda had to wait for her mom to pick her up, so the two killed time, stargazing by Janine's car.

"I always try to find the Big Dipper," said Brenda. She did, but noticed a "star going berserk" about 50 degrees from the horizon, just to the right of the familiar constellation. She drew a zig-zag scribble on a piece of paper to show its path.

"Janine, look at that funny thing. I think it's a UFO."

"Naa. It's just a plane."

Although it seemed to be moving very slowly to Brenda, in "no more than two minutes," it was overhead.

IT WAS A triangle of lights, white in front, blue in the back two corners, with a red light between the blue ones.

(In the five drawings, that red light was the only variation. One drawing had it moving back and forth between the blue lights, two had it stationary, and one mentioned no red light, but said

the "tail lights" were flashing blue and green.)

Whatever it was appeared quite flat, and "about the size of this room" — maybe 15 feet wide, 20 long.

The two hid in Janine's car. Janine said, "Shut the door so it won't see the

(overhead) light."

Brenda recalled, "It was directly above us when the two lights went on." She saw two "egg-shaped lights" on either side of the front white light.

"They weren't spotlights," but they were quite bright, "glowing real strong."

IT WAS JUST above the large oak on the west side of the lot, a 50-foot tree. It stayed there for 30 seconds, Brenda said; Janine said 15 or 20.

Were they afraid? Janine said, "Well, why would something you see way over there come right over above you and turn two lights on?"

In the car, Brenda yelled, "Oh God, it's going to take us!"

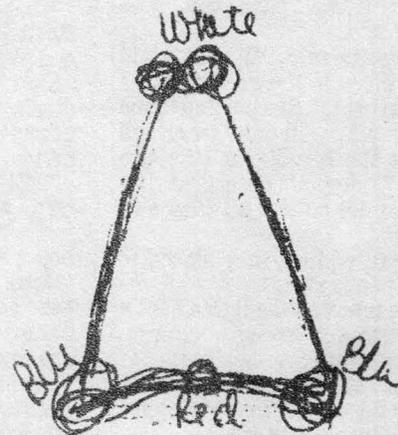
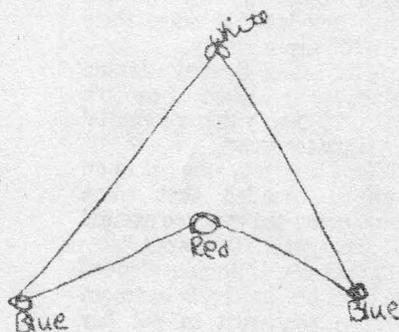
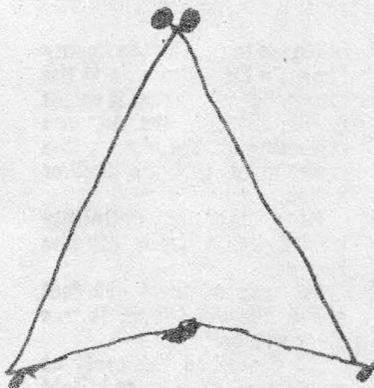
Huddled in the front seat, Janine remembered, "We rolled down the window a bit to hear any sound." There was none.

The two of them leaned forward to twist their faces upward to see the lights.

The two were "screaming, kinda," said Janine.

ANOTHER WORKER, 39, who didn't want her name used, punched out of work at exactly 9:03 and walked through the west exit.

Comparable renditions



Of the five women who saw the triangle of flashing lights above the Seminary Memorial Home Sunday night, four produced similar drawings of what they saw. The only discrepancy was the lack of a red light between

the two rear blue lights in the drawing at left. Two women saw the lights for about two minutes, then were joined by four friends to watch for another four minutes before the lights disappeared.

RED WING MINN REPUBLICAN EAGLE CON'T

"I came out in the lot, didn't even look up at all, and heard the screaming. I thought, 'They're having a good fight.'"

"Then Brenda said, 'UFO!', and I said, 'Where?'" sarcastically.

"Then I saw what looked like a jet right over the parking lot. I thought it was a jet going to crash on us."

During the interview, she was asked: Was she scared?

"No."

"Yes, you were!" chimed two of her friends.

"I was excited."

"God, were you excited," came the reply.

THE "EXCITED" woman remembers seeing the identical triangle of blinking lights "about half a block up" in the air. It was slightly bigger than a Lear jet.

"It was barely moving, slower than you could walk. I was so in shock, I couldn't think."

Janine dashed inside — "the sidewalk was slippery" — to get more witnesses, Brenda at her heels.

"Janine came in and yelled, 'UFO! UFO!' They were four feet in the air," recalls Kathy Clemens, Route 1, Welch, who was on duty that night. She is in her 20s.

Mary Huron, Route 3, was working on the east wing of the building when a call came across the intercom: "Come to the west wing right away."

"I thought someone had fallen," said the 23-year-old woman.

SHE WENT to the west entrance and joined her two co-workers out in the parking lot. "Everyone was screaming."

Kathy Clemens said, "It was right there, right there in the corner of the lot" at treetop height. She pointed to the 50-foot oak. "The lights were all blinking, but the headlights (the two "egg-shaped" lights described by Brenda) were not on when I first saw it."

When they turned on, they looked to her like "big heatlamps."

The five watched as the lights kept a steady north-northwest course, traveling very slowly.

The lights stayed at the same elevation. Kathy said, "We didn't have to look up. We just looked out."

The lights "went out over Fourth Street" and hovered over Highway 61. "We could see it right through the branches of that tree," said Ma. Clemens, pointing.

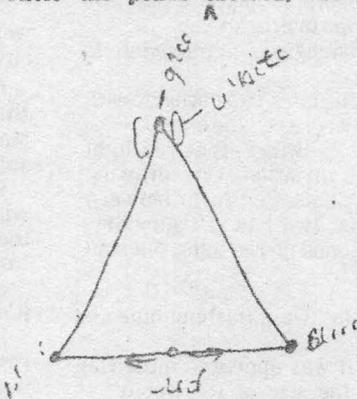
Ms. Huron said as it moved slowly away, the perspective of the lights changed, so the triangle slowly flattened into a line of lights.

THEN, OVER Highway 61, it disappeared. "Just disintegrated," said Ms. Clemens. Ms. Huron said, "in the blink of an eye it was gone."

Kathy Clemens called the police, who responded immediately.

"As soon as I got back outside, there they were," she said.

After the police arrived, the five



BRENDA'S DRAWING
... similar to others

heard an airplane overhead. "It was very different, obviously an airplane," said Janine. "It was even much higher up, and we could hear it perfectly."

Of the three policemen, "only one believed us," said Janine. "What's the use of telling anyone if they don't believe us?"

That brings up a concern of all five. Each feared skepticism from friends, and plenty of kidding.

Consequently, they told police they didn't want their stories in the newspaper. They later changed their minds, but a little reluctantly.

WHEN SHE LEFT Sunday, Janine was shaken. She asked Brenda's father to lead the way to her parents' house at 600 Pioneer Road.

Mrs. Clifford Mattson, who sat in on the interview, recalled that when Janine came home she was "so excited she could hardly get the words out."

About 10 that night, Janine glanced northwest from her brother's bedroom window. Then she went to get her parents.

"It was a star, brighter and lower than any star in the sky," said Mrs. Mattson. Through binoculars, she could see two flashing lights.

FATHER, MOTHER and daughter watched from 10 to 10:25.

"My husband and I don't believe in UFOs," she laughed, "but there were two lights there, a red light and a green one."

As a result of the whole evening, "I was sweating bullets," said Janine.

What do the five think they saw? They don't know, and hesitate to guess.

"All you can say is that it was unidentified," said Brenda Simanski. "I've wanted to see one for a long time, and now I sure have."

WENATCHEE WASH.
WORLD 1/16/80

UFO sighting reported in Mission Ridge area

Were extraterrestrials hovering in their intergalactic spacecraft over Mission Ridge Monday evening?

Ted King, Riverside Mobile Home Court, East Wenatchee, insists he saw a spacecraft in that area in the early evening. He and his wife observed what they said was an Unidentified Flying Object from their home. They re-

ported it to the Chelan County Sheriff's Department and the dispatcher suggested it might be the lights at the ski area reflecting off the clouds. The department took no further action.

King says it definitely wasn't lights from Mission Ridge.

"It was at least 600 feet above Mission Ridge. It was clear as a bell," he said.

He described the craft as cylindrical with a red light that disappeared as the space vehicle turned. He observed for about 40 minutes then the craft moved away at high speed.

"It was gone in a second or two," he said.

Six more people report seeing strange lights

By BOB SHAW
managing editor

Six more UFO sightings have been reported to the R-E, three as a result of a story published Tuesday.

That story described the experience of five employees of the Seminary Nursing Home, who watched a triangle of lights hover about 50 feet above a parking lot for several minutes. The sightings happened at 9 Sunday night.

The other reports that trickled in happened earlier that same night, around 7:30. All descriptions involved a single moving light appearing for several seconds moving toward the ground, going from west to east. Similar sightings were reported on Twin Cities radio and TV stations Sunday night.

LINDA GOERTZEN, a receptionist-switchboard operator at the state training school, was on duty Sunday night. "Between 7:30 and 8" she was looking through a large, curved window in the Administration Building, facing north.

"Then a huge turquoise ball, which took up a fourth to a half of the window, went whoosh!" As she watched, it went from left to right — "I followed it across the window from curve to curve.

"This was the most brilliant light I've ever seen. There was no way that this was a shooting star.

"I got up and went to the window. I should have gone to the door." She saw it for perhaps two seconds.

"It couldn't have been that far away, it couldn't have been. It had to have been over almost over Highway 61" which is about 75 yards from the building.

"Nothing amazed me so much as the color, a nice turquoise. It was like something psychedelic."

She didn't call the police out of fear of ridicule. "They'd never believe me. I didn't call because, hey,

One woman was afraid of being laughed at if she reported it to police. 'Besides, how would they write out an accident report with a turquoise ball?'

really, nothing falls to earth that big and doesn't leave a bang or a crash.

"Besides, how would they write out an accident report with a turquoise ball?"

MR. AND MRS. Elmer Swanson were driving to Mary's Supper Club about 6:10 Sunday.

"We were about halfway between here (their rural Ellsworth home) and Red Wing, when I saw a big star, like four stars put together."

After supper, about 7:30 p.m., "I said to Elmer, 'What happened to our bright star?' I'd no sooner said that than we saw it.

"It was like the same one." Their car was heading north, just before the channel bridge near Mary's.

Mrs. Swanson drew a diagram, in color, showing what they saw: A light "as big as four stars," then a space, then an orange flame tipped with red "Like you'd see coming out of a jet." Behind that, separated by another small space, was a blue colored flame, such as one on a natural gas stove, flecked with red.

It was visible for three or four seconds. Heading down at about a 35-degree angle, "It must have hit behind the trees."

"Meteors have these colored tails. We both agreed that's what it was."

A PEPIN WOODS mobile home park resident, who asked not to be identified, said that he glanced up from watching TV about 7:30 Sunday and looked out a window.

He saw a bluish streak heading from the west "over above Twin Bluff Junior High." It was visible for only two seconds.

THREE R-E employees also saw a bright meteor-like streak in the sky Sunday night.

Donna White, receptionist, was in Stacy, Minn., 40 miles north of Red Wing.

"We arrived at my mother-in-law's house at 7." About 20 minutes later "I went out to the car to put a tool box in the trunk.

"There was a light, and I thought, 'Here comes another car.' I could see the keyhole."

She looked south and for about 10 seconds watched a bright light, "at least as bright as a car headlight, bluish white" at the center, blue at the following edge, with a red tail.

Dale Kullberg, sports editor, saw a white streak of light heading from east to west sometime between 7:30 and 9 Sunday night.

"It was not going fast enough for a falling star, but faster than an airplane.

He watched it for a "couple of seconds. It disappeared behind an evergreen tree and I didn't think anything of it."

Randy Johnson, copy editor, was watching TV. It was 7:30 p.m. "definitely."

Out the window, going from east to west, he saw a "fluorescent green glowing light. It was a big chunk with a little chunk behind it, like a couple of pieces of meteorite."

He saw it for two seconds. Two of his friends also saw the light, he said.

UFO's: We've got 'em!

by Patricia Welborn

Things that go bump in the night have been catching the ears and eyes of area residents over the past weeks around Two Harbors.

The first hint of something strange I saw myself about 8:30 the evening of December 28. It was Friday evening. Our house in Silver Creek is almost directly opposite Castle Danger on the shore of Superior and about five miles inland. I was facing a large window on the east when I was suddenly aware of a bright flash of light in the sky. It seemed to be out over the lake. It was orangish, rather flame-colored and oval in shape, about the size of the huge early evening moon.

After the initial flash the oval shape seemed to be outlined in lights and there was a third stage when the light flared again and covered the whole surface.

My first thought was of an exploding plane but there was no flaming falling debris. The three successive flashes of light seemed to be stationary. I heard no sound, there was no vibration.

My husband, who had been half asleep on the sofa, sat up quickly and asked, "What was that?" He had seen some sort of a flash from the corner of his eye. I had not said anything yet.

We called a friend who lives on the shore to see if he had seen the light and although he and his wife went outside and looked around they saw nothing.

I dismissed the incident as odd and didn't think about it again until the next weekend when I heard reports of more lights and this time, sounds.

On Thursday, Jan. 3, as the Blough was leaving the ore docks at Two Harbors, a resident three miles up the shore saw several flashes which she described as "a white light, very bright, it lighted up the

room." Immediately following, in the same rapid succession, were "five or six loud explosive noises," she said. She was talking on the telephone with her back to a large window overlooking the lake when the flashes occurred and they were brilliant enough to attract her attention.

In checking later with neighbors she found they had seen the same flashes. She thought maybe the Blough was signaling its last run of the season with a rocket display.

A check by the News-Chronicle with Leonard Hanson at the ore dock revealed no such salute but there was a report by someone working at

the dock who had seen the flashes.

The dispatcher at the sheriff's office said there were four other reports called in about the incident and police saw it, too.

The dispatcher called the Federal Aviation Administration. Their explanation was that Air Force planes on training maneuvers over the lake were the probable cause. It seems that the aircraft are in a glide position over the lake and turn on their afterburners as they close in on the land, producing the flash and sound.

Another resident of the Highway 61 area around Flood Bay saw a bright light over the

area while driving up the shore from Duluth the same week. Her description was detailed. She saw "a very bright light, like an explosion and lighting at the same time." A companion riding with her saw the same phenomenon.

Upon arriving home she found the garage door open, lights on and the doors to the house locked. Her husband had also seen the brilliant light and heard a rapping on the door. When he answered there was no one in sight but their dog was barking frantically. He became worried and left the lights on but locked the doors until her arrival.

When dining the next evening with a neighboring couple who live on the lake they compared stories and found they had experienced the same thing, right down to the rapping on the door. Other residents along the shore confirm the same sightings and sounds.

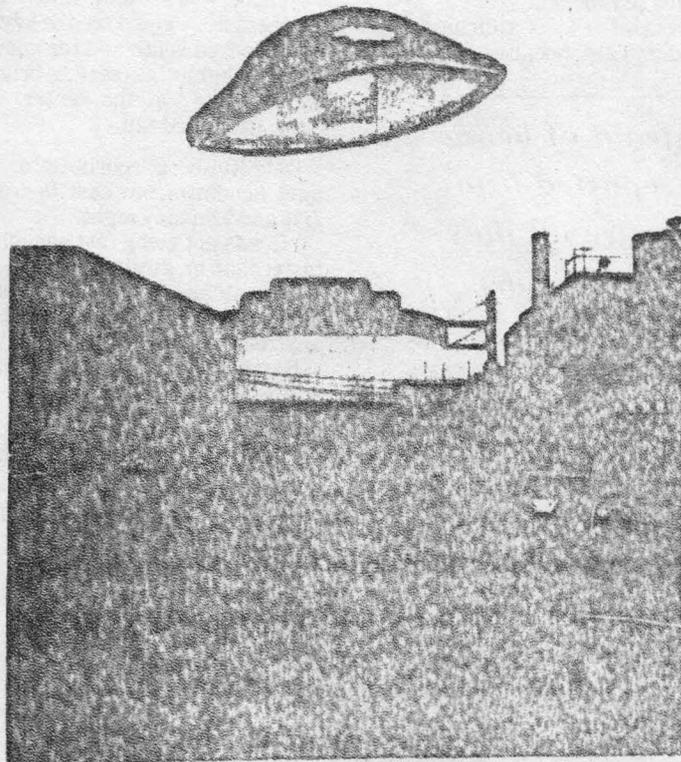
Some extremely bright stars and comets, falling stars and meteors are seen in the winter months but the folks around here are used to seeing these and know the difference from the extraordinarily brilliant northern sky and flashes of bright, white light.

For an official release I suppose we would have to give the following:

Reports of brilliant flashes of light and loud explosive noises experienced by residents of the North Shore between Two Harbors and Split Rock Lighthouse recently have been attributed to Air Force planes on training flights.

But for speculation and because it's a lot more interesting we will prefer to call the strange lights, UFOs, Unidentified Flying Objects. We also recall a rumor heard recently that a space-shuttle base might be set up at the Duluth Air Force Base in the future.

What do you think?



Something strange was up in the sky last week and many residents are not convinced it wasn't a UFO.

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DORRIS, CAL - BUTTE-VALLEY STAR
1/11/80

Dorris Resident Cites 'UFO'

While Dorris may not be well known on national or world maps, it appears that it may be better known on celestial maps—at least Otis Taylor, long-time Dorris resident, believes.

While returning to Dorris from Klamath Falls last Sunday, Jan. 6, Otis was followed and observed by what he described as a giant, brightly-illuminated spaceship.

The unidentified craft was first observed, according to Taylor, between Kingsley Field and Highway 97 just out of Klamath Falls.

"I stopped to watch it," said Taylor, but when I stopped it stopped. When I moved it moved exactly at my speed."

"Once," Taylor reports, "I was really scared----it rushed up on me from behind. I was watching in my rear view mirror, and I thought I'd had it. But it nosed up just when I thought it was going to hit me, and flew up and over my truck and went off to the side and flew along side me some more."

"It's hard to say how large it was---probably 35-40 feet across and perfectly round. The light from it was so bright I couldn't make out any detail on it at all,"



Taylor reports. "It lit up everything around me---my truck and everything. It was as bright as day."

"It followed me all the way to Dorris Hill. But it was so foggy around the hill that I was afraid it would crash into the hill since it was flying only about house-top high off the ground all the time," Taylor said. "But as I went up the hill and into the fog I didn't see it any more. I waited for a crash sound or a bright flash, but it never happened."

Unable to attract anyone's attention on the highway or in Klamath Falls, Taylor

says he now carries a camera with him in case he sees the UFO---or whatever it was, again.

Taylor's strange experience was first brought to our attention by another long-time Dorris resident, John Wachter, who recorded Taylor's experiences during a recent conversation with Taylor.

Perhaps somewhere out there between the stars there is a map with a small pinpoint marked 'Dorris, California, USA, North America, Earth, Sol system, Milky Way

Fireball results in several UFO calls at Delano

A bright, low-flying white object spotted near Delano prompted several UFO phone calls to the Wright County sheriff's office Sunday night.

Although officers were unable to locate anything, a member of the University of Minnesota astronomy department said residents probably saw what scientists call a "fireball."

Bruce Clark of Delano was one of those who reported the sighting. He said a very bright, white object that seemed to be burning up appeared over a greenhouse next door to his home about 7:30 p.m. It was as large as a small plane, he said, "and I thought it would crash right in Delano."

The object soon disappeared and Clark said he spent about one-half hour looking for it, but with no luck.

Several people reported similar sightings to the university, according to Vincent Icke, visiting assistant professor of astronomy. He said it was almost certainly a fireball, or a small meteorite, caused by a disintegrating comet.

Although fireballs are common, he said they usually aren't expected at this time of year.

A fireball can look quite large, but actually, it's only the size of a marble, he said. It is caused by a small piece of matter entering the atmosphere at about 30 miles a second.

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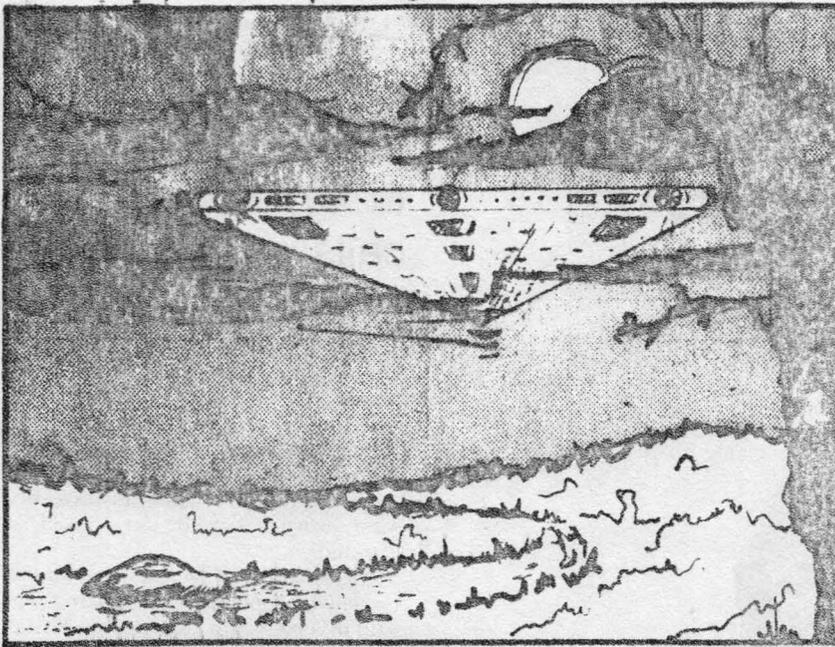
UFOs Cited?

CANTON—The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department reported that it had received at least three calls over the weekend of county residents reporting sightings of unidentified flying objects.

The department received two calls Saturday and at 9:08 p.m. Sunday, the department received a call of an unidentified flying object in the Rensselaer Falls and Lisbon area.

Reportedly, objects with flashing lights and moving in both vertical and horizontal directions as well as hovering were reported.

1/16/80



Elba woman claims she saw a UFO

by **BOBBY MATHER**

A 27-year-old Elba Twp woman says she saw a UFO on Jan 3 flying over the M-21 expressway.

She says the sighting occurred at 7:10 p.m. when she was driving home from Flint. The object was flying west at a low altitude, she says.

She first noticed red lights in the sky moving toward her.

She pulled on to the Elba exit and turned off her radio and heater fan, and rolled down her window to watch the object. She describes it as a big triangle silhouetted against the clouds.

"It went over me real slow," she says. "It was so close I could see white windows on the bottom. I thought it was a plane going to crash."

She says she heard "a rumbling, howling noise — kind of a roar," as the object passed over her.

"I'll never forget it," she says. "There's no doubt in my mind that it was a UFO."

"I don't want my name in the

paper because people will think I'm crazy," she says.

She says her father mentioned the incident to an acquaintance who lives in an Elba Twp trailer park, and the other man said that he had heard a strange, low rumbling sound "between 7 and 7:30" that evening while he was in his yard.

The woman says, "I know somebody else had to see it."

She's hoping that if anyone else sighted the object they'll notify The County Press.

MILFORD, MASS. - NEWS
1/16/80

Something In The Sky... In Medway

MEDWAY — The police and fire communications dispatcher received a call this morning at 2:40, from a resident of 10 Meadow Road who reported the sighting of a UFO.

Patrolmen Nelson Pleau and Robert Rojee, who were on cruiser patrol at the time went to the area and reported an object in the sky which was giving off various colored lights.

Although not confirmed, police were given one opinion that the bright object possibly could have been a star and that the various colored lights may have been caused by gases in the atmosphere.

A check with area police departments showed that no other calls were received on the sighting.

YANKTON S.D. PRESS-DAKOTAN
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Call UFO hoax

Several youngsters called the Yankton Police Department, and two Yankton radio stations, about 9:35 p.m. Sunday to report unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings. The sightings were declared a hoax. Yankton County Civil Defense Director Ted Blakey told the Press and Dakotan Monday he had talked to several government sources, including the U. S. Weather Service, and they reported nothing on their records to coincide with the sightings in Yankton last evening.

WICHITA SUNDAY EAGLE - KANS
1/30/80

It's a Balloon ...

It's a UFO ...

It's a Mystery ...

By SUSAN EDGERLEY
Staff Writer

Midnight, Friday Pharmacist Bill Cummings and a friend have been square dancing. Not ready to call the evening quits, they drive to the Kansas Coliseum to ice skate.

But it's no go. The free skate held in connection with the U.S. Olympic ice hockey team clinic ended at 11 p.m. Cummings and his square dancing partner climb into Cummings' car and drive off the Coliseum grounds.

That's when they spot them. The three flashing red lights had at least two dozen Wichitans either chasing across the county, calling the police or scratching their heads early Saturday morning.

Cummings, of 341 S. Clifton, said the lights were attached to something "the size of three football fields." Randy Bland, of 320 S. Green, said whatever they were attached to gave off the muffled roar of a single-engine airplane. Paul Otterness, of 1208 N. Emporia, said they moved slowly, as if they were hooked to a hot-air or weather balloon.

The Wichita Police Department helicopter went up after the lights but didn't find them. Cummings chased them toward Butler County. Bland followed them for an hour.

Inquiries went in to Mid-Continent Airport, McConnell Air Force Base, the National Weather Service, newspaper, radio and television offices and the national UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

Everyone had the same question: "What was it?" No one had the answer.

Otterness guessed that it was some kind of balloon or "a reasonably elaborate little hoax."

Bland said he thought it was something from outer space. And Cummings?
"No comment."

ESTACADA, ORE - NEWS
1/16/80

UFOs return to county

Five UFOs were spotted near Mulino two weeks ago, we've learned. A woman who refuses to be named in print said she saw five diamond-shaped objects flying about 200 feet above the ground. The sighting was made on Mulino Road. The woman said that the driver of a car in front of her stopped to watch the objects in flight. She said they were bright silver in color.

It's been nearly a year now since the last UFO sighting was reported in the Eagle Creek area. The area from roughly the Barton Store to Eagle Creek was a hotbed of UFO activity last December and January — so much so that this columnist finally dubbed the area "The Eagle Creek Triangle."

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA - NEWS
2/8/80

Local residents report UFOs

Concerned Wonder Park area residents told local law enforcement agencies they saw what they believed to be unidentified flying objects (UFOs) Monday night.

According to spokesmen for Alaska State Troopers and the Fort Richardson Military Police, witnesses to the alleged flying objects described them as "stationary in the sky for a half-hour or more, and turning colors

from green to red, and flashing."

The Trooper spokesman said a report was received from Fort Richardson that some type of aircraft testing might be causing the flashing lights. Sgt. Samuel Park of the Fort Richardson Military Police, however, said he was "not aware" of testing of any type going on at the military installation Monday night.

Park said he talked to a woman who described the lights

as a "coming from the southeast."

Troopers received calls from two different locations in the Wonder Park area, and the reports were similar, the spokesman said.

An Anchorage Police spokesman said they'd received no reports of any UFOs, but noted that Anchorage International Airport Security was thought to have "seen something."

Airport Security could not be reached to confirm that report.

UFO-like lights, sounds stir

LEDGER-STAR-NORFOLK, VIRG.
1/15/80

Chesapeake

By JOHN SHERWOOD
Ledger-Star Staff Writer

CHESAPEAKE — Dempsey Miller was driving south on Battlefield Boulevard toward his grandmother's house when he saw it in the sky.

It hovered above him about treetop high, he said. It was large and round and saucer-shaped.

"It came out of nowhere," Miller said of the Jan. 10 incident. "It didn't look like no airplane and it stopped right over top of me. I stopped the car

dead. . . It was roaring loud. It scared me to death."

Whatever it was there in the sky above southern Chesapeake near Great Bridge, Miller was not the only one who claims to have seen and heard it.

More than a dozen people say they saw a bright light or heard a loud noise near the intersection of Battlefield Boulevard South and Hillwell Road about the same time Miller reported seeing the strange object in the sky.

And residents along Land of Promise Road say they saw a bright, white light hovering in the sky four days earlier.

They described the object as four or five times larger than a star. When they inspected it with binoculars, they said they could discern small pinpricks of colored lights.

Miller claims the celestial object he saw followed him a short distance to his grandmother's house and back to his own home, then moved off along Hillwell Road, heading east.

He said a circle of bright, off-white lights on the bottom of the object were too blinding to see any detail. He said there were red, green and blue lights in a circle around the edge, and described the color of the objects as gray or silver.

"It was large enough for a station wagon to go up inside," he said. "I thought it was going to pick my car up."

"I've never seen him get so scared,"

said his mother, Marguerite Miller, whose daughter, Cindy, was the U.S. winner in the Miss World beauty contest in 1977.

Residents along Hillwell and Battlefield heard a loud noise about 7 p.m. the same night.

Dixie and Wally Peterson of the 1300 block of Hillwell were in the house with a friend, Marlow Hanson when they heard what they thought was a low-flying jet.

"It sounded like a jet," Dixie said, "but it was louder than a normal jet and it sounded like it was going to crash into the house."

Several other residents along Hillwell heard what they thought was a low flying jet. . . too low, they said, and too loud.

Eddie Gray, owner of Gray and Curtings Equipment Co., was working late when he heard what he said sounded "like an airplane coming in the front door."

There were jets flying that night out of Fentress Airfield, about the time Miller saw the object and the residents heard the noise.

Navy Lt. Paul Hederstrom was in an A-6 Intruder about 7 p.m., practicing "touch and go" landings and takeoffs at Fentress. He said he saw nothing unusual near Battlefield Boulevard and Hillwell Road.

The Federal Aviation Administration reported no unusual sightings on radar that night, and neither did the radar watch at Fentress airfield.

A spokesman for the National UFO Reporting Center in Washington collected the information but added that no reports had been made on other sightings in the area.

The same held true for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

The only official source confirming any sighting was made by police about 7 p.m., Jan. 6.

Officer B.F. Kornegay Jr. was sent by dispatcher to investigate a UFO sighting in the neighborhood of Land of Promise Road.

The Barnes family of the 1000 block of Land of Promise Road had told police of a large, bright object off to the southwest of their home.

Elizabeth Barnes had also notified her neighbor Robin Redden, a registered nurse.

Both Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Redden and several members of their families said they saw the bright object hover in the southwest sky. With binoculars, they said, they thought they could see reddish lights.

Mrs. Redden thought the colored pinpricks of light might have been from the binoculars. Mrs. Barnes saw a reddish tinge when the object seemed to lose some brightness.

Officer Kornegay did not see the object when he arrived in the area, but did see what he described as "a large white light, larger than stars, moving off at an angle south" as he drove southward on Centerville Turnpike.

And Mrs. Annie Lamm, who is 80 and lives along Battlefield Boulevard near where Miller stopped his car, said something happened.

She told her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jessie Warren, that she heard a very loud noise, the dishes shook, the television went awry and a bright light shone in her living room.

Virginia Beach has also had some strange occurrences recently.

Residents of the Princess Anne Plaza area described flashes of light, loud explosions and blue balls of light during the last week of December.

Several residents of Forest Glen Road described the explosions as louder than fireworks, and one resident said the blue light that passed through the neighborhood was larger than a basketball.

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- Apr. 1977, p. 14: Upper article is from the Sturgeon Bay (Wis.) DOOR COUNTY ADVOCATE of March 17, 1977.
- Feb. 1978, p. 22: The cartoon (which was originally published ten years before) was in the Milwaukee JOURNAL of Nov. 27, 1977.
- March 1978, p. 34: In the upper translation, change "also carried a scaphander" to "had a glass diving suit"; "saluting" to "greeting"; and "Perroni" to "Perroi."
- Jan. 1979, p. 3: Article was really from the NATIONAL ENQUIRER tabloid of Dec. 19, 1978.
- Feb. 1979, p. 3: An inquiry about the upper article to the Trinidad (Colo.) Sector Field Office of the FAA got this reply (dated March 9, 1979, and signed by Leonard J. Demmer, chief of SFO): "I checked with the story that appeared in the Alamosa Valley Courier on December 20, 1978... It states that Donna Chapple, from radio station KGIW stated that she contacted this office. I will formally state, for the record, that I was never contacted by this individual with regard to UFO's, and this story, to the best of my knowledge is a complete fabrication." (punctuation as in the original)
- Oct. 1979, p. 17: The end of the second column of the St. Croix Falls article was cut off by the clipping service. It should read as follows: "MINNESOTA CASE/ The deputy sheriff in Marshall County who experienced an encounter with what may have been a UFO was Val Johnson, a former..."
- Nov. 1979, p. 3: Omit "Madison" from lower right label.
- Nov. 1979, p. 4: The full title of the Balsam Lake (Wis.) POLK COUNTY LEDGER article is "Balsam property owners report UFO sighting."
- Nov. 1979, p. 16: The Milwaukee JOURNAL article should be dated Nov. 2, 1979.
- Dec. 1979, p. 22: The EVENING TRIBUNE is published in San Diego, Cal.
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1/1/1980

Brothers say they saw flying saucer

By JANIE VONDERLAGE
GT Staff Writer

Before early Monday morning, Ronald Michalski of Colorado Springs didn't believe in unidentified flying objects.

His brother, Don, shared those feelings.

"If somebody told me a story like this, I'd laugh at them and tell them, 'You're crazy,'" Don said.

But all that's changed.

The Michalski brothers, Ron's wife, Linda, and their three young daughters had driven all night, on their way home from a Christmas visit to Michigan.

At about 3:30 a.m., the group was traveling south on Colorado 71, 15 miles north of Limon. Linda looked out the car window and thought she saw a plane. Don thought it was star, until it careened toward the vehicle.

The whiteish-green light sped about 300 yards behind the car and out into a field, where it hovered, darted occasionally and changed from ruby red to blue to yellow, Ron said.

He stopped the car and retrieved his instant-developing camera from the trunk, while Don grabbed a pair of binoculars. His daughters cried fearful tears as the light zipped back and forth in the sky.

The two men estimated the size of the object, which they said was shaped much like a flying saucer, to be the length of two cars. It flashed like a strobe light and began shooting vertical lines from its base to the ground.

Ron snapped nine pictures of the silent light, all of which turned out black except for vague hints of horizontally striped lights. Light from the moon, snow on the ground and an electric flash should have made the pictures brighter, they said.

The Michalskis cannot explain why the first three photographs of the first film pack, taken on Christmas Day, turned out normal but Monday's did not.

"The stars should have shown up on that," Don said. "Maybe they (the objects) were throwing some kind of signal to the camera."

A spokesman for a local camera shop speculated that the camera's batteries were not working or that the shutter did not open to let light inside.

After taking the pictures, they jumped back into the car and headed into Limon to find help.

At the Colorado State Patrol bureau in Limon, the family reported

their sightings to a patrolman and a desk sergeant, Ron said. The two officers saw the lights, he said, but could not explain what it was.

"I gave him the binoculars, and the guy shook his head and said, 'It's turning colors,'" Ron said.

A spokesman for the Limon office said there was no report on the police log of the Michalski sighting. He also said only one person was on duty Monday morning.

The family was given a toll-free telephone number in Illinois to report the sighting and headed toward a phone booth, near the still-hovering, sometimes darting object.

"Try to tell someone there's a flying saucer — it's hard to do," Don said.

Back on the road, three of the objects joined in a triangular-shaped flying pattern. The lights seemed to "more or less follow us all the way in," Don said.

About 35 miles from Colorado Springs, the two reported a cloud-like substance which grew in width as it rose upward. It moved between the objects and then changed into a red light, Ron said.

Thinking it might be an interceptor from Peterson Air Field, Ron pulled over to the side of the road. By the time the car was stopped, the light had disappeared, he said.

The family stopped at Peterson Air Field to report the incident, but said they received no aid.

Finally arriving home, Ron telephoned the North American Air Defense Command, which dispatched an official to retrieve the photographs.

NORAD Space Center authorities examined them and determined that what the Michalskis saw was not a passing or re-entering satellite. They could not, however, tell the family what they had seen.

NORAD spokesman Del Kindschi said the state has no radar equipment to track possible UFO sightings. Even though the center receives occasional reports of sightings, NORAD does not investigate such reports, Kindschi said.

"The center found no space activity," he said.

But the Michalskis say that what they saw for 40 minutes Monday morning was no figment of their imagination.

It wasn't a satellite, helicopter or plane. It was too close and too hovering to be a shooting star, they said. Nor do the men believe it was a meteor.

"I didn't believe in UFOs before," Ron said. "But I do now."

BRISTOL EVENING POST
ENGLAND 12/24/79

Eyes up for an Unearthly New Year!

THINGS are looking up for star-gazers in the West Country who believe that mysterious flashing lights in the sky are signs of unusual outsiders.

Their antennae are buzzing with excitement because flying saucer sightings in the region have rocketed in recent months and all the signs are that Star Date 1980 promises to be the year of the UFO.

There have been over 2,000 sightings in Britain this year and Mr Pat O'Brien, investigating research officer for the Bristol branch of the British Flying Saucer Bureau, predicts a busy New Year.

"We are getting reports from throughout the West of triangular objects in the sky," said Mr O'Brien.

CLOSER . . .

"We think that these are mother ships and that other smaller, spherical objects are scout ships which come in to take a closer look at us."

And he claims that people can expect close encounters of the third kind — actual physical contact with beings from outer space.

But he exterminates fears that we may be over-run by celestial celebrities — humanoids cannot damage your health.

Anyone who sees a saucer should beam in on Mr O'Brien on Bristol 898424.

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ENGLAND 1/5/80

Strange light seen over Aberdeen

A KINGSWELLS man who saw a strange light or object in the sky over Aberdeen early yesterday discovered later in the day that several of his friends had also seen it.

Mr Roddy McKenzie (35), Gairnhill, Kingswells, an architect with Aberdeen District Council, was looking out of his house at the sun rising when he saw the object low on the horizon and moving upwards at an angle of about 30 degrees.

Last night he said: "I called my wife Rosemary and my two sons, Robin and Malcolm, and they also saw it. At first I thought it was a vapour trail, but it was too clearly defined for that. When it reached its highest point it hung suspended for a few moments and then disappeared. About 30 seconds later the whole thing happened again.

"It was in the direction of Aberdeen and I would estimate that it must have been over the sea. Some of my colleagues at work had seen it from the 11th floor of St Nicholas House.

The Met Office and Air Traffic Control at Dyce could not explain what it might have been but said they had received other reports of something being seen."

Riddle of the glowing UFOs

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MYSTERY lights of a cigar-shaped UFO have been spotted hovering over Aldershot on two evenings running.

It was first seen hovering above Holly Road at about 5.30 p.m. on Saturday.

Nick Marlow, of Highfield Close, watched it through binoculars for over an hour before reporting it to the police.

Nick (16) said: "It seemed to be cigar shaped and had a reddish glow moving around it which you could only see with binoculars.

"It was definitely not a star — it was too bright. It came lower and then moved slowly away out of sight."

Although he drove to high points around the town, including the Hog's Back, the object had disappeared.

But it returned the following evening at dusk, when no stars were out, and hovered above Aldershot for nearly two hours.

COLLEGE

He dismissed the suggestion that it was a helicopter because it was stationary for so long. His father, Mr. Humphrey Marlow, also saw it and admitted that it looked strange, he said.

And it was not until hearing of the UFO on Saturday that his father admitted seeing something about three weeks ago, said Nick.

Mr. Marlow had been near Bramshill Police College when he spotted a similar object flying low.

Nick commented: "I'm pretty sure this was a UFO. It was very strange, very bright and slow-moving."

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Couple spot 'UFOs'

Did you see a strange object in the sky late on Saturday afternoon?

Somebody who did was Mrs. Ruby Males, of Bunyan Road, Hitchin. She told the Gazette, "I first noticed it at about 4.45 pm and it was stationary over Hitchin for at least 15 minutes. It was the size of a tangerine and shone with such a brilliant white light — brighter than any star — and in a pale blue, very light sky."

After five o'clock the object started to move away in the direction of Luton but it was at least half an hour before it went out of sight.

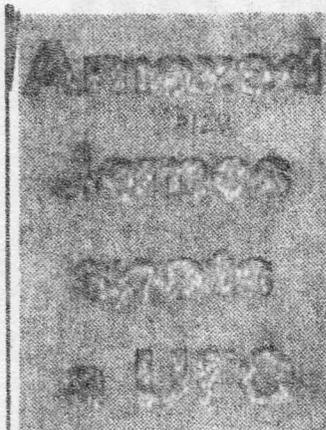
Mrs. Males says she has seen a similar object before over Hitchin, at least twice in daylight and three times at night when the light coming from it lights up the area. "It's quite frightening," she said.

TWICE

Her husband, too, has seen the object. "He did not believe me, at first, when I told him I had seen a UFO," she said. "Then he saw one over Fishponds Road and that was stationary for about 15 minutes. Now we have seen one together on at least two occasions. Two of my neighbours have also seen it at night."

Could it be a weather balloon? If so, where does the brilliant light come from? We should be interested to hear if any other readers have noticed anything peculiar in the skies of late.

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TWELVE-YEAR-OLD James Cotterill was out riding his bike when he had a close encounter of the Christmas kind.

He heard a "weird droning noise" and when he looked up, high in the sky was a white flashing light.

James was amazed. He stared and stared. Then he decided that it could be one of three things. He didn't think it was the same as the last Christmas light as the Three Wise Men would have had some trouble keeping up with its estimated speed of 40 mph.

And he didn't think it was Santa Claus trying out his new brake lights either.

So it could only be — a flying saucer!

NO PROOF

"Although I have no proof, I'm sure my eyes didn't deceive me," he said at his home in Northwick Close, Worcester. "It was last Friday and I was out riding my bike in a nearby alley at about half past eight when I saw it."

James sent the Evening News some drawings of the UFO which looked like Saturn with one metallic ring. A rectangular red light shone upwards and every other second, two lights flashed on the ring and lit up the dome.

"I stood there and watched it for five or six minutes," said James, who came top in his class in science at Bishop Perowne School in Barbourne. "It completely terrified me."

"I'm not particularly interested in space travel and my parents don't believe me. I don't know what else it could be."



UFO SPOTTER James Cotterill of Northwick Close, Worcester . . . in action.

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Close encounters of a bizarre kind

Unidentified flying objects have been in the news of late. GRAHAM CHAINEY looks at the history of UFO sightings, at some of the reported "close encounters" with supposed extra-terrestrial beings, and at official attitudes to these mysterious sightings.

STORIES of unexplained bright objects in the sky go back as long as recorded history.

The Romans spoke of "Flying Shields" the Chinese of "fiery dragons," and every ancient myth in the world has mention of magical airborne vehicles and visitors from strange lands.

Within historical times, the evidence begins as a trickle — three men and a woman descending from an aerial ship at Lyons in AD 900; a sky-ship whose dropped anchor jammed in the porch of the church at Cloera in Ireland in about 1211, a man coming down as if "swimming in water" and cutting the rope; an enormous whistling globe, shrouded in flames, that landed near Alencon in France in 1790, disgorging, when cooled, a person dressed in a tight-fitting suit who disappeared into the undergrowth rapidly, while his sphere "exploded in silence" behind him.

By the nineteenth century, with its more scientific approach to the world, there is quite a stream of reports of odd goings-on in the sky, from all over the world. One of the most spectacular was the great "airship mystery" of 1896/7, in which giant airships, often illuminated with searchlights, were witnessed all over the USA, often in bizarre circumstances.

But the modern phase of UFO sightings may roughly be dated from June 24, 1947, when Kenneth Arnold, flying a private plane over mountains in the State of Washington, looking out for a missing aircraft, saw instead what he could only describe as nine "flying saucers" skimming rapidly between the peaks.

The term caught on. Soon "flying saucers" were being seen and reported all over the world. A craze for "flying saucers" — or UFOs as military officials preferred to label them — developed, in which extremes of reaction were reached.

While some "cranks" and "mystics" claimed to have met and talked with their occupants and to have received important messages for mankind, officialdom strenuously belittled and derided the whole phenomenon.

The "Condon Committee," supposedly set up by the American Government to investigate the scientific facts of the matter once and for all time, in fact limited itself almost entirely to sightings that could easily be dismissed as astronomical bodies, distant aircraft, weather balloons, etc. When it was later suspected that

the committee had been a cover-up exercise, many people wondered why the American Government needed to play down the UFO phenomenon so urgently.

Meanwhile — though both the wide publicity given to cranks and the snubbing cover-ups of officialdom created an atmosphere of ridicule and scepticism in which people who had genuinely seen something inexplicable were afraid to open their mouths — the sightings went on. Nineteen fifty four, for instance, saw extensive UFO "waves," first in France, then in South America. There were American "waves" in 1964 and 1965, a further Latin American one in 1965.

Few "flying saucers" are saucer-shaped. They may be spheroid, oval, triangular, boomerang-shaped, cigar-shaped. They may be no bigger than a football — or gigantic monsters, a mile or length, hovering in darkness and ominous silence. They may be any colour, or combination of colours; sometimes witnesses can only say that they were "no colour" "known on earth."

Yet certain characteristics do seem, if not standard, at least typical. Small spheroids, medium-sized disc-shaped objects, and large cigar-shapes predominate, as does the ability to fly at colossal speeds and perform rapid manoeuvres (right-angles and complete reverses, for instance) which would leave any human occupant a lump of crushed jelly.

Strangely, the most convincing occupant reports are often the most bizarre. One might expect extra-terrestrials (if that is what they are) to land on the White House lawn brandishing ray-guns, but instead they seem usually engaged on peaceful "scientific" expeditions. Many reports speak of small, large-headed figures in tight suits collecting rocks, plants, even livestock.

On April 24, 1964, for instance, a New York farmer obliged a strange space-suited figure with a bag of fertiliser, in which the visitor showed the greatest possible interest, while in one of the most curious and well-attested of all Close Encounters, the French peasant, Maurice Masse, came upon the occupants of a small craft, at 6 am on July 1, 1965, in the middle of his lavender field at Valensole. Communicating friendly intentions by some form of telepathy, they "paralysed" him to the spot for 20 minutes while they uprooted some of his crop and disappeared into the blue and space?

There are indications that a minority, at least, of the mysterious phenomena known as UFOs, may be man-made. Eddie Laxson, himself an employee with the USAF, driving along a deserted American back road on March 23, 1966, found his way blocked by a large, mysterious landed craft bearing the letters "TL41." TL, he knew, were letters reserved by the Air Force for experimental machines. Between the object's spindly legs, a man in USAF overalls, described by Laxson as a "plain old GI mechanic," was doing a spot of adjustment. The machine, which had no wings and was unlike any known aircraft, took off at great speed.

One more enigmatic twist to what many people consider the mystery to end all mysteries.

Star people — real or a spoof?

PONDER awhile on the possibility that the situations created by script writers in "Star Trek," "Alien" and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" have substance.

According to people who claim to be "in-the-know" this is the dawning of the age of the "star people." They have several identifying symptoms — low body temperature, ability to go for long periods without sleep, keen hearing, aversion to electric or magnetic waves and an aura that makes people around them feel good.

If you know anyone with such symptoms Stephen Balon, of Rydall Street, Leigh, will be interested.

But in case you think that UFO specialist Steve has been out in the moonlight a little too much, then take note that he is not the originator of the "star people" theory.

He claims the idea of this new breed of beings is authenticated by a doctor,

private detective and researchers in America.

Steve cannot dismiss the theory and considers it a plausible explanation for many strange happenings.

He said: "In our own Ministry of Defence, files on UFO sightings have been disappearing for years. After 30 years many of their documents could now become public property and yet many of these files simply vanish. Why should that be when the official policy of the Ministry is that UFOs constitute no threat to the safety of the nation?"

Steve, a 27-year-old cable maker at BICC, has devoted 13 years to UFO sightings and research. He is a member of the Manchester based Direct

Investigation Group into "aerial phenomena" and has recorded thousands of sightings of events he cannot explain.

He realises that this latest theory will leave him exposed to the sceptics, but after so long in the "UFO business" he can cope with ridicule.

EVIDENCE

He said: "For too long various governments and authorities have been suppressing UFO evidence, but before very long the dam is going to burst. There is simply too much evidence for it to be ignored or dismissed."

"The idea of the 'Star People' has a lot of support in America and I believe will soon catch-on over

here. Most people will just laugh it off but I believe it is a very real possibility. The idea that alien beings have infiltrated government posts will explain away a lot of very peculiar happenings in many governments."

Steve reckons the "star people" could be yet another link in an extraterrestrial chain of events.

He said: "When you consider man's technological advances over the years we are just like kids playing with matches compared to a civilisation that has been going on for ten or twenty times longer than that. Their technology would seem like magic to us."

"I am going to continue my work, despite the cynicism of many people, and I am convinced that unshakeable proof will be uncovered before long. Then all the pieces of the jigsaw such as 'star people' UFO sightings, disappearances and so on, will all fit together."

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Home movie shots put spacemen in the picture . . .

U.F.O. experts are excited over a cine film, which they believe, shows a man from outer space.

The film was shot near Adelaide, Australia, by Mr. Joe Duran, a private detective, who emigrated from Britain six years ago.

According to him he was in the garden of his home, when he saw a red-and-amber light travelling across the sky.

The light appeared to hover over him and he trained his cine-camera on it.

"To my surprise when I developed the film I noticed something I hadn't seen while actually filming.

"There was a second light near the first and moving between the two was a humanoid, flesh-coloured at one end and with the rest of its body covered in a blue shroud."

Microscopic examination of the film by experts has revealed two more humanoids in and around the strange craft.

BURTON DAILY MAIL STAFFS ENG
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REPORTS OF UFOs

Two separate U.F.O. sightings have been reported over Burton and Rolleston.

Mr. Alan Bailey reported seeing a large white light slowly moving across the sky above Stafford Street, Burton about 7.50 p.m. on Tuesday.

A man delivering Christmas cards between Rolleston and Tutbury on Tuesday was distracted by two bright lights in the sky. Mr. Sean Mulholland said the lights were very close together but they were definitely not an aeroplane.

Mr. Mulholland saw the U.F.O. about 9.0 p.m. and watched it until it disappeared behind houses.

UFO was 'like iron bedstead'

NORTH CHESHIRE HERALD ENGLAND
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HOW do you fancy the prospect of getting off the train at Glossop Station and finding a bunch of little green men waiting for you?

Mrs Dorothy Harrison, of Blackshaw Road, Glossop, was on the train travelling home when, she says, she saw an unidentified flying object already reported by other people.

Mrs Harrison says she was on the train about 5 p.m. when she and the four or five other people in the carriage saw a strange object in the sky.

It was, says Mrs Harrison, flat and oblong with a lot of white lights on it. Though it seemed quite low in the sky they could not tell whether it was moving because the train, which was between Godley and Broadbottom, was itself moving.

Mrs Harrison said that the others in the carriage started laughing, but she told them: "There'll be none of you laughing if there are little green men waiting for us at Glossop."

She described herself as "amazed" at the appearance of the UFO, saying "it looked like an old iron bedstead with bars or lines across it."

Ten-minute sighting of UFO

A ST. HELENS man is convinced he saw an unidentified flying object over the town on Wednesday. 3128

Mr. Kenneth Graham was walking alone from his home at 14 Sydall Street, when he spotted the object at about 7.40pm.

He was in North Road when he first saw a dull silver coloured sphere travelling low in the sky and about half a mile away.

He watched the object for nearly 10 minutes while he walked and is convinced it was something inexplicable.

Mr. Graham, a married man in his late 20s, with three children, only told his family about the sighting for fear of being made fun of.

But he hopes others who may have seen the UFO will also come forward.

The object appeared

near to Pilkington's Cowley Hill Works and Mr. Graham said it was moving quite slowly at first. But when he turned down another road the UFO sped off into the distance at great speed and in the opposite direction.

MOVING

Mr. Graham, a worker at Rockware Glass, said: "This is the first time I have seen something like this. I thought at first it was a star. But it was very dim and a normal star appears bright. As I walked down the road I realised it was moving nearer to me.

"It was spherical and a couple of hundred feet high."

St. Helens Police say there were no other reports of a UFO in the area. But a Police spokesman suggested the sighting could have been mistaken for the planet Venus, which 80 per cent of reported sightings turn out to be.

Air Traffic Control at Speke Airport confirmed a plane was flying over St. Helens at 2,500 feet about that time.

But Mr. Graham added: "This object could definitely not have been a planet and it had a metallic appearance. I am sure it was some sort of UFO."

Sceptic saw a flying saucer

THE sighting of a saucer-like object in the sky gave a UFO sceptic second thoughts.

Mr. T. Mc-Evoy, 62, of Kimberley Road, Southbourne, who spotted the UFO with a neighbour, Mrs. Birt, on Tuesday, said: "Just as it was getting dark,

around 5 o'clock, we saw a strange light as we looked up the slope from the bottom of Castlemain Avenue.

When we had a closer look with binoculars, it had a red centre and we could see an exhaust at the side quite clearly. We watched it

for about ten minutes. During that time it hovered and finally sank down out of sight."

Mr. Mc-Evoy, once a confirmed sceptic, added: "I've changed my mind — I never believed in UFOs before, but I definitely saw something, I swear it."

LICHFIELD MERCURY ENG.
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Are they 3128 passing strangers?

WE'VE received more reported sightings of strange objects floating from the sky.

Kings Bromley credit trader Clive Bottrill came into the Mercury offices last Friday afternoon to tell us of his U.F.O. sighting.

He first noticed the object, which he describes as a round shimmering ball with greeny blue light, while visiting customers in the Greencroft area.

Said Mr. Bottrill: "I remember the time distinctly. It was one minute to five on Friday evening, and when I saw the light it seemed to be over Chamberlin and Hill, travelling from the Rugeley direction towards Sutton Coldfield.

"It had an orange trail behind it and only lasted a few seconds. I was quite taken aback to see it."

But when he told friends and a customer of his experience they either shrugged it off as a tall story, or laughed.

It was only after reading accounts in the Mercury that he decided to expose his sighting.

"I have seen shooting stars, but I have never seen anything like this before.

"It didn't have a shape as such, just appeared like a shimmering light in a circle," he said.

Things floating down from the sky have also been puzzling Mrs. Liz Hawkins from Huddlesford.

Her husband telephoned us to tell of the object that landed in a field near their Holly Cottage home.

She was driving home one afternoon when she noticed a yellow canister, about half the size of a dustbin, floating down into a nearby field.

Mrs. Hawkins watched it land and then went inside her cottage for a few minutes.

When she came back outside to exercise her dogs the object had disappeared.

"She was curious to know what it was and when she found that it wasn't there any longer she telephoned the police to find out what it was," said Mrs. Hawkins.

And he added: "We know that it wasn't a meteorological balloon because it was a solid object."

But while the Hawkins continue their quest to find the 'truth' behind their floating 'dustbin', other UFO spotters are on the lookout . . . !

LICHFIELD MERCURY-ENGLAND
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A stranger in the sky...

MYSTERIOUS UFOs are still blazing in the skies.

For this week a commercial traveller from Noddington Avenue, in Whittington, phoned the Mercury to tell us of his sighting several weeks ago.

"It came from the Hammerwich direction and went back towards Fisherwick", said Mr. Raymond Fletcher-Brown. "I was in the back

garden at the time and it looked like a large carton turning over in the sky".

Although he does not take newspapers regularly, Mr. Fletcher-Brown told several friends of his sighting and they referred him to reports which have appeared in these pages during recent weeks.

There seemed to be an uncanny resemblance of facts.

He says the object was a

By Neil Evans

square shape and yellow, moving at a slow pace just a few hundred feet above the ground.

This was on a Thursday afternoon at 3.15 p.m.

The following day his ten-year-old son Miles spotted the same object, but this time at 6.15 in the evening.

The family rushed to look at it again but this time it had a light in the centre, and the edge was flickering as though flames were round it.

Through binoculars Mr. Fletcher-Brown said the UFO looked more round in shape, but this could have been a different angle.

His wife telephoned the police, who say they checked with Whittington Barracks,

but they came up with no conclusion.

Although this is the first sighting by Mr. Fletcher-Brown he says he has always kept an open mind on the matter.

But, for the time being at least, the strange unidentified flying objects seem to have been flying low, for they haven't been spotted since . . . have they?

SUNDAY MAIL GLASGOW ENGLAND
12/9/79

Susan meets 3124 man from UFO

A WOMAN claimed yesterday she spotted a UFO.

Susan Devenney, 23, of 238 Drumry Road, Drumchapel, spotted the 'spaceship' early yesterday morning while she was waiting for a taxi in the scheme's Kinfaun Drive.

"Suddenly there was a buzzing sound and a beam of light hit the pavement," she said.

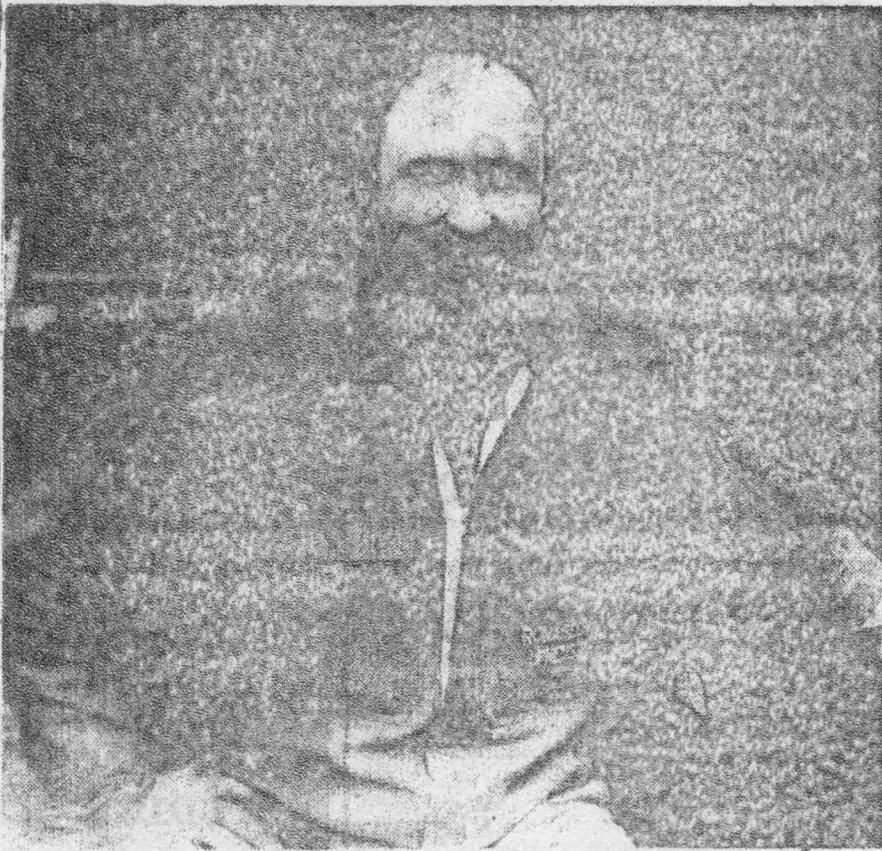
"At first I thought I must have had too much to drink

Susan, who works in a local whisky plant, added: "The head and shoulders of a man started to appear from the pavement. He was glowing like a light bulb."

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GLASGOW HERLAD ENGLAND 12/11/79 UFO sighting

A UFO SIGHTING was made by workers at a new oil platform production yard in Ayrshire yesterday. Six men confirmed they had a clear view of a shining, bright flying object which moved slowly over the marine constructors' yard at Hunterston. Electrician Mr Les McCracken, of Glenburn Crescent, Largs, said the UFO was visible for more than a minute.



Roland Varin : « Je ne croyais pas aux soucoupes volantes. Mais maintenant... »

Photo F.S. (Delalay)

Il a entendu un OVNI

« J'ai été réveillé, lundi, vers 4 heures du matin, par un bruit bizarre au rez-de-chaussée. J'ai cru tout d'abord que mon fils n'avait pas coupé la chaîne stéréo. Je suis descendu. Les vibrations venaient de l'extérieur, du côté de la RN 14, vers Cergy-Pontoise. Elles ont duré dix minutes... »

C'est le témoignage de Roland Varin, trente-huit ans, technicien en automobile, demeurant à Menucourt (Val-d'Oise).

« Je ne crois pas aux soucoupes volantes, précise-t-il. Mais, cette fois, je dois reconnaître qu'elles peuvent exister. Il ne peut s'agir d'un bruit de moteur d'avion ou de voiture. Ce n'est que l'après-midi en me rendant à mon travail à Ermont, que j'ai appris qu'un jeune homme avait disparu à la même heure, enlevé, paraît-il, par un O.V.N.I. »

Les gendarmes qui enquêtent sur cette affaire ont enregistré son témoignage. Pour eux, le mystère reste entier. Ils ont passé au peigne fin les environs sans trouver la moindre trace du « disparu ». Frank Fontaine, dix-neuf ans.

Témoins de « l'enlèvement », Jean-Pierre Prévost et Salomon N'Diaye maintiennent leurs déclarations. Rien ne permet de douter de leur sincérité.

Le phénomène O.V.N.I. a provoqué une véritable psychose dans le quartier de la « Justice mauve », dans la ville nouvelle de Cergy-Pontoise, où mardi soir le standard de la gendarmerie a reçu de nombreux appels d'habitants qui, de leur balcons, voyaient « quelque chose ».

SOURCE: FRANCE-SOIR - PARIS - NOVEMBER 29, 1979

THE MAN WHO HAS HEARD A UFO

"I was awaked, Monday, about 4:00 a.m., by a strange noise at the ground floor flat. I have thought at first, that it was my son who hadn't turned off his stereo player. I went down. Vibrations were coming from outside, close to National Road #14, toward Cergy-Pontoise. The noise lasted about 10 minutes".

This is the testimony of Mr. Roland VARIN, 38, car-technician, living in Menucourt (Val d'Oise department).

"I do not believe in flying saucers", he said, "But, this time, I must admit they could exist. It wasn't a noise of an airplane engine. I learned later that afternoon while going to my job that a young man had disappeared at the same time, reportedly abducted by a UFO!"

Gendarmes (Policemen of open country) who are inquiring about this affair, have recorded his statement. For the time, the mystery remains. They have conducted searching investigations on the spot that the incident occurred without any results. No tracks of Frank Fontaine were discovered.

(THE REST IS WITHOUT INTEREST)

Is there space for UFOs?

UFO'S over Hammerwich are causing concern in at least one village household.

A mysterious oval disc, black in colour with orange lights around its circumference, has become a regular sight in the sky to the south east of the village, according to Mr. Jack Hayward and his wife, May.

The couple have seen the UFO about six times over the past couple of months, usually between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. and say they are now very concerned as to what it could be.

Their most recent sighting was last Thursday. And Mr. Hayward managed to get a close up view thanks to a pair of ex-Navy binoculars which he has kept handy since the object's first visit.

Mr. Hayward, 52, first saw the UFO when he was

messing about in the garden of his home in Park Road.

He dashed inside to find his binoculars, but when he went to look again the object had disappeared.

I'm not stupid. I know I saw a UFO'

When it made its second appearance, Mrs. Hayward saw it too.

She said: "When my husband saw it the second time, I asked if we should

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tell somebody.

"But he said we should wait and see if anyone else reported it. I was getting more and more interested, and when I saw the story in the Mercury on Friday I thought it was time to do something about it."

The object always follows the same pattern. It appears from the Sutton Coldfield direction, hovers for a couple of minutes, then speeds off.

Mr. Hayward has a keen interest in aircraft, and says the object is unlike anything he has seen before.

Another aspect of its presence which points away from it being some kind of aeroplane is the fact that it makes no noise,

he added.

"I thought at first it might be something from Whittington Barracks, but it can't be.

"And it's not a flare either. There aren't any factories around here which could be throwing a reflection onto the clouds," said Mr. Hayward.

The couple are hoping that more Hammerwich people will come forward to confirm what they have seen.

"I never believe something until I have seen it," said Mr. Hayward.

"I've always thought these things didn't exist, but seeing this six times, now I really don't know."

"We really want to know what it is," added his wife. "We know people will think we have been imagining it, but we know what we saw."

'We have seen this thing six times now'

Back in September, project engineer Gerald Webb, of Andrews House, Lichfield, spotted an object which looked like two discs connected by a

bridge section moving slowly across the sky.

He was in bed just before 7 am, on Saturday, September 29, when he happened to look out of the window and saw the brightly lit objects.

They seemed to stop, then shoot off at a 90 degree angle.

"I was flabbergasted and told my wife there was a UFO in the sky," he said.

"I am not a fool. I know I saw a UFO.

"There were no clouds about, and no vapour trails from passing aircraft which could have been misinterpreted as being some sort of craft," he added.

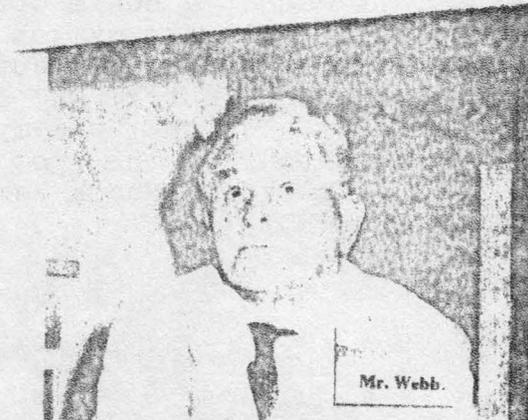
He, too, only decided to come forward after reading reports of sightings in recent issues of the Mercury.

THIS COUPLE CAME FORWARD



Mr and Mrs. Hayward

CAN WE AFFORD TO LEAVE ROOM FOR BELIEVING



Mr. Webb.

12/6/79

Residents break silence to tell of their

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The night UFOs held a Cambs village spellbound

close encounter

A Cambridgeshire village broke its silence yesterday to tell of the night it was shocked by a swarm of unidentified flying objects.

For around three hours villagers at Harston and others at neighbouring Hauxton and Foxton, watched a "firework display" of lights dodging around the sky.

But for some the entertainment turned to fear, when a massive UFO hovered low past some homes and a village pub, where the regulars called in the police.

Baffled villagers, including many UFO sceptics, told of:

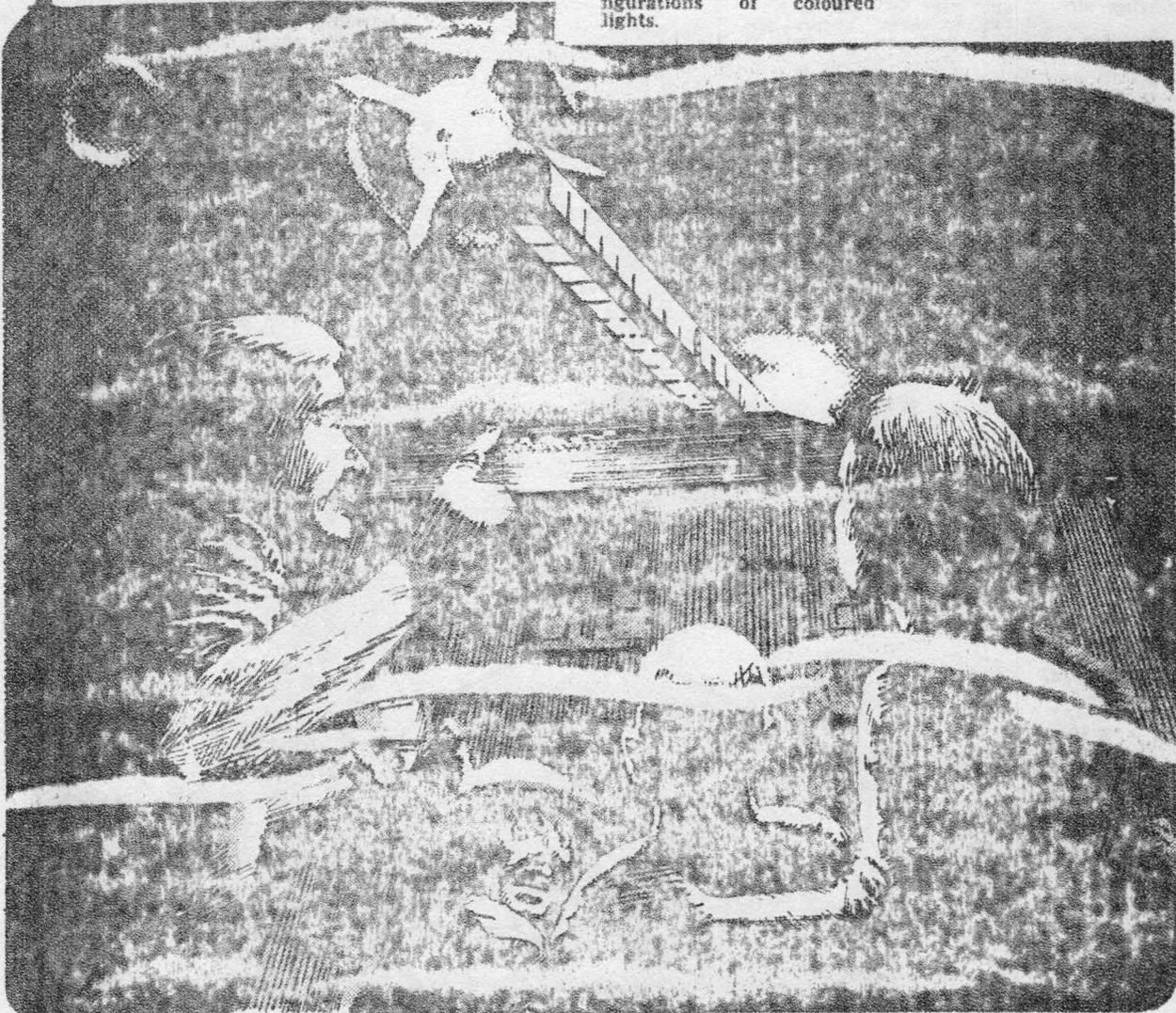
- Brilliant flashing stationary and moving configurations of coloured lights.

By Paul Markillie

- Massive shapes coasting silently across the sky with illuminated "windows".

- People who hid away indoors rather than face the spectacle and others who drove off the road to avoid being under UFO flight paths.

Only yesterday — almost a week after the incident on November 29 — did the villagers talk and then, only after the events were first described to the "News" by a passing motorist.



"News" artist Peter Froste's impression of the scene at Harston on the night of the UFOs

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White light

Villagers sketched and described what they had seen, often witnessed by other members of their families, but some would not be named for fear of ridicule.

The sightings broadly divide into five main groups:

● A triangular formation of three red lights which split apart.

● A ball of brilliant white light which suddenly appears, drifts and then vanishes.

● A red light which appears to pulse and dashes rapidly about the sky.

● A boomerang shape with various coloured lights, and, according to one account, with a white search-light-type beam.

● A massive object with white lights and illuminated windows described as looking like a "railway coach" and an "airship with windows".

During that evening laboratory technician Mr David Flood, of Westly Lodge Farm Cottages, Six-Mile-Bottom, was driving across the Shepreth railway crossing when his girlfriend spotted what "appeared to be a rather large low-flying aircraft."

The couple stopped for a drink at the Old English Gentleman at Harston to find the majority of the pub standing outside.

Mr Flood said: "What we saw I can only describe as being like a large railway carriage with two lines of brilliant lights visible on its port side.

"Naturally I thought it was some kind of aircraft. However, it had no wing lights or flashing tail lights. As its port side was visible to us, a red light would have been visible if it was an aircraft. No wings were visible."

The pub's landlord, Mr Michael Bradford said the first lights had appeared in the sky early in the evening and had been commented on and watched by about 15 customers.

He added: "By about 9 pm most of us were outside with our drinks watching them. It was rather like a firework display.

Glow

"Then something with the shape of an airship, dead silent, with a white light at each end and a yellowy glow from what appeared to be a row of windows came across from the back of the pub towards Cambridge.

"It was eerie, as if floating along. Suddenly the whole thing wasn't funny anymore. I thought I ought to do something and so went and telephoned the police, but by the time an officer arrived it had gone."

Mr Bradford said along with other customers he had seen unusual lights in the sky over the Christmas period last year and a number recently before last week's incident.

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thing to people about it for fear of ridicule.

"It was strange not to hear any form of aircraft engine noise and it was extremely difficult to gauge its size. It was amazing and I cannot explain it."

Other witnesses in the area described dramatic accounts of similar lights and shapes. A housewife recalled backing away and shielding her eyes from the glare of the "coach-type" object as it passed close to her home.

She said: "It was so unreal I find it hard to believe I saw it. I do not believe in UFO's, but it was so quiet it was not an aircraft. There was no noise."

But she refused to be named, along with a young man who drove out of the way to avoid the flight path of a similar object. He said: "I know what I saw, and that's good enough for me. I could not stand the stick

A spokesman for Cambridge police said: "A police officer arrived at the pub about a quarter of an hour after we received the call. He could not see anything and went to a hill at Newton to keep observation, but again saw nothing.

Unexplained

"There was no local flying that night and as far as we are concerned it is unexplained and we cannot take the matter further."

Dr David Dawhirst, the staff astronomer at the Institute of Astronomy, Madingley Road, Cambridge, said there had, in recent months, been a number of reports of unusual lights in the sky in the southern part of Cambridgeshire, although nothing like those made at Harston.

He added: "I have taken them as serious reports of what people have seen, but cannot throw any light on what they might be. It is extremely difficult if you have not seen these things yourself."

The British UFO Research Association, which has been contacted by Mr Bradford, is to send an investigator.

He added: "I know what I saw, and there were plenty of others who saw it as well. They were not aircraft, and it is not a hoax, but I could not explain to anyone what it was."

Mr Ken Mansfield also said he witnessed something along with his family at their home on the London Road at Harston.

He described an orange glow towards Cambridge followed by a red flash which dulled to show a second orange light, above and to the left of the first, both of which faded away into the distance.

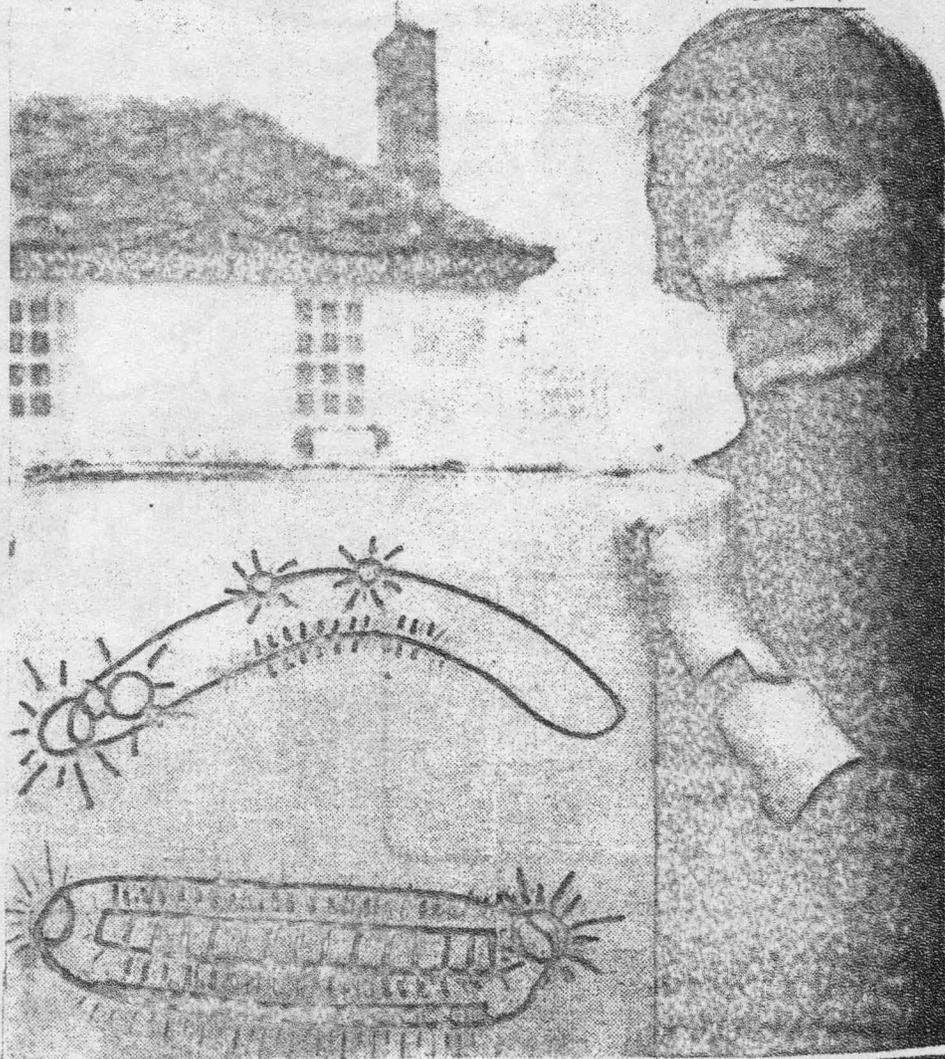
Mr Mansfield said: "I am a sceptic about UFO's, but I do not think those could have possibly been an aircraft. I just do not know what it was, but it would be good to find out."

Difficult

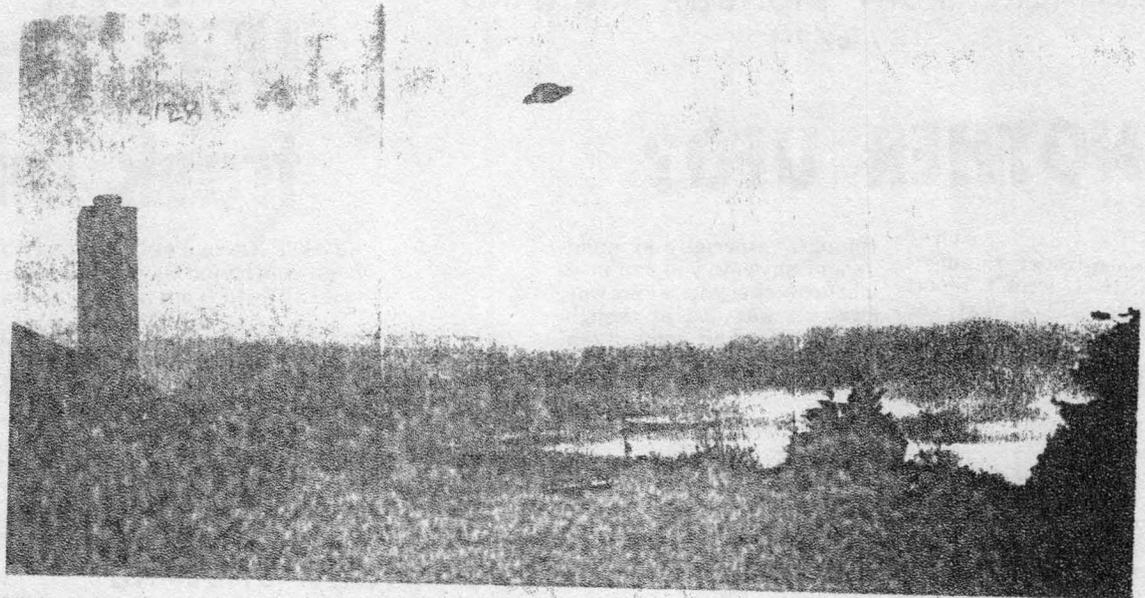
Solicitors' managing clerk, Mr Jeremy Hooper, also observed the odd lights with his family and followed one set with binoculars from the back bedroom window of his home in Hawthorn Way, Hauxton, which looks out towards the Gogs.

He describes various configurations of lights and a "wedge" or boomerang shape moving slowly above rooftops.

Mr Hooper said: "It was alarming and you do feel dubious about saying any-



Mr Bradford with sketches of two UFOs he saw flying over the village.



HAS Leiston amateur
photographer Chris
Whitewick snapped a space
ship — or simply the victim
to a prank?
That's the question

raised by this mystery
photograph taken in the
garden of his Minden Drive
home.

He is puzzled by the
black and white snapshot

and keeping an open mind
over what the object shown
on it really is.

Chris, 21, a steward at
Aldeburgh Golf Club, told
the EADT that he was tak-

ing photographs of
"interesting cloud for-
mations" at sunset.

The object appeared, but
it "did not fully register"
with him.

"I only half-realised that
there could have been
something there as I was
taking the picture—it was
total chance," he explained.

Whatever it was, the ob-
ject was gone in a trice
because he did not see it
after that.

"I swear that I did not set
out to fix up a hoax pic-
ture," said Chris, adding
that it was very doubtful
that children could be
behind the mystery, as none
lived nearby and he was not
aware of any playing in the
area at the time.

GLOUCESTER CITIZEN-ENGLAND
12/6/79

Mystery over strange lights

REPORTS of UFOs at
Stroud have stirred up a
hornet's nest of sightings—
ranging from the Forest of
Dean to Gloucester.

Mrs. Margaret Newcombe
and her daughter Jackie
(27) were very sceptical
about unidentified flying ob-
jects before Tuesday even-
ing when they saw a UFO
over Robinswood Hill.

"I just could not believe
what I saw," said Mrs.
Newcombe today from her
Stroud-rd., Gloucester, home.

"We read the report in
The Citizen and then felt we
had to report our own sight-
ing. We didn't really want
to tell anyone, because no
one would have believed us."

Mrs. Newcombe says the
description of the Stroud
UFOs fits almost exactly with
her sighting, except that
there was an extra bright
light.

For nearly an hour on
Tuesday evening the Luther
family of "Claverley," Church
Lane, Alvington, watched
mysterious lights hover and

deepens

move about over their bun-
galow.

The Luthers had ample
time to get out the family
binoculars and called out
their neighbours to check
they were not seeing things.

When the lights went away
after 45 minutes the family
were no nearer an explana-
tion.

Mr. J. Luther, his wife,
and two sons were returning
from Lydney at about 5.50
pm when the eldest son Ian
(18) first spotted the lights
above the village.

"Whatever it was it had a
red light at one end and a
white light at the other and
it seemed to be at the height
a helicopter might be," he
said.

"We pulled into Church
Lane and stopped and then
could see there were two of
these objects with red and
white lights, a little apart
from each other.

"But the uncanny part of
it was that when the car
engine was switched off there
was absolutely no sound, and
when we got to our bungalow
we could then see three of
them, one directly above, one
in the direction of Alvington
church, and the other over
the fields in front of us.

"They moved slowly in
different directions or just
hovered and we could see a
series of blue lights in be-
tween the red and white
ones."

Mr. Luther said when he
went to work yesterday he
discovered at least one of his
colleagues had also seen the
lights.

An RAF spokesman said
today they had received no
reports of lights over Alving-
ton.

A surprising number of
people rang about UFOs and
it was standard practice to
refer reports to the Ministry
of Defence. In 99.9 per cent
of cases there was usually a
natural explanation.

ELLESMERE PORT PIONEER ENGLAND
12/6/79

ANOTHER UFO?

Sir, — Can another anonymous reader comment on your last week's report concerning UFO's that the woman reported is not seeing things — I saw exactly the same thing hovering over Shell about five weeks ago. I hadn't told anyone — I would

complex, especially at night — and anyway, you can hear a helicopter engine a long way away. It was just as though some object had come down to have a look at Shell — and now, apparently, Capenhurst as well.

(Signed anonymous reporter)

call myself a very practical, unimaginative sort of person, but it really shook me at the time.

I often prefer to watch t.v. in darkness and so do not bother to pull the curtains, and about five weeks ago I was sitting in an upper room looking towards the Shell complex, also around 7 p.m. in the evening, and suddenly saw two extremely large bright white lights at rooftop height in the sky.

I sat there for some four or five minutes and the lights remained absolutely stationary till in the end, I thought they must be fixed but I knew there was no building there, nor lamp standard to account for it, so in the end, I opened a window and looked out.

Unusually, Chester Road was absolutely quiet and in the silence, there was no noise of aircraft, nor of helicopter — had there been, I should have been certain to hear it.

Suddenly, the two lights (which were obviously on the same object) shot sideways at a tremendous speed, travelling to the left parallel with Chester Road, and in a second, had gone out of sight. The acceleration from this thing hovering in mid-air, was absolutely incredible, and I haven't mentioned it to anyone because it could not be explained rationally.

I only knew what it was not — it was not a plane nor were they the lights of a plane — far too large and bright.

No helicopter, surely, would venture so near the oil

WATFORD EVENING ECHO-ENGLAND
12/3/79

UFO 'was a freak mirage'

SIGHTINGS of a mysterious UFO by police officers have been confirmed by a woman who spotted a "fascinating bright" light from her kitchen window. Mrs Jan Adams, of Anglesey Road, South Oxhey, Watford, said: "I just could not take my eyes off it. I thought at first it was a very bright star, but it seemed to get brighter and bigger in minutes."

Meanwhile an astronomer claims that the UFO might well have been a mirage.

Mr Wilfrid Santler, a member of the South West Hertfordshire Astronomical Society explained that the mirage could have been caused by weather conditions.

He said that when there is cold air near to the earth's surface and much warmer air above beams of light could have been reflected back to earth, making the mirage.

The first police sighting of the UFO was made at 3.25am on Thursday morning at Long Lane, Rickmansworth, by Woman Police constable Anne Louise Brown and Police constable Philip Moorcroft.

They were on a panda patrol when they spotted a bright light in the sky over nearby fields, and described the object as being circular, moving slowly and noiselessly.

Two hours later the officers with Police constable David Sheppard, Police constable Gary Mahoney and Police constable Mark Crampton saw the object again when they were parked in Berry Lane, Mill End.

However no object was picked up on the radar at the air traffic control centre, West Drayton, Middlesex.

DUNDEE COURIER & ADVERTISER ENGLAND
12/6/79

Full moon brings out the U.F.O.s

The full moon over the east coast of Scotland last night appears to have attracted visitors from outer space.

Two sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported to "The Courier" from as far apart as Dundee and Kirkcaldy.

The first "sighting" occurred in Kirkcaldy shortly after 5 p.m.

Four office girls were driving home along Sheriff Road when they saw four flashing orange lights above them.

"They stayed with us for quite a while," one of the girls said. "They were quite high up but I don't think they were coming from planes or helicopters.

"Suddenly one of them darted behind us. The group of lights remained separated for a few minutes, then they disappeared.

Big red light

A young man reported the sighting of a U.F.O over Whitfield, Dundee.

James Harper (20), of 117

Maybole Place, said he made the sighting about 6.50.

He said there was a big red light, a flashing red light and flashing white lights round the edge.

The object was travelling fairly fast, then stopped and appeared to hover before moving off again.

James said he had done some aircraft recognition and was certain the lights he saw were not the navigation lights of a plane.

A spokesman at R.A.F. Leuchars, said later no aircraft from the base were flying at the time.

The possibility of the sightings being light aircraft or helicopters could not be ruled out, he added.

CAMBRIDGE NEWS-ENGLAND

12/12/79

Lights in sky

I READ your report of UFO sightings at Harston ("News" December 6) with some interest as I have seen similar lights over Cambridge on several occasions recently. I believe, however, that the explanation is more mundane than celestial in this instance.

Last night (December 5) at about 5.30 I saw a pair of bright, flashing white lights moving slowly across the sky. Over the next half hour or so I watched two such "objects" through binoculars as they flew over eastern Cambridge, twice flying directly over me. Seen through binoculars the flashing white lights were accompanied by a steady red one at such a distance as to suggest very low flying aircraft and, as no sound could be heard, such an aircraft would have had to have been gliding — a most dangerous practice over a populated area.

However, the lights had another trick to show. Each pair of lights, while I watched them, split into two pairs apparently identical to the originals, which they moved around independently. This is indeed "typical" UFO behaviour. However, one such pair did me the favour of flying directly overhead again, and revealed itself as two conventional aircraft, high flying and conventionally illuminated apart from the pair of flashing lights at the centre. Faint aircraft engine noise could be heard on this occasion.

As I could not identify the aircraft types, I can only offer a speculation as to what they were doing, namely a flight refuelling exercise. Perhaps you should direct your inquiries to Cambridge Airport, or to the RAF.

Incidentally, I have also observed the "pulsing, dashing red light" which seems to have a fondness for the airport area.

KEITH EDKINS

7 Gwydir Street,
Cambridge.

POLICE REVIEW-LONDON ENGLAND

12/7/79

Have you had a close encounter?

"A LONG bright light, too big to be a plane or a star". That was how two Hertfordshire officers described the first of two sightings of unidentified flying objects last week.

PC Phillip Moorcroft and WPC Anne Louise Brown, patrolling in a panda, watched a UFO moving slowly and silently at about 450 feet, above Rickmansworth.

Two hours later, PCs Mahoney and Crampton made separate sightings in another part of the county of

a long, cigar shape, with many lights, and with red lights underneath".

It, too, was moving silently at about 300 feet.

The RAF station at West Drayton was informed of the sightings, and confirmed that there were no aircraft flights scheduled in those areas at the relevant times.

Police Review would be pleased to hear from any readers with reports of UFO sightings over the past five years. Reports will be treated

in strict confidence, if requested, and given the serious consideration that the increasing frequency of such incidents merits.

"Such reports in the States are now so common that the local police log them", said a spokesman for the United States Air Force.

As Police Review went to press, Hertfordshire Police said that a large weather balloon which the force has recovered could have been the "UFO".

ELLESMERE PORT POINEER - ENGLAND

12/6/79

Not the only one!

Sir, — I have just read your article concerning UFO's over Capenhurst and the statement made by Mr. Bob Phillips, BNFL Public Relations Officer has left me horror-struck.

He states that Government regulations do not allow aircraft to fly within two miles of the plant. It must come as a great surprise to Mr. Phillips that, as a resident of Capenhurst, I must be seeing UFOs all the time.

During the summer months not only I but many residents of this village will have seen these "UFOs" going right over the plant in the direction of Liverpool and Manchester. Could he explain these sightings?

I can only conclude that as these sightings are certainly not UFOs, but aircraft (my mother and myself have just this very minute watched one fly over the factory whilst I

am writing this letter, time: 6.45 pm), I wonder if this is not the only Government regulation not being adhered to. Are there others being conveniently ignored?

I await Mr. Phillip's reply.

MR. D. NOLAN

Bailiff Cottage,
Capenhurst.

CAMBERLEY NEWS-SURREY ENG.

12/1/79

Mystery in the sky

FURTHER to your report of a "silver cylindrical object" seen over Farnborough and Aldershot between 4 and 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21, I was one of a group of people gazing skyward about 2.20 p.m. outside the shops in Linkway, Fleet.

It appeared directly above us, motionless, at a great height, looking like a floating ball of mercury in a cloudless blue sky.

It puzzled us, too. — Patricia Butcher, The Verne, Church Crookham.

12/6/79

I saw UFO, says pensioner

A LLANDUDNO man claims he saw an unidentified flying object over Conwy Mountain on Monday afternoon.

Mr. Richard Vaughan, a retired post office engineer, who lives in Cae Ciyd, Clarence Drive, Llandudno, says he spotted the object when he was walking along the town's promenade in a gale at about 3.30 p.m. He

described it as being oval shaped, white on top and black underneath.

"I saw something flying over Conwy Mountain. Then it stopped for three minutes, moved on, stopped again, and then moved on and disappeared in a glow," he said.

"What puzzles me, is how a thing like that could stay still in that wind. I thought

at first I was imagining things."

He said there was no-one else about at the time, but he stood watching it for ten minutes. Mr. Vaughan could think of no explanation for what he saw, but he added that he was sober.

Police in Llandudno and Conwy say they have had no other reports of sightings.

CAMBRIDGE NEWS-ENGLAND

12/10/79

Experts still baffled by Harston UFOs mystery

A swarm of unidentified flying objects which held a Cambridgeshire village spellbound remained a mystery at the weekend.

For around three hours Harston villagers and others in the area watched the weird lights dodging about the sky.

Some were shocked when a UFO as big as a railway carriage hovered silently over homes and a pub. Regulars at the Old English Gentleman at Harston called in the police.

But after descriptions from witnesses published in the "News" on Thursday experts are just as baffled.

Cambridge police have ruled out the possibility of any local flying in the area on the evening in question, Thursday, November 29.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said the only aircraft which could have been in the area, apart from commercial traffic, might have belonged to the US Air Force which was holding a night exercise.

Silent

A spokesman at Mildenhall USAF base said units from Lakenheath and Alconbury could have been over Harston at times during that evening.

But apart from their navigation lights they were unlikely to have been using any other illumination such

By Paul Markillie

as parachute flares, said the spokesman.

"The descriptions of large, silent objects that fly low do not sound like our aircraft. We do fly low, but not that low and it is likely they would be heard," he said.

RAF Honington Met Office said that on the evening in question it was a clear night, with a high thin cloud.

There was a lot of atmospheric disturbance which affected TV reception.

Shape

This happened because it was warmer in the evening than during the day, resulting in an atmospheric layer which reflected and bounced signals.

But it was unlikely this could cause any visual phenomena, said the Met Office spokesman.

UFOs have been observed on other nights, too.

Mr Colin Proctor, of 8 Rotherwick Way, Cambridge, said that on Monday, December 3, he had observed a shape with lights in the evening sky and sketched it.

He was surprised to see that it was almost precisely the same as drawings made by customers at the Old English Gentleman of a banana-shaped object and pictured in the "News."

His wife Sheila said that about 5.15 pm she was pulling the upstairs curtains

when she saw a configuration of stationary lights about 100 yards away above the rooftops and towards the south-east.

Close

She said: "I watched for about three minutes and called by husband. He went and got the binoculars and said he could make out the shape. We must have watched for about 10 to 12 minutes before it moved in a direct line away from us."

The couple, who say they were sceptical about UFO sightings, reported it to air traffic controllers on the advice of police, but were sure it was not a conventional aircraft.

The previous Thursday customers at the Old English Gentleman had been watching a number of lights in the sky when a large UFO, variously described as a massive "airship" or "railway coach" shape with illuminated windows, hovered close by.

The landlord, Mr Michael Bradford, said yesterday he now knew of some 50 people in the village and surrounding area who had noticed the lights or objects that evening.

He added: "It definitely was not a hoax. I know what I saw with my own eyes, and so do so many other people."

NORTH CHESHIRE HERALD - HYDE ENGLAND 12/4/79

Other UFOs sighted

FOLLOWING last week's report of a sighting of an unidentified flying object over Glossop, there have been other disclosures about close encounters of the Chisworth kind.

Mrs Philomena Robinson, of Chew Valley Stables, Marple Road, Chisworth, rang to confirm last week's sighting, and said she had seen as many as a dozen UFOs in the past 12 months.

Mrs Robinson said she saw the UFO on November 29 when it was over the Mottram/Broadbottom area at dusk. Like the woman who contacted this newspaper last week, she also noted the different coloured lights on the object.

She says that all the ones she has seen in the past year have been in the same area.

She described the sightings as a "terrifying experience," adding: "It looks like they're taking photographs because of the way the beams flash and the way they hover."

Mrs Robinson also said the experiences were frightening, because you sometimes think the UFOs are going to "beam you up." All the sightings, she said, had been in the evening or early hours of the morning.