

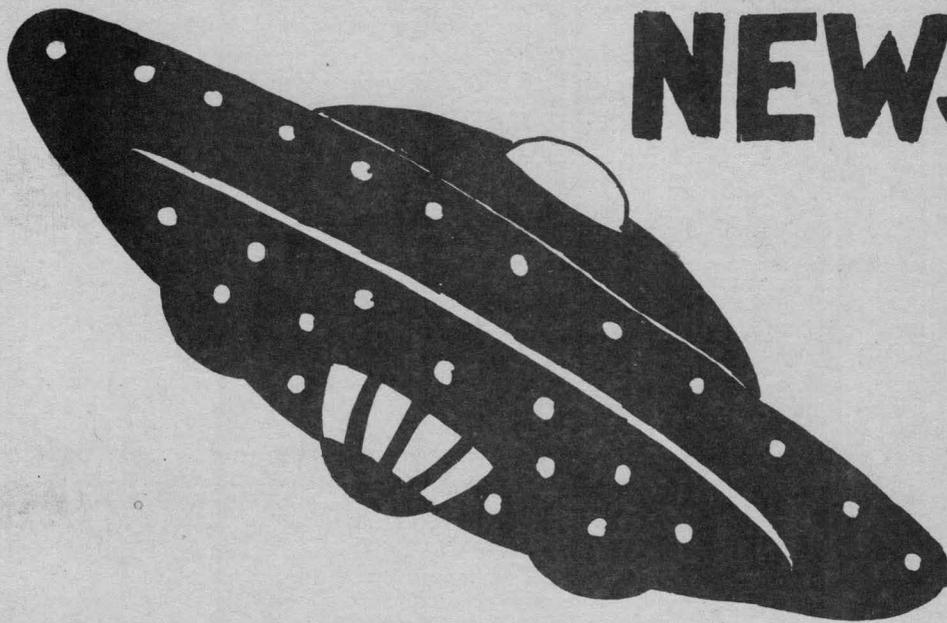
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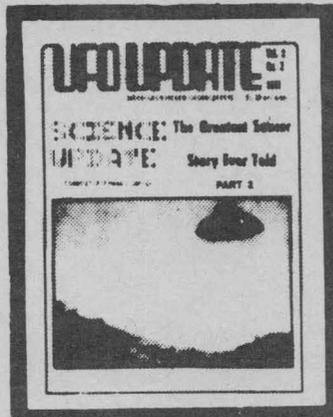
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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

Dozens of eerie purple blobs that recently poured down from a UFO spacecraft are terrifying thousands of Texas residents.

"It's that uncertainty of not knowing what they are," trembles Joe Baumlín, a Frisco, Texas farmer. "For all we know they could be poison or some kind of long-term lethal war weapon used by advanced outer space societies."

Dozens of startled observers describe the blobs as being similar to plum pudding. They all have round, solid chunks in them that remains after the goo goes away.

One terrified witness, Ethel

UFO-SENT BLOBS TERRIFY TEXANS

Langston reports. "I was coming in from feeding the horses when all of a sudden I heard this loud thudding noise and things dropping several hundred feet away.

"I ran and found a bunch of smooth purple whipped cream type objects. They were just like the one in that Steve McQueen movie . . . THE BLOB! I stuck this stick into one of the objects. It went in easily, very easily. I punctured it. On the inside it was the same thing—just like real whipped cream,

and it looked like it was melting."

Frightened, Ethel called the police and Officer Jaime Davila, who responded to the call, decided to try and pick up one of the blobs.

"It was pretty warm," Jaime recalls. "I then used a newspaper to nudge the blobs into a box. Later they were transported to the Heard Natural Science Museum."

But even more startling are dozens of witnesses who cited a

strangely-lit UFO hovering over Ethel's farm moments before the blobs came crashing to the ground.

"It was the most fascinating yet scary thing I've ever seen. There was this craft with pulsating red, yellow and blue lights. It was saucer shaped and had a humming sound that lasted the entire time we saw it," confides one of the witnesses, Jerry Wortski.

"It stayed in a stationary position for several minutes and then suddenly sped off at a speed almost faster than the eye could follow."

Adding credence to the citing and the theory the blobs were left by the UFO was an official report of the strange substance

which concluded, "it's made from materials like nothing that exist on Earth. It had to come from something in another planet or outer space," concludes NASA researcher Gerald Clemmons.

"We found it emits an acidic liquid, attracts water and contains uranium. But beyond that, things get confusing. There's a mysterious lead type material in it and a number of other elements not found on Earth.

"At first we thought it was some form of meteorite or it came from some type of animal but we've definitely ruled out both of these possibilities. I can't explain it and I don't think any other scientist in this country can either," he concludes.

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Believe it or not, Ripley says he saw UFO site

By JOHN COSWAY
Staff Writer

George Ripley, an avid Toronto hunter, says he couldn't quite believe what he saw in the woods near Peterboro yesterday — a possible UFO landing site.

The Brewer's Retail employee says he and fellow-hunter Wayne Gardiner, 28, came upon the baffling scene early in the day and spent two hours examining it.

Ripley, 26, of Queen Street East, says red pines up to 60 feet tall had been "compressed" to about 10 feet from the ground in a perfect circle about 400 feet in diameter.

"It looked like something had hovered overhead and then just came down and compressed the whole area," he said last night. "The bark looked like it had melted.

"We walked around the whole perimeter thinking maybe a plane or helicopter crashed, but we found nothing. I know lightning didn't do it.

"I'm no UFO expert, but it looks to me like something landed there, maybe on stilts."

When he hunted in the area in mid-November, everything was normal.

Now, Ripley wants some answers. He will ask UFO researchers in Toronto to investigate.

Air Force Contacted

Hundreds In Ansted Seeing 'Spaceships'

FRONT PAGE

By STEVE MULLINS
Of The Daily Mail Staff

ANSTED — As the December sun dropped over this small New River community, dogs started barking wildly outside The Sandwich Hut restaurant.

Norma White, the owner, and several customers ran to the door, and say they will never forget what they saw:

"It looked like a great white planet with white lights. A strip along the bottom was Y-shaped," Mrs. White recalled today. "The ship itself looked like a great big ball covered with tiny red lights. The whole thing had a greenish hue. The white lights went out and we could see it clearly for a few minutes before it rolled over the mountain range and dropped."

The Whites were among more than a dozen Ansted residents who telephoned the police department that night with UFO reports.

"My husband is a pilot and he said it was about 4,000 feet high," she recalled today.

Since that night, more than 200 residents of this Fayette County community have reported seeing "spaceships" hovering over them for a time and disappearing.

Mrs. White claims the first encounter at 6 p.m., Dec. 5, but reports were coming in as recently as this weekend, according to Police Chief Jim Hall.

Police officers, ministers, insurance salesmen, coal miners — all have made reports, according to Hall.

"All the reports are essentially the same," according to Hall. "Everybody seems to be seeing the same thing."

This is what residents say they have seen: Smaller ships shoot out of a mother ship, about six at a time. In a matter of minutes, there might be 12 or 18 smaller ships around. Some of the smaller ships have been described differently. One was reported to look like "a flash cube going off." Others have been called "just clusters of red lights."

Mrs. White's husband, Bob, says when all the objects rejoin the mother ship, "it shoots straight up and disappears."

Residents say they have seen the objects at tree-top level, and have reported that they are silent.

Two police officers have reported sightings, according to Hall. One is Officer Charles Crosier. "I saw red globes flying around the mountains to the east and south of town," he says. "They were flying low over the trees on the ridge line and would suddenly shoot directly up a tremendous speed. I counted a dozen, about 20 feet in diameter. There were no wings, and no noise."

Local authorities have contacted the Air Force and nationally-known astronomers to try and find the source of the sightings. The Air Force has denied having aircraft in the area, and astronomers say they are interested but baffled.

CHARESTON W.VA.
MAIL
JAN 23 1980

Since Dec. 5, there have been more than 200 different residents report sightings, according to Hall. "We received dozens of calls at the police station that night, but since then, there have been hundreds."

Motorists have reported seeing discs, larger than jets, whirl under the New River Bridge. One, an insurance salesman who has asked not to be named, reported the following:

"I was driving down the road when I saw white lights low in the woods. My cruise control went out and my digital clock stopped working. I pushed the gas pedal but the car wouldn't go. Then, all of a sudden, the car took off at 80 miles-per-hour."

Each time the objects appear, local residents say their dogs act as if they are going to have heart attacks.

Mrs. White has become a regular watcher, and says she has taken pictures with a zoom lens which she will have developed under close, official supervision.

"These are all competent people who have seen these," says Hall. "They're not kidding. They're telling the truth. There's no doubt that something is happening here," the chief says.

One town official, who has reported seeing the objects and prefers not to be named, says there has long been a phenomenon of sorts over Ansted — "a bright star at the tail of the Big Dipper hat doesn't belong there. We have been told that it's a nova burning out," he says. "But now with all that has happened, it may not be a nova at all. These things in the air actually move right toward us."

Skeptical viewers of the UFOs say they believe the whole thing must be related somehow to the government, according to Hall.

"Well, if it's the government, they sure should have told the town they were coming," Mrs. White insists.

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UFO said sighted at Shiloh

A Shilohan reported to Richland county sheriff's deputies Saturday that she saw at 6:38 p.m. an unidentified foreign object.

Mary O. Bailey, 60 Prospect street, told officers she saw multi-colored lights, changing colors and flying slowly, in the western sky. She said she also saw the same phenomenon on Jan. 14 and 15. Her dogs howled when the lights appeared, she said.

DANVILLE VA.
REGISTER
JAN 17 1980

EAU CLAIRE WIS.
LEADER TELEGRAM
JAN 23 1980

Something shiny hung in air before Kaplan

By Carol Armstrong
Register Staff Writer

Mark Kaplan may have planned to wish upon a star Tuesday night when looked out the window of his dorm room at Averett College.

But this wasn't your average, everyday star. Instead, Kaplan said, it was more of a round thing with a shiny silver glow around it.

A flying saucer? Kaplan doesn't really think so — but then again, he's not so sure.

"I was getting ready to go to sleep at about 12:30 when I looked out the window and saw something shiny in the sky," Kaplan said.

"It seemed to be moving up and down and sideways kind of slowly," he said, "and it kept giving off this shiny glow.

"It was kind of like a helicopter suspended in the air, moving up and down."

Kaplan, his roommate and another friend saw the object. "They thought maybe it was a shooting star or something," Kaplan said, "but it was still there about an hour later when I finally went to sleep."

The object was pulsating and throbbing, Kaplan said, "like when someone is making a fist and pumping it."

"I'll admit I kind of have an imagination, especially since the Star Trek movie," he said, "but at first I thought it was a ship or something.

"It kind of looked like that spaceship in (the television show) 'Lost in Space.'"

When he heard there were recent sightings of UFOs around Chesapeake, "that really gave me the creeps," Kaplan said.

"I never really believed in UFOs," he said. "I was a skeptic.

"But this was something really out of the ordinary. I couldn't figure out what it was. It was scary."

UFO reported in Menomonie

MENOMONIE — An unidentified flying object was reportedly seen by three persons Monday night while it hovered about 800 feet above the ground near the 700 block of 19th Avenue East.

David Cobb, 26, of 719 19th Ave. E., and two companions allegedly saw the object just above the trees near his residence at about 8:15 p.m.

Cobb said the object was about 15 feet to 20 feet in diameter and appeared to be spinning at an exceptionally high rate of speed.

He added that it made no noise and was illuminated with orange, purple and greenish colors on the bottom and twin, yellow lights extending out from both sides.

Cobb reportedly thought the object had landed alongside the creek south of his residence. He got a fire-arm from his residence to investigate, but did not see anything more of the object.

Other UFO sightings reported throughout the area last week are believed to have been meteorites.

ABERDEEN WASH
WORLD
JAN 27 1980

UFO REPORTED
A UFO was reported in sight of 1000 E. First St. about 6:37 p.m. Saturday but police investigated and couldn't locate anything. However, a Daily World reporter noticed that on a hill east of Aberdeen, a lone building with lighted windows seemed to hang in the sky above the neighborhood much like a "UFO."

Meteor (?) whips above local skies

A star-bright sky glowed like day and the ground rumbled Wednesday night. Many reports indicate that a meteor entering the atmosphere caused the glow and thundering. Other reports to the Sheriff's office indicated an aircraft in the area and another craft reported was not identified, making it a UFO.

Marj Karmar placed entry of the meteor at about 8:20 p.m. She said a glow completely illuminated surrounding farms and horizons for a few seconds. "It was like a summer thunderstorm with sheet lightning," she said.

"It was exciting and sudden, because we didn't know what had caused the phenomena," she said.

Johnny Wheaton, who lives southeast of Phillipsburg, says he saw the glow and was certain it was a meteor. "I do a lot of farming at night. I have seen several over the years, but this one was among the biggest." He estimated the trail of the meteor at 10-12 miles long. "It could have been longer, because the height makes size pretty deceptive."

Wheaton's sister, Carolyn Jones, who lives five miles east of Glade and one-half north, said it shook the house. "It was like some of the low-flying helicopters that fly over our house. It shook just the same."

Ashley Jones, Carolyn's son, was driving south of the Phillipsburg airport when he sighted it and indicated the path of the meteor was directed east away from Phillipsburg.

Several showers were reported across the state at different times, including some south of Hastings and south of Gaylor. The Phillips county Sheriff's office received a report from the Kansas Highway Patrol at 8:42 p.m. The patrol reported fire balls dancing across the

ground, following an explosion that created a rumbling.

Sheriff LeRoy Stephen reported an orange light at 8:58 p.m. five to six miles east of Phillipsburg over U.S. 36. A similar light was reported by Logan Marshall, Jim Morrison at 9:09 south of U.S. K-9 near Logan.

Morrison continued reporting on a UFO in the Eastern sky at 9:15 that was jumping around. Morrison later described the object as having a red glow under it which hovered for quite a while, then gained altitude in a vicinity of Kirwin. It was last seen headed toward Smith Center. Both Morrison and his wife made the sighting.

"We looked at it through binoculars. It was stationary for a long time and then started bouncing up and down over Kirwin, completely leaving the field of vision of the binoculars," they agreed.

Mrs. James Spicer reported an object about the size of a star west of Glade with green and red light. "It was 'wiggling' and then we heard a boom. After the thunder, a scanner report said bright lights had been sighted."

An Air Force pilot, flying an air tanker or fighter, reported seeing the light. His plane might have been a UFO to some observers, but those who reported stationary light, said it stayed in one place too long to be a conventional aircraft.

WATERTOWN DAILY TIMES
WATERTOWN N.Y.
JAN-14-1980

Reports Of UFO 'Unfounded'

CANTON — The St. Lawrence County Sheriff's Department officially lists as "unfounded" reports of a UFO Saturday and Sunday nights.

According to deputies, a Lisbon area man first reported seeing unexplained lights in the sky Saturday night. He reported a similar sighting Sunday night and, deputies said, another Canton area man phoned in a similar sighting a few minutes later.

At least one deputy also reported seeing flashing lights in the sky in the Madrid area but, after checks with the FAA at Massena and Army officials at Fort Drum indicated no aircraft in the area, the report was listed as unfounded.

UFOs still here

Editor: I never believed or disbelieved all the reports over the years on UFOs, but after last night, I could believe that something strange is up there.

Around 7:15 (Jan. 20) my mother and I walked a block to visit my son. We remarked how clear the sky was and all the stars. As we went into his driveway, I saw this sight, lights moving very fast in that direction. Not like something being pulled, just floating. Then it disappeared.

It was a beautiful sight. I am glad my mom was with me and saw it too, although I know what I saw. I told the family I saw my first UFO.

Just thought someone else may have seen it. It pays to walk in the evening and look up. — ANN FLANNIGAN, Winter Park.

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THE BRIDGEPORT POST BRIDGEPORT CONN. Woman reports UFO sighting

JAN-25-1980

An unidentified flying object with red and green lights that hovered for 15 minutes pointed a large red beam and left at a high rate of speed was allegedly observed by a Fairfield woman at 7:40 a.m., according to Fairfield Police.

Mrs. Marie Bennett, 178 Glenridge Road, told police she watched a "large craft" from her northwest kitchen window hover on the horizon for 15 minutes.

She said the craft then dipped to one side and a large red beam came from its underside after which it left the area at a high rate of speed.

ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMORRAT
ST. LOUIS MO. JAN-19-1980

Illinois UFO called meteor by scientist

7424 ufo

By JOE SALVIA
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

It may not have been a flying saucer after all.

Several persons who say they saw a brilliant object in the sky over Mt. Vernon, Ill., may have seen the fireball of a meteor, a Southern Illinois University-Carbondale professor said Friday.

That explanation probably won't satisfy Don Wall, of Texico, or Don Taylor, of Valier. About midnight Wednesday they saw a sight they never want to see again. WALL, A 28-year-old welder, said he was almost asleep in his home when he was startled by a "great big, bright, green light" that illuminated his bedroom.

"I looked out the window and saw this thing, about 100 feet long, with two big green lights right in the middle of it," he said. "They were about three times brighter than a car's headlights." Two dimmer green lights burned at either end of the object, he said.

Wall said the object seemed to be moving from north to south "about 100 miles an hour or more, at about treetop height."

Wall rushed from his house for a better look, but "when I got outside, it was gone."

WALL SAID the episode was "kind of scary. I never saw anything like it before, and I never want to see anything like it again."

Taylor said he was driving near Rend Lake, on his way to work at Old Ben Mine No. 26 in Franklin County, when he saw an object about 50 feet wide with a bright light, like a helicopter headlight, on its front.

As the object approached his car at high speed, he said, it seemed to explode, "like a big jet airliner blowing up."

Frank Sanders, a professor of physics and astronomy at SIU-C, said Friday that he had heard reports that at about the same time Wednesday a couple near Rend Lake had seen a very

bright, fast-moving object which seemed to break up as it approached.

Sanders was cautious in his comments, but said that the witnesses may have seen the breakup of a meteor.

"IT'S HARD to say," Sanders said. "The descriptions are pretty sketchy — bright object, moving rapidly. There was no comment about a tail, which would usually be apparent with a meteor."

Mt. Vernon police said they received one call about the object. Sheriff's departments in Jefferson and Franklin counties said they had no reports.

A spokesman at Scott Air Force Base, near Belleville, said the base received no reports or inquiries about unusual objects, and the base's 60-mile and 200-mile radar scans showed nothing out of the ordinary that night.

Federal Aviation Administration officials in Kansas City, Kan., said a flight control center near Olathe, Kan., reported a "brilliant light from the north-northwest" at about 8:35 p.m. Wednesday. Duty Officer Benjamin Herr said the light, which was seen from Salina, Kan., to Ft. Worth, Tex., remains unexplained.

YANKTON S.D.
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JAN-18-1980

Was it really a 'hoax?'

7424 New Current

Yankton County Civil Defense Director Ted Blakey said that the reported sightings here Sunday night of an unidentified flying object Sunday night was a "hoax!"

He may be right.

But maybe these youngsters did see something. It may well have been a natural phenomenon of some sort—or it might just well have been an unidentified flying object (UFO) whatever a UFO is.

Just because the U. S. Weather Service or other government sources had nothing on their records to coincide with the sightings in Yankton, doesn't mean that something didn't exist, as far-fetched as it is to believe that there are objects with bright lights and little green men and all of that.

As far as we have been able to determine, the young people made no such claim. They just saw something in the sky and since they couldn't identify it, it would

have to fall in the category of an "unidentified flying object."

Actually it might have been an airplane, it might have been a weather balloon or it might have been a planet.

Or, as Mr. Blakey said, it might have been a "hoax."

We assume that a "hoax" is another name for an identified flying object.

ITHACA N.Y. JOURNAL
JAN-24-1980

UFO sightings reported

More than a dozen sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported to area police Wednesday night.

The sightings were reported from Schuyler County, Trumansburg, Enfield, Caroline, Lansing and Ithaca, between the hours of 11:15 p.m. and shortly after midnight.

Trumansburg reports said the object was across the lake in the Milliken Station area.

All people reported seeing virtually the same thing, according to the Tompkins County Sheriff's Department and Trumansburg Police Chief Tom Ferretti.

They reported an oblong white object with flashing red lights in the sky. Some reports said it also had flashing green lights, and one anonymous caller to the Journal said she and her husband saw a UFO land near Caroline

Depot Road and take off again.

All seven who reported the incidents to the sheriff's office gave their names, a spokesman from that office said, but names were withheld from the press.

Paul Van Vorce, a Trumansburg law enforcement Explorer Scout, said he first saw a UFO at about 11:30 p.m. down behind the County Home on Perry City Road that moved up the lake, appearing to stop near Milliken Station. He said he watched it through binoculars for about half an hour, before it disappeared moving "straight up and off."

George Gull, a researcher at Cornell University's department of astronomy, said that some planets will appear to be flashing due to clouds and turbulent atmospheric conditions.

'Sighting' reported at Beach

By FREDERICK TALBOTT
Ledger-Star Staff Writer

VIRGINIA BEACH — Two families have reported seeing mysterious lights above the trees about 1 a.m. Wednesday in the 2900 block of North Lynnhaven Road.

The sightings are the latest in a series of reports of similar lighted "unidentified flying objects" throughout Tidewater during the past month.

The lights reportedly appeared soon after a series of explosions were heard in the area.

Fire, police and Vepco spokesmen said a tree limb fell on a 34,500-volt power line about the time of the loud noises, but none could explain a sustained series of lights sighted overhead afterwards.

Dawn Coffee and her parents, Mary and John LaMaitre, were awakened at their home at 2908 Cessna Drive about 1 a.m. Wednesday by "booming noises and very bright lights."

"I was in my bedroom, and the room just lit up, first white then blue," said Ms. Coffee, 29. "The light was incredibly bright, and there were two or three booming noises.

"I went to the back door, and it was incredible," she said. "There was what seemed to be a big disc of some sort at treetop level.

"An amber glow was everywhere, and there were blue, red and what seemed like pink lights going around the bottom, sort of in a circular fashion. That's when I called my parents."

Mrs. LaMaitre echoed her daughter's description.

"It was like giant flashlights of varied colors, and they seemed to be going around something we couldn't clearly see," she said.

Ms. Coffee and Mrs. LaMaitre said they watched the lights for several minutes then noticed two police cars and a fire engine arrive on nearby Lynnhaven Road.

"They are bound to have seen what we saw," Ms. Coffee said.

"The lights eventually faded, and then we saw whatever it was off in the distance. There seemed to be two red lights, intermingling and crossing each other."

James Pearce, 16, said he was watching television in his home on Crisfield Road when "this big white then blue light completely lit up my bedroom.

"I looked across the street, and there were blue, red and other colored lights, like little balls up in the air," he said. "They were moving all around up there, and the whole sky seemed an orange color. I was scared half to death."

A fire truck from Station 3 responded to the scene. There they found a large limb had fallen on a major power line blowing fuses in a nearby transformer.

However, personnel at Station 3 were forbidden from discussing the matter with the press. One fireman who answered the station's telephone said, "You have to call our district captain on this one."

When asked why, the fireman said, "We've heard talk of lights and other things over there, and all we know is we're supposed to refer you to the district."

Third Police Precinct Officer R. J. Zeitman confirmed the report of the fallen tree limb.

"I saw a large flash all the way from the Plaza area, and when I arrived, there was a branch up there on fire, Zeitman said. "I called the fire department and then waited there for them." When asked if he saw anything unusual nearby, perhaps above the power line, Zeitman said, "Uh, my job was to keep an eye on the limb, and that's all I looked at."

Verco Operations Supervisor J. W. Wilson said a repairman was dispatched to the scene at 1:30 a.m. and completed repairs by 2:30 a.m. Fifty customers were without electricity during that time.

"When the fuses go off they sound like a shotgun," Wilson said. "And sometimes there's a bright flash.

"But there is no sustained light," Wilson said.

When asked about the reports of multi-colored lights overhead for several minutes, Wilson said, "That could not have come from our equipment. Our equipment just doesn't react that way, ever."

One fire official said the amber glow could have been caused by road flares and the lights could have been the result of flashlights. Atmospheric conditions could have also come into play, he said.

A Federal Aviation Administration official said he had no report of any unusual lights or aircraft in the area.

But if it was the unmentionable, an unidentified object, it couldn't have picked a better neighborhood. Within four blocks are streets bearing the names Saturn, Jupiter, Venus and Mars.

DULUTH MINN. JAN
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That mysterious light fell before my home

Editor: Referring to the Jan. 14 reports on the descent of a mysterious light over the Twin Ports region, I believe this was a meteor, which fell about 60-70 feet out into Lake Superior, directly in front of my house. This was a good-sized meteor, very brilliant. The light went out about a second before it hit the water. It came in from a westerly direction, at a sharp drop from on high.

I live about 50 feet off the lake, and my house frontage on the lake is 26 feet — all glass, floor to ceiling. This is the third one to fall within the last couple of years. The last one fell less than 25 feet from the water's edge, straight out from my windows. The angle was sharply down, coming from the northeast.

This has been my home for about 20 years, and in that time I've seen a number of "things" which I consider to be UFOs. I considered this one a meteor!

EL VIDA PETERSON

Two Harbors

It zipped across sky, turned red, was gone

By Mark Cowing
and Wichita Beacon news services

A brilliant fireball zipping across the clear, crisp January sky set police switchboards aglow Wednesday night in at least three states, including Kansas.

Folks in Nebraska saw it. An undersheriff in Oklahoma saw it. Even a pilot flying near Kansas City saw it.

And "it" may have been a meteorite no bigger than a pebble.

But just try to tell that to Donald Zimbleman, one of two Salina police officers who saw the flash from their patrol car.

It was like the flash when a high-power

transformer is hit by lightning," Zimbleman said. "It was just like a ball of fire, and then it broke up."

The fireball appeared about 8:30 p.m. in the sky directly north of Salina and lasted perhaps five seconds — building from a dim glow to a brilliant orange-red, he said. It looked about one-fourth the size of the moon, he added.

Reports of sightings ranged as far north as North Platte, in western Nebraska, to Lawton, in southern Oklahoma.

"Our undersheriff saw it first," according to a police dispatcher in northern Oklahoma

"He said it was like a bright flash, then an orange flash, then it turned green and blue."

If anyone in the Wichita area saw the phenomenon through the bright city lights, he apparently kept it to himself. Dispatchers for the Wichita police, the Sedgwick County sheriff and the Highway Patrol's Wichita office said they had no record of calls regarding the fireball.

The director of the Wichita Omnisphere, Jose Olivarez, said he didn't see the show, either. But he seemed confident that the commotion was caused by what astronomers

call a "bull-light."

A bull-light, he said, is a lone meteor — as big as or bigger than a pebble — that streaks across the sky. When it lands, he said, it breaks up, causing a "spectacular display in the heavens."

A pebble-sized bull-light could be visible in three states, said Olivarez. Of course, he added, "The bigger the meteorite, the more spectacular the display."

But the meteorites in the "meteor showers" that brighten Kansas skies in August usually are no bigger than a grain of sand, he said.

Others who witnessed Wednesday night's spectacle included:

- Two Oklahoma Highway Patrol officers, who reported that the lights appeared about 500 to 600 feet above the ground near Liberal, in southeast Kansas.

- A pilot, who reportedly told an air traffic controller at Kansas City International Airport that he spotted an "explosion with particles coming off it" in south-central or southeastern Kansas.

- A duty officer with the Federal Aviation Administration in Chicago, Curtis Williams, said offices in Denver also had received reports of the mysterious light.

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UFO sightings here are being probed

Reports of last Friday's UFO sightings in the Avon Lake area have been turned over to the Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network (MUFON) for further investigation.

Avon Lake police received 25 reports involving glowing red, green and white lights hovering over electrical wires near the Avon Lake-Bay Village boundary line.

A number of the reports were considered to be natural phenomena, UFO Research Center Director Dean Haslage said.

HASLAGE SAID main power fuses blew due to a sudden surge of power from an external source Friday night between 8:30-9 p.m.

Somewhere there was a large power surge creating enough force to blow the fuses which created the loss of power, he added.

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. reported about 100 homes were affected by the outage at the time.

Among the reported sighting was one turned in by an Avon Lake couple who were westbound on Lake Road, between Huntington Beach and the Avon Lake corporation line. They said they saw a half circle of small, white bright lights hovering over the lake.

A Sheffield Lake couple also reportedly watched a glowing object hover near electrical wires near the same location.

Most of the sightings involved red, green and white lights, Haslage said.

Local UFO Sighting 'Like A Scene From A Movie'

by JEANNIE GRIFFIN

It was kind of like a scene from a movie. A light blinking in the distance — on, off with a little pinkish tinge now and then.

There was no sound; it was dark and an eerie feeling began creeping over the area. What was it?

The first people to report seeing "the thing" Tuesday night was the Raymond Sansbury family. The family of eight sat in the hallway at the Darlington Police Department, only having two weeks ago captured headlines across the nation when Sansbury himself was arrested at a garbage dump. But this certainly was different.

They were travelling on Palmetto Road,

Raymond and Edell said, when he saw a light following the car. Edell sensibly said for him to stop looking at it — probably wasn't anything but an airplane. She soon changed her mind.

The "light" came in front of the car and Sansbury, quickly of course, put the car in reverse and took off toward the safest place he could think of: the police station several miles away.

Reporters, of course, don't get scared over a little light in the sky. There's always a logical explanation. Right?

I left after talking to the Sansburys at the police station, my first stop, thinking "bull. These people didn't see anything, maybe a falling star or perhaps, like Edell first

thought, an airplane."

Nevertheless, I kept looking out the windshield for the light. I drove (quickly!) to the sheriff's department, not really knowing what to expect.

I was jittery, no doubt. I caught my own reflection in the mirror once and nearly ran off the road. I'm almost positive I ran a stop light and every star seemed to be blinking and turning pink, just like they had said. Stop it, I said to myself, this is crazy.

And then. . . a light blinked. The second time it turned pink. I almost missed the drive to the detention center.

I turned off the motor and slumped down in the seat. Maybe if I couldn't see it, it couldn't see me either.

I got braver. I rolled down the window to listen for the sound of an airplane motor but

there was none. I was no longer j-j-just scared — panic-stricken was more the feeling.

I got out and ran toward the door to the sheriff's department. A deputy had the nerve to ask me why I was out of breath.

"I saw it," Louise Wright, the dispatcher, told me. Almost holding my breath, I asked what it looked like. "Oh, it was real bright and blinked on and off and was kind of pink."

After about ten minutes of getting my nerve up again, I ventured to leave. Walked, quickly mind you, got in and. . . locked the door. Don't take any chances, I told myself.

Driving down the highway, I would have been good bait for an eager highway patrolman looking for a speeder. Then I saw it again and pulled into the median.

Once again, no noise. But finally I heard

a slight rumble and felt sure it was a plane or a jet, or something.

I didn't roll up the window but started out again to the office. Ten seconds later, I glanced over my shoulder. . . and "the thing" was there again. Hence, the speedometer rose.

It followed me. On the one hand, I wanted to stop the car, get in the trunk and pull the lid down tight.

Trees finally got in the way and it was out of sight. The story was over.

I'm not the only one who saw it. Sheriff's deputies, policemen and a few other citizens. We who saw it are probably the only ones who believe it.

I know my boss doesn't believe me. You see, when I told my story, he said, "Sounds like it would make a cute story." And that's all he said.

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UFO or No UFO, I *DID* See

Something!

"No sir, I don't believe in UFOs either. Yes sir, maybe you're right. Maybe it was Venus from the west even though I was looking north. No, I'm sure it wasn't an airplane."

"Hello. Yes, this is the person who saw the flying saucer. No ma'am, I didn't see any little green men. No, ma'am, I never have been to a psychiatrist for a wild imagination."

Thus, you might get the gist of most of the calls I have been receiving concerning the unidentified flying light in the sky I saw last Tuesday night. Since our story last week, I have thought of

changing my name, moving to another state and, yes, suing my editor for putting a by-line on the story to begin with.

Folks, believe me. I did see something. No it wasn't an airplane, it wasn't the planet Venus and it wasn't my imagination. It was real, just like milk and Pepsi.

I never said it was a UFO (Dwight Dana did that when he wrote the headline to the story). I contended it was not an airplane because (1) the Sansbury family said the object came down in front of their car and planes normally stay up in the air where they belong; (2)

airplanes make noise and there was none and (3) airplanes are not pink.

The light flashed on and off and had a pinkish tint to it. It made no noise but it followed me from the county detention center to the Piggly Wiggly on Pearl Street.

A few people, including my friends here at The News and Press have laughed at me when I said I was scared, so I pose this question to you. If something which you could not identify started blinking on and off, hovered around and then followed you, wouldn't you be just a little nervous about the situation?

Ed Dooley, planetarium

GRANTSBURG WIS.

BURNETT COUNTY SENTINEL
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Bright light in Sunday night sky leads to tales of UFO's

Tom Benson of rural Webster and his daughter may not have been believers in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) but now they have good reason to at least wonder if what they, and others, saw was in deed one.

Benson was bringing his daughter back from Cumberland on Sunday night, January 13. They had traveled about two miles from their home which is located about eight miles west of Webster.

As they approached the stop sign on the road that connects Ice House Bridge with County E they saw the strange phenomena about 7:32 p.m. as it moved in a southerly direction.

Benson described it as a large red ball of fire which left a trail of light, followed by a bright green flash which illuminated the inside of the car as well as the countryside. He stated that had

the light moved towards them it would have surely been blinding.

Benson and his daughter weren't the only ones who witnessed the light. It was reported that people leaving the Yellow Lake Lodge reported seeing it also as did a dispatcher for the Burnett County Sheriff's Department who saw it in the Falun area. It was later learned that people in the New Richmond area also saw the light and the Wisconsin State Patrol said that reports from other areas of the state came in from persons who had also witnessed it.

Benson said that he would be interested in hearing from persons in this area who also saw the light. Whether it could have been a UFO or not is unknown as some speculate that the large ball of fire was a large meteor which entered the earth's atmosphere and burned up along its route.

coordinator at Francis Marion College, says a possibility for a logical and reasonable explanation would have been that I saw a star called Vega. Vega, he says, he knows to be very bright and would appear to come close and then get farther away. Thank you, Ed, for not saying I was seeing things.

But despite all the doubt, all the criticism and all the fun I've had poked at me, I am glad I had the experience. I learned one thing though, and that is to never tell the public the whole story. Somehow they never believe you. Even if green was my favorite color.

Not all accept fireball

EAU CLAIRE LEADER-TELEGRAM

JAN-14-1980

explanation

By Arnie Hoffman
Regional editor

Objects known as bolides or fireballs streaked across west-central Wisconsin skies early Sunday evening, but at least one Bloomer farmer doesn't easily accept that explanation of the phenomenon.

Cameron Burgess, 40, said he was spreading manure on a field near his home west of Marshmiller Lake when the sky suddenly lit up.

"I was turning the other way, so I didn't see it at first, but when I looked where the light was coming from I saw a tube-like thing about 100 feet long," he said. "It looked a like a silo horizontal to the sky.

"It had a white-greenish light coming from the back

of it; it was not red like fire but more like a gas."

He said he stopped his tractor and looked at it for about 10 seconds until it disappeared. It was about 500 feet off the ground and traveling horizontal to the earth, he said.

"I never saw anything like it before," he said. "Yeah, it sort of scared me at first. I wish I would have shut off the tractor to see if it was making any noise."

He said the light illuminated the sky so that he was able to make out the shape of the entire object. "My wife was in the house watching television," Burgess said, "and the light from the object lit the room."

Burgess said he saw the

object around 7 p.m.

The Menomonie Police Department said it received a report of a sighting by Fremont Smith.

Smith reported seeing an object with orange, red, yellow and blue lights about 7:30 p.m. He told police it was tube-shaped and about 500 feet in the sky.

In addition, sheriff's departments at Barron, Rusk, Taylor and Lincoln counties received calls from persons

reporting similar sightings.

Others in the area from Menomonie to Thorp saw streaks in the sky and then a "flash," such as from a strobe unit from a camera.

Chet Olson and his wife reported seeing what he described as a possible bolide while they were driving on Rudolph Road about 6:45 p.m.

He said his wife saw more of it, and she described it as a streak followed by the

flashing of a camera bulb.

Others sighted the phenomenon at Thorp and Cadott and also noted it looked like an electronic flash going off. Those sightings were about 5:45 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Bolides or fireballs are described as super meteors with large masses of material able to penetrate the lower atmosphere before being destroyed. They usually enter the atmosphere at low angles, explaining why they were spotted near the horizon.

The brightness of the fireballs varies greatly, but it is increased toward the end of its path and then appears to burn out suddenly.

The most significant fireball display in history was on Feb. 9, 1913, when a "meteoric procession" from Canada went east, ending over the Atlantic Ocean. The phenomenon was spotted for a distance of 5,700 miles.

CHIPPEWA FALLS
HERALD TELEGRAM
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blazing 'silo-shaped' object over Bloomer

BLOOMER — Sightings of an object blazing across the sky Sunday were made here and in Taylor, Barron and Lincoln Counties, as well as in the city of Eau Claire and Menomonie.

Speculation is that the object was a meteor or several meteorites.

Cameron Burgess, Route 1, Bloomer (northeast of the city) reported to the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department that he saw a "silo-shaped" object in the sky while he was out in a field about 7 p.m.

Burgess said the object was blueish-green in color, about 100 feet long and 500 feet in the air, and was travelling from the west to the east at a

high rate of speed.

Chester and Marion Loew, Route 2, Colfax were traveling on Highway 40 on their way to Bloomer at about 7:30 p.m. when they saw multi-colored lights in the sky. Chester Loew said the object was "longish" in form, and Marion Loew stated the "entire inside of the car was lit up by the (bluish) lights."

Meantime, at 7:50 p.m., the Menomonie Police Department reported a "tube" like object, with orange, red, yellow and blue lights, heading at a high rate of speed towards Chippewa Falls. The report said the lights apparently were coming on every 10 seconds or so.

UFOs?

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Scores say they saw something in the sky

By LINDA JANKOWSKI
and JULIE BUSBY
Of the Courier-Post

Maple Shade police dispatcher Frank McCollian watched them for about 90 seconds Monday night.

Two Moorestown police officers watched them for between three and five minutes Friday night.

And scores of other South Jersey residents and police officers have seen them for varying lengths of time.

They're not sure of exactly what they saw, but the amber colored-lights hovering above Maple Shade and Moorestown on Friday, Monday — and again last night — were, as one police officer said, "something I never saw before."

It may be a prank, a natural occurrence or we may not be alone.

"It's a phenomenon to the point that I don't know what I saw," said one Moorestown police officer who asked not to be identified.

"I'm not saying what it was or what it wasn't. I just know I saw something," McCollian said.

The stellar events observed in Burlington County over the past few days almost read like the plot of a science fiction movie.

On Friday night, two Moorestown residents called the police station to report three amber lights floating over the Moorestown Mall. Minutes later, four police officers saw the same lights from two different vantage points.

The lights, flying in an orderly, triangular fashion, moved slowly across the sky from the Kingsway Plaza on Lenola Road toward Strawbridge Lake, the officers reported. Suddenly, they disappeared.

On Monday night, eight Maple Shade police officers, two Mount Laurel police officers and numerous residents saw similar amber or orange lights.

At 10:02 p.m., following a telephone call, McCollian said he and at least seven officers stepped outside the Main Street police headquarters and gazed at five or

six lights "flying in a semi-Y formation" near Moorestown.

Three or four minutes later, the lights began to disappear, one by one, until they were gone. The police department switchboard "lit up like a Christmas tree" with residents phoning in the sightings, McCollian said.

About 15 minutes later, a Mount Laurel police officer reported seeing six amber lights hovering in the sky, apparently in Maple Shade. Ten minutes later, another Mount Laurel officer spotted three evenly spaced lights hovering at a 45 degree angle in the same vicinity.

They were suspended, motionless in the sky, and "within 60 to 90 seconds, the lights simply disappeared as if they had been shut off," the officer said in his observation report.

And shortly before 11 o'clock last night, a Moorestown resident called police to report amber-orange

lights "flying in an orderly manner at a high altitude" above the Moorestown Mall.

The man, a police dispatcher said, "was gratified to know he wasn't crazy."

But, in a detail that differed from other sightings, last night's caller said he saw flares coming from the bottom of the lights.

Some say the lights are unidentified flying objects. Others claim the Aurora Borealis is shining unusually bright in the eastern skies. And still others believe it is the work of pranksters, possibly prompted by the NBC television broadcast of "The Martian Chronicles" — a three-part science fiction film.

"I'm willing to accept any reasonable explanation but no one has been able to give me one that I can justify," said the Moorestown police officer. "Possibly it may be something of the ordinary, but I've never seen anything like it in the sky."

Officials at McGuire Air Force base and Fort Dix Army base jest at the notion that South Jersey is being invaded. Army officials humorously suggest that the amber-colored lights are merely "Iranian jets flying over Jersey."

Authorities at both bases said nothing has been detected on the radar screens since the sightings began.

Lt. William Scully, a spokesman at Fort Dix, attributed the reports to "The Martian Chronicles," which was televised Sunday through last night.

"Nothing's been spotted here, but you know how these things sometimes get started and then get out of hand," he said.

McGuire officials reported one civilian call Monday night, but said nothing has been detected.

McGuire is attributing the sightings to the Aurora Borealis — the northern lights. The Aurora Borealis is described as a display of greenish or dark red lights in the upper Arctic air that are believed to be electrical discharges in ionized air.

Some, however, scoff at the thought that the northern lights would be visible in New Jersey for such an extended period of time.

Police officers have theorized that pranksters may be attaching flares to helium-filled balloons and launching them from an industrial park.

But whatever the cause, hundreds of South Jersey residents have seen something out of the ordinary in the winter skies.

"To tell you the truth, we haven't been able to explain it. It's an unexplainable phenomenon at this point," said Mount Laurel Sgt. M. Scott Fitz-Patrick. "These are bona fide police officers who know what they saw."

Moorestown police officers — the first authorities to witness the sightings — are reluctant to discuss their experiences because of the barrage of jokes and jabs launched by fellow officers and members of other police departments.

Now at least, they are more confident since officers in Maple Shade and Mount Laurel have seen the lights.

Unidentified Flying Object Spotted in Warsaw

By
Jo Carol Jones
Staff Writer

This reporter was sitting at her parents home around 8 p.m. on Thursday, January 24, talking to a friend on the telephone when suddenly my mother rushed in and said, "Jo Carol, come outside and see this thing in the sky!"

I quickly finished my call and walked outside and said to my brother Murray, "Okay, what's happening? Where's the space ship?"

"It's disappeared," Murray said. "Just when you walked out the door."

I decided to investigate. I walked over to the Warsaw Twin State and started interviewing some of the eye-witnesses.

Lynn Anderson said, "There were two big lights in the sky and no noise. It was amazing. All I saw were the big white lights. You couldn't believe it if you did see it. I went outside and watched it. Someone at the gas pumps saw it and called me out. It was simply amazing."

Johnny Hinson said, "I saw it. It was nothing but a UFO. I saw lights. I saw a pair of what I call headlights. I'm not kidding. I was confused, amazed and bewildered. I wish that it had been a UFO. I was hoping they'd land."

My mother said, "I was sitting here (in the living room) and Murray said, 'Mom, Mom come out here.' I thought he'd seen the Northern Lights. I told him, 'I can't go out there

without my shoes on; and Murray snatched me up and carried me out in the yard.

"Murray said, 'It's not a plane and not a star, look!' I looked up and heard no noise at all. I saw three or four lights, red and white, in an object shaped like a popcorn popper hovering over the mill (Dwight Kirby's). Then it moved down. The first thing I said was 'It's a helicopter,' but then I realized it wasn't.

"I saw it. It was really there. It was almost as if you could reach up and touch it. I wasn't scared."

My brother said, "I was walking home from Twin State and saw these two bright lights in the sky which I thought were stars. But they were too bright for stars.

"I stopped and looked at them a minute and noticed they were moving towards me. I stood there and looked at it for about a minute before I realized what it was. I could tell it was no plane or helicopter.

"It was about 1200 feet off the ground and about 1200 feet away from me. When it started coming closer, I noticed it had two spotlights on it and three little white lights under it. It proceeded Northeast and hovered over Dwight Kirby's mill at approximately 800 feet and then disappeared.

"The object had a dull metal shine to it and I think it was approximately 80 feet long. It was moving slowly and had no sound. The weird thing about it was when I walked over to the station, it was windy but when the ob-

ject went by there was no wind. I was amazed and not scared."

One eyewitness, Gilbert Johnson, stated he thought the object was a low-flying jet. "I followed the object out toward the dumpsters near C. M. Outlaw's store. I think it was a jet because I heard the noise. It came towards me and then it turned left toward North and I could see the red and white lights. It was going slow and it was big."

Officials at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro were contacted but were unable to make a comment on the event before presstime this week. Their statements will be published in the February 7th edition of the WARSAW-FAISON NEWS.

From my observations and interviews it was obvious that these Warsaw people obviously spotted something they considered quite unusual. Most of them agreed that the object flew without making a sound and displayed bright white lights. Some of them also mentioned red lights.

The size of the object varied from being very small to quite large from the people interviewed. Each stated they were not frightened.

They all agreed and admitted to seeing something flying near the Warsaw Twin State that they'd never seen before.

UFO? Maybe. I would have given anything to have had my camera with me that night. It's an event those people won't ever forget.

ELM GROVE WIS.
ELM LEAVES
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UFOs in Village?

Elm Grove Police Department received two calls of sightings of unidentified flying objects last week.

The first call came at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday from a resident on San Fernando Drive. She told police she saw a bright yellowish, orange-white object flashing and sparking in the western sky. She called back a few minutes later to tell police that it had landed across from her home. Police arrived at the scene but could not find anything.

Police received a second call from a resident on Bluemound Road, who reported seeing a large reddish glow in her window at about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday night. She told police it vanished after a few minutes.

EDITORIAL UFOs are back

Those things are back. Yep. the UFOs are flying again.

Some time back, they became a national plague. Sightings occurred everywhere, and they took many forms. Even experienced observers, such as airplane pilots, reported them. Sometimes they affected planes or other equipment people were operating.

Some of the reports were considered pretty weird, even by those who believe in flying saucers.

But they led to an official Air Force investigation that lasted for some time — and inspired a television series years later.

If the phenomenon, or hysteria, or whatever one wants to call it, accomplished nothing else,

it kept the nation occupied for quite some time. It was an exciting diversion.

Since that wave of sightings, isolated incidents have been reported from place to place. One occurred at Virginia Beach the other day. Two families reported seeing mysterious lights above the trees about 1 a.m.

The one certainty about UFO reports is that they tend to produce more. So we probably will be confronted with others in the near future. UFOs are not going to go away just because we cannot explain them.

Public interest may not be as great this time, however. The last thing we need these days is any other serious, unexplained or insoluble diversion.

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Stratfordites watch UFO

By JOSEPH MILITANO

For four straight nights now, a UFO has been flying within eyeshot of Hazel and Martin Brzoska's house, they say.

"It looks like an atom, just flickering lights," Mrs. Brzoska said, after examining the UFO with a pair of binoculars from her home at 450 Albert Avenue, Stratford.

"It wobbles, weaves and jerks, and before you know it, it just takes off," she said.

According to the Brzokas, the unidentified flying object since Saturday has been right on time every night — appearing in the sky to the northwest of their house just before 6 p.m., hovering for about an hour and a half, then traveling toward the Black Rock section of Bridgeport.

They're not quite sure how big it is — "Looks as big as a star" — or how far away it is.

The Brzokas' neighbors say they've seen the "big cluster of sparkles," too.

The Brzokas were asked if they or their neighbors had notified the authorities about their sightings.

"No, sometimes people say you're seeing things," Mrs. Brzoska said, "but we have witnesses."

The Brzokas did call their daughter, Mrs. Patricia Hunt, a Trumbull resident, and Mrs. Hunt in turn asked a science teacher in the Trumbull School System about the UFO. "It's Jupiter," he concluded.

But according to Martin Brzoska, earthly scientists do not always have the answers to these questions.

"I've never seen Jupiter move like that," Mr. Brzoska said.

Return favor?

FRONT PAGE

While earthlings were invading Mars on television for three nights earlier this week in "The Martian Chronicles," martians may have been returning the favor by making appearances over Lincoln Beach.

At least five people in the Lincoln Beach area watched a bright light in the sky over the ocean for 30 to 45 minutes Sunday and then again on Monday and Tuesday nights.

"It looked triangular from one angle and round from another angle with red, green, white and blue lights," Lincoln Beach resident Ernie Lissy said. "It looked like they were maneuvering around out there, just practicing."

Lissy said his wife, Patti, spotted the light about 7:45 p.m. Sunday. They saw the same light at approximately the same time Monday night and again on Tuesday night, but with vision obscured by clouds.

Lissy said he called the neighbors and they all watched it both Sunday and Monday nights, adding that the lights disappeared over the horizon.

"It came toward us for awhile and then moved off toward the horizon," he said. "It never went very fast, but just sort of hovered."

Lissy said it was impossible to tell how big the object was without knowing how far away it was.

"I believe there are UFOs, but this is the first one I've seen. If they landed I would have gone down to the beach and shook hands with them," he said.

Lissy added that he heard reports that a fisherman on Siletz River saw a similar object last week, but was too embarrassed to admit it.

"We're all in the same boat," he said. "We don't know what it is."

Lissy said he did not know "The Martian Chronicles" was on television at the same time as the first sighting.

UFO Spotted In The Old Kingston Community

BY NORMAN RIDENHOUR

A large UFO was spotted Wednesday night, Jan. 23rd, in the Old Kingston Community and described as a large, bright, oval shaped object. "It was so bright you couldn't distinguish any shape, other than oval. I just couldn't see any details, but it scared me out of my wits," one woman said.

Three separate families witnessed the strange object, all asking not to be identified. "We just don't want a lot of sightseers, crank calls and people saying we're crazy," a spokesman for the group said.

The light was first spotted by a Prattville businessman's son, sitting in pickup truck. "Come look at the beautiful star," he called to his father and mother, who came, then stood in disbelief as the "star" began to move, first up, then down, then shot across a pasture in seconds, covering some quarter-mile in distance.

The Prattville businessman then ran inside to call a neighbor. He asked the neighbor and his wife to step outside and look at the bright object. He was told "I don't see anything!"

At this point his wife saw the lights, and pointed them out to her husband, who thought it was the caller using a spotlight in the pasture to find the intruder.

"We then realized that he couldn't be driving that fast or using a light that bright," she said. "My husband jumped into our truck and said he was going to find his friend and check it out. I stayed behind. No sooner had my husband began to leave, it began to come toward the house. I ran inside, turned out all the lights and locked out the window. I could see the

lights, some 300-350 yards from the house. After a minute or so, it moved off...at a blazing speed," she said.

Another neighbor had been notified by this time, and he joined those who had originally spotted the object, watching its hovering action, quick position changes, and noticed also that it never made a sound.

All three families said they discussed the possibilities...a weather balloon, a reflection from some other source, some military operation...but discounted all of them.

"I don't believe in UFO's," the

Prattville resident said, "but I know what I saw, and what I want to know is if anyone else saw something that night."

Some men said they wanted to go into the pasture and get a closer look at the light-producing object, but wives and children were afraid to be left alone.

"The last time I saw it," one woman said, "it climbed up a little, then shot out of sight at an unbelievable speed. I don't know what it was, and I don't want people thinking I should be committed to some institution, but I

did see something, and it nearly scared me to death."

Only the son who first spotted the light believes it could be something from outer space, but still isn't willing to say for sure what it was, only that it was big, bright, and moved around at fantastic speeds.

Any one who witnessed lights or a strange object in the Old Kingston Community can call the Progress office and the information passed on to the families involved, who will remain anonymous at their request.

VIRGINIA-PILOT LEDGER STAR
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Colorful UFOs Sighted in Area

Area police departments received reports of unidentified flying objects Saturday night. All came about 10:30 p.m.

Norfolk Police received a report of a bright red light in the sky that appeared to be burning. The caller, a woman, told police that the object appeared to be on fire, and that it crashed.

Police units in the area were alerted, but reported no sign of anything crashing. Airport officials said they had no report of any downed aircraft.

Another sighting was in Newport News, where a caller told police he had seen what looked like a burning object

in the sky. The color in this instance, however, was white.

The third report came to Virginia Beach Police and was similar to the others—a low-flying object that appeared to be burning. This time the color was green.

There were no reports of comets or meteorites in the area. But the National Weather Service said some of the sightings might be attributed to Venus, which is an early-rising evening star at this time. Weather Service officers said clear conditions Saturday night would have made the planet exceptionally bright.

UFO sighting:

WILLINGBORO N.J.
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'It wasn't the Aurora Borealis'

By JOAN BUDD

Of the BCT Staff

Stargazers in Moorestown and surrounding communities had a close enough encounter of the third kind Friday night to question if indeed we are alone.

A group of residents, including four Moorestown police officers, reported seeing three unearthly amber lights hovering in the vicinity of Strawbridge Lake shortly before 10 p.m.

And phone calls to people who monitor the skies have proved fruitless in determining a reason for the celestial

light show.

A brief mention of the incident in yesterday's "Newsbreak" column in the Burlington County Times prompted a half-dozen phone calls to the Moorestown police department from residents in Moorestown, Marlton and Maple Shade who likewise saw something in the sky.

And two county residents called the BCT to report similar incidents in Willingboro within the past two weeks.

Three of the officers who watched the mini-version of "Star Wars" refused to talk about their close encounter.

But a fourth, who asked that his name not be used because of the "flak" he'd receive, said he "saw something in the skies like I have never seen before and I would like an explanation."

"I don't care what anybody else says, I saw what I saw," commented the officer, adding he is knowledgeable about the light patterns of conventional aircraft. "It wasn't the aurora borealis; it wasn't a helicopter; it wasn't somebody shooting flares. It was nothing I had seen prior to in my life."

The saga began around 9:45 p.m. when the patrolman, who was off-duty

at the time, was riding with an on-duty officer down Lenola Road in the direction of the Moorestown Mall, when they spotted three circular amber lights "extremely high in the sky."

"We also observed two conventional aircraft, headed in opposite directions. One of the reasons we kept watching was the amber lights seemed to be in the direct flight path of one of those planes," he recounted. "Then when they seemed to be very, very close, the amber lights just seemed to disappear."

The officers remarked on the un-

sual colors and triangular pattern of the lights. "Then we probably would have forgotten about it, except the next thing you know, the dispatcher received, not one call, but several calls about a UFO in the area," he said.

About 10 minutes later, the officers stopped at the Kingsway Plaza at Lenola Road and King's Highway, "and we spotted them again." This time, the amber lights floated westward from Route 73, directly above the plaza, toward Strawbridge Lake.

So intrigued were the officers they called the police station, and two ser-

geants on duty joined them in observing the phenomenon. "It was unusual enough for me to call the sergeant down to let me know I wasn't going bananas," the officer said.

The trio of lights moved noiselessly and swiftly "in a smooth, even flow," the officer said. The orbs moved in a triangle, though sometimes one light would move "considerably further away from the other two."

The officers watched the lights glide across Strawbridge Lake and then disappear, "possibly behind a cloud cover," the patrolman noted, adding it was the first time he had ever seen a UFO.

The officers said he has "taken a lot of ribbing" since the incident Friday night, ribbing that has prompted the other officers to clam up about the experience. "But I saw what I saw," the officer said. "I just don't know what it was."

Apparently, neither does the National Weather Service, McGuire Air Force Base, the Philadelphia International Airport, the planetarium at Ben Franklin Institute nor the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash.

The BCT called all those stargazers yesterday to ask for a possible explanation and came up empty-handed. A weather service spokesman at first suggested the officers saw the aurora borealis (the "northern lights"), electro-magnetic disturbances in the earth's atmosphere.

But he discounted the idea almost as

quickly as he brought it up: "It's a rare occurrence to see them this far south, and you would have to have a relatively clear night. Also, they're normally visible only on the horizon." Friday night's skies were partly cloudy, and the amber lights were spotted directly overhead.

A spokeswoman for the Franklin Institute was likewise stumped. No unusual phenomenon, "not even a meteor shower," was scheduled to brighten the South Jersey sky Friday night, she said. She said she'd received no UFO reports and could come up with only one possible explanation: "It could have been a reflection from the moon. It's in its first quarter and sometimes on a cloudy night, it can play strange tricks..."

Radar equipment picked up nothing out of the ordinary in the heavens above Burlington County Friday night, according to spokesmen at both McGuire and Phillie International. The National

UFO Reporting Center, which handles anywhere from 1,000 to 3,000 reports of UFO sightings per year, could provide no insights either.

While the heavenly happening has authorities puzzled, it comes as no surprise to some county residents. Frank D'Adamo of Maple Shade, a sky-watcher from way back and head of the Church of Celestial Interpreters, says the kind of sighting described by the officers is fairly common in the South Jersey area. "We get a lot of reports of amber lights," he noted.

D'Adamo, who distinguishes between a UFO and a real spacecraft, said what the officers saw was a UFO: "A real space craft is a metallic object, close enough that you can see the outline of a shape. A UFO is unidentified lights in the sky."

South Jersey, D'Adamo noted, is a hotbed for UFO sightings: "Maybe it has something to do with an active electro-magnetic field around here that

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draws them. This area has always been a good one for UFO's." Most sightings are reported between nine and 10 p.m. he noted.

Carlos Perez, 23, of Pemberton was somewhat relieved to hear about the Moorestown sighting. Perez, an engineering student at Burlington County College, said he had a close encounter two weeks but kept it to himself because "people think you're crazy when you say you saw a UFO."

He was driving on Willingboro Parkway ready to make a right turn on Salem Road when he happened to look up in the sky. "I saw a flash. It came out of nowhere and FLASH. It shot across like a shooting star," he said. "But it wasn't a shooting star because it stopped on a dime. It just hung there and suddenly became rather hazy."

Perez, who almost had an auto accident as he watched the light unfold, said it was the first time he had ever seen a UFO. "I've given it a lot of

thought since then, and I can only say it wasn't something that was humanly made. It couldn't have been," he said.

It was on Levitt Parkway one week ago that Robert Reillo, 23, of Edgewater Park, saw the first UFO he's ever seen. Reillo's sighting was "very similar" to the officers'. "I saw three bright lights. I guess you could call them amber in color," he recounted. "They were going down so fast. I thought it was a plane crashing. I honestly held my breath."

Reillo said he hasn't been able to shake the image. "It was so weird. It's something you just can't close your eyes to."

The Moorestown officer, for his part, said he doesn't want to speculate about what he saw. "If somebody could honestly give me an explanation, I would believe him. But it was like nothing I have ever seen."

CEDARBURG (WIS) NEW GRAPHIC

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Caller reports

seeing UFO

CEDARBURG

A report of an unidentified flying object hovering over Lasata Nursing Home on Bridge Road late Monday afternoon remains unconfirmed, after the area was thoroughly checked by police.

An unidentified caller reported the sighting to police at 5:40 p.m., after reportedly seeing flashing lights above the nursing home. Patrolman Paul Jacobs was dispatched to check the area, but could find no trace of any flying objects or lights.

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Living

By Hoyt

How do you feel about UFO's? Do you believe... even just remotely... that such strange and incredible phenomena could actually exist? It seems weird indeed, to even ask such a question... but what is your honest answer?

I have always openly doubted their authenticity, but still, somewhere way down deep in my heart... or head... I guess I must have reserved some very minute willingness to accept and believe some of the reports that have been published if I could have had some personal relationship to one of the episodes.

Considering the fantastic wonders of such everyday miracles as the precise clockwork of sunrise, daylight, sunset, and the darkness of night... and the unbelievable combination of our planet tilting back and forth and revolving on its axis as it travels around the sun to produce the unending pattern of seasons... and the fact that humans can laugh, love, cry, hate, and see and hear and talk... and, well, certainly anything is possible!

What I'm really getting at is a strange and perhaps absurd story that happened in our family... particularly to our son Tom (TJ)... last Saturday evening. If you promise not to laugh, I'll tell it to you!

Tom left the house about 8:00 on Saturday night to drive into town to meet his friends. Marcia was upstairs in the kitchen and I was sitting downstairs, reading the newspaper.

Approximately a half hour later, Tom came bounding down the outside stairs that lead to the deck around our house, burst through the back door, and began stammering about an experience that had almost caused tears and sobs... and he's a 20-year-old young man!

I rushed upstairs because I could hear the desperation in his voice and while his story startled us, it was his extreme fear and obvious physical disturbance that amazed me the most. What he really saw is difficult to explain... but certainly there was no doubt that he believed what he thought he saw!

As Tom approached the intersection of County 'H' and Highway 63, he reported that he saw two red lights, about the size and brightness of those normally seen on radio towers. Because they were in such a strange location, and because he had never seen any at that spot before, he became inquisitive and instead of turning on Highway 63, he proceeded east on County 'B'. The lights seemed to react in strange ways, and appeared to remain in one spot. Tom kept losing them, then sighting them, and finally lost them completely. As he was turning around, his car radio became extremely "static", his headlights became very, very dim, and almost went completely off, and the engine began to sputter and chug.

For some reason, Tom became frightened and immediately headed for home, discarding his plan to go downtown. Nursing his chugging car west on County 'H', as he approached our home, all of a sudden, as Tom describes it, "A huge yellow ball, round like a basketball, but almost as big as a house... really!" flashed down through the sky in front of him. It seemed to come from above his car, and had orange flames streaking from the back of it.

As Tom pulled into our driveway, his car stalled, he jumped out and set a new world record for running up our hill. That's when he bounded down the steps... really sincerely afraid... and almost unable to explain the strange experience.

What did he really see? I don't know... do you? He may have been mistaken... but I know he was sincere!

Sunday morning, Tom called both the Barron and Polk County Sheriff's office to ask if anyone had reported a similar experience or "sighting". Their simple answer was, "No, no such report."

Incidentally, when Tom and I went out to check on his car, it ran so smooth that it purred like a kitten... but he has had trouble starting it a couple of times since that night.

The whole thing sounds dumb... but that's what happened!

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Unidentified Flying Objects' reported in area;

'Blinking lights were so intense... we stood and gasped'

What looks like a welding arc, blinks green and red lights, and flies through the sky, disappearing before you hardly realize it was there?

Well, Mrs. Neal Conrad, Route 2, Holcombe, doesn't know either, but she along with three other adults, have reported they witnessed something like that near the Conrad barn last Sunday night.

"I've never seen anything like that before," Conrad said Tuesday. "It was so unusual, your mind can't even comprehend it."

But what she, Kenneth Begalke, Clifford Conrad and Janet Paul did comprehend was they they saw "a UFO a ways up in the sky that looked kind of like a welding arc - - green and red lights shaped in a half-circle. And the blinking lights were so, so in-

tense that it struck us, and we all just stood there and gasped," Conrad said.

The "thing" was there about a minute, Conrad estimated. "It seemed like such an instant - - by the time you blinked your eyes a few times, it had just disappeared into nowhere," she reported.

Conrad and the other three observers of the object were going from the house to the barn Sunday night about 7:30 when they saw the UFO on the north side of the farm, which is located one mile east of Hwy. 27 on "W" in Estella.

And they weren't the only people who saw things in the sky that night, as the Chippewa County Sheriff Department recorded at least two other area sightings within a few minutes of each other

BLOOMER (WIS.) ADVANCE
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Silo Shaped Object Sighted Over Bloomer

A very bright, silo shaped object traveling at a high rate of speed was sighted in the sky by several people in the Bloomer and Marshmiller Lake area Sunday evening.

Cameron Burgess, Route 1, Bloomer, reported to the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department that he saw a "silo shaped" object in the sky while he was out in a field about 7 p.m. Burgess said the object was blueish-green in color, about 100 feet long and 500 feet in the air, and was traveling from the west to the east at a high rate of speed.

Chester and Marion Loew, Route 2, Colfax, were traveling on STH 40 on their way to Bloomer at about 7:30 p.m. when they saw multi-colored lights in the sky. Chester Loew said the object was "longish" in form and Marion Loew said the "entire inside of the car was lit up by the blueish lights."

Sightings were also made in Taylor, Barron and Lincoln Counties as well as in the city of Eau Claire and Menomonie.

At 7:50 p.m., the Menomonie Police Department reported a "tube" like object with orange, red, yellow and blue lights, heading at a high rate of speed towards Chippewa Falls. The report said the lights were flashing every 10 seconds or so.

No one seems to know what the phenomena was but speculation is that the object was a meteor or several meteorites.

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Cameron L. Burgess, Route 1, Bloomer, reported to the department at 7:50 that evening that he had witnessed a "silo-shaped, bluish green" object in the sky that "lit up the whole area" in his field near Bloomer.

Soon after, Mrs. Lewis A. Neimitz, Route 3, New Auburn, reported that she and her husband observed a "strange object with flashing lights" in the sky as they were traveling north on Hwy. 40 near "AA" Sunday night.

Also, an unofficial report was made to the Courier Monday that a similar sighting had been made Sunday evening in the Flambeau area by a group of youngsters.

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UFOs in Village? JAN 24 1980

Elm Grove Police Department received two calls of sightings of unidentified flying objects last week.

The first call came at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday from a resident on San Fernando Drive. She told police she saw a bright yellowish, orange-white object flashing and sparking in the western sky. She called back a few minutes later to tell police that it had landed across from her home. Police arrived at the scene but could not find anything.

Police received a second call from a resident on Blue-mound Road, who reported seeing a large reddish glow in her window at about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday night. She told police it vanished after a few minutes.

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HERALD-DISPATCH FEB 3 1980

Poca 'encounters' Air Guard plane

By JAMES McMILLER

Herald-Dispatch staff writer

POCA, W.Va. — A "lighted" object reported traveling across the sky Friday night in the Putnam County area was identified yesterday by county officials as an Air National Guard transporter plane.

The sheriff's department reported receiving telephone calls from county residents who said they saw a UFO in the Poca area between 8:30 and 9 p.m. Friday.

"I had eleven calls myself," said Deputy W.R. Mullins. "I didn't see anything, but there were reports of a light in the sky and they didn't know what it was."

A television station reported that night that deputies chased the UFO along a country road — until it turned on them.

"It was wrong," Deputy Charles Sisk said last night. He and Cpl. R. Blankenship were in a cruiser when they saw the flying object.

"It looked like a large spotlight attached to a plane," Sisk said.

Mullins reported that he called the control tower at the Kanawha County Airport Friday night, and officials there reported that a transporter plane was in the Putnam County area.

An official at the control tower confirmed the deputy's report last night. "There was an Air National Guard plane in the Poca area on maneuvers around that time."

The airport official added that the only calls he received on the reported unidentified object were from the deputy sheriff, a radio station and a private individual "who never mentioned a UFO."

SEAFORD, DEL.

LEADER

FEB-6-1980

'UFO' sighting unconfirmed

GEORGETOWN - A report of a UFO sighting Saturday night by a security guard at Sussex County Vocational Technical Center off Delaware Route 9, touched off a State Police and helicopter search.

According to State Police spokesman Lt. James R. Neal Jr., Dale E. Hare, 20, of Laurel called police about 8:38 p.m. and reported seeing a fixed lighted object in the sky near the school.

Hare told police the object looked like a bright white light that turned red and then white again. He said he watched the object for about 20 minutes before it broke apart and went down next to a wooded area behind the school.

Neal said police searched the area by helicopter for about 45 minutes, checking for a possible airplane crash.

He said the searchers found nothing and attribute the sighting to an "atmospheric phenomenon."

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

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UFO is sighted at Grayling

By MATTIE PAT SHAW
Grayling, Alaska

Shortly after 7:00 p.m., Sunday, January 27th, a strange object was sighted by several residents of Grayling. The UFO moved at a moderate speed across the Grayling sky, flying toward the northwest.

Several people thought it might be a small plane coming in for a landing, but this idea was quickly dispensed as the object continued its northwesterly course, emitting no sounds.

The object, according to an eye witness, was perhaps 500 feet in the air, shaped like a small rocket with brilliant blue, green and red lights flashing behind.

One witness stated that at first sighting, they thought it might be a falling star, but as they continued to observe, noted that the object was moving horizontally from the southeast to the northwest.

The UFO was observed by several different people in scattered locations around Grayling.

ELYRIA, OHIO

CHRONICLE-TELEGRAM

FEB-11-1980

'UFO' observers only saw a setting Venus

Unidentified Flying Object sightings in this area Jan. 11 were actually misidentifications of the planet Venus, according to a preliminary investigation by the UFO Research Center in Lorain.

In these sightings, the planet was seen while setting, affected by atmospheric disturbances and wispy cloud cover, said Dean Haslage, center director. However, Haslage said, the sightings constituted the largest "mini-flap" experienced in this area in the last three years.

A "MINI-FLAP" IS a term used to describe numerous sightings in a short time, while a "flap" is a large number of sightings over a longer period.

More than 150 reports were recorded in center offices throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania during the mini-flap, Haslage said. Another is expected at the end of February because the planet Mars will be making its closest approach to Earth in the past couple of years.

In some cases, witnesses reported seeing two different objects during the January sightings. This was caused because Venus was setting and Jupiter was rising in their orbits, Haslage said.

UFO sighting reported

By Tom Alex

At least four times Thursday night, Tysa Goodrich, 26, and her sister, Daria, 18, saw a "huge" unidentified flying object near I-235 between Twenty-second Street in West Des Moines and Fifty-sixth Street in Des Moines.

Goodrich of Columbus, Ohio, who has been staying at her parents' home at 5608 Pleasant Drive, described the UFO as two or three times larger than an airplane, diamond shaped with four white lights in the corners.

It was dark and shadowy with no clear definition on the flat bottom surface, she said. Sometimes it barely moved, sometimes it seemed to hover.

"I saw it so many times," she said Friday. "It was crazy."

Tysa said, "I was surprised no one else reported it — but then, I was shy about doing it too."

A spokesman at the airport tower said there was nothing to indicate anything in that area from 9:45 to 10:45 p.m. that would explain the sighting.

Tysa said she called the television stations first about 10:15 p.m. but did not get an answer. So she called KIOA radio and talked with reporter Bob Singer, who taped what she said and passed it along to his audience.

"I felt real funny about calling the stations," Tysa said. "But I wanted to know if anyone else called. To tell you the truth, I felt like a nut."

Singer said she hesitated to give him her name but he talked her into it. "She sounded a little nervous," Singer said. He said he thought her voice made her sound believable.

The first time Daria and Tysa saw the object was when they drove away from the Sierra 3 Theaters, 1618 Twenty-second St., West Des Moines.

The second time the object went from north to south over the freeway, Tysa said. They pulled over to the side of the freeway west of the Sixty-third street exit and watched it for some time. Tysa said "the longest we saw it was for about two minutes."

They drove onto the Sixty-third Street exit and saw two cars pull over to the side of the road, with the occupants appearing to watch the same thing they had seen.

At times the object seemed to be very close to the ground, they said. Tysa said that if she held her arm outstretched it would appear about the size of an orange at the end of her hand. "We felt it was so big because it seemed it wasn't far from the trees," she said. "It's hard to explain."

When they returned home they looked in the telephone book under UFOs, Air Force and other headings because they didn't know who to call, said Daria. Finally they began calling the television stations, radio station and then the police.

A police spokesman said a squad car was sent to the area but the officer didn't see anything that looked like the object described by Tysa and Daria.

"After we called the radio station we didn't see it again," said Tysa.

"It made a sound," she said, "like a low rumbling sound. We could even hear it from inside the house. When we heard it I walked back outside and I could see it to the southeast of us."

"I wasn't frightened," Tysa said. "Just fascinated. Daria felt a twinge of fear, but I didn't."

"It was too big for a plane and no way was it a helicopter."

UFO sighted near VoTech

A reported sighting of an unidentified flying object near Georgetown set off a search by state police Saturday, according to Delaware State Police spokesman Lt. James R. Neal Jr.

Police said Dale Hare, 20, a security guard at the Sussex County Vocational Technical Center, called at about 8:30 p.m. to report seeing a UFO apparently land about a quarter-mile behind the school.

Police searched the area for about 45 minutes by helicopter, thinking an airplane might have gone down, Neal said.

Hare told police he saw a fixed white object which turned to red, then back to white. There were no blinking lights or sound, police said.

After Hare watched the object for about 20 minutes, he said he saw a part break off and go to the right and the remainder landed behind a wooded area, Neal said.

The search team found nothing. Investigators feel that "due to the unusually clear sky," the sighting was due to an "atmospheric phenomenon," Neal said.

Draw your own conclusions

KIRKSVILLE—Often it's what you don't say rather than what you do.

The local radio station here had several recent reports of Unidentified Flying Objects. Someone suggested that it was the Department of Conservation aircraft which, it was alleged, had hovering capabilities, flies noiselessly and uses a large, red spotlight to illuminate deer poachers and other after-dark miscreants.

The station asked Bill Otten, Adair County conservation agent, to comment on this super plane. He thought about it a while, then declined any comment. "Since then," he reports, "I have noticed several people of questionable character becoming really interested in our department airplane."

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By Hoyt

Living

Well, our readers sure responded to the story I wrote last week about Tom's unusual experience . . . and Tom is very happily relieved to find out he isn't crazy or suffering from hallucinations!

Dorie Zahs called first . . . and reported the same bright light, bright enough to light up the whole lake by their home, and reported that Sarah, her young daughter, was so afraid that she raced down to the lake where Dorie was ice fishing to report seeing a "bright, flashing ball in the sky, passing over the lake."

The Harold Scharmers, Fred Millers, and Herb Schweitzers were on their way to Barron about 8 p.m., on that Saturday night and saw the red lights, going very slowly across the sky and staying an equal distance apart, and finally traveling off to the northeast.

Bob Nesvold reported he and Joyce were on their way home from Rice Lake, with Bob and Dorothy Thorp about 8:00 on Saturday night and saw a large, bright object falling straight down through the sky. Bob explained that "it was the brightest thing I ever saw . . . and much bigger than a falling star!"

Betty Riley stopped in the office too, and told me about seeing the red lights when she and Percy were about two miles south of Barronett. They wondered about them as they rode along, remarking to each other that there "isn't any tower over there" and admitting that they were confused because the lights didn't seem to move. When they arrived in Barronett the lights were gone.

We received several other calls too . . . at home . . . and my kids don't always give me a full report on names . . . but evidently the Sundvalls out by McKinley saw the red lights too. Craig Greener called and reported to Marcia that he and Carolyn saw the red lights moving in a northerly direction from the south side of Rice Lake. Craig also indicated that about a year ago, they had spotted a shiny, silver, disc-shaped object in the sky . . . and that after viewing it for a few minutes, it disappeared in just an instant.

Probably the best explanation for the strange lights, flashes, or whatever, is contained in an article in a recent metropolitan newspaper. The article reported that a mysterious fireball had straked across the sky over Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska . . . and then broke apart. Witnesses said that it lasted perhaps five seconds, growing from a dim glow to a brilliant orange-red, about one-fourth the size of the moon.

An astronomer at the University of Wisconsin suggested that the objects were bolides, rather large meteors or "fireballs". He explained that the fireball activity generally occurs when Earth's orbit is near the tail of a comet.

At any rate, Tom's story of his strange experience has been authenticated by local residents who were also witnesses to the strange occurrence . . . and he's almost willing to go out of the house again!

UFO reported in Menomonie

MENOMONIE — An unidentified flying object was reportedly seen by three persons Monday night while it hovered about 800 feet above the ground near the 700 block of 16th Avenue East.

David Cobb, 28, of 719 19th Ave. E., and two companions allegedly saw the object just above the trees near his residence at about 8:15 p.m.

Cobb said the object was about 15 feet to 20 feet in diameter and appeared to be spinning at an exceptionally high rate of speed.

He added that it made no noise and was illuminated with orange, purple and greenish colors on the bottom and twin, yellow lights extending out from both sides.

Cobb reportedly thought the object had landed alongside the creek south of his residence. He got a fire-arm from his residence to investigate, but did not see anything more of the object.

Other UFO sightings reported throughout the area last week are believed to have been meteorites.

CUMBERLAND ADVOCATE JAN 30 1980

Others Have Had Similar "Sightings"

To the Editor:

The paper has been most enjoyable of late. Tell Tom that there are others in this area who have had experiences very similar to his encounter as described in this week's paper. It would make for some fascinating research to collect and catalog some of the many unreported sightings. Glad you thought it was important enough to print and that Tom wasn't too embarrassed to tell what happened!

Jeff Peterson

Fireballs cause strange sights in skies across the Midwest

By Arnie Hoffman
Regional editor

Eau Claire area persons who reported seeing flashing objects in the sky this week are not alone.

A mysterious fireball Thursday night reportedly streaked across the sky over Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska, then broke apart and sent police radios crackling with reports of sightings.

Witnesses said it lasted perhaps five seconds, growing from a dim glow to a brilliant orange-red about one-fourth the size of the moon.

There were reports of similar sightings in this area Sunday.

Elaine Rud of rural Mondovi said she and her family were driving northward south of Mondovi at about 7 p.m. when they saw a tube-like object in the sky with a with blue-greenish light coming out the back.

She said it was low to the horizon in the north and, "We were all startled by it."

Chester Loew of Route 2, Colfax, was

traveling on Highway 40 on his way to Bloomer about 7:30 p.m. when he reported seeing multi-colored lights coming from a long object in the sky. His wife, Marion, said the "entire inside of the car was lit up by the blue lights."

The same objects were observed in the sky near Holcombe, where Mrs. Neal Conrad of Route 2, Holcombe, said, "I've never seen anything like that before. It was so unusual, your mind can't comprehend it."

She and two others persons, Kenneth Begalke and Janet Paul, said it looked like a welding arc — green and red lights shaped in a half-circle with intense blinking lights. Mrs. Conrad said they gasped at the sight.

Mrs. Lewis A. Neimitz of Route 3, New Auburn, said she and her husband observed a "strange object with flashing lights" in the sky as they were driving north on Highway 40 near Highway AA, also Sunday evening.

William Smethells, an astronomy professor at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, said based on the descriptions furnished by witnesses he would

conclude the objects were bolides, rather large meteors or fireballs.

He said that at certain times the earth runs into showers of that material, and the streaking appearance happens when the material reaches the earth's atmosphere and disintegrates into smaller pieces.

A description of a bolide includes that it may leave a tube-like appearance as it moves across the sky, with the heat from the disintegration process giving off the blue-green color.

Bob Elliott, director of UW-Eau Claire's planetarium, said the rather large meteorites often leave a vapor trail which may be viewed as a streak across the sky.

He said recent sightings may be of meteorite action which occurs at this time of the year, and January is the period of the quadrantids, which results in extremely bright displays which sometime can light up an area as a bright moon would.

Elliott said meteorite activity generally takes place when the earth's orbit is near the tail of a comet.

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UFO sightings reported

Three sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported Sunday night from various areas of Lincoln County.

A long-narrow object, reddish-orange in color, was reported about half a mile above the ground in the Gleason area about 5:30 p.m.

At 8:20 p.m. a sighting was reported southeast of Merrill near the county line. The object was described as about a foot in diameter and a half-mile above the ground. It was red and blue in color and heading west.

At 8:40 p.m. a sighting east of Tomahawk was reported. The object was said to be bright and changing from red to yellow to green in color and moving up and down.

Law enforcement officers checked in the vicinity of all three sightings and reported all they saw was the moon and stars.

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Mysterious fireball probably was meteor

Associated Press

A mysterious fireball streaked across the night sky over Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska Wednesday night, broke apart and sent police radios crackling with reports of sightings. Although no cause for the phenomenon was given, a meteor was the most probable explanation.

UFO: Seeing is believing?

By TOMMY STEVENSON
Graphic Editor

Not long ago John Earl was driving down River Road minding his own business when he heard a strange sound.

"At first I thought it was my tape deck," he recalls, "but I turned it down and I could still hear this whooshing noise.

"Then I saw these weird lights..."

The lights were flying over the Warrior River, Earl says, but quickly began to hover over his car.

"I headed for the University campus, where I knew there were more lights and people and maybe I could get a look at whatever it was following me," he says.

"I got to the Ferguson Center and got out of the car, but there was no one around — it was real eerie, like I was the only person on the whole campus."

Then he saw the lights again and heard the whooshing.

"It came right over the top of the Ferguson Center and just hovered in the air," he says.

"I figured it might be after me, since it seemed like I was the only person on earth at the time, but I figured if it was going to stay there I might as well take a picture," he adds.

Quickly, Earl retrieved the camera from his car and

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began to snap some shots of the strange whatever-it-was.

"Then it kind of disappeared for a minute and I decided I better get out of there," he says.

Earl headed home to develop the pictures he had just taken in his darkroom, but decided he would stop at The Chukker, a local watering hole, for a beer.

"I really needed something to calm my nerves," he admits.

Nerves somewhat numbed, if not exactly calmed, Earl presently walked back out of the bar and toward his car when, wouldn't you know it, he says the lights appeared again, right over 6th Street in downtown Tuscaloosa.

"I grabbed my camera again and started taking some more pictures (see page one) and just hoped for the best," he says.

"The lights didn't seem to be threatening me too much, so I ran back in the bar and told the bartender he had to come out and see what I just saw.

"Well, he came out and looked up, but there wasn't anything there."

Earl says the bartender asked him what the big deal was, but he only told him, "never mind, you wouldn't believe me if I told you."

But, miracle of miracles, when Earl went to the darkroom, developed his film and began to print pictures, there was indeed something coming up on the paper in his developing tray.

"The pictures turned out much better than I could ever have hoped for," Earl says. "Maybe the speed of the camera shutter slowed the lights down or something, but...well, you can see for yourself."

Earl says he is not yet ready to claim he actually saw a flying saucer, saying that swamp gas, a helicopter or low-level clouds could perhaps have produced the results he captured on film.

But the fact that the lights followed him to The Chukker, which at times does indeed resemble the bar in "Star Wars," does seem significant to him.

"Maybe they thought it was some kind of shrine to our culture, I don't know," he says.

"But I'm not ready to believe in UFO's just yet, even though I've got these pictures," he says, adding from his perspective as a professional photographer, that the prints COULD even be the result of two negatives sandwiched together...

In any event, Graphic has launched an extensive investigation into the strange occurrence and hopes to be able to fully explain the phenomenon soon, perhaps even by the issue out the first of April.

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UFO sighting is reported

According to an Upland woman, Mervyn's Department Store almost had an Encounter with the Third Kind Saturday night.

The motorist told police she and her young son pulled over to the curb when they saw an unidentified flying object hovering over the store on Mountain Avenue shortly after 7 p.m. It was circular and had lights around it which bleeped on and off, she said.

All too soon however, the UFO darted toward the San Bernardino Freeway and then in the general direction of Cal Poly until it disappeared, she told police.

There was nothing else to add, said the woman who asked to remain unidentified.

Keep your eyes on the sky for those UFOs

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UNEXPLAINED "multi-coloured objects" streak across the sky above the Saudi Arabian village of Al-Jahra, near the Iraqi border . . .

Strange blobs flash at 170 kilometres an hour on to radar screens at the Norwegian town of Bodo, nudging the Arctic Circle.

And in Britain, the city of Derby has apparently been host to a strange kite-like object with four amber lights, described as "menacing and slow-moving."

Suddenly UFOs (unidentified flying objects) are back in the headlines and, according to the Aetherius Society — the international UFO-spotting organisation — are more in evidence than at any time in the past 10 years

One of the most spectacular recent sightings was of two piercing red lights in the flight-path of a Spanish Caravelle — forced to make an emergency landing at Valencia.

The pilot, Captain Javier Lero Tejada, with 15 years' flying experience, declared: "I have never known such danger. Whatever the object was, it was certainly interested in my piece of metal."

SCANNER

"They were very strong red lights moving very fast and they kept together both vertically and horizontally."

Captain Tejada, who claimed that at 28,000 feet the object was "on top of him," radioed Barcelona control tower who could see nothing on its scanner.

BY JUDSON BENNETT

Then he contacted the Madrid radar centre, which is part of Spain's early warning system and bristles with sophisticated equipment.

The objects were definitely picked up there The Caravelle made its emergency landing — followed, claims its pilot, by the UFOs.

RETICENT

A spokesman for the Spanish Government later announced: "A Mirage interceptor was sent up from the air base at Albacete. We are not commenting on what it saw."

The spokesman for the Aetherius Society told me: "This is typical. Governments are still covering up on UFOs and refusing to admit, against mounting evidence, that they exist."

Nor was this the only recent UFO sighting in Spain.

In the early dawn of November 28th hundreds of witnesses in Madrid claimed to have seen an object which they described as circular and giving off intense flashes of blue light.

The Spanish Government

was again reticent and an information spokesman refused to confirm that the Spanish Air Force had also plotted the object's progress.

And mystery still surrounds the bizarre experience in France a few weeks ago of M. Frank Fontaine who became separated from two friends when they spotted a light in the sky over Clergy Pontoise in the Val d'Oise.

M. Fontaine told police: "It was as big as a tennis court and it made for our car."

"Then I felt a strong tingling in the eyes and everything went blank."

His companions also claimed that they saw the light engulf the car and then disappear upwards.

RADAR

He eventually found himself on the road where he disappeared — minus any memory of what happened. In fact his friends had reported his disappearance to the police — a whole week before.

The police confirmed that all three men were respectable

individuals of good background. The car had been checked by a radiation counter and radar bases had confirmed that nothing abnormal had shown up on their screens during the time the incident was supposed to have happened.

Usually, governments refuse to divulge any information they have on alleged UFO sightings, but the recent upsurge of UFO activity is putting on the pressure and the US Pentagon, for example, has been forced, under the Freedom of Information Act, to release Department of Defence documents to Ground Saucer Watch, a

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Phoenix, Arizona based organisation

Another suit resulted in the CIA releasing further documents to the "Washington Post."

These documents revealed that in 1975 a string of sensitive nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases in the US had apparently been visited by UFOs.

At risk had been installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine and there had been extensive Air Force attempts to trace and detain the objects.

A year later two Iranian Air Force F-4 Phantoms were

encountered a brightly lit object in the skies over the Persian Gulf.

The object was tracked by Iranian ground radar, seen by the crew of a commercial airliner, and pursued by the F-4s which, the report alleged, experienced a breakdown of their electrical systems when they neared the object.

Mr. Todd Zechel, an investigator for Ground Saucer Watch, commented: "We've had to pry loose every item of information. And there is plenty more."

Similar pressure is being applied in London by the

Aetherius Society and a senior member, Richard Lawrence, told me: "In 1962, Ministry of Defence UFO files for 30 years were destroyed as being of 'no permanent interest' and 'no bearing on the defence of the UK.'"

"It is interesting that, under the Public Records Act, that material should have become available to the public. Just why was it got rid of?"

UFO enthusiasts point out that the French came clean five years ago when French Minister of Defence Robert Galley admitted that UFOs existed and, furthermore, since

1954 his department has regularly been passing data to Groupe d'Etudes des Phenomenes Aeriens.

And, Richard Lawrence points out, the United Nations now has a Committee for Peaceful Uses of Outer Space which frequently monitors UFO reports.

He told me: "We are pressing all governments everywhere to set up an international investigations committee to look into the entire topic of UFOs."

"There have been far too many sightings recently for the topic to be covered up any longer."

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More claims about UFOs

FOUR mysterious red UFOs were spotted hovering over Aldershot and Camberley on the same evening.

As one hung over Holly Road in Aldershot, a Camberley mechanic spotted three more moving slowly over a field behind his home.

Mr. Robert Godden (25), of The Marl, College Town, reported the sightings after reading in the "News" that another had been seen.

He was being driven home by Mr. Stuart Lowe (24), of Frimley Road, Camberley, on Saturday, December 29, when the UFOs were spotted.

"We stood outside my home and watched for about 15 minutes. There were three bright red lights in a line and they were very low moving slowly along without making any sound," said Mr. Godden.

He dismissed ideas that they might have been helicopters or planes because they moved so slowly and made no noise.

"I thought nothing of it but when I read the report it confirmed it," he said.

The first sighting had been by 18-year-old Nick Marlow, of Highfield Close, Aldershot, who watched a UFO on two evenings - December 29 and 30.

Thank the stars, it's missed!

IN the morning skies over Wigan the final break-up of a long lost constellation is taking place... or is it? Sighting of a strange light blazing through the sky have been reported. Experts say that it is a meteor called Quadrantids which becomes visible at this time of year.

It is all that remains of the constellation Quadrans Muralis which has now vanished from the star maps.

Jodrell Bank confirmed that the meteor shower will be visible to the naked eye each morning until Sunday or Monday.

But a member of the Direct Investigation Group into Aerial Phenomena, Steve Balon of Leigh, is not totally convinced. He said: "Jodrell Bank have been wrong before. I would have to consult charts to be sure. They have passed off other UFO sightings as meteors and it has later been proved impossible."

And Wigan is no stranger to this sort of celestial incident. Keeper of Geology at Manchester Museum Dr. Michael Eagar said: "In the whole of recorded history only 25 meteorites have fallen on the British Isles and one of these such instances was in Appley Bridge."

Dr. Eagar said that on October 13, 1914, a piece of meteorite was discovered in Appley Bridge. The piece of stony material weighed 156 grammes, about five ounces and is now at Manchester University.

He explained that the meteor now visible in the mornings "flames up" as it hits the earth's atmosphere and so resembles a bright light blazing through the sky.

Wigan has come off quite lightly in terms of meteoric visits. At L'Aigle in France in 1803 two to three thousand meteorite stones fell. A meteorite weighing no less than 36 tons was found in Greenland and in Siberia an area of trees in a 10 miles radius was destroyed when part of a comet fell to earth.

UFO probe

Reports of UFO sightings in West Somerset are being investigated by experts. Villagers at Roadwater, near Minehead, have seen bright lights hovering and moving about in the sky over the village. Other unusual sightings have been reported in the area in recent years but have not been accounted for.

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A flying cover-up job?

"I'm sure Governments are doing a lot of cover-up work about UFO's, which surely do exist," writes a Wallasey reader. "Can you tell me where I can find out more about them?"

Gary Raymer, of 19 Caithness Drive, Crosby, Liverpool 23, is chairman of the British U.F.O. Investigation Group.

Another organisation is the British U.F.O. Society, whose headquarters are at 47 Belsize Square, London NW3.

Both of these would be pleased to hear from our reader.

Lord Clancarty and Margaret

Thatcher's navel!

'I'M NO NUT,' SAYS IRISH PEER WHO BELIEVES IN UFO ...

THERE'S an Irish peer going around London saying that Margaret Thatcher, among others, might be a subject for a medical examination by spacemen from another planet!

They'd swoop out of their spacecraft and stick a long narrow metal object into her navel, by which means they'd gain the sort of medical knowledge they require from earthlings!

Eccentric ... ? Crazy ideas ... ? Well, maybe. The only thing is that the 8th Earl of Clancarty, alias William Francis Brinsley Le Poer Trench, has convinced quite a number of influential fellow-members of the House of Lords, not to mention MP's, that there might just be something more to his seemingly absurd views about UFO's and spacemen than meet the eyes.

His House of Lords UFO Study Group has more than 20 members and includes a former Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Hill Norton, the former British Ambassador to Paris, Lord Gladwyn and Conservative M.P., Patrick Wall.

What's more he persevered until that creaking senior chamber of the British parliamentary system finally agreed to have a full three-hour debate of the subject recently.

"I think it is very important that people all over the world know about these things," he told me sitting in his elegant Belgravia townhouse.

"You see, for years governments all over the world have been covering up all sorts of mysterious sightings and happenings in space that can't readily be explained by logical scientific means.

"But now things are changing. The Americans whose CIA have been leading this cover-up, have now had to release all sorts of confidential papers which record many unexplained sightings.

"The British, too, don't want anyone to know what is happening. I believe the Ministry of Defence has only two clerks recording these happenings but only where there is reason to believe there might be a threat from them.

"There have been a number of recorded instances throughout the world of ordinary people being lifted out of their cars, off tractors, out of their houses and taken to a space craft.

"They are then medically examined by probing a long narrow metal object into their navels from which whatever information is wanted is taken. They are then returned to earth.

"It could happen to any of us. The Prime Minister, anyone."

Lord Clancarty is used to people saying he should be examined himself. He is philosophical about being called a nut or an eccentric.

But he has believed and promoted his ideas for the last 25 years through seven books he has written on the subject and Contacts International, the body he formed to record all unidentified sightings from all over the world.

"A lot of people may think I am eccentric," he says mildly, "but the fact is more and more people are reporting strange goings on in outer space. And a lot more people than ever before are taking a keen interest in the subject.

"I've even managed to get the House of Lords library to keep a copy of our UFO magazine."

Who knows? He may just be right. ...

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That 'UFO'

SIGHTINGS of an unidentified flying object over Black Park were reported all over the area on Wednesday night. 3/28

The Civil Aviation Authority cleared up the mystery yesterday. The UFO was a helicopter, flying between searchlights to calibrate new radar equipment at Heathrow Airport.

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First UFO of year?

A bright cone-shaped object was seen in the skies of Spalding early on New Year's Day.

Mrs Beatrice Phillips (66), of 5 Alexandra Road, spotted the UFO at about 1.45 in the morning.

"I looked out of the bedroom window and saw this very bright object. I thought it was going to hit the ground.

"It was cone-shaped and the front had a reflection of green. I was a bit scared," added Mrs Phillips.

Spalding police received no reports of the incident.

Mystery fireball explodes over Fife

A mystery "ball of fire" sighted over Fife at teatime last night led to dozens of reports pouring into R.A.F. Leuchars suggesting that an aircraft had exploded in the air.

Some observers, however, thought the "orange ball" had been a U.F.O. while others speculated that it had been a meteorite.

The majority of the sightings came from the Ladybank and Cupar area but there were reports of sightings from as far apart as Dundee, Largo, Glenrothes, Arbroath and Carnoustie.

A spokesman at R.A.F. Leuchars said, "Nearly all the reports we received spoke of a white trail of smoke such as you would normally see from an aircraft, which turned black and finally exploded."

"Some said there was a ball of fire and others spoke of a bright light."

"The report we attached most credence to came from a person in Ladybank who said he had seen a bright flash in the sky followed by a bang."

"A Nimrod aircraft from R.A.F. Kinloss was under the control of Leuchars at 5 p.m., the time the reports started to come in, and it was diverted to carry out a search."

"Nimrods are limited to an altitude of not less than 2000 feet over habited areas, and this hindered the search."

Fire

"The Nimrod reported seeing a fire on the ground near a farm outside Ladybank."

"The rescue helicopter from Leuchars was scrambled but the fire turned out to be no more than a burning farm tip."

"A sector search of the area between Ladybank and Cupar was then begun by the helicopter."

"The Nimrod was released when cloud cover prevented it from being effective."

The helicopter was also eventually recalled.

"Disappeared"

Clark Wotherspoon, a 22-year-old labourer of 8 Victoria Street, Ladybank, was driving home from work when he saw the explosion in the sky near Glenburnie.

"I do a lot of shooting," said Clark, "and have good eyesight."

"Up in the sky to my left I saw what looked like the lights of a plane."

"Suddenly a big orange ball appeared in the sky and then disappeared as if it had gone behind a cloud."

"Weird"

"But there were no clouds to be seen and it really was a complete mystery."

"At first I thought it was a U.F.O. but when I got home the centre of Ladybank was soon swarming with police, firemen and ambulances and somebody said that there had been a plane crash."

"That was about five o'clock and the police activity was still

going on at seven although some were drifting away."

"The light in the sky only lasted for about five seconds but it was really a weird experience."

"Low and fast"

Mrs Grace McKay, 24 Gram-pian Gardens, Arbroath, reported seeing a ball of fire travelling "very low and fast" in the sky just before 5 p.m.

She called her husband through to see the object and they watched it until it vanished as suddenly as it appeared.

Both agreed it was travelling too fast for an aircraft.

Fife Fire Brigade reported that two appliances plus an emergency and a foam tender had been sent to Ladybank after the alert was received at 5.26 p.m.

The appliances were from Glenrothes and Auchtermuchty, the emergency tender from Glenrothes and the foam tender from Dunfermline.

Flares

At the time the reports were being received by R.A.F. Leuchars, Tayside police said they had a caller who reported what were thought to be white flares over the Tay.

No source for the flares could be found.

Riverside Airport said they too had investigated the flares but could not account for them.

The airport confirmed that none of their planes was in the Ladybank area at the time of the reported "crash."

Fife police also received emergency calls.

Mystery light 3128 over rooftops

A MYSTERIOUS bright light was spotted over Halifax.

Mr Peter Bryan, of 50, Gibraltar Avenue, Halifax, was travelling home from work in Bradford. Above the rooftops he saw a bright light, moving slightly towards Halifax.

"At first I thought it may have been an aeroplane's tail light," said Mr Bryan. "But it was too big for that."

The journey from Bradford to Halifax lasted 20 minutes. When he arrived at the newsagent's shop in Parkinson Lane about 5 pm he asked the owner, Mr Brian Norcliffe, to look at the light.

Mr Norcliffe said the light was stationary above roof tops.

"It was not a star because it was far too low," he said. "We watched it for about half an hour and then forgot about it."

It was last seen by Mr Norcliffe heading towards Norland.

Another mysterious light was seen earlier this month over the Sowerby Bridge and Ripponden areas.

The secretary of the Yorkshire branch of the British UFO Research Association, Mr Trevor Whitaker, said the light may have been a helicopter or, because the sky was bright, one of the brighter planets.

"If you are travelling it often looks as though the light is moving," said Mr Whitaker. "But

if you stop and look at it the light is stationary.

"We have more or less stopped investigating reports of single bright lights because they are so common," he said. "There is usually a logical explanation."

Scientist 3128 sees bright light UFO

THE sighting of a UFO which terrified a young mother at Ottershaw has been confirmed by a scientist and his family.

The UFO was described as being bathed in a bright yellow orange glow with a rotating ray.

It hovered over 21-year-old Mrs Linda Dillon as she cycled along St. Peter's Way, from Addlestone Moor to her home at

Flat 5, Beech Hall, Guildford Road, Ottershaw, at 5 p.m. on Saturday.

"I thought it was going to swoop down on me," said Mrs Dillon. "I was really frightened — I'd never been so scared before."

"It was bright yellow and quite big — the colour of a star. But it wasn't a star. I couldn't tell what it was."

Mrs Dillon had been cycling home after feeding her horse at Hatch Farm. She said that she had seen the strange object in the sky on other occasions when cycling home, but this was the first time it had hovered over her.

The mysterious light was also seen by Mr Richard Pywell, a physicist at the BP research centre at Sunbury, and amateur astronomer. He was standing in his garden at 158 Brox Road, Ottershaw, on Saturday evening, when he noticed something unusual in the sky.

Clockwise

"I saw a bright yellowy-orange glow," he said. "It had a rotating ray which grew in length as it turned round. It was rotating clockwise about once every three seconds."

He estimated it was travelling at about 50 mph and was moving from Horsell towards St. George's Hill, Weybridge, at about 1,000ft.

Mr Pywell called his wife, Annette, and two daughters, Julia, 21, and Louise, 19, who were all able to confirm that he was not seeing stars.

Mr Larry Dale, investigations co-ordinator for BUFORA — British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association — said that the association would investigate the sighting.

We saw UFO— 3128 couple

A 12-YEAR old boy's account of a flying saucer sighting over Worcester has been confirmed by a couple living in Ombersley Road.

James Cotterill, of Northwick Close, claimed he saw a Saturn-shaped object with flashing lights fly over the city, but his report remained unconfirmed until Mrs E. M. Phillips wrote to the *Evening News* telling of her "close encounter."

"I saw the same thing — whatever it was," she says. "I couldn't believe my eyes, so I called my husband out to see it for himself."

"I have never seen anything like it in the sky before. It was just as James Cotterill described."

"I thought no more about it until I read his account of it in the *Evenings News*. His eyes did not deceive him, and my husband and I both believe him."

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UFO FOLLOWED 3128 ITALIAN JET

The Italian Defence Ministry has declassified an Air Force pilot's report that his F104 was followed for 23 minutes by an unidentified flying object in February 1977. The pilot said the object glowed brighter in the night sky than the moon and stars and stayed 800-900 yards away.

He added: "I alerted the nearest base and was authorised to intercept it (the UFO). When I began to show my intentions, climbing to 12,000 feet, the object kept its distance unchanged, then disappeared."—A.P.

Mystery object
hovered over
Great Orme

Mrs Pat Hill and her family have a marvellous view of Llandudno's Great Orme from their hill-top guest house on the Bryniau in Dyserth.

But they couldn't believe their eyes at the sight that dazzled them as they returned home one afternoon.

For hovering above the Orme was an enormous brightly lit object, Mrs Hill told the Journal last week.

Mrs Hill, her husband Roy and their three children watched in amazement as the object "petered to almost nothing after about ten minutes, and

then suddenly burst into a bright red light, changed to green, and then turned white again."

"Then it just streaked off across the sea at a terrific pace. It was green as it disappeared behind the mountain," she added.

"I phoned the coastguard, but he said he hadn't seen anything. I can't believe that nobody else saw it, because it was enormous."

Now Mrs Hill would like to know if anyone else in the area saw the object which she and her family observed between 4.45 and 5.30 p.m. on December 13.

AUDREY SPOTS A UFO

More reports have been sent in of UFO sighting on the morning of Friday, December 14.

Audrey Whitehead, aged 14, 11 Penymaes, Meliden, was deliver-

ing papers at the time. She described her sighting as being something long and of different colours. She saw it at about 7.30 a.m.

Her timing is confirmed by Mrs Tegwedd Hastlow, 3

Orton Grove, Rhyl, who writes:

"It came across from the east travelling at quite a good rate towards the south.

"It was brilliant and similar in shape to an electric light bulb. The colours varied from bright green to shades of pink with a white tail... just as Mrs Roberts of Bath Street described."

Meliden sighting

Mr Peter Haynes, of Rhyddyddauchr Farm, Rhuddian, rang the Journal last week to tell us that he too saw the mysterious phenomenon that passed over the area on December 14. Already several other

local people have reported the sighting.

Mr Haynes said he was travelling from Rhyl to Prestatyn along the Coast Road at 7.15 p.m. when he saw a round object in the sky above Meliden.

He said the object was stationary for a while and began to change colour.

Info on UFOs

3128 is required

Sir - With reference to the recent local UFO sightings. The British UFO Society investigates reported incidents of unidentified flying objects. While many sightings can be explained in mundane terms aircraft, balloons, planets, satellites, there remains a high proportion of reports that defy rational explanation.

We would be very interested in hearing from any readers who are interested in UFOs or who think they may have had a sighting. A confidential sighting report form will be sent on request.

The British UFO Society holds no firm views as to what UFOs are, although it is popularly believed that they are visiting spacecraft from a technological superior planet.

The possibility is not as remote as may first appear when one considers the advances Man has made in space during the last 20 years. - Yours etc.,

KIEN ROGERS,
Director,

British UFO Society
47 Belsize Square,
London NW3.

Encounter with a UFO

FOLLOWING a double UFO sighting in St. Helens three weeks ago, another strange object has been seen near Garswood.

Reporter Advertising Executive Mr. Brian Barnes, of Shevington, was on his way to work on Friday when he spotted a "black blob" hovering over fields.

He spotted the UFO while on the M6 and he estimated it was about one mile away and 600 feet up. Said Mr. Barnes: "It was completely stationary and like a football."

The object was hidden by trees and vanished after 30 seconds.

On a star trek to Earth for the holiday?

SEVERAL people in Worthing reported seeing unidentified flying object during the Christmas period.

But the sightings were not the product of seasonal over indulgence.

One of the UFOs was spotted by Worthing borough councillor Frank Hammond a few days before Christmas. He was in his garden one evening when he saw a strange object in the southern sky. 'In the sky, just west of south,' he said, 'I saw a group of seven lights in a sort of box, just oblong of square, the left-hand bottom light being the brightest of all.'

Pulsating

'It was pulsating slightly as it travelled in a straight line across the sky.'

Mr Hammond, Tory member for Seiden Ward is sure it was not an aircraft. He went to fetch neighbours who also watched it for some minutes.

On Sunday, December 30, Mr John Amner, of Roxburgh Close, Durrington, saw two lights in the south western sky over the town at 5 p.m.

'They were very bright, much brighter than stars,' he said. A few days later he saw them again.

He, too, is adamant that the object was not an aircraft, but it did remind him of the early Sputniks.

But Mr John Mason, of Slinndon, a member of the Southdown Astronomical Society, brought things down to earth.

'At early evening, planes high up will often catch sunlight at odd angles and produce confusing effects. Also, Venus is very prominent at the moment. When low it can scintillate and appear to break into separate points of light.'

REDDITCH INDICATOR, WORCS.

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UFOs light on Wythall

INTEREST in UFOs drew an extra large audience to Wythall Forum when it re-opened after the Christmas break.

The speaker Mr John Way, a university lecturer, stated that his intention was only to give his own personal opinions.

The possible authenticity of unidentified flying objects, he felt, had not been taken seriously enough in some quarters — but he added the situation was gradually changing.

A debate on the subject had recently taken place in the House of Lords and UFOs had been discussed at United Nations level.

This showed an increasing awareness of the matter and he expressed the hope that eventually an international programme of research would be initiated since "sightings" had been reported over the past thirty years from most countries around the world.

A detailed study had in fact been carried out by the University of Colorado which had ultimately rejected the idea of any visitations from space, but it had later been exposed that the report had been treated with bias for reasons of national defence and to avoid alarm to the public.

Mr Way pointed out how easily genuine mistakes could be made and he described some lights he had seen in the sky which could have been ascribed to UFOs but which were later revealed as those used by firemen demolishing a damaged chimney.

He stressed that by far the largest number stressed sightings did have a valid explanation but there remained those for which no solution could be found, but should be taken seriously.

A lively discussion followed the evening's talk and a vote of thanks to Mr Way was proposed by Miss Peggy Suffield.

WORTHING GAZETTE WEST SUSSEX
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More weird lights in the night sky

FURTHER SIGHTINGS of strange lights in the sky have been reported in the Worthing area.

The latest sightings have come from David Stringer, of 68 Tower Road, Lancing, and Paul Glover, of 19 Myrtle Road, Lancing, both members of the British Phenomena Research Society.

On Monday night they saw a light apparently hovering above Cissbury Ring. It grew in size and then suddenly vanished.

Mass of lights

Later, Mr Stringer's father, Mr Lawrence Stringer, of 29 Peveril Drive, Soudington, spotted what at first appeared to be a star and which grew to become a mass of dazzling, brilliant lights. It then shot off at great speed, apparently in the direction of the moon, and disappeared.

Mr Stringer is asking any other person who sees any other strange UFO sightings to contact him at Lancing 67143.

During the Christmas and New Year period there were two other sightings of objects in the night sky. One of the sightings was by Worthing borough councillor Frank Hammond.

**WOORBURN
'UFO' WAS
SEEN AT
WEXHAM**

Another woman has claimed that she saw the brightly-lit unidentified flying object which school-teacher Miss Cheryl Hutton was convinced hovered over her car in Wooburn Green on January 4.

The second alleged sighting was made by Mrs. Jennie Ratcliffe from her back garden near Wexham Park Hospital, Slough.

At 6.20 p.m. — five hours before it was seen in Wooburn Green — Mrs. Ratcliffe watched the UFO for three minutes and for another 10 through binoculars.

She thought Miss Hutton's description was very accurate and added that the two bright lights were like searchlights with not so wide a beam.

Through binoculars she claims she saw "a squiggly thing like a worm in the middle of the circle." She contacted the police and then the UFO faded and disappeared. She said it did not shoot off at a great speed.

'HAUNTED HER'

Mrs. Ratcliffe is convinced that she saw something unusual. Living under a Heathrow Airport flight patch she is sure that it was not an aircraft.

The vision haunted her all evening, she said. "I was told by a friend that it had been spotted elsewhere and so I wanted to add my support."

Miss Cheryl Hutton of Southwood Rd, Cookham, had claimed she saw an object about the size of a car with two very bright lights travelling slowly above her. The actual body seemed dark but it had a row of red lights around the back and a white thing hanging from it which looked like a balloon.

The meteorological office at Bracknell said her alleged sighting was not a meteorological balloon or a natural weather phenomenon.

Air Traffic Control at Heathrow had said they had not received any similar reports from the area and they thought it sounded like an aircraft coming in to land. But they added it could be a Ministry of Defence Aircraft.

Wooburn has had a history of similar UFO sightings. The last report was back in June 1977 when six alleged sightings were reported in 12 days.

**More UFO
sightings**

Sir. — I was interested in the photo of a UFO at Leiston about a month ago, as I have had quite a number of correspondences and phone calls regarding UFOs from Leiston, as well as some others reported in the papers.

Things seemed to have started there in 1968; one sighting was particularly interesting as it was an extremely bright light, seen by several people (it woke them up) and hovered about for some two hours.

We are also getting locally some activity here at Barking. A person contacted me in 1975 regarding an object seen at night, and recently there was a near-landing near Barking Tye; in fact one observer said he did not pay much attention as they got so many UFOs there! We have got a very good fix for the last sighting as it was between a wood and a pylon; also the size of the UFO was equal to the height of the pylon.

These sightings interest me as I sometimes get unusual targets on our radar in this area; in fact recently something was going along very slowly parallel to the Barking road; I assumed at the time it was perhaps a furniture van or combine harvester. The situation is about a mile from the Barking sighting. The latter one (which hovered as if about to land) was the shape of a "gas-ring". The ground has not been disturbed since it "landed" but there are no signs of any marks.

Of course it is difficult to tell, if there is an increase of sightings locally, if the same is happening nationally. Presumably if we had sufficient information, we should be able to tell what was going on.

W. M. MARTINDALE
Highlands School.
Needham Market.

**Boy 'saw
UFO land
in field'**

EASTCOMBE Manor School was buzzing with stories of flying saucers and visitors from outer space today after a group of young pupils made what they thought to be a 'close encounter' with a spaceship at Thrupp, last night.

The seven boys were playing at woodland near Thrupp shortly after 7 o'clock when a strange ball of white light whisked silently over their heads. And one of the boys was quite convinced that the 'alien craft' actually made a touch-down in a nearby field.

Eleven-year-old Martin Burns, of Ballaway Estate, Thrupp, was so concerned by what he thought to be an actual touchdown that he called the police.

"We sent a couple of men to investigate, but once again there was no sign of a spaceship, or any aliens," said a spokesman at Stroud Police Station.

The brothers' sighting was not last night's only report of strange aerial activities, for police had an earlier call from a Mr. Kendry, of Parkrd., Stonehouse, at 6.30 pm.

"Mr. Kendry said he had seen a bright light hovering in the sky in the direction of Gloucester," said the police spokesman. "It was not moving, and he was convinced it wasn't a star."

**CAN YOU
HELP?**

I AM conducting a private survey on alleged UFO sightings in the Hampshire area over the last six months — in particular one claimed sighting that took place on Wednesday, January 16, between 7.30 and 9 p.m.

Would anyone with sighting claims please contact me—G. WILLIAMS, 168, Mayfield Road, Swaythling, Southampton.



MARSEILLE.— Le jeune Franck Fontaine, qui a déclaré avoir été « enlevé » par des extra-terrestres entre le 26 novembre et le 2 décembre derniers, à Cergy-Pontoise (Val-d'Oise), a renouvelé ses affirmations lors de séances d'hypnose pratiquées en janvier à Marseille, à l'Institut mondial des sciences avancées (I.M.S.A.), qui est animé notamment par M. Jimmy Guieu, un écrivain de science-fiction établi à Aix-en-Provence.

Un communiqué de l'Institut signale qu'une enquête méthodique a été menée sur cette affaire. Après avoir recueilli les témoignages de Franck Fontaine et de ses deux camarades, Jean-Pierre Prévost et Salomon N'Diaye, les responsables de cet organisme se déclarent convaincus de « la bonne foi des jeunes gens et de la réalité objective de leur aventure ».

Le communiqué mentionne enfin les « menaces et intimidations » dont ont été objet les jeunes gens depuis l'événement, ainsi que des « vols et actes de malveillance », dont ils ont été les victimes à Cergy-Pontoise, pendant leur séjour à Marseille.

Source: "Le Parisien" - Paris -
February, 6, 1980

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Digest: CERGY-PONTOISE "ABDUCTION" STORY (Continuation)

Marseille : - The young Franck Fontaine, who has stated having been "abducted" by extra-terrestrial beings between on 26 November and on 2 December 1979 to Cergy-Pontoise town (Val d'Oise department), has repeated his statements during sessions under hypnotic regression arranged in January to Marseille town, by Mr. Jimmy GUIEU, writer of science-fiction and manager of the Institut Mondial des Sciences Avancées (I.M.S.A.).

A press release from this organism states that a methodical inquiry was carried out on this matter. After having collected all statements from Franck Fontaine, and the ones of his two friends J.P. Prévost and S. N'Diaye, members of I.M.S.A. managing this Institute have said that they were convinced of "the quite sincerity of the youngsters and of the objective reality of their experience".

L'AURORE

Mercredi 23 janvier 1980

● Ovni bicolore

Un ovni « sombre, de 5 à 6 mètres de diamètre », a été observé pendant plusieurs minutes, l'autre soir, dans le vignoble nantais par un habitant de La Chapelle-Basse-Mer (Loire-Atlantique). L'objet, selon le témoin, s'est immobilisé à la verticale d'un château d'eau. Après quelques minutes, il s'est éclairé d'une lueur rouge puis orange, avant de disparaître à une grande vitesse en direction de l'ouest en prenant de l'altitude.

J. SIDER
CLICHY

Source: L'AURORE - Paris - January, 23, 1980

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UFO OF TWO COLOURS

A dark Ufo, 5 or 6 metres in diameter has been seen for several minutes in the evening, a few days ago, over an area of vineyards close to Nantes town, by an inhabitant of La Chapelle-Basse-Mer (Loire Atlantique department). This object, according the witness, stopped just above a water-tower on a vertical line. After a few minutes, it lighted itself with a red gleam, then orange, before to disappear with a high speed towards a west direction while it was rising up in the same time.

Mysterious Saturday night sightings

UFO may have caused power failure — Jenny

A Weston Hills woman who saw a UFO pass over her home on Saturday night believes it could have caused her electricity supply to fail the next morning.

Mrs Jenny Unwin, of 276 Broadgate, said she, her husband and small daughter watched an object fly silently southwards over their home at about 10.30 pm to 10.45 pm.

"It was moving quickly across the sky," she said. "There were two big lights like car head-lights and a ring of smaller ones including a red and an orange one.

"The strangest thing was that next morning our house was the only one in the row to be without electricity," Mrs Unwin explained.

"Then suddenly, after my husband had gone to work, it came back on again."

Mr Geoff Wass, Press officer for the Electricity Board, confirmed that there had been an interruption of supply to some homes in Weston Hills from about 7.45 am on Sunday.

"But we don't have any UFOs working for us," he said.

A clash on the overhead circuits had probably caused the fault.

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An 18-year-old Pode Hole man also witnessed a strange flying object on Saturday night.

Marco Poli, of 3 The Cottages, went upstairs at 10.35 pm and looked out of his

bedroom window. He saw a diamond-shaped object in the night sky with a red rotating light underneath it and four white lights on each corner.

"I saw something which looked like a star," he said. "It was coming from the direction of Bourne and as it came closer I saw two lights.

"I got my binoculars out as it came towards the house and as it passed over I saw it was diamond-shaped, with a red rotating light at the bottom.

"My father and brother watched it as well, and a neighbour came rushing round to tell us about it."

Marco, who works at Spalding Co-op, watched the object for about five minutes before losing sight of it.

"It did not seem to be very high in the sky, and it made a whirring sound, like an aeroplane," he said.

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A Spalding man walking his girlfriend home also saw an object in the sky on Saturday night, between 10.30 pm and 11 pm.

Graham Emms, of 113 Balmoral Avenue, and his girlfriend Angie Goemans were walking through the parish church day school field when they saw two white lights over the church.

Graham, an apprentice at

Elderkin and Son, said: "It was hovering in the air for about three minutes. Then it started to move off and I saw about eight or nine different lights underneath a diamond-shaped object.

"It was quite high up in the sky and didn't make a sound — so it could have not been an aeroplane."

MORE UFOs SEEN

Following last week's Gazette story about a UFO spotted by Mrs. Ruby Males of Bunyan Road, Hitchin, several other readers have reported similar sightings.

Mrs. Margaret Major and her family spotted a brilliant white light while travelling home to Stevenage from Sheffield on Saturday night.

"I first saw it near Northampton and watched it all the way to Hitchin," Mrs. Major told a reporter.

"It was blue, green and white and seemed to be changing colour, and it was lower and brighter than anything else in the sky.

"I know it just wasn't a star," she said.

David Kowie, of Chaucer Way, Hitchin recalls a similar bright light in the sky over Stevenage a few weeks ago.

"It was just after midnight, as I was getting into the car with my two brothers. It was a bright brilliant blue light and after about a minute it vanished.

"I can't explain it," added David.

WORCESTER EVENING NEWS JAN 21 1980 ENGLAND

Skyscan on the trail of boy's UFO

WORCESTER'S UFO spotting group Skyscan are to investigate 12-year-old James Cotterill's sighting of a flying saucer.

James sent the Evening News a drawing of the UFO he spotted near his home in Northwick Close just after Christmas.

He described it as a Saturn shaped object complete with flashing white lights which disappeared

over the Severn at about 40 mph.

James' report was confirmed by a couple living in Ombersley Road and now Skyscan are hoping to follow up the sighting using the drawings to help them.

SANDWELL MAIL WEST MIDLANDS JAN 15 1980 ENG.

Close encounter of a flying kind

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TWO Great Barr school-boys have had their own 'close encounter of the third kind' — when a "UF" hovered over them.

And the two youngsters have drawn almost identical pictures of the unidentified flying object which they say flew over Sandwell last night.

Darren Sinar, aged 11, and his friend Dean Basford, aged 13, both of Highfield Road, were playing near Dean's home when an object hovered above them in the sky.

"It looked like a saucer with another saucer turned upside down and placed on top of it," said Dean.

"Lights were flashing on on the top and bottom of it, and all along the sides. It hovered in the sky for about 15 minutes and kept moving up and down. We were petrified."

The two youngsters ran home where Dean's mother — who didn't believe them — asked them to draw what they had seen. She was surprised when both drew very similar pictures — although

the boys sat in different corners of the room.

"It was in the sky for some time. It obviously an aircraft or a helicopter," said Darren.

Three months ago, 31-year-old mother of five, Mrs. Denise Kenny, who also lives in Highfield Road, reported a strange light hovering in the sky.

She took photographs of it and these are now being investigated by a local UFO Spotting Society.

Mrs. Kenny said the object — which she described as a long strip of light — hovered for some minutes before disappearing.

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UFO spotted and more on way — expert

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TWO RECENT UFO sightings in the Llanelli area could be a prelude to a spate of UFO spotting, a West Wales expert in unidentified spacecraft said today.

Mr. Randall Jones Pugh, who is co-ordinator for the British UFO Research Association in South Wales, said a Llanelli woman and her daughter, who did not wish to be named, saw what appeared to be a spacecraft as big as two large houses.

It flew over their home and gave off a bright luminous halo of light which petrified the daughter.

This was not the only recent sighting. Mr. Terence Jones, of Brongwendraeth, Carway, saw what he thought was a UFO shortly before Christmas.

He saw flashing lights in a circular shape that seemed to be coming down to the ground, then it went up straight at a speed no aircraft could attain. It looked quite big and had red and green lights. He called out, and his sister, Mrs. Janet Owens, who lives next door, also saw the object.

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UFOs over the Severn Bridge

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE Police have received reports of strange objects hovering in the sky over the Severn Bridge.

One observer described them as three round objects with multi-coloured flashing light, and other as a large cylindrical object, also with flashing lights.

The three round objects were said to be in a triangular formation, much resembling the pattern of UFOs seen in the Wootton and Alvington area a few weeks ago.

They were visible over the bridge for nearly an hour.

A spokesman for the RAF said that as far as he was aware, there was no aerial activity to account for the sightings.

WESTERN MORNING NEWS PLYMOUTH
JAN 21-1980 ENG.

Still looking skyward

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UFO activity in North Devon seems to have died out in the New Year, though specialists are still keeping a sharp look out at the night sky, particularly over Lymouth.

Mr. John Casey, of Hazel Avenue, Braunton, is the group's liaison officer for UFO International, and writes in their Bristol-published Quest magazine, that reviews the world of strange, unidentified lights and shapes in the sky.

He said: "After an initial flush of sightings when I first moved to North Devon, things have somewhat died down in the area.

"On investigation, the majority of reports would indicate satellite-type sightings. However, one or two are reasonably interesting, although I am bound to say some of the information is insufficient or inaccurate, so it is not possible to make a valid evaluation."

Membership of UFO International is still building up. In the past year, there have been over 20 sightings in the Westcountry of lights and objects in the sky that cannot be explained.

RUSSIAN ROCKET CLUE TO THE UFO RIDDLE

By DUNCAN ORKNEY

SCIENTISTS were yesterday trying to solve the mystery of a UFO which hundreds thought was a plane exploding.

One theory being considered by experts at the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh, was that it was a Russian rocket breaking up on re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

Reports poured into police stations and to the RAF on Tuesday.

People said the mystery object had plunged from the sky in flames near Ladybank, Fife, 10 miles from the RAF base at Leuchars.

An RAF Nimrod from Kinloss which was in the air near Leuchars, was diverted to the scene.

But the only fire spotted by the crew turned out to be a burning rubbish dump.

A further search by an RAF helicopter from Leuchars also failed to find anything.

A spokesman at Leuchars said: "We think it's possible that what people saw was the rocket body of the Russian Cosmos 15, which was launched in 1976.

"We understand from the Ministry of Defence that the rocket was due to re-enter the earth's atmosphere yesterday over northern Europe."

But just how much danger is there of anyone being hurt by space hardware being returned to earth?

A spokesman at the Royal Observatory felt the chances were "very negligible."

Among other possibilities being considered by the observatory scientists were that it could have been a fireball or a meteor.

More UFOs spotted

A second wave of UFOs has appeared over the Harston area, less than two months after villagers were held spellbound by strange lights and sights in the sky.

The reports match the previous sightings of UFOs in the area, but later many people said they saw increased activity of conventional aircraft.

They could well have belonged to the United States Air Force, a spokesman said yesterday, but he denied that they would have had anything to do with the UFOs.

It follows scores of reports of strange lights and shapes in the sky over South Cambridgeshire in the early evening of Tuesday.

Later in the evening, conventional aircraft with recognisable navigation lights and engine noise were reported.

On the evening of November 29 last year, villagers in the Harston area were held spellbound by what was described as a "firework display" of lights dodging around the sky.

Regulars at the Old English Gentleman pub at Harston called the police when a massive UFO hovered silently past.

The landlord, Mr Michael Bradford, said a host of similar sights were reported by people in the area on Tuesday night, and he had seen lights behaving in such a way he would not describe them as belonging to conventional aircraft.

Among the people who contacted the "News" over the sightings on Tuesday was a Hauxton woman, who said shortly afterwards the "sky was filled with what could be identified as aircraft, some with searchlights."

A spokesman for the US Third Air Force at Mildenhall said they had a number of F-111s and Phantom reconnaissance aircraft over South Cambridgeshire and the Harston area that evening.

The number of aircraft was "just slightly increased," but it was not an exercise, just normal training flights, said the spokesman.

"The area is one that is used for holding patterns, while aircraft are waiting to land. There was no tracking of anything taking place," the spokesman added.

Marshall's airport said it dealt with no air traffic landing or taking off after the airport closed at 6 pm that evening.

The RAF said it did not have an exercise taking place in the area.

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JAN 25 1980 ENGLAND

DID YOU SPOT ANYTHING?

If you happened to be in the Wykin Village area on December 17 and noticed a strange object hovering over the village then Hinckley Aerial Phenomenon Investigations group is eager to hear from you.

A triangular shaped object, with two bright red lights at

the front and several red and blue lights around the sides, was spotted over the village at about 5.50 pm, and is being investigated by the group.

Anyone who may be able to offer information on the sighting is invited to contact group chairman Mr Graham Hall. Telephone: Hinckley 30244.

More UFOs on way, says author

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PEOPLE IN South Wales are being warned to expect another spate of UFO sightings following a recent upsurge in close encounters.

A large space ship reported near Llanelli, and more bright lights in the sky, are being investigated by a leading ufologist who is predicting a new spate of sightings.

The craft near Llanelli, described as being the size of two large buses petrified a woman and her teenage daughter as it hovered near their house.

The author of a recently published book on UFO activity in South Wales, Mr. Randall Jones Pugh, of Roch, near Haverfordwest, who is also the South Wales co-ordinator for

the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association in South Wales, was recently contacted by the woman, who gave details of the frightening spectacle over her Llanelli home.

Mr. Jones Pugh said yesterday, "The woman and her daughter wish to remain anonymous, but from what they have already told me it appears to have been a very frightening experience."

The large craft flew over the woman's house and gave off a bright luminescent halo of light which petrified the daughter.

"It is certainly one of the strangest and most unpleasant encounters that has been reported to me," he said.

Mr. Jones Pugh had to deal with several other sightings including balls of light seen in the sky as well as an airship-shaped object at Broad Haven.

"There has been a lull in sightings, but they are very much on the increase of late," he said. "People should be made aware of the fact we now appear to be heading for a spate of occurrences and they should report them immediately."

The most curious sighting has been the large spacecraft near Llanelli, and Mr. Jones Pugh said, "There is no doubt in my mind that what appears to be happening is a monitoring process of the whole of the coastline which goes beyond the Broad Haven triangle."

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ANOTHER U.F.O. sighting was claimed last week — this time at Llangennech.

The second claim came only six days after a Carway man said he noticed a strange object in the sky above his home.

Housewife, Mrs. Jennifer Davies, of 111, Brynhyfryd, saw an "amazing" object hovering in the air about 100 yards from her house on Wednesday.

"LIKE CIGAR"

"I was seeing my husband off to work early in the morning," said the 27-year-old mother-of-two. "It was still dark outside but the moon was high and full. Then I saw it, a long silver cigar-shaped object, like

Housewife claims U.F.O. No. 2

nothing I'd ever seen before. It was completely silent, motionless and didn't have any lights shining from it.

"It was hovering about three houses high just beyond my back garden, near Cleviston-park."

Mrs. Davies said she watched it for about 20 minutes, peering from room to room and finally opening her back door to investigate. When she looked the final time it had disappeared.

"It was really amazing. The

object was there when I got up, so I don't really know how long it had been there. I found it hard to believe what I saw. I kept rubbing my eyes."

CAMBERLEY NEWS SURREY JAN 11 1980 ENGLAND

More claims about UFOs

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FOUR mysterious red UFOs were spotted hovering over Aldershot and Camberley on the same evening.

As one hung over Holly Road in Aldershot, a Camberley mechanic spotted three more moving slowly over a field behind his home.

Mr. Robert Godden (25) of The Mart, College Town, reported the sightings after reading in the "News" that another had been seen

He was being driven home by Mr. Stuart Lowe (24), of Frimley Road, Camberley, on Saturday, December 29, when the UFOs were spotted

"We stood outside my home and watched for about 15 minutes. There were three bright red lights in a line and they were very low moving slowly along without making any sound," said Mr. Godden.

He dismissed ideas that they might have been helicopters or planes because they moved so slowly and made no noise.

"I thought nothing of it but when I read the report it confirmed it," he said.

The first sighting had been by 18-year-old Nick Marlow, of Highfield Close, Aldershot, who watched a UFO on two evenings - December 29 and 30

Tell us if you have spotted a UFO

WITH reference to the recent U.F.O. sightings at Whitstable, the British U.F.O. Society investigates reported incidents of unidentified flying objects.

While many sightings can be explained in mundane terms i.e. aircraft, balloons, planets, satellites etc., there remains a high proportion of reports that defy rational explanation.

We would like to hear from any readers who are interested in U.F.O.s or who think they may have had a sighting. A confidential sighting report form will be sent on request.

The British U.F.O. Society holds no firm views as to what U.F.O.s are, although it is popularly believed that they are visiting spacecraft from a technologically superior planet.

The possibility is not as remote as may first appear when one considers the advances Man has made in space during the last 20 years.

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That Wooburn UFO again?

'Bright lights, dark object, travelling slowly'

By David Foad

A 21-year-old teacher is convinced she saw a brightly lit object hovering over her car at Wooburn Green on Friday night.

The incident, reported by Miss Cheryl Hutton of Southwood Rd, Cookham, is in the same area as six previous alleged sightings made in 1977.

At that time scientific investigators from the UFO Investigators' Network were called in. Believing that two large flattened areas in fields at Windsor Hill, Wooburn might have been the result of something landing they took plant and soil samples and tested for radiation.

TWO LIGHTS

The latest alleged sighting came at about 11.30 p.m. on Friday when Miss Hutton was driving home past Wooburn Green.

She said she became aware of an object about the size of a car with two very large lights in front of her.

"At first I thought it was a car but then I realised it was above me, though it was very low and travelling very slowly and I could see it quite easily.

"The actual body

seemed dark but it had a row of red lights round the back and a white thing hanging from it that looked like a balloon."

She said she remembered that the lights had been very bright and that the object remained in her sight for several seconds.

"I wasn't quite sure what it was. I didn't stop the car, I just sat looking at it but what I had seen didn't sink in until later."

Despite coming so close and seeing something clearly Miss Hutton is still not entirely sure it was not a meteorological phenomenon.

She said she could not remember seeing anybody else about at the time.

A spokesman for the meteorological office at Bracknell said that from the size and shape of the

object described it was not a meteorological balloon or natural weather phenomenon.

A spokesman for Air Traffic Control at Heathrow Airport said they had not received any similar reports from the area but the description sounded very much like an aircraft coming in to land.

LANDING?

"They do have two very powerful landing lights and if they changed their approach because of weather conditions it could look very strange to someone who has not seen it before."

Heathrow Airport knew of no such incident on Friday night, but the spokesman said it might have been a Ministry of Defence aircraft.

THE STAR SHEFFIELD JAN 16 1980 ENG

UFOs, a British viewpoint, by Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington (Robert Hale £5.25). 314 p.

A full examination of the UFO scene in Britain today by two leading workers in the field.

Doll-like creatures put two Durham women in a trance and lead them to a craft, in Lancs. a car's lights and engine fail as a huge oval object hovers overhead, two police officers watch as a UFO streaks across the sky and leaves behind a flattened bush.

There's more too -- and you begin to wonder if there must be something out there.

THE CRAVEN HERALD AND PIONEER JAN 25 1980 ENG.

Something Much to the relief I should imagine of the two women who said they witnessed a UFO over Bradley last week, I can reveal that at least two other people saw the same phenomenon. One told me this week that the object was most definitely not an aeroplane, and described in it similar terms to our account last week, a fast-moving red/blue sphere. The other witness was greatly relieved that someone else had seen it and that her eyes were not deceiving her. There really must be something in the air down South Craven way.

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Wanted: UFO sightings

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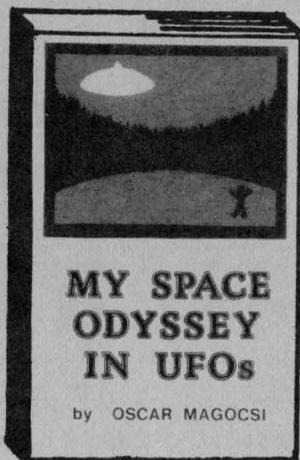
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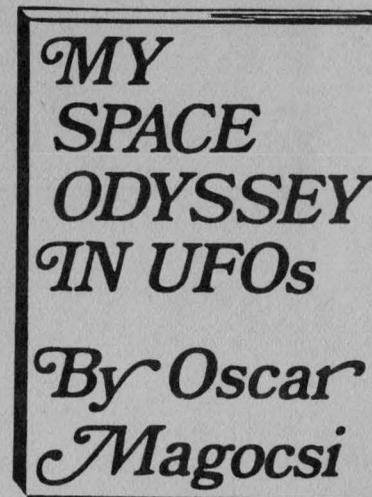
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