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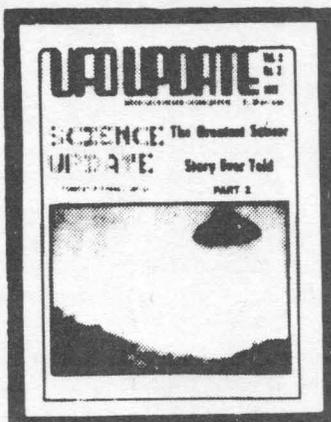
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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

Described as bright, moving lights

UFO sightings made near Elbe, Ashford area

FRONT PAGE

by Barbara DeVore

Several persons in the Elbe and North Lewis County area have said that they have seen Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) during the past six weeks. Describing the UFO's as bright, multi-colored lights which can move at rapid speeds, the persons involved have made public the accounts of what they saw.

The separate incidents seem to be tied in to half a dozen sightings of UFO's recently made near

Mrs. Mel Ceccanti.

Carney told *The Dispatch* that she saw the UFO while driving home from Eatonville one night last December.

At about 9:35 p.m., she had just crossed over the railroad tracks right by the Ceccanti residence when she noticed a strange light.

"My rearview mirror lit up like the furnace at Moore Family's glass blowing," she said. "The light stayed

car. The light was at least 18 inches tall because it was as high as the back window

Cindy, who drives a Volkswagen stationwagon, said that when she realized the lights were not attached to any vehicle, she pulled back onto the road and the lights continued following her.

It was not until another car came into view that the lights suddenly disappeared.

"All three lights disappeared at the same time," she continued. "The lights were not projecting like headlights and the blue light seemed to be independent of the yellow and the red light."

"All the time I was trying to figure it out. I thought it was someone playing a trick on me."

Carney said that if it were a car or motorcycle that there were no side roads for it to turn down.

*'It was definitely aware of me,
and I started freaking out.'*

Centralia and Chehalis.

A man, and three other adults who live in Lewis County, said that they saw the UFO's last Monday, January 28. *The Dispatch* also learned that two South Pierce County women had seen similar lights, on different nights, six weeks earlier.

Several persons have reported the sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) near Elbe and in North Lewis County.

The first sightings were made last December near the Mel Ceccanti home on Highway 706 just outside of Elbe.

Another sighting was made last week in North Lewis County.

The first sightings were made by Cindy Carney of Ashford and

right behind me and I could only see it in the left rearview mirror. It followed me for 10 to 15 seconds when a red light came on. The red light was steady, not bright like the yellow light."

"I would estimate that the lights were four to five feet behind me and between 12 and 18 inches tall, because they were as high as the drivers side window."

Carney reported that the red light had flashed a couple of times and quit, when a third light came on.

"Then in the center back window," she continued, "a blue light came on like a police light. The blue light started flashing like a police car light."

"Thinking it was a police car, I started to pull over when the blue light zoomed right up on my

*'My rearview mirror
lit up like
a furnace.'*

After arriving at their home in Ashford, some 15 miles away, Carney said that she was pretty upset by the whole incident. Her husband, who went out to check the car the night of the incident noticed there was a strange smell on the back of the car. An odor which he could not describe. The odor

CONT

had disappeared by the next morning. "A UFO is the only explanation I can come up with except for maybe someone horsing around with motorcycles, but there were no headlights."

Carney said that she never was for or against believing in UFO's but that she "can't find any other explanation."

Two nights before Carney's experience, Mrs. Ceccanti had also seen a strange light near her home. She described the light as being stationary and bright orange in color.

"It was like a star, but too large for a star, it was different," she said.

The light which Ceccanti saw was bright enough to give a good outline of the Mountains directly to the east of her house.

While both of these incidents happened in December, last Monday night, January 28, another UFO sighting was made. This one was made in North Lewis County, not too many miles from where the earlier incident had taken place.

The man and his family, who all saw the UFO's, asked to remain anonymous but were willing to

tell about the the experience.

On his way home that evening he said that he saw a bright light like a vapor light. Noticed that it was moving so he stopped his car to look at it.

The light, which also stopped,

'I thought it was someone playing a trick on me.'

was just above the trees. He could not estimate an exact size since the light seemed to be quite a distance from the car.

He noted that there was no noise and the light was larger than a planet or a star.

"I got back in my car and kept going," he said, "it was moving with me on the left hand side of the car. Even when I turned right it kept with me on the left."

"It was definitely aware of me, and I started freaking out. Whenever I stopped, it stopped."

When he arrived home he quickly called his family out side. They all came out and could see the light sitting off in the distance in the southern sky. The light was just above eye level on the horizon.

"Then it moved quickly and directly without noise into the western sky," he said.

The first, bright white light, was then joined by another light.

He described the second light as being red with three white lights below it. "It looked like a side view of a jellyfish," he commented.

"It moved about 30 degrees to the west of the first light then stopped. Then it moved directly

under the first light, and finally took off to the north."

Then, he continued, a third light appeared. It also stopped under the first light and took off.

While the first light was a "white brilliant light," the second two lights were more defined. The second and third lights both had a single light on top with three white lights on the bottom.

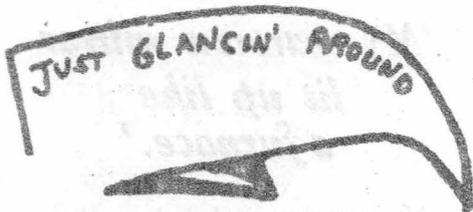
These lights were seen by four adults. He also said that he had never met Carney or heard about her story until after his experience.

The UFO Center in Seattle said that they had received a half a dozen reports of UFO's in the Centralia and Chehalis areas recently.

Persons have reported the sightings of red, white, green and blue lights in triangular shapings. The spokesman said that it is definitely not conventional aircraft that they are seeing.

The low flying objects are unexplainable at this time he said.

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ANTIGO (WIS) JOURNAL
MAR. 1 - 1980

Sightings Here

Unidentified flying objects (UFO) sightings have been reported to the Langlade County sheriff's department the last two nights.

A Route 1, Antigo woman told authorities she spotted a UFO about 9:30 o'clock Friday night and also saw one last week.

A male caller told the sheriff's department that he saw a UFO that had a blue light south of Antigo Thursday night.

Both incidents were checked out but authorities saw no flying objects

Several weeks ago, a newspaper which The Owen Enterprise office receives in the exchanges reported that several people in the Rice Lake, Bloomer and Chippewa Falls area had sighted a cigar-shaped UFO. The object was sighted several times and even by a police officer.

Now, five people have reported seeing what we can call a UFO in the Withee area. One eyewitness who lives west of Withee near Riverside Cemetery, reported seeing a bright pinkish disk like object, that she thought was going to come right into her front room window. Then when she wasn't looking, it disappeared. Others saw the same object, a UFO.

A UFO is not the description of a space ship or such, but means that what ever it is it can't be identified. UFO means unidentified flying object, and that could be anything. Let us hear from you if you see any UFO's.

THE MILWAUKEE JOURNAL Green Sheet

Friday, March 7, 1980

UFO believer still seeks the things that go swoosh

Baltimore, Md. —AP— On a cold, crisp night last December, the phone rang at a suburban police station. The caller told officers he had just seen something strange in the sky.

The man said the thing was a dullish red color when he first spotted it, then it changed to blue. About the time the object changed color, he said, his car started running funny.

Twenty minutes later, a second man called Baltimore-Washington International Airport. Traveling in the same area of Baltimore county as the first caller, he said he had seen something that looked like a rocket sitting in a field.

As he watched, the thing rose from the ground and took off, he said.

The callers were referred to John Lutz, Maryland director of Odyssey Research, a nonprofit organization that also operates in Delaware, southern Pennsylvania, eastern West Virginia and northern Virginia.

The callers became sources of two of the many reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects Lutz receives each year. He describes his interest in UFOs as a "hobby that has mushroomed."

Make field trips

Lutz and the other 15 Maryland members interview people who claim to have seen UFOs or other unexplained phenomena. When warranted, they make field trips to check areas where the sightings occurred.

And Lutz is a believer.

"UFOs, I think, are one of the greatest mysteries of our time, and I think nobody really wants to pursue it," he says.

"I am not out to convince anyone UFOs exist, or anything exists," he says. "That is one thing I have learned over the years."

He also feels earthlings are not in any danger from extraterrestrial creatures who may drop in for a visit now and then.

"I don't think we have anything

really to fear from them," he says. "I think they are here for experimentation. They are seeing how we live."

As an investigator, Lutz contacts people who have reported any type of strange occurrence, preferably soon after the sighting.

"The faster you get back to people, the more accurate the story is going to be," he says, "because if they think about it for 24, 48 or 72 hours, they tend to exaggerate a little bit more."

Checked 400 claims

Lutz says Odyssey Research has checked about 400 claims of sightings in Maryland since 1970. The December incident was one of about 90 reported sightings the group investigated in 1979.

Lutz went to the field where the second caller had reported seeing the rocket. He went over the area but found no evidence of a rocket take-off. "We left that as an unknown," Lutz says.

It wasn't the first unexplained occurrence in the state.

In February 1978 a man reported seeing a small triangular cloud of dull white moving along the bottom of the cloud cover at about 3,100 feet. Lutz went to the scene near Baltimore and saw it himself, and at about the same time airport radar picked up an "unidentified blip."

Lutz also recalls a day when about 1,000 dead ducks dropped out of the sky in St. Marys City. He says he's unconvinced by theories that the ducks flew into an airplane or a high building before dropping to the ground.

He remembers an incident in February 1978 when a pilot contacted the airport control tower in Hagerstown, saying he had just seen an unidentified object and had been blinded. Before help could be summoned, Lutz says, the plane crashed into a mountain and the pilot was killed.

75% are identified

Of the reports of aerial phenomena referred to him by police, fire and other agencies, Lutz says, about 75% can be identified. The rest, he says, remain mysteries — true UFOs.

Since he became interested in the study of unexplained phenomena in 1970, Lutz has devoted a good deal of his spare time to investigating reports of the unexplained — not just aerial phenomena, but geological phenomena, strange animals and "Big Foot," the legendary apeman of the Pacific Northwest.

The rest of the time, he works as a dispatcher in Baltimore city's Transit and Traffic division and, since he works different shifts, is able to spend some daylight hours and his days off checking locations where different phenomena have been reported.

Lutz and his cohort often encounter difficulties when trying to investigate UFO reports. Lutz says he feels the government covers up a lot of information it has about aerial spottings. And movies and television shows dealing with subjects such as UFOs "hurt true investigators more than they help."

Lutz says the problem with such shows is that they take a number of reported cases and lump them together rather than deal with separate and specific occurrences.

But perhaps the biggest obstacle, according to Lutz, is the attitude of the people first reporting the sightings. They are embarrassed, he says, "afraid of being ridiculed."

Bright UFO spotted over Fox Valley

Several south side Appleton residents and at least two police officers sighted an unidentified flying object at 1:25 a.m. today over the southern portion of the city.

Appleton patrolman Raymond Reimann reported that he saw a large object that appeared to be burning and descending from the sky, leaving a trail of smoke.

Reimann said the object was falling very slowly to earth, as if being held back.

He said it was radiating a bright,

clear light, not orange as in a fire. He and an Outagamie County patrolman searched the area to see if they could

find where the object landed. They couldn't.

The officers said the UFO disintegrated before falling to earth.

There also was a UFO sighting in Brown County.

Ruth Christensen of the community of Millcenter between Green Bay and Pulaski, said she and her husband and a neighbor spotted a bright object about 8:30 p.m. Thursday hovering near the Austin Straubel Airport in Green Bay.

She said they were returning from church in a car when they saw a "brilliant, fiery bright light that remained stationary."

"It wasn't as high as a plane would fly," she said. "It was a big bright light. I thought it was a meteor or a weather station. After awhile, it exploded and burst into flames and disappeared."

After it exploded, there was no smoke, she said.

BEAVER DAM CITIZEN (WIS)
FEB-23-80

UFO Reported Near BD High School

Beaver Dam Police had reports of an unidentified flying object in the sky at 10:29 p.m., Friday near Beaver Dam High School. Reports stated that the sky lit up with a red light which later landed.

After investigating the area, police found no evidence.

Beaver Dam Firefighters extinguished a car fire at 10:31 p.m. Friday on Prospect Street at North University Avenue. The right brake started on fire. The car is owned by Donald Hansen of 136 Burchard St.

Kathy M. Trejo of 807 E. South St. suffered whiplash when an unknown vehicle struck her car from behind on North Spring Street at Maple Avenue at 9 a.m. Friday.

Three hit and run incidents were also reported.

At 10:43 p.m. Friday, a car hit a light pole and tree border owned by the city at 317 Stone St. There was more than \$200 damage.

An unknown vehicle hit the parked car of Agnes I. Teletzke of 304 Monica Lane in the J.C. Penny parking lot at 4 p.m. Friday. The right side of the Teletzke car was damaged.

Douglas J. Marquardt of 310 York St. reported that his car was hit while parked at 130 Warren St. during Friday morning. Less than \$400 damage was done.

WAUSAU (WIS) DAILY HERALD FEB-22-80

Greenlanders report UFOs

GODTHAAB, Greenland (AP) — Since the first of the year, residents along Greenland's west coast have been reporting seeing bright objects in the sky.

Lt. Col. H.V. Jensen, acting commander and chief of Denmark's military forces in Greenland, said not a single observation of the unidentified flying objects had been made from planes or ships.

Meteorologist Leo Thorsager said he thought the many strange observations had to do with a lengthy and unusually strong depression, and with large temperature differences between various atmospheric layers.

"Such conditions are known to sometimes create strange light phenomena which may give the viewer an impression of an object in motion," he said.

Neither the failure of military authorities to confirm any of the sightings nor the theories put forward by meteorolo-

gists have done much to convince Greenlanders that they are just witnessing some unusual atmospheric phenomena.

There is no count of the observations reported. But since New Year's the newspaper Groenlands-Posten has been carrying a regular flow of reports, often filed by many people observing the same thing at the same time.

The observations range from a twin flying object to an oval vehicle with lighted portholes. Teachers and students at a high school reported watching two objects scanning the sea, the fjords and the high school with strong searchlights.

More than 100 people, some of them with binoculars, watched a luminescent object hovering over another area, moving up and down and changing into the shape of a blue cigar as it disappeared at high speed.

Wondering what they saw falling from the sky

By George Anastasia
Inquirer Staff Writer

Leo Manco wanted to make it clear that he was "absolutely not a believer" in flying saucers, other UFOs or extraterrestrial beings.

"But I'm a good observer," the New Jersey banker said yesterday. "I have good eyesight, and there very obviously was something up there."

"Up there" was in the sky over Marlton, N. J., where Manco, on his way home from work Wednesday night at around 5:45 p.m., saw a "brilliant flash of green light."

At about the same time, two airplane pilots reported a similar sighting to the New York office of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Both pilots reported seeing a "comet-like" streak in the sky west of Atlantic City near Pomona, N. J., about 40 miles from Marlton.

Checks with various government agencies yesterday, including the FAA, NASA and the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD), shed little light on the cause of the brilliant flash in the sky.

"All we have is the reports from

the two pilots," said a spokesman for the FAA office in New York. "We've checked our records, and there wasn't anything spotted on our radar at that time."

NASA officials in Washington said they had no reports, and they discounted speculation that some debris from an old space flight might have been returning to earth.

At NORAD in Colorado Springs, Colo., where government radar tracking for air defense is coordinated, a spokesman said that checks with radar operated by the defense

center indicated that "no man-made object entered the area at that time."

The pilots who reported the sighting, one operating an Eastern Airlines flight and other a private Lear jet, could not be reached for comment.

"They might have seen a flash in the sky or something," said Maj. Robert Tracy of NORAD. "We can't explain it."

Neither can Manco.

"I don't think it was a meteor," he said from his office in Mount Holly,

N. J. "I've seen meteors before, and they are nearly always white. This was definitely green."

Manco said he was traveling south on Church Road in Marlton approaching the intersection of Route 70 when he looked in the sky ahead and saw the flash.

"It lasted about a second," he said "I would say it was heading west, northwest, almost directly in line with Route 70 toward Philadelphia."

Manco said it was difficult to estimate how large the object was, but said it shone brilliantly, then faded quickly, as if it were passing through the atmosphere.

"It was probably a piece of satellite debris," he said. "I'm just glad somebody else saw. ... Sometimes your eyes can fool you, but I definitely saw something up there."

"But nobody," he added quickly, "is ever going to tell me it was anything from outer space. I'm just not a believer in flying saucers."

MINOCQUA (WIS.) LAKE LAND TIMES

FEB - 7 - 1980

Report UFO's

in Lincoln Co.

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department in Merrill received three reports of unidentified flying objects on Sunday, Feb. 3.

The first was spotted at 5:10 p.m. near the Gleason area. The witness said the UFO was shaped like a yardstick and was orange-red in color.

The second reported sighting was at 8:20 p.m. east of Tomahawk near the Kings Dam. The witness said the UFO was round in shape, red and blue in color, and moved slowly above the treetops.

The third, reported at 8:30 p.m., was bright red in color and reportedly was seen moving above the treetops near Kings Dam, east of Tomahawk.

RHINELANDER (WIS) NEWS

FEB - 4 - 1980

Three sight UFOs

MERRILL — The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department received three reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the area Sunday night.

Officers say the first was spotted at 5:10 p.m. near the Gleason area. The witness said the UFO was shaped like a yardstick and was orange-red in color.

The second reported sighting was at 8:20 p.m. east of Tomahawk near the Kings Dam. The witness told authorities the UFO was round in shape, red and blue in color, and moved slowly above the treetops.

The third, reported at 8:30 p.m., was bright red in color and reportedly was seen moving above the treetops near Kings Dam, east of Tomahawk.

THE SACRAMENTO BEE
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FEB-8-1980

NORFOLK (NEBR) NEWS
FEB-4-1980

What UFOs Are

STUART — In regard to the rash of UFOs sighted by so many recently in the Midwest: Mrs. Veronica Lueken of Our Lady of the Roses Shrine in Bayside, N.Y. — who says the Blessed Virgin appears to her — says the UFOs are real. They are vehicles of Satan.

Does anyone have a better answer?
MRS. S.E. TIMMERMANS

Spangled Sky

8 In Nevada County See UFOs Of Many Colors

Special to The Bee

NEVADA CITY — Mysterious multicolored flying objects in the sky have been reported seen by eight persons who live on two different ridges northeast of Nevada City near the South Yuba River.

All eight persons described the UFO's as red and white lights, along with blue lights at times, that hovered, then moved quickly across the sky. They said the lights were from 1,000 to 2,000 feet above the ground.

The first sighting, Jan. 22, was reported by Richard and Lori Hewitt of North Bloomfield Road who said they viewed a circle of lights, red, white and blue, "in a horizontal pattern and definitely the bottom side of the object."

A Vietnam veteran, Hewitt said he's seen all kinds of aircraft, but that this flying object resembled none he could recognize. "The lights were at least 20 times brighter than any of the stars," he said.

Hewitt, who said he and his wife watched the UFO for five to seven minutes, said he heard "a jet-like sound, but very quiet. It could have been from the air the thing was pushing."

Officials at Beale Air Force Base said no unusual flight activity had originated at the base and could offer no explanation of what may have been seen in the skies over Nevada County.

The second sightings, Sunday night, were reported by six persons; two couples who live about a half mile from the Hewitts and two other persons from another ridgetop.

Michael Giacomini, who lives on Cement Hill, said he saw a white light which was followed by a pulsing red light. "They were both above me," he said. "One seemed to be on each side of the road." Then, he said, the two lights were joined by a blue light and they formed a triangle. "They did a spin at one point, and then the blue light disappeared," he added.

The red and white lights also were seen by Patrick Czarnowski, who described them as "brighter than light. They seemed to revolve around each other," he said. "They didn't seem to be propelled by anything or affected by gravity."

Across the canyon, Dave and Pam Butler and Ed and Pam Vaughn witnessed the same display. Butler said the two lights were moving west together, the white light stopped and the red one continued out of his sight to the west. A few minutes later, he said, the red light returned, joined the white light and they disappeared to the east.

Vaughn gave the same description and said, "I guess it could have been an airplane or helicopter but I doubt it. They were doing some really weird stuff."

Those who saw the aerial display said they were sure the objects were not ordinary aircraft.

"I've grown up believing that we're not the only people around; I'm convinced now," said Hewitt. "I'm a believer now," put in Giacomini.

TORONTO SUN
ONT, CAN.
FEB-3-1980

Driver's now a a saucer believer

BARRIE — (Special) — Bob Hope doesn't consider himself a "UFO nut" but he has become a strong believer after seeing a large, saucer-shaped object hovering over a hydro line in the night skies near here.

Hope, 35, and no relation to the Hollywood one, says he was returning to his Barrie home from his map-making Toronto job when he first noticed a strange bright white light over Highway 400 near the Aurora Sideroad.

There was other traffic on Highway 400, but he was apparently the only motorist puzzled enough by the unusual light to pull over for a closer look at the light, he says of the sighting Thursday.

"I know it wasn't an airplane or helicopter. In fact, what I saw couldn't be considered as anything man-made, as far as I'm concerned." He watched it for four minutes.

"Then it just seemed to move up a bit and left in a straight line. There was no noise."

Hope now wants to know if anyone else saw the strange light at 6:15 p.m.

Times and News publisher says he ^{FRONT PAGE} now believes in UFO's-he saw one

Times & News Publisher Buddy Preuss says he is now among those who believe in Unidentified Flying Objects -- because he saw one.

"My wife and I were driving back from Austin late Wednesday night when we spotted what appeared to be 2 UFO's flying in formation as we were driving a few miles west of the Paige intersection on Highway 290," said Preuss.

"My wife was looking out her window on the passenger side and saw the UFO's coming from the south, but I didn't spot them until they came across the southeastern sky where I could see them through the windshield," said Preuss.

"When I yelled to my wife to look at the lighted objects, she said she had been watching them for 8 or 10 seconds but was so startled and intrigued by what she saw that she couldn't even think about telling me," Preuss commented.

"We then both watched the UFO's as they sped across the sky and then suddenly the two lights on the objects went out as they were straight ahead of us in the eastern sky," he said.

"I've watched a lot of jets and fighter planes as they sped through the sky," said Preuss, "but I've never seen any plane that could travel that fast."

"I estimated the speed of those objects to be anywhere from 10,000 to 20,000 miles per hour because it only took a few seconds for them to get from the southern sky to almost directly east before the lights dimmed and went out," he said.

"There are two things that I'm sure of," said Preuss. "And that's that the flying objects weren't falling stars or jet planes. They were moving too fast and too straight across the sky in formation to be either."

Preuss said he was especially glad that his wife was along to see the UFO's because he has always wanted to see one but was glad to have a witness to the event so no one would think he had been drinking or had lost his mind.

"I guess most of us are skeptical about things which we don't understand or can't be easily explained," said

Preuss, "and this is something that I definitely can't explain. I feel it was a UFO and was traveling much faster than any type of aircraft that any nation claims to have developed."

Another Giddings man also reported seeing some UFO's flying west of the Paige highway intersection more than a year ago while he was driving towards Bastrop.

Publisher Preuss said that if the UFO's were actually some type of flying saucers from another planet, he wondered if the beings flying these space craft might not be attracted to the Giddings area by all the flaring oil and gas wells.

"I'll bet that even from outer space or high in the earth's atmosphere that all those flaring gas wells might be quite a sight. And they certainly could attract enough attention to get some UFO's coming down for a closer look.

"This is of course just speculation on my part," concluded Preuss.

PELICAN RAPIDS MINN.
PRESS
FEB 7 1980

Being followed by UFO was "kind of scary", couple reports

Just sighting a UFO would be excitement enough for most, but to be followed by one for several miles was more than exciting: "It was kind of scary," confessed Lori Dorn.

The unidentified object was first sighted by Dorn's husband, Darrell, on Thursday evening, as he left the Ron Drayton farm east of Pelican Rapids. When he turned west on Highway 108 to his farm home in Lida Township, the object followed him, adjusting its speed to the speed of Dorn's vehicle.

At the Dorn home, the UFO appeared to be hovering about 400 yards above and off to one side. Dorn kept his eyes on it as he walked backwards to the house. The UFO was described by Mrs. Dorn as being triangular in shape, with concave sides and one squared-off end. It appeared to emit a white light from the top and a reddish light below.

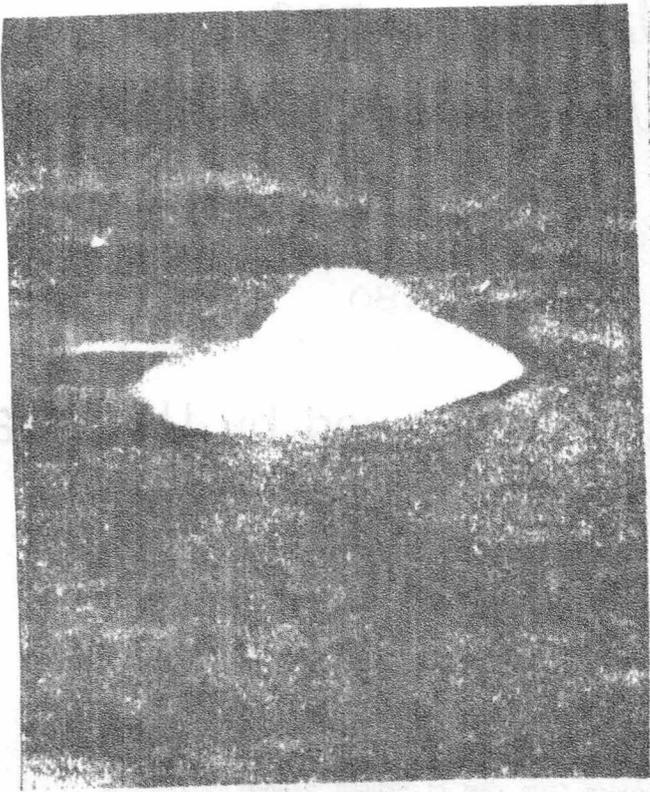
When the Dorn's left the farm to go to Fergus Falls, the object again followed. It disappeared behind some store buildings as they reached Pelican Rapids and turned south on Highway 59, but appeared again as they continued southward.

Near Erhard, Dorn stopped. The UFO also stopped, then appeared to move closer, passing right over their vehicle before quickly moving away.

The couple continued to watch it as it moved along the east side of Highway 59 before it finally disappeared near Elizabeth. They reported the sighting to

the Otter Tail County Sheriff's office that evening, but it was the only report filed.

The night before, a similar object was seen by Rhonda Drayton, 13, and she ran into the barn to tell others about it. No one went out to look, though. An unusual white light has appeared near the farm several times this winter. The light has never moved during the times the Draytons have watched it.



Flying saucers spice of life for local writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: The writer of this story about flying saucers and extraterrestrial phenomena is a firm believer that many such spacecraft from outer space have landed in this area. He claims he has seen many flying saucers and is in mental contact with them. He realizes that many non-believers view him as a crackpot, but he remains convinced that he is right about flying saucers.

By **BOB KUEHN**

Flying saucers, thousands of them, visit earth from many planets within the galaxy. The smaller saucer-shaped scout ships, 15 to 300 feet in diameter, function only within a planet's gravitational field and are transported across space in huge cigar-shaped carrier ships, one to ten miles in length. They hang in orbit thousands of miles above the earth. You

are curious and might want to meet new friends so they plop down. Most who will read this story will recognize me as the person who calls in to radio talk shows, including KFIZ's Contact Show, hosted by Ron Harvey. In the spring of 1974 I tried an experiment over radio station WNAM, Neenah. I told the announcer, Bill Day, that if he would stop broadcasting for one minute I would ask an alien being from a UFO to send a signal through the radio station. He advertised the stunt for two weeks prior to the experiment. Then on April 12 he counted down from 10 to 1 and stopped broadcasting for 60 seconds. An oscillating, high-pitched signal was promptly picked up by all listeners. Many of them tape recorded it. It was played over the

might say they are docked with their body of scout ships.

- The little scout ships (saucers) are launched from the carriers. They operate on reverse magnetism and must return to the carriers to be recharged. Sometimes they tap our power lines or high tension wires in an emergency if they run low on power.
- I believe the photograph that is included with this story is a saucer that ran out of power and landed on a pond near Farmersville in Dodge County. It was taken in December of 1977 at 8 p.m. by a free lance photographer from Fond du Lac.
- (When contacted by The Reporter, the photographer asked that his name not be used. He said he took the photo from about 50 feet away and never went any closer. He said he did not really know what it was.)
- These crafts give off heat emissions and you can see snow melting, indicated by the dark patches next to the object. The reason so many flying saucers appear distorted and grainy in photographs is because of the heat waves they give off.
- The object was about three feet in diameter and 2 1/2 feet high in the center.
- If the saucer was down because of low power, this is what might have happened: another scout ship was radioed and found it by a beacon system. After it went close enough, it then transferred power through the air to the grounded saucer and recharged it, just as scientists today are trying to send power through the air.
- I myself once saw a saucer latch onto another saucer that was low on power in mid-air over Lomira. They merged into an orange ball of light which did a 180-degree turn and flew north.
- You might ask, "How come I was the only one to see it?" I wasn't. Someone was with me and does not want to talk about it.
- You might ask, "Have there ever been other landings in this area?" Yes. I could fill up this entire newspaper about landed saucers in this area. Of course, they land in other places throughout the world also.
- I was responsible for the story in The Reporter some years back about the landing on the Ziegelbauer farm at Johnsburg. In that incident, the space men (two, I believe) got out of the saucer and walked in an alfalfa field. They do not always land because of low power, but some

Channel 2 evening news that evening. I believe there is no other explanation other than a bonafide signal from a UFO. I still have a tape of it.

A short time before that, I tried the same experiment on radio station WLKE, Waupun. All was quiet for one minute, and the announcer, Don Sabotke, played his own version of what he thought a person from space might sound like. The experiment supposedly had failed.

I say "supposedly" because a woman from Markesan showed up at the studio proclaiming that during the one-minute break a strange voice came through her radio. She could not understand it, but it was so loud her son heard it outside through an open window.

After that, an electric clock in her house started to run backwards.

She also told me when I went to visit her that a saucer as big as a chicken coop hovered in back of her house several weeks later. She had always been interested in my talks on the radio and I do believe they gave extra attention to her.

But that is not all. The night after the broadcast a neighbor of Don Sabotke called him and told him a red and green light was hovering above his house. Before he could get outside to see them, they sped off like two bullets.

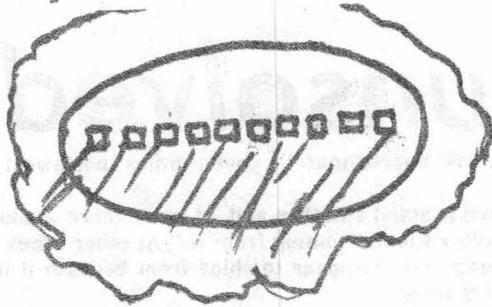
I never had any luck (contacting alien ships) on KFIZ, but Ron Harvey has given them a standing invitation to break in anytime. Ron puts them on, so I think they put him on too.

A question I'm often asked is why I see so many flying saucers. In reality, I've seen about 12 that I was sure of; and I've had about six witnesses with me on some of the sightings.

I do, however, admit to be in mental contact with alien beings and believe they will play a very important role in some very strange and complex times ahead.

Keep watching. You might see one, too.

Eyewitness drawing



By SONNI SAMPSON

OVID — Scott Knittle says if he ever sees a bright orange light in his bedroom again he's going to dive under his blankets.

The 11-year-old and his mother, Beverly Cowan, appear to be the only ones who had a close look at an Unidentified Flying Object seen here by many local residents Monday night.

Around 9:45 p.m., "I was just laying in my bed and then this light came through my window and made everything orange," said Knittle.

At first, he thought it was moonlight. But, when he took a closer look "there was this oval shaped thing with about 10 windows straight across it" hovering over the field in back of his home on Route 96, said Knittle.

It was then he called his mother. When she entered the bedroom, Mrs. Cowan said, "The room had an orange cast. . . and I went over to the window and this thing was up in the air" about 30 feet high and 150 feet away.

The object, she said, was "egg shaped" and about 5 feet wide.

"I've never seen anything like it," she added. "It was just a big bright orange blob."

Seconds later, said Mrs. Cowan, the object shot straight up in the air, heading north toward Auburn, and exploded.

"I thought at first it was an airplane crash, but there wasn't any noise and there wasn't a fire or flames or anything," she said.

"It was just like someone turned a light switch off and it was dark again. . . except, there was like a little red blinking light that came from it after it blew up and I just watched that until it disappeared."

After calling several relatives for help, including her husband, Art, who had been called to fight a fire with the Ovid Fire Department, Mrs. Cowan said she discovered her son's eyes were bloodshot.

Others in the area, like Myrtie Bullivant, also saw the object. She said she and her husband, Fred, watched it for about four minutes from the

porch of their Orchard Street home.

"It looked like a round, reddish-gold ball almost orange color. . . and it must have been on fire whatever it was because we could see smoke swirling over the top of it," she said.

Although Mrs. Bullivant said she hasn't figured out what the object was, there's one possibility she's ruled out. "It wasn't anything like. . . a flying saucer by any means," she said.

A UFO or something flies over Ovid

Shirley Derleth was sitting in the living room of her home near Boyce's four corners when she said she spotted what looked like "this big orange ball hovering in the sky." She added that she watched it fade away, until a "little light appeared and then moved away and disappeared."

The experience, said Mrs. Derleth, "really scared me half to death because I didn't know what it was. . . and I still don't."

The reason David Kaiser of Route 96 said he noticed the object was because "the houses in the

area were all lit up in an orange color." The object, he added, "looked like a big flare" and was "really huge."

Most who spotted the object were reluctant to discuss the sighting because they said they feared public ridicule.

The area was searched by Seneca County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Favreau when Cowan reported the incident that night. Nothing was found, he said, but "I believe they (Scott and his mother) saw something. . . it's just one of those unexplained things."

U.S. Coast Guard personnel at the LORAN-C navigational tower didn't detect any electrical disturbance in the area that night, said Robert Zemanek, public affairs director at the Seneca Army Depot. There were no tests being conducted and "no one here saw anything," he added.

But, there's one man who has heard of several cases like this one. Bob Barrow, a field investigator with the Area Phenomenon Research Organization in Syracuse, said he's looked into hundreds of sightings in the central New York area.

An egg shaped object, he said, is "quite a predominant shape in UFO sighting history." A disc-shaped object is the most prevalent and the egg-shaped the next most common, he added.

Windows in the objects, explosions with or without noise and bright blinking lights appearing after the explosions, are reported frequently, said Barrow. Red or orange glows coming from the objects are also common, he added.

"In many cases where there seem to be bright lights involved you will find that someone will get bloodshot or a burning sensation in their eyes," said Barrow. "It's almost as if they'd been affected by ultra violet light."

It is also quite common that nothing is found at the scene of a sighting, he said. "Frequently there's not a trace of debris or anything," he added.

"It's just bizarre, the whole phenomenon is bizarre."

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UFO remains unsolved

On recent nights, three unusually bright lights have been visible in eastern and western portions of Calhoun County skies. They have been identified as the planets Mars, Venus and Jupiter.

Last week, a fourth bright light—that made an unusual sound and moved from northeast to southwest—was also seen in local skies. It has not been identified and, the Coast Guard claims no knowledge of it, although the sighting was confirmed by several witnesses.

Those reporting the odd glow they saw Thursday between 9-10 p.m. were men working on Powder Horn Ranch where a new well is being drilled just off FM Road 1289, known locally as the Port O'Connor Cutoff. It was first seen at a gatehouse to the operation that fronts the road shortly before it intersects Hwy 185 about midway between Port O'Connor and Seadrift.

"Most peculiar thing I've ever seen," reported T.F. "Bob" Milligan of Seadrift, gate guard, when asked about the sighting. "It didn't look or sound like a helicopter—it was just a big glow hovering over those trees." He pointed to a small mott on the ranch northwest of Port O'Connor.

"It was clear then, the fog didn't move in until later, and the light just kept rising real slow, moved up high and then drifted slowly northwest toward the (Union) Carbide plant.

(The plant is approximately seven miles northwest of Seadrift.)

"It seemed to stand still then and, at times there would be different colored lights coming from it." At other times, he noted, a beam would appear to shine from beneath it in a searchlight manner.

"I've been around a long time and I've never seen anything like that in my whole life," concluded the 75-year-old, who has acted as gate guard for the ranch off and on for the past five years.

He said the object made a sound as it moved overhead that "sounded like a motor operating real fast," even though the light appeared to be moving at a very slow rate of speed.

During the time it was visible—estimated at 35-40 minutes—the light was also seen by at least a dozen other employees and visitors, according to Milligan. Among them were C.H. Smith of Smith Electric Company in Port Lavaca and his two sons.

Smith, in an interview, noted the light was already in the sky when he and his sons happened upon the scene. He confirmed its movement, adding that the Citizen Band radios the men were using at the time were clear of interference before it passed overhead, became garbled during its pass, and cleared again as it drifted away.

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Woman says she saw object in western sky

A woman who lives near the North Rim addition of Redmond said she watched a bright light in the western sky the same night that Don and Edith Winters claimed they saw an unidentified flying object.

The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, contacted *The Spokesman* after she read the Winters' account in the Feb. 13 paper.

Winters said he saw an object overhead while he was standing in his back yard at about 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 5. His wife reported

watching it from a window. The couple lives at 8367 S. Highway 97.

Winters said the object "looked like a big wheel that had a stripe down the center of it that wiggled back and forth with lots of colors coming from it."

The couple said they watched the "drifting" bright object until it disappeared in the west near the Three Sisters.

The North Redmond woman said she spotted an object to the west about 8:20 p.m. on Feb. 5.

She said the bottom part was pinkish-red and the upper part was yellow, but at times it appeared the whole thing was blue.

"It wasn't an airplane and it wasn't a star. It was a brighter light than normal," she said. "I watched it with my binoculars. It

got fainter and then it got brighter.

"I called my kids to the window to watch it and when I looked up again it was gone."

She said the object went out of sight south of Black Butte.

"I knew it was a UFO," she said. "There was no question in my mind.

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UFOs Spark Flurry Of LV Phone Calls

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Two UFOs hovering in the eastern skies over Las Vegas sparked a number of concerned phone calls to local newspapers and radio stations Wednesday night.

"It's the strangest thing you ever saw," said one caller, who swore he was sober. "There are two bright lights hovering right near the moon, and they keep changing colors."

The lights were still visible in the early morning hours Thursday.

"I don't know what it could be," said another Las Vegas. "But they're definitely not stars...and I called the Air Force, and they didn't have any explanations either."

Were UFOs hovering over us last night?

FRONT PAGE

By GENE WARNER

Just what was that blob of orange and yellow lights that hovered over the Binghamton Plaza about 8:15 last night before flying off in space?

That's what about 10 people frantically wondered today, as they tried to convince their friends and relatives that they weren't out on a week-night bender when they reported... well... you'd have to consider it a flying object that has yet to be identified.

"It was really kooky," said Daniel Polhamus of Port Crane. "I wish I was drunk, so I could explain it that way."

Gary Slocum, of Sunrise Terrace, said, "I'm a believer now in strange objects. I don't necessarily say there are little green men up there, but I think I know what I saw. These things appeared saucer-like, oval-shaped."

In a scene that had to happen sometime in Rod Serling's hometown, observers said they saw anywhere from two to about 10 orange-yellow lights flying in formation, then converging and almost bumping into each other.

The whatever-it-was then floated noiselessly above the plaza, some said. "There was four lights just sitting there in the sky for about five minutes," Polhamus said. Then they headed north, he said.

Slocum had a different version. "There were about 10 saucer-like, orangish-colored objects moving across the sky, sometimes in unison and sometimes not." They seemed about as far away and about the same size as stars, Slocum said.

What could it have been?
A bird?

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Only if the bird came equipped with lights and batteries.

A plane (or planes)?

Sounds like a good theory. "I thought I saw two planes," said Vivian Arquette of Hillcrest. "It's funny that they would come side-by-side together. Then the plane on the left stopped, perfectly still in the air. I thought, 'How could a plane stop?'"

Arquette then dashed the plane theory: "It couldn't be a plane and stand still. It couldn't be a helicopter and not make noise."

She and others said they saw a real plane that apparently passed near the lights, just missing them.

Arquette mentioned another theory: "One person thought they could be balloons filled with helium, but how could they come and line up like that?"

No authorities could clear up the mystery this morning. A spokesman at the Broome County air traffic control tower said the night crew reported getting a few calls, but saw nothing unusual on radar.

How about the unthinkable? Was it a UFO?

"Some lady said, 'Hey, it must be from outer space,'" Arquette said. "I kind of hesitated even calling you because some people think it's your imagination. No, this wasn't my imagination."

Polhamus said, "My feeling about UFOs is that they're a phenomenon of nature, a quirk, like a re-

UFOs sighted in area

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Two sightings of unidentified lights were reported to the Waseca County Sheriff's Office Friday night.

Bruce Howard said he saw a "real bright light" about 500 feet off the ground around 8 p.m. Friday. Howard said he and his brother and two children saw the light about 1½ miles west of Otisco.

Howard said the light changed from yellow to red to green and kept moving west. He said he followed the light beyond Silver Lake.

Howard said he saw a light of the same colors Saturday night that was

even farther west. He was unable to explain what it might have been.

Lowell Kohnert also reported that his family saw a strange light Friday night.

Mrs. Lowell Kohnert said that Debbie Cooper was on her way to the Kohnert house 3½ miles northwest of Waseca Friday night when a light followed her along a gravel road. Mrs. Kohnert said her family saw a red light close to the ground in the west. She said it turned yellow as it rose in the sky.

Cooper is in Minneapolis and could not be contacted today.

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lection off a jet or off a river. But last night's thing... there were just four lights, dull yellowish-orange. There was no shape."

Polhamus said if the lights just had disappeared, he would have thought them just a reflection. But seeing them fly off killed that theory.

For every person who dares breathe a suggestion about UFOs, there is a scientist looking for a rational explanation.

From the somewhat contradictory description he was given over the phone, Robert Aguglia, curator of the Kopernik Observatory, mentioned the possibility of a satellite whose large, flat surface reflected light. Such a satellite's motion would appear erratic to the untrained eye, he said.

Aguglia also said that if the light were more diffused, it could have been an aurora, a display of the northern lights.

The Rev. Barry Downing, an Endwell author of a book on UFOs and religion, said of such long-distance lights, "These might be genuine UFOs. But the chances of identifying them are so remote, it's the least useful type of sighting."

Arquette had another observation, culled from reading about UFOs: "I had in my mind that they'd be faster than that. And I never imagined they would be over the city like that. I thought they would be out in the country."

Sounds like some people thought they saw a UFO last night.

UFO Spotted, Followed To Prattville

An object described as "one large, bright light" amid "intermittent flashes" of red and blue was seen hovering near Maxwell Air Force Base in the early morning hours of Monday, according to four witnesses.

The object described was observed until it went off radar near the Prattville airport. Prattville officials at the airport said that the object was sighted between 2 and 2:30 a.m. Mon-

day and landed about one mile south of the field here.

The spokesman said the approach lights were on at the airport during the times of the sighting, but no one was at the airport and the landing was reported by Maxwell radar.

Base Security Sgt. James Hall said that beginning about 11:40 p.m. Sunday until about 1:45 a.m. Monday, the object was moving "kind of erratical-

ly" in the sky just to the north of the base.

"I wanted to be sure it wasn't an airplane so I listened for sounds," he said.

He added that there were no sounds, and the object was bobbing up and down diagonally, east to west. At times, the movement was slow, they said, at other times it was rapid.

"We observed it at one point in the sky, then we went about our business, and then we looked up again and it was in a different location."

At that same time, Maxwell Flight Control (radar) was manned by John Bolender who said witnesses first called around midnight. "Between 3 and 2:30 a.m. I observed a target about two miles west of Maxwell moving northwest toward the Prattville airport.

"Then I watched it as far as about

one mile south of the Prattville airport and lost radar contact," he said.

Bolender said the object he saw on radar was "slow moving," traveling at about 115 miles an hour. He described the movement as "what a helicopter would look like on radar," adding that he had no other "targets" between the times the witnesses say they observed the object.

The sighting Sunday night follows exactly the descriptions given by several Prattville residents recently along with those from Autaugaville, Old Kingston and other points

The movements coincide with the Maxwell report as does the reports here that no sound was heard. The movements are always a little different, with one local report of the object "hovering over my house for two hours, lighting up the whole house."

UFO SPOTTED AT LEE CITY BY 5 PERSONS

The Jackson Times

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The five bank employees were reluctant to give out the story. They were afraid people would laugh and disbelieve the story. None of them attempted to explain the object they saw except to say that they were sure it was no helicopter, airplane or balloon. They didn't know what it was. "I'm still scared," one witness said.

Couple reports sighting of UFO in night sky over S. Highway 97

By DAVE STAVE
Staff Writer

Don Winters is convinced.

"I would say it was a flying saucer," Winters said after he spotted a wheel-like object flying over his home at 8367 S. Highway 97 Thursday night. "It drifted on toward the mountains and it disappeared like it was going to land."

Winters said he had taken his small dog, Lady, for a stroll in the back yard after 9:30 p.m. He and the dog spotted the object above them.

"It looked like a big wheel that was spinning around. It had a stripe down the center of it that wiggled back and forth with lots of colors coming from it (the stripe)," he said.

The object drifted west toward the Three Sisters mountains, Winters said.

He returned to the house and told his wife, Edith, who said she watched the object from a window.

"I was fascinated by the colors," Mrs. Winters said. "It was so very beautiful."

She concurred with her husband that the colors were coming from a wiggling stripe.

"There were lights coming from it — reds, oranges, yellows and other colors. It was very brilliantly lit up," she said.

"That wasn't a plane that I saw. I can't tell you what it was. Don was excited about it. Even my little dog stood out there watching it.

"It got smaller as it went west," she said.

The couple said they watched the object for about 15 minutes.

A few of the Winters' neighbors were interviewed Friday by *The Spokesman* but none reported seeing anything unusual in the sky.

A woman who lives across Highway 97 and has a living room window that faces west said her drapes were pulled during the time of the reported sighting.

A neighbor to the south said he and his wife were watching television Thursday night and saw nothing unusual through their sliding glass door which faces west.

Dean McKay, owner of the Bell Air Motel and Riding Stables on Highway 97, said he was in bed prior to working the midnight shift for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

He said he would have enjoyed seeing the object.

"I've done some reading about that (unidentified flying objects)," he said. "A drifting UFO is a little unusual. Generally they will move quite quickly as they go."

McKay said there have been several sightings in the Lake Billy Chinook area of Jefferson County.

Mike Hammer of the Federal Aviation Administration at Roberts Field said there were no reports of sightings Thursday night.

He was not aware of any low-flying aircraft in the area of S. Highway 97 at that time.

The FAA's weather-reporting service reported a southwesterly wind of about 5 mph at 10 p.m. Thursday.

A spokesman for the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle said there were no sightings reported that night in Central Oregon.

When given the description of the object, the spokesman said he had not heard "that kind of description for a long, long time."

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Bright Light Is Sighted By Dairy Employee

A Babcock Dairy employee sighted a UFO Monday evening and called Columbia City police to observe the phenomenon.

Ernie Coy said he watched a bright light in the sky.

"It was about straight up, a little south of Columbia City. It looked like an airplane with its landing lights on, but it moved away from us," he claims. "It took it about two hours to move across the sky and disappear over the horizon. Sometimes it seemed to move back and forth."

Officer Jim Acres and Deputy Sheriff Delmar Wagoner went to the scene about 9 p.m.

"We watched it for a total of about half an hour," he said. "It was a bright light moving from east to west across the sky. I watched it until it disappeared over the west horizon."

"Wagoner and I think it was a satellite. John North (dispatcher) was going to call the state police and have them check with the Federal Aviation Administration to see if there are satellites in the area, but we haven't heard anything."

There have been several UFO sightings lately, including one near the Leesburg Road last week and many in Allen county.

'Large, Bright' UFO Seen Near Base

An unidentified flying object was reported hovering near Maxwell Air Force Base around midnight Sunday by a base security guard and three other observers.

Security Sgt. James Hall and other persons described the object as "one large, bright light" with flashes of red and blue.

Hall said he first saw the light around 11:40 p.m. Sunday and it remained visible until around 1:45 a.m. Monday.

The light was moving "kind of erratically" in the sky north of the base, Hall said.

He said he listened for sounds, ex-

plaining, "I wanted to be sure it wasn't an airplane." He said there were no sounds.

The light was bobbing up and down diagonally, east to west, he said.

At times it was slow and at other times fast, Hall added.

John Bolender of Maxwell Flight Control was manning the radar screen at the time. He began getting phone calls from people who said they had spotted the light.

"When they first called, I had just gotten on duty at 12 (midnight). Between 2 and 2:30 I observed a target about two miles west of Maxwell

moving northwest toward the Prattville Airport (on the radar screen).

"Then I watched it as far as about one mile south of the (Prattville) airport, and then I lost radar contact."

Bolender described the movement on the radar screen as about 115 mph, "what a helicopter would look like on radar."

Approach lights were on at the Prattville Airport, but nobody was there to confirm a sighting, an airport spokesman said.

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UFO really was power outage

By Andre Stepankowsky
The Daily News

Mysterious blue lights and humming sounds fancied as some unknown force actually were the flashes of a power outage that kept Beacon Hill in the dark early Tuesday.

As he drove south on West Side Highway from Nevada Drive, Larry Powell of Longview noted bright blue lights flashing near the rear of his van. Thinking it was a patrol officer, he pulled over, stuck his head out the window and saw . . . nothing. No cars, no lights, zilch.

"They were extremely bright lights and they lighted up the inside of my van," Powell, who was on his way to jog, said this morning.

When asked what he thought it was, he replied, "What do you think it was?"

Gladys Carter, who lives on North Ammons Drive, said she and her husband heard a powerful humming sound. It sounded as if something was going to blow up, she said. But she didn't see anything.

"You could really feel the compression buildup."

Powell made a connection between the outage and "alien" phenomena. "There have been power outages where UFOs have been spotted," said Powell, who believes in extraterrestrial life.

Powell was a lot closer to the truth than he realized.

Ray Nelson, assistant supervisor at the Cowlitz PUD, said that what Powell and many other people saw was a flash caused by faulty sectionalizer when a shorted transformer caused a power outage in Beacon Hill at 5:10 a.m. Tuesday.

He said that the sectionalizer channeled 7,200 volts of power back to the PUD's Shawnee substation in Kelso. That caused a short and a big flash.

"My wife saw a heck of a flash," he said. "Something like that would light up the whole area. The guy (Powell) definitely did see a flash."

As for the humming noise, Nelson said Mrs. Carter probably heard the explosion from the flash.

But Powell said he didn't hear any noise accompany the lights.

MILWAUKEE (WIS.) JOURNAL MAR. 8 1980

Welcoming throng shunned by Jovians

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil —AP— About 50,000 Brazilians hoping for a close encounter with a space ship from Jupiter jammed together on a farm near Rio Saturday, only to have their expectations dashed when the predicted dawn arrival time came and went without a sign of Jovian visitors.

Word of the visit had been hot news in this nation of 120 million since last weekend when a Brazilian farmer told a national television audience he had learned by telepathy that the space ship from Jupiter would be landing on his farm early Saturday.

That news brought tens of thousands to the farm, about 75 miles east of Rio near the town of Casimiro de Abreu. They kept watch through the night, many sitting in cars and others sprawled across the rolling valley ringed by mountains.

Temperatures hovered around 70 degrees as dawn broke and the arrival time passed with the sun the only visible orb in the sky.



Jovian no-shows disappointed a crowd in Casimiro de Abreu

Edilicio Barbosa, the farmer and long-time UFO aficionado who first announced the coming was no where

to be seen after the Jovian fiasco. Authorities said they did not know where he was.

Interviewed on one of the nation's most popular TV talk shows last Sunday, Barbosa said the people from Jupiter were coming to return a Brazilian helicopter pilot snatched in 1976 by the crew of an earlier probe from Jupiter. Indeed, a chopper pilot disappeared mysteriously on a flight off Brazil's Atlantic coast in that year.

Cello Sarzeda, the mayor of Casimiro de Abreu, banned the sale of alcoholic beverages to prevent possible disturbances by disappointed UFO watchers if the visitors failed to show up.

RHINELANDER (WIS.) NEWS
FEB 4 1980

Three sight UFOs

MERRILL — The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department received three reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the area Sunday night.

Officers say the first was spotted at 5:10 p.m. near the Gleason area. The witness said the UFO was shaped like a yardstick and was orange-red in color.

The second reported sighting was at 8:20 p.m. east of Tomahawk near the Kings Dam. The witness told authorities the UFO was round in shape, red and blue in color, and moved slowly above the treetops.

The third, reported at 8:30 p.m., was bright red in color and reportedly was seen moving above the treetops near Kings Dam, east of Tomahawk.

UFO researchers hope to shed light on lights

By LAUREL REID GRAVETT
and LINDA JANKOWSKI
Of the Courier-Post

Local authorities say they still have no explanation for the strange amber lights sighted by scores of residents and several policemen in the skies over Moorestown and Maple Shade in recent days.

But the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, an international UFO group that is giving the matter serious consideration, has launched a two-man investigation into the sightings.

Field investigator Fred Shaeffer of Clementon said that while some earlier speculations as to the origin of the amber lights have been discounted, the exact cause of the phenomenon has not been determined.

"At this point, the investigation is incomplete," Shaeffer said last night. "I can't say (what it is) and I won't say. There are several theories."

So far, Shaeffer has four possible explanations that could justify the sudden appearance of the amber lights:

- Someone is playing a hoax.
- There are legitimate unidentified flying objects.
- A prankster has been reacting to legitimate sightings last Friday.
- It is a temperature inversion — a combination of warm and cold air that enables light to be reflected from the ground upwards.

Some police officers have theorized that a prankster may be releasing emergency flares attached to helium-filled balloons in order to create the illusion of invaders from outer space.

And, Shaeffer said, if it's a hoax, the prankster should be aware that he not only is breaking Federal Aviation Administration law, but he also has created a potentially hazardous situation.

The balloons, Shaeffer warned, could create serious problems by distracting airline pilots or getting caught in a jet's engines. The result, he said, could be an airline crash or a sudden movement of the plane that could injure passengers.

"There's a tremendous safety factor involved and if this person has any regard for human life, he'll heed what I say," Shaeffer said. "There is a potential for a terrible disaster. The loss of human life could be unbelievable."

Police officers and residents have reported seeing the amber lights hovering above Maple Shade and Moorestown on Friday, Monday and Tuesday nights. Some said there were three lights flying in an orderly, triangular fashion. Other sightings were of five or six lights flying in a "semi-Y formation."

In some cases, witnesses said, the lights disappeared instantly, as if someone had shut them off. Other reports indicate the lights disappeared one by one.

Among the persons who reported seeing the strange lights were some 15 policemen from Moorestown, Maple Shade and Mount Laurel.

A Pennsauken woman, who asked to be identified only as Colleen, said she spotted three orange lights flying in formation as she was in a car heading east on Route 38 in Moorestown on Monday night. The lights were headed west, she said, but suddenly they made an about-face and headed east.

"I don't know what it is," she said. "But it scared me."

She said she watched as the lights suddenly disappeared, leaving a trail of smoke behind them.

A Delran woman said that while driving through Cinnaminson, she and her husband saw four amber lights, and what appeared to be a green light, at a standstill over Delran last Wednesday night — the earliest sighting reported.

She said she first thought it was a helicopter, but then realized it was something she'd never seen before. She said the lights eventually took off in a pattern toward Route 73 and disappeared.

Shaeffer also said a woman called Maple Shade police Monday, saying she and a neighbor saw 12 lights in the Moorestown-Maple Shade area that were drifting slowly in a formation.

Suddenly, the lights dispersed at a phenomenal speed in three different directions, she told Shaeffer. She said she and her neighbor watched them become smaller and smaller until they were invisible.

"If she's accurate in her description, then I'm as much in the dark as when I began," Shaeffer said. "This throws an entirely different light on the situation."

Another woman told Maple Shade police she had seen a man launching six helium balloons with flares or candle-type attachments.

While anything is possible at this point, Shaeffer said some explanations have been ruled out.

For example, those who saw the lights Friday night could not have been watching the Aurora Borealis — the northern lights — because there was a thick cloud cover in the sky. The display of greenish or red lights would not be visible through the clouds, a spokesman for the Fels Planetarium told Shaeffer, and they would not appear as round amber lights.

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In addition, Shaeffer said he initially thought some police officers may have seen lights from an airliner reflecting on the clouds Friday night. He said he discounted that theory when officers reported seeing the lights again — this time with no nearby aircraft to provide the reflecting lights.

Shaeffer, who is investigating the phenomenon with Gerald Miskar of Clementon, said he will continue interviewing eyewitnesses until his report is completed and forwarded to the organization's headquarters in Tucson, Ariz.

Chris Panter, also of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), said UFO investigations usually take quite a bit of time.

Panter said APRO, founded in 1952, has more than 500 volunteer field investigators living in all parts of the world. The investigators are dispatched to check into reports of unusual sightings in their localities and interview the witnesses, she said.

"That's about all you can do," she said. "The UFO doesn't hang around long enough for anyone to pin it down."

Lt. Harry Klatt of the Moorestown police said there is no ongoing investigation of the sightings.

"But we'll check on it if it occurs again," he said.

Klatt added he believes there must be a logical explanation for the sightings.

John Acuff of the Maryland-based National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena Inc. (NICAP) said his group would investigate the Moorestown-Maple Shade sightings if it had the funds.

Acuff said the 23-year-old organization has investigated 20,000 cases, 80 percent of which were found to have logical explanations.

BEAVER PA. TIMES FEB-29-1980

UFO brightens sky again

Aliquippa patrolman Ralph Pastine thought he saw more than just the moon and stars in the dark sky over Beaver County Thursday night.

The policeman, while on patrol in the borough, said he spotted "some sort of object in the sky" over Aliquippa Hospital during the early evening.

He said the multi-colored, bright, unknown object was changing colors. Pastine reported what he saw to the police department, which also got several calls about the mystery object.

Robert Boyde, a Brighton Township resident who is interested in Unidentified Flying Objects, planned to report the information to the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research in Irwin, according to his wife Nancy.

"We haven't had a good finding around here for two years," said Mrs. Boyde. "Last night the phone was going crazy."

A spokesman for the Pennsylvania State Police barracks in Chippewa Township said the department received no reports of UFOs Thursday night.

PERKINS, OKLA JOURNAL
FEB 7 1980

From Here'n There

By Edna Eaton Wilson

Did a UFO pass over Payne County last Friday night?

Around 7:30 or 8:00 p.m. a bright blinking light was seen west of Ingalls.

"If it was a star, it was the only star in sight," spoke Anna Cullers who was one of the first to see the unexplained object.

Opal McKaughan called the Jim Vencles, who went outside and looked; sure enough there was an extremely bright light to the west that appeared to be moving westward.

"There was no sound we could hear," the Vencles said.

All who observed the phenomenon agree that it looked unusual and moved quickly. In a matter of minutes the light disappeared from sight.

COLUMBIA CITY IND. COMMERCIAL MAIL FEB-12-1980

Bright Light Is Sighted By Dairy Employee

A Babcock Dairy employee sighted a UFO Monday evening and called Columbia City police to observe the phenomenon.

Ernie Coy said he watched a bright light in the sky.

"It was about straight up, a little south of Columbia City. It looked like an airplane with its landing lights on, but it moved away from us," he claims. "It took it about two hours to move across the sky and disappear over the horizon. Sometimes it seemed to move back and forth."

Officer Jim Acres and Deputy Sheriff Delmar Wagoner went to the scene about 9 p.m.

"We watched it for a total of about half an hour," he said. "It was a bright light moving from east to west across the sky. I watched it until it disappeared over the west horizon."

"Wagoner and I think it was a satellite. John North (dispatcher) was going to call the state police and have them check with the Federal Aviation Administration to see if there are satellites in the area, but we haven't heard anything."

There have been several UFO sightings lately, including one near the Leesburg Road last week and many in Allen county.

UFO Sightings Continue

Once again, local law enforcement agencies were reporting a wave of callers claiming sightings of unidentified flying objects.

The latest sightings were reported to area police in Lansing, Ithaca, Enfield, Caroline, and Trumansburg on January 23. According to Tompkins County Sheriff's deputies, all of the callers described similar phenomenon over Cayuga Lake late Wednesday. They reported an oblong white object with flashing red lights in the night sky. Some say they also saw green lights, and one caller reported watching the craft land near Caroline. Most of the callers seemed to be sincere and were willing to give their names to the police.

Similar sightings have been discounted by Cornell University astronomers who

attribute the lights to planets. According to George Gull, a Cornell researcher, some planets appear as flashing lights due to clouds and other atmospheric conditions. However, this might not account for one UFO caller who said he watched the UFO through binoculars for some time before he saw it disappear in a very fast, vertical ascent.

MORNING NEWS
WILMINGTON, DEL.

FEB-4-1980

police report

Search fails to identify 'UFO' reported by guard

GEORGETOWN — A security guard at Sussex County Vocational Technical Center off Delaware 9 reported seeing a UFO Saturday night, touching off a search involving state police and a helicopter.

State police spokesman Lt. James R. Neal Jr. said that Dale E. Hare, the 20-year-old security guard at the school near here, called police about 8:38 p.m. and reported seeing an object break apart with part of it

going down next to a wooded area behind the school.

Hare told police that the object looked like a bright white light which changed once to red.

Neal said police searched the area by helicopter for about 45 minutes, thinking an airplane might have gone down. Neal said the searchers found nothing and are calling whatever the guard saw an "atmospheric phenomenon."

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WAUSAU, WIS.

DAILY HERALD FEB 4 1980

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.

LAUREL, DEL.

STATE REGISTER 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."

LIVERMORE CAL.

TRI-VALLEY HERALD

FEB 6 1980

That sky light was a missile

The streaming band of lights that seemed to hang in the sky over Southern Alameda County last night at about 6:30 was not an official unidentified flying object.

It was identified by Vandenberg Air Force Base officials as a missile.

Capt. Rick Vaughn of the Lompoc base said the missile was launched at 6 p.m. and was headed for islands southwest of the base and 1,500 miles out in the Pacific Ocean.

The missile was not actually over South County skies but was much farther west, he said, though it could be seen here.

The lights in the sky aren't stars

by Dennis Stacy

special to the Sunday Express-News

ON Dec. 15 of last year a South Side San Antonio used car dealer, unable to sleep, stepped out into his back yard for a breath of fresh air. What he saw in the sky overhead nearly took his breath away.

Sailing through the night sky was a metallic, dark-gray object shaped like a sting-ray. The car salesman, who is also a licensed pilot, estimated the object was about 1,500 feet above the ground and was traveling at 300 mph.

The man didn't know whether to believe it himself, much less whether others would believe him. But eventually the car dealer got in touch with a group that — if not prepared to accept what the man reported on face value — was at least willing to take him seriously.

The group is MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, a worldwide organization headquartered in the home of an engineer, Walt Andrus Jr. of Seguin. Members of MUFON are willing to endure the slings and arrows of being called kooks so they can investigate as scientifically as possible the phenomenon of UFOs, flying saucers, the possibility that someone is out there, watching.

ON Dec. 17, 1969, the U.S. Air Force closed the cover of Project Blue Book, its official investigation of UFOs.

After 22 years of gathering information on more than 13,000 UFO sightings, the Air Force made a three-fold conclusion: (1) The UFO phenomenon presented no threat to national security; (2) there was insufficient evidence to suggest the presence of an extraterrestrial technology behind the phenomenon, and (3) science would not be advanced by a continuing study of UFOs.

Not everyone was convinced.

Individuals and organizations such as MUFON have continued where the Air Force left off, and while no one has found the utterly convincing evidence that UFOs are some sort of unearthly space ships, the reports remain fascinating and often inexplicable by any conventional explanations.

And some of the most intriguing reports have occurred in San Antonio backyards in recent months. MUFON, with the cooperation of local police and airport authorities, has investigated them.

"The witnesses reported something strange, there's no doubt about that," said Irene Immerman, vice-president of the San Antonio chapter of MUFON, which meets the first Tuesday of every month to discuss and analyze local reports. "Nobody has any answers," Immerman said. "Certainly we don't. But we all have the common basic in-

Chasing UFOs in San Antonio's skies.

terest to investigate this phenomenon as objectively as possible."

ROBERT Morgan, MUFON's director of field investigations, talked to the car dealer who sighted the strange object over his backyard. The man drew sketches of the object.

"As he described it," Morgan said, "the object was ribbed underneath, and he could see light from the street lamps reflecting off the bottom of it. He said it was about 250 feet wide, made no sound and had no lights of its own."

At the group's February meeting, Morgan played a tape-recorded interview he made with a 21-year-old woman and her mother, two members of a family who reported watching a triangular, heavily lighted object maneuver over the San Antonio's North Side for almost three hours the night of Dec. 23.

An 18-year-old brother and two younger sisters also watched the object, shaped like a triangle, metallic, and dark silver in color. One witness said it was the largest thing she had ever seen in the sky.

The object disappeared about 10:30 p.m., after making a loud, roaring noise, "like someone stepping on the gas," the witness

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said. It supposedly shot straight up, dwindling in appearance to a red dot, until it vanished altogether.

Morgan contacted several local airfields but could get no radar confirmation of the event. He said he also talked with two local agencies who do nighttime advertising by airplane. Neither agency was flying the night of Dec. 23. Such planes, equipped with highly visible, fluorescent "billboards" are often reported as UFOs by people unfamiliar with the sight, Morgan said.

ON Jan. 14, a Leon Valley resident reported seeing a steady, orange glow hovering near the broadcasting tower of radio station KKYX. The glow had a blinking red light on either side of it and appeared to be only 100 feet or less above the ground.

When it started to move off to the northeast, the resident called the control tower at International Airport, which confirmed a target in the vicinity.

"The radar operators painted and tracked a target just west of the medical center, near KKYX," Morgan said. "They said it was a weak target, like a helicopter or a small plane might make, but that they had no positive identification on it. They tracked it for about three to four minutes before losing it off-scope to the northeast."

Immerman said officials at both the International Airport and Stinson Field have agreed to notify the organization in the event of incoming UFO calls. As a result of the arrangement, MUFON's field investigator was able to interview the Leon Valley witness within minutes of his sighting. A similar agreement, Immerman said, has been made with the San Antonio Police Department dispatch office downtown.

"We identified some goals we wanted to achieve before becoming completely public," Immerman said, "because we wanted to have a working arrangement when that time came."

"This phenomenon of UFOs is generally just so misunderstood by the public that we want to avoid as much confusion as possible."

Immerman said the hotline arrangements with local air and police officials have been a positive step in the right direction. Individual members are also interested in learning recommended investigative procedures and techniques.

Besides students and housewives, Immerman noted, the local chapter also has as members Civil Service employees, retired military personnel, including a former pilot, and people presently active in aviation.

All investigative reports are forwarded to MUFON International Headquarters, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin.

KERRVILLE TEXAS TIMES MAR. 9 1980

The Blue Glow Of A UFO??

BY LIZINNIS

The road is famous with local people as a favorite for UFO sightings!

But who would have thought that two science teachers from Kerrville—who view all things as explainable—would each see the same incredible phenomenon on a dark stretch of road between New Braunfels and Boerne marked Highway 46?

It was almost 10 p.m. as Karen Stieler, a Tivy High School chemistry teacher, and Elizabeth Barnes, a fourth grade teacher at Starkey Elementary School, reached

the midpoint of their journey from San Marcos back to Kerrville. The two are graduate students at Southwest Texas State University and make this trip once each week to attend a class. The pilgrimage grows dull after the first eight or so runs, with only conversation and deer-counting as relief from the monotonous drive.

But not last Monday night, March 3!

Cresting a hill, the two watched incredulously as a brief but startling image "rose up" to briefly light the encircling area. "It" appeared suddenly, as if rising from the ground. But it was not an explosion with ragged edges, sparks shooting out or any accompanying noise.

"It" was a silent, distinct shape and it was a brilliant blue color. Its shape was as rounded at the top as a light bulb. And the light emanating from it, showing the treetops below, gave the only indication of the size and intensity of this "happening." It

glowed for only an instant, but it left an indelible impression on the minds of the two who observed it, even in such darkness and from such a distance.

It is said that if 10 people witness the same occurrence, they will have 10 different versions to tell. But such was not the case with these two women. As they cautiously compared notes (each afraid that only she had seen this strange apparition,) they discovered that each had exactly the same impression.

"It" was so incredibly blue! The shape was so distinct! What could it have been?

Miss Stieler noted, "I have never seen anything before that I could not explain. And there must be a reasonable explanation for this, but I cannot imagine what it could be."

What could cause such a sight?

What do we know that could rise up from the ground to a height perhaps three times that of the trees? What could glow with a brilliant blue color, and what could disappear as silently and completely as it appeared?

Miss Barnes and Miss Stieler continued to search for clues through the rest of their journey, trying to find the actual spot where the light originated. But that is a dark stretch of road and they were not able to distinguish any landmarks around the light while it was aglow. Their attention had been riveted too intensely on the source of the light.

What did they see? And did anyone else happen to witness this same event?

JOHNSTOWN PA.
TRIBUNE-DEMOCRAT
MAR 5 1980
Local Man's Photos

'Things' Show

By James W. Siehl
The Tribune-Democrat

A Richland Township man, after reading an account of the sighting of unidentified flying objects in the Baltimore area, has taken renewed interest in unexplainable, dark "shapes" on three night-time photographs he made of the Baltimore skyline.

Dennis Boyer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Boyer of 400 Constable Ave., brought his photos to The Tribune-Democrat newsroom.

The mysterious object in the photos was not large enough to reproduce photographically for newspaper purposes.

Taken From Garage

The photos were taken from a parking garage at Johns Hopkins University Hospital at about 9:30 p.m. Jan. 21, according to Mr. Boyer.

He pointed out, by comparing the object with buildings on the skyline, that it showed motion.

Only in one of the photos did the object have a definite shape.

Because of the distance, the size was reduced to less than a half-inch, but the object was cone-shaped, as in the traditional UFO sighting, with a triangular structure underneath.

"It wasn't there when I shot the picture," Mr. Boyer said, meaning that he hadn't seen the object when shooting with his 35 mm camera.

Showed to Investigator

Mr. Boyer said he had shown the pictures to Curtis K. Hamel of Menoher Heights, Johnstown R. D. 5, a part-time UFO investigator.

According to Mr. Boyer, Mr. Hamel advised him to make the negatives available to Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Evanston, Ill., director of the Center for UFO Studies who was the technical adviser for the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

Mr. Boyer said he planned to do so.

CAMBRIDGE OHIO
JEFFERSONIAN
MAR. 13 1980

QUOTE OF THE DAY:
Gladstone, Mich., police officer Mark Hager, describing the bizarre unidentified flying object he helped track for half an hour Wednesday: "It kind of gave you the chills, you know, but as far as being scared or anything, we weren't scared — just interested. We've had reports of UFOs and stuff like that before, but we've never seen anything like this. This normally turns out to be airplanes or planets or something ... I didn't believe in 'em before, but I do now."

ESCANABA MICH.
PRESS
MAR 14 1980

UFO calls keep PAGE ONE police hopping

GLADSTONE — News of the unidentified flying object (UFO) sighting travels fast and bayshore area residents seem to be jumping on the bandwagon.

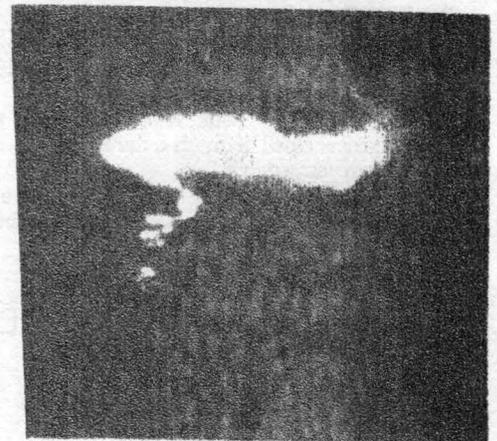
Gladstone Public Safety Department Pete Dementer said several false UFO sightings were reported Thursday night — the first clear night since four area law enforcement officers reported spotting one early Wednesday morning.

"We had a couple of calls," Dementer said this morning. "One turned out to be a bright star, another was two stars and another was a bright street light."

"It looks like we'll be getting these for the next two or three days now," Dementer said. "Then, it will die down and everything will be back to normal."

"It seems like everybody is seeing something now," he added. "Most of them are just prank calls, but we have to go out and check them out."

LAMONT CAL.
REPORTER
FEB 6 1980



The sky lit up Tuesday night around 6:30 p.m. resulting in UFO reports called into law enforcement agencies. One individual called the Lamont Reporter of-

ice asserting that "We don't have anything that turns that fast." He called in later stating that it was a rocket launched from Edwards Air Force Base.

UFO watchers kept busy

FRONT PAGE

By RICK RUDDEN
Staff Writer

GLADSTONE — Officers who reported seeing an unidentified flying object early Wednesday north of here have been receiving hundreds of calls from as far away as Australia from various persons, media and UFO investigative agencies.

Gladstone police officer Mark Hager, one of the six area law enforcement officers who viewed the object, said he received calls just this morning from radio stations in Vermont, Louisiana, Boston and Chicago.

Officers also report receiving telephone calls since they viewed the UFO at about 1 a.m. Wednesday from media in Los Angeles, New York, Detroit, Washington, D.C., and, as Hager put it, "they've been coming in from all over.

Hager said he and his patrol partner at the time of the reported sighting, Dave Mariin, were both on the telephone for about eight hours Wednesday talking to media from across the U. S.

Hager said calls were also received from the media of the three major television networks - ABC, CBS and NBC - in addition to UFO Information Centers in downstate Grand Ledge, Seattle, Wash., and Chicago.

The report of the sighting was also on Wednesday's edition of the Paul Harvey News and Commentary Show on the ABC radio network.

Hager said he did not expect all the hoopla and he will be glad "when all the phone calls are done.

"I thought there were thousands of these sightings a day, but apparently

not, but maybe because there were six police officers involved the credibility was better," he added.

Hager also said information has been received that UFO investigators are expected to arrive in the area from New York and Seattle, Wash.

No other sightings of UFOs have been reported across the U.P. since Wednesday morning, and an Associated Press news release concerning the possible sighting of one downstate in Huron County Wednesday near Bad Axe has been proven inaccurate.

The radio station which released the News report, WLEW in Bad Axe, said there were no reports from the county sheriff's department concerning the sighting.

The news director of the radio station said that any lights spotted in the sky were probably the result of a power company working on a power outage in the area.

The sighting of the UFO took place Wednesday in Delta County when the two Gladstone police officers investigated a report of a UFO.

The UFO was described as having red, green and blue oscillating lights in addition to an extremely bright white light.

It reportedly moved at a very high rate of speed and made very sharp turns in addition to very abrupt ascending and descending maneuvers.

Both patrol units said they observed and followed the UFO for about 30 minutes before losing sight of it. The observation took place on M-35 north of Gladstone.

Two officers from the Escanaba Public Safety department also reported seeing the object. One said it was a UFO while the other said he thought it was a Department of Natural Resources helicopter.

K. I. Sawyer Air force Base near Marquette, the Coast Guard and the DNR all said they did not have any aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting.

HOUGHTON MICH. MINING GAZETTE

MAR. 12 1980

UFO sightings reported

ESCANABA — Law enforcement officials in Delta County are serious about an unidentified flying object sighted there by two road patrol deputies early this morning.

An official report has been filed on the object by Delta County Sheriff's Department deputies, according to Deputy Sheriff Deborah Paulin.

Sightings were also reported from the Gladstone and Escanaba public safety officers, she said.

Ms. Paulin said calls from residents who also reported sightings described a multi-colored object which "zoomed upwards, then came down."

She said a check with K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base to the north of the county showed no aircraft in the area at the time.

PETOSKEY, MICH. NEW REVIEW

MAR 13 1980

Quote of the Day

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UFO reports are keeping police agencies busy

By RICK RUDDEN
Staff Writer

ESCANABA — Still more calls were received today reporting the sighting of a UFO in the bayshore area after officers from three Delta County police agencies said they saw early this morning what appeared to be an unidentified flying object north of Gladstone.

At about 12:55 a. m. today officers from the Gladstone Public Safety Department received a call from an unidentified source reporting a UFO sighting.

After viewing the UFO, the Gladstone officers contacted the Delta County Sheriff's Department for assistance.

Two sheriff's deputies, David Huckstep and Max Streicher, joined Dave Mariin and Mark Hager on M-35 north of Gladstone, where the four reportedly observed the UFO for approximately eight minutes.

The UFO was described as having red, green and blue

oscillating lights in addition to an extremely bright white light.

Gladstone Public Safety officer Dave Mariin said he was not sure what shape the object was, but he was convinced that it was a UFO.

"It was much larger than an airplane or helicopter and when it made a turn we could see the side of it and tell it wasn't an airplane or helicopter," Mariin said.

"It was hard to tell what shape it was, I hate to say it was a flying saucer, it appeared to be round," he added.

After approximately eight minutes of observing the UFO, the object began to move and the officers proceeded to follow it on M-35 north of Gladstone.

Mariin said when he first saw the object it was flying over his patrol car, and when it began to head away, "the period it took us to cover a quarter of a mile the UFO

moved so fast it was almost out of sight."

Both units reported observing and following the UFO for about 30 minutes. Reports say the object traveled at an extremely high speed and made very sharp turns and made abrupt ascending and descending maneuvers.

Two officers from the Escanaba Public Safety Department also reported seeing the object. One said he thought it was a UFO while the other said he thought it was a Department of Natural Resources helicopter.

The deputies and Gladstone police officers observed the object as it moved in a westerly direction until they lost sight of it.

Mariin said he and his partner, Hager, were both amazed, and while they were pursuing the object, they decided that "there is no way that anybody was going to convince us it was an airplane or helicopter, we didn't

care if they called us crazy or what, it wasn't one of these," Mariin said.

Officials at K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base near Marquette was informed of the sighting and said no aircraft were in or near the Gladstone area at the time the UFO reports were made.

A spokesperson for the Gladstone Public Safety Department said the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash., was informed of the sighting and asked to investigate.

Oddly enough, the last reported sighting of a UFO in the Escanaba area took place on March 17, 1978, almost two years before this latest sighting.

Since the reported sighting by the officers, all three departments have received several more reports today concerning the sighting of the UFO.

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Possible UFO?

Two nights in a row an object has been seen in the sky over North Manchester by several people. Location and times have been approximately the same both nights.

"It was like a silver ball with different colors flashing around it," said Rick Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Denis Jackson, 710 Grant St., North Manchester. "My dad saw it first and called me to the kitchen window. Later I went outside and looked at it through binoculars."

Jackson spotted the object in the sky over Butterbaugh's about 9 p.m. Saturday, March 1. Rick phoned the local police, who investigated the area but could find nothing. Rick watched the silver ball, which moved west "in a blur", for almost an hour.

"It was too high for a helicopter," Rick stated, adding that the object would light up with two colors at about the same time. It disappeared shortly after 10 p.m., and he has not seen it again.

On Sunday night, a second sighting was made, by another person who lives on SR 114. She also reported to the police that there was "something in the sky that turns different colors." The time was logged at 8:25 p.m., and the location was described as north of Butterbaugh's.

The second sighting originally described the object as "not a star or plane," but police officers on duty who also observed the phenomenon for more than an hour, finally decided that the object was a star. The colors, they wrote in the log, were probably due to the effect of the clouds and moon.

Lake Residents Report Seeing

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UFO 'Campout' In Walling Bend Park

By BOB WARD

Beautiful Lake Whitney has been an "out of this world" fishing spot and vacation paradise for thousands of persons over the years, and it now appears that "out of this

world" visitors may possibly be present.

Two lake residents reported seeing a UFO last week, and the area that they pinpoint as the landing, or hovering, site does show signs of unnatural

activity.

A resident of Lake Whitney for only two weeks (although a frequent visitor during the past four years), Deborah Brewer saw the phenomenon from a large picture window in her

comfortable Boyer Road home, which provides a picturesque vantage point from the cliff on the edge, but high above, Lake Whitney.

She alerted her mother, Mitzi Young, who also witnessed the UFO during the nighttime hours Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.

Both agree that the UFO had two orange lights, one on each side. The two lights were off the ground, the women said, and were joined "by something."

Mrs. Young said the UFO looked somewhat like a "large pair of orange sunglasses." Both estimated the orange lights were 15-20 feet apart, but agreed it was hard to tell.

Ms. Brewer said that she saw no movement of the UFO while she was observing it and saw no movement in or around the area. She added that it "just vanished as it became light."

Coincidentally, Ms. Brewer moved to Lake Whitney to concentrate on her work for the upcoming first issue of a new magazine to be published by her. Named "Epicenter", the magazine will feature articles with "Scientific and religious information."

The UFO story surfaced last week when Bobby Jones, who lives near Murt's Lodge at Lake Whitney and is an employee of the Central Texas Telephone Co., was talking to the two women while installing their phone on Thursday.

Jones contacted The Tribune and Friday afternoon took Tribune publisher James Gardner and this writer to the area

that the UFO allegedly visited when witnessed by the two women.

The "landing" site is located in Walling Bend Park, near the Big Rocky Inlet and the South Walling Bend Boat Ramp.

The house from which the women witnessed the UFO is about three-fourths of a mile from the "landing" site, directly across the water.

At the site, there were signs of some intense direct heat in specific spots, although the intense heat was not uniform over all the affected area.

Evergreen trees, 15-20 feet in height, had portions burned to a crisp on their lower limbs, with the remainder still a healthy green color.

Some cactus plants in the area were "melted" while others nearby were seemingly untouched by the heat. Also, some vegetation seemed to be withered because of intense heat but not burned, as such.

The affected area, which covered an estimated 40 yards in diameter and was shaped somewhat like a circle, appeared to have been visited

by a blowtorch in selected places.

Rocks in the area also appeared to have an unnatural grayish tint, as if subjected to some intense heat.

Jones said that he had trouble sleeping early Thursday morning and got up about 3:30 for a drink of water. While up, he said there was an extremely bright flash of light that came through his windows, similar to the lights of a passing car, only much brighter.

At the time, he said that the thought nothing of it, but later, after he talked to the two women, he thought that there could possibly be some connection.

Going to the site pointed out by the women (which is near his home), Jones became convinced that something strange had occurred there.

"At first, I thought it could have been a grass fire, but it

would have burned differently had it been," Jones said, adding that he also checked with West Shore Fire Dept. Chief Ernest Cheyne and found that there had been no report of any grass fire during that time period.

Another man told Jones that he had seen a UFO "below the dam" on Thursday evening, but, according to Jones, the

man wished to remain anonymous.

So, Lake Whitney may have added another dimension to its attractiveness. It not only will continue to be an "out of this world" fishing hole and camping site for area residents but also may become a rest stop for weary travelers from "out of this world."

MAR 13 1980

Hundreds of UFO calls pouring in

By RICK RUDDEN
Staff Writer

GLADSTONE — Officers who reported seeing an unidentified flying object early Wednesday north of here have been receiving hundreds of calls from as far away as Australia from various persons, media and UFO investigative agencies.

Gladstone police officer Mark Hager, one of the six area law enforcement officers who viewed the object, said he received calls just this morning from radio stations in Vermont, Louisiana, Boston and Chicago.

Officers also report receiving telephone calls since they viewed the UFO at about 1 a.m. Wednesday from media in Los Angeles, New York, Detroit, Washington, D.C., and, as Hager put it, "they've been coming in from all over."

Hager said he and his patrol partner at the time of the reported sighting, Dave Marlin, were both on the telephone for

about eight hours Wednesday talking to media from across the U.S.

Hager said calls were also received from the media of the three major television networks — ABC, CBS and NBC — in addition to UFO Information Centers in downstate Grand Ledge, Seattle, Wash., and Chicago.

The report of the sighting was also on Wednesday's edition of the Paul Harvey News and Commentary Show on the ABC radio network.

Hager said he did not expect all the hoopla and he will be glad "when all the phone calls are done.

"I thought there were thousands of these sightings a day, but apparently not, but maybe because there were six police officers involved the credibility was better," he added.

Hager also said information has been received that UFO investigators are expected to arrive in the area from New York and Seattle, Wash.

No other sightings of UFOs have been reported across the U.P. since Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Frank H. Tomasoski of 1113 Railroad Ave. in Norway reported that she and a friend, Mrs. C.M. Carlson, of Norway, saw a bright red object in the eastern sky about 7 p.m. Tuesday, while on their way to a church meeting.

"It was not just a single light, it looked like a triple light," she said. "It was bright red and looked three dimensional and was moving up and down very fast," she said. "At the time we joked that it was a UFO," she added.

When they returned from the meeting, about 9 p.m., the object was no longer visible, Mrs. Tomasoski said.

RED WING MINN.
REPUBLICAN EAGLE
MAR 6 1980
UFO reported

Paulette Meyer, White Rock, reported seeing a blinking red and green light hovering over Prairie Island nuclear plant at about 9 p.m. Wednesday.

She told Red Wing Police a patient had spotted the light through a window at Seminary Memorial Home where Ms. Meyer works.

Police said the UFO could have been weather balloons.

KEENE N.H. SENTINEL

MAR 13 1980

Odd Light In the Sky Is Spotted

Eugene E. and Wilma Miller of 28 Harmony Lane don't know whether they actually believe in UFOs, but Wednesday night they saw something that has left them scratching their heads.

At about 9 p.m. last night, Gene Miller looked out an upstairs bedroom window, and in the southeast sky he saw a bright, white light blinking off and on.

He thought it strange, Mrs. Miller said this morning, since he'd observed the same light, or perhaps two lights close together, the night before.

"It started low in the sky," said Mrs. Miller, who also observed the celestial event. "It had two bright lights and it moved sideways, slowly." She couldn't tell how far away the light was, but she estimated the distance at many miles.

The Millers watched the intensity of the light fluctuate for 45 minutes, she said, before it moved below the horizon.

"It might have been a helicopter coming forward," she guessed, but the light stayed in the same area in the sky for too long to convince her for sure of that theory.

"I don't really believe it was a flying saucer, but things are happening these days that are really strange," she said.

Keene Police had no reports of unidentified flying objects spotted Tuesday night, and Pease Air Force Base in Newington doesn't even keep track of UFO reports any more, a spokesman said today.

Flashing flying object causes stir in Michigan

From press dispatches

GLADSTONE, Mich. — It flashed, whirled, went up and down, but nobody had determined by Wednesday night just what it was they had seen.

Some of those who saw it swore it was an unidentified flying object (UFO). Gladstone and Escanaba police and Delta County sheriff's deputies said they would let the National UFO Reporting Center render an official opinion. (CUFOS)

About 1 a.m. Wednesday, Gladstone police began receiving calls from residents who said they saw "red, green and blue oscillating lights and an extremely bright white light," Debra Paulin, a spokeswoman for the sheriff's office, said.

Gladwin officers David Mariin and Mark Hager said they saw the lights and their department called the sheriff's office.

Deputies David Huckstep and Max Streichert met Mariin and Hager just north of Gladstone in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The four "observed it traveling (north) at an extremely fast speed, making sharp turns, ascending and descending," Paulin said. "They watched it 30

minutes longer until it headed west" and out of sight.

Two Escanaba police officers also saw the lights, she said. While one thought it was an unidentified flying object, the other thought it might be a Michigan Department of Natural Resources helicopter.

"Our helicopter has been in the hangar for 30 days," a DNR spokesman reported, adding: "Maybe it was from Mars."

Checks with Sawyer Air Force Base near Marquette, the Coast Guard air rescue station across Lake Michigan at Traverse City, an Air Force radar station at Empire, the Federal Aviation Administration's district office and the regional aircraft tracking station at Minneapolis all failed to turn up any strange blips on radar screens or indications of helicopters in the Gladstone area, Paulin said.

An FAA spokesman at Grand Rapids suggested it

may have been a private helicopter that was not in contact with a control tower.

UFO reports are not uncommon at this time of year. About five years ago there was a flurry of sightings in Northeastern Wisconsin.

Descriptions tended to vary, but were generally similar to the sighting in Gladstone.

According to an eyewitness account by a village of Howard man in April, 1975, the object he saw had a saucer-like shape with a cup or dome on top. It had red and green lights on the sides and a white light on top.

As the object hovered, all its lights flashed on and off together, the man said.

But in response to the man's description, a local astronomy professor cautioned that at this time of year the planet Venus is very bright. Its color varies from blue to a reddish-orange and appears from five to seven degrees over the horizon at about tree height.

"Our helicopter has been in the hangar for 30 days. Maybe it was from Mars."

— DNR spokesman

MILWAUKEE (WIS) SENTINEL MAR. 13-1980

UFOs no joke to UP officer

Gladstone, Mich. — UPI — Gladstone police officer Mark Hager used to scoff at UFO reports. He became a believer Wednesday.

Hager and fellow officer David Mariin went to a lonely spot north of this Upper Peninsula city before dawn to investigate a report of an unidentified flying object.

The two were astounded at what they saw — a sight for which they could find no rational explanation. Hager said he is convinced it was a UFO.

"I didn't believe in 'em before, but I do now," Hager said.

"It had a bright white light, two red lights — one on each side — and a green light towards the rear. As far as making out a shape of the (object's) body, we really couldn't tell."

Hager and Mariin were joined a few minutes later by two deputies from the Delta County Sheriff's Department. Their office had received three calls about a UFO.

The four men tracked the object as it sped west, but lost sight of it after about 30 minutes, Hager said. Not far away, two officers from the Escanaba Police Department also saw the object.

Informed of the sighting, officials at K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base near Marquette, the Coast Guard and the state Department of Natural Resources all said they had no aircraft in or near the Gladstone area at the time.

Hager said the object was moving fast and making abrupt ascending and descending maneuvers.

JAN 25 1980

'Close encounter' in Kake

By CRAIG MEDRED
Empire Staff Reporter

An unidentified flying object (UFO) stopped near the village of Kake for about 15 minutes Thursday evening, according to residents of that small Kupreanof Island community about 90 miles south of here.

Marvin Kadake, head of Kake's volunteer search and rescue squad, was the first to spot the flaming orange ball which hovered near the community of about 600 people.

Kadake said this morning he saw a bright light moving up Keku Strait south of the village.

"It was moving at a rapid pace, a bright orange ball color," Kadake said. "It slowed down to a very slow pace. It hovered over the town here."

Upon deciding the object was a UFO, Kadake notified other villagers by citizen's band radio.

"The whole town, just about, came out to look at it," he said.

"We could see it pretty good," Jana Jackson of Kake said. "There was flames on top."

"I wasn't watching through binoculars. My boyfriend was. It wasn't too far away."

"When you looked at it through binoculars, it looked like a big ball of fire," Kadake said, except it had one bright object on top that went about the full length of the main part of the UFO and another object on top of that which went about half the length.

Through binoculars, it "looked like a flying saucer the way it's illustrated in books," Kadake said.

He said there was no sound.

After moving down Keku Strait to near Kake, the UFO came to a "complete stop — like coming to a stop sign when you're driving on the road."

"It stayed in place for about 10 minutes" after stopping off the city at about 8:05 p.m., he said.

"It had a controlled speed. It came in and slowed down and took off again," Kadake said. "Several people estimated it was about a mile from town when it stopped."

Upon deciding to leave, the UFO made an abrupt 90-degree turn away from Kake, Kadake said.

"When it did leave, it left in a hurry," he said. "There was no noise at all."

Kadake said the UFO headed off toward Baranof Island, almost due west of Kake.

"It just kept blinking on and off" as it sped out of sight, he said, and then it was gone.

"I'd say more than half of them (the town) saw it," he said. "You could see it very visibly with your own eyes."

Unfortunately, he said "nobody got a picture."

The UFO caused quite a stir. People were making jokes about the Martians coming, and kids were doing Mork and Mindy imitations, Kadake said.

REDMOND, OR SPOKESMAN

FEB 20 1980

Woman says she saw object in western sky

A woman who lives near the North Rim addition of Redmond said she watched a bright light in the western sky the same night that Don and Edith Winters claimed they saw an unidentified flying object.

The woman, who asked to remain anonymous, contacted *The Spokesman* after she read the Winters' account in the Feb. 13 paper.

Winters said he saw an object overhead while he was standing in his back yard at about 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 5. His wife reported watching it from a window. The couple lives at 8367 S. Highway 97.

Winters said the object "looked like a big wheel that had a stripe down the center of it that wiggled back and forth with lots of colors coming from it."

The couple said they watched the "drifting" bright object until it disappeared in the west near the Three Sisters.

The North Redmond woman said she spotted an object to the west about 8:20 p.m. on Feb. 5.

She said the bottom part was pinkish-red and the upper part was yellow, but at times it appeared the whole thing was blue.

"It wasn't an airplane and it wasn't a star. It was a brighter light than normal," she said. "I watched it with my binoculars. It

got fainter and then it got brighter.

"I called my kids to the window to watch it and when I looked up again it was gone."

She said the object went out of sight south of Black Butte.

"I knew it was a UFO," she said. "There was no question in my mind."

LAWRENCEVILLE GA.
GWINNETT NEW FEB 19 1980

UFO Sighted Hovering Over Alabama

By RHETT HUBER
News Staff Writer

Security police personnel at Maxwell Air Force Base near Huntsville, Ala., reported sighting an unidentified flying object Sunday.

According to a report filed with base security, the first of three sightings was made at 11:40 Sunday night, following a similar sighting earlier in the evening near Stone Mountain.

A security policeman at Maxwell radioed the main desk that he had seen

what he believed to be an unidentified flying object in the eastern sky.

The policeman described the object as having bright, pulsating white lights with intermittent red and blue lights.

The object was moving up and down in a westerly direction near the base, according to his report. The policeman did not report the object as having a particular shape. After two to three minutes of observation, the object disappeared.

A second sighting was reported at 1:10 a.m. by a different policeman. He radioed that he saw an object of the same description, and that it disappeared at 1:15.

Meanwhile, at 1:14, the object was reported seen by another security policeman to the west of the base. Four policemen then took up positions at different locations around the base and tracked the object.

It appeared to be heading west. The policeman made contact with the base's Radar Approach Control which

relayed having a target in the west which finally appeared to land near Prattville, which is located 8 to 11 miles from the base.

The object disappeared at 1:47 a.m. Maxwell's public affairs officer, Lt. Michele Boyd, said the Air Force no longer investigates sightings of possible UFOs, and that the information was simply filed on the security police blotter.

DeKalb County Police on Monday

confirmed having received "numerous reports" of an unidentified flying object near Stone Mountain early Sunday night.

The object — described by a Snellville resident who reported the sighting as a large, octagon-shaped "ship" with a flat bottom — was reportedly sighted along U.S. 78 bet-

ween 8:45 and 9:10 p.m. Sunday.

One Gwinnett resident who reported sighting the object said it passed directly over U.S. 78 near the entrance to Stone Mountain Park at approximately 9:05 Sunday evening. The bright light was visible as far south as the I-285/U.S. 78 interchange and as far north as Snellville, and resembled "a flare" at times, one witness said.

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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.

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Australians seek flying object

PERTH, Australia (AP) — Authorities are planning an air and land search next month for the rocket-like object that slammed into a remote corner of southwestern Australia near the town of Salmon Gums in early February.

Phil Arlidge, Western Australia's coordinator of emergency services, said he has gathered reports from

about 15 persons who said they saw the object and nearly a dozen others who said they heard it explode on impact.

From the data that has been obtained we believe it was a "stray rocket," Arlidge said, adding, "We would really like to know what it was for sure. Things like that should not be floating around our skies."

BA woman claims [FRONT PAGE] 'beautiful' UFO sighting

By KEVIN CONWAY
Ledger Staff Writer

On Saturday night, thousands of Brazilians crowded into the streets of a town 50 miles from Rio De Janiero looking for the promised visit by creatures from space. Finally, some time later, a disappointed and somewhat rowdy throng went home, but not without giving law enforcement officers a rough time.

Perhaps the 50,000 Brazilians were too hard on the aliens. Maybe they were simply late for the party. Or lost.

For on Sunday night, a Broken Arrow-area woman says she witnessed an unidentified flying object (UFO) hovering over a hill outside the window of her room at Franciscan Villa on 51st Street west of Lynn Lane.

"I've never seen anything so beautiful in my life," reports Mrs. Martha L. Reimer. "I watched it for eight or ten minutes before it flitted gracefully away."

MRS. REIMER SAYS she spotted the strange craft around 10:45 p.m.

Sunday as she gazed out her apartment window.

She regularly looks out her bedroom window, which faces northwest, before turning in of a night, she says, but Sunday was different from any other.

"I opened up the bedroom drape as I usually do before going to bed. It's a habit of mine, to make sure no one was loitering around outside, when I saw it," she adds.

"I even drew a picture of it," Mrs. Reimer says producing a detailed pencil sketch of the object.

"I'll take an oath before God I saw it," she declares. "It was so beautiful — pure gold in color and very bright, it couldn't have been man-made. It was real shiny ... hurt the eyes."

HER SKETCH IS OF a cigar-shaped object with five rod-like sections jutting from the top of the object. She says it hovered stationary over a hill just south of 51st Street between Lynn Lane and 145th E. Ave., about one mile from the Franciscan Villa apartments, she estimates.

No other resident in the retire-

ment center saw the object, she says. "Most of the people here are older and go to bed early. Also all the drapes have a heavy liner which blocks out any light from coming in the room."

But Mrs. Reimer doesn't doubt what she saw: "I'll take them to the spot where I saw it and show them the place," she says.

SEEKING CONFIRMATION of her sighting, Mrs. Reimer says she listened to her radio from early Monday morning until a talk show caller seemed to verify her sighting about 11:30 a.m.

"I heard a caller on the radio, an older man, say he saw something in the sky too," she says.

But Mrs. Reimer isn't sure which station she was tuned into, and she didn't catch the man's name.

A check of several Tulsa radio stations didn't produce the identification of the reported UFO caller, but one station says its UFO calls have been coming in steadily.

MATT SKINNER, KXXO news announcer, says the station did a
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story on UFO's last month after a rash of alleged sightings in the Tulsa area.

Skinner says astronomical-phenomeno experts say many of the recent citings can be explained away as an unusual alignment of the planets Venus and Mars — a combination producing strange visual effects.

Though it rarely occurs, Skinner says astronomical data shows unusual colors can be produced by the alignment in a certain position in the heavens.

And, adds Skinner, the planetary conjunction will remain visible in the nighttime sky for a few more weeks. The Broken Arrow area, he explains, is particularly good for astral viewing because the air is clearer than in Tulsa.

Graham Kendall, a UFO buff and an instructor at Tulsa Junior College, conducts a short scientific program for KXXO twice a week and provides information on the UFO story, Skinner notes.

CONTACTED ABOUT the Broken Arrow sighting, Kendall admits Mrs. Reimer's UFO description is "one of the more interesting ones I've heard of."

Kendall claims to have viewed an authentic UFO, chased by an Air Force plane, with several other students while attending Rice University, where he obtained a degree in physics.

"There are some things in the sky that can be mistaken for UFO's such as a star near the horizon refracting light and producing spectacular colors," Kendall says. "I don't know whether that pertains to this incident."

Whether it can or cannot be explained in conventional terms, there is one thing of which Mrs. Martha L. Reimer is certain:

"It's something I'll never forget," she says.

Another UFO Sighting Reported Here

Unidentified objects in the night sky, similar to those seen Sunday by three Sonora residents, were spotted Thursday night in the Second Garrotte area near Groveland.

Marv Taylor, local director of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network (MUFON), said the sighting was reported to him last night by a Pine Mountain Lake family.

They reportedly tried to contact Taylor at his home Thursday but were unsuccessful. They tried again yesterday after reading reports of the Sunday sightings.

A Moccasin powerhouse operator has suggested that

local sightings may have been military aircraft refueling operations that have been seen in the evenings from the powerhouse.

Several surrounding military air bases have been contacted and are trying to determine if their aircraft were flying in the area at the time of the sightings.

A spokesman for McClellan Air Force base said refueling operations are common but did not know if any were going on Thursday or Sunday nights.

The possibility that Sunday's object may have been a highway patrol helicopter has been eliminated. Division headquarters in Fresno reported their helicopter was not flying in the LaGrange Rd. area where the object was spotted.

Taylor said Thursday's objects were spotted sometime between 6:45 and 7:10 p.m. while the couple and their 8-year-old son were driving in the Second Garrotte area.

The first object, the biggest of the three, appeared to be at tree-top level, the family members told Taylor. Its length was estimated at 300 to 400 feet.

Porthole type windows were seen along the sides of the oblong object.

"He said it looked like the Good Year blimp," Taylor said.

The man reportedly has a

military background and is familiar with aircraft.

At the front of the object was a white light which turned green and a reddish-orange tint surrounded the windows. The rest of the object was reported to be a pale glow.

Taylor said the family tried to find a place to pull aside to watch the object but by that time it had gained altitude and was joined by two other objects.

Two separate UFO sightings were reported Sunday night by a Sonora woman and a Sonora brother and sister.

The woman reported seeing a triangular shaped object at a low level as she drove to her Rancho Sonora Estates home.

The brother and sister reported they were followed by an object Sunday night at they drove along LaGrange Rd. They told Taylor they stopped several times to watch the object and it hovered in the area when they did.

Taylor said numerous UFO reports have been made in California and the midwest during the past week.

"I think we're looking at UFO activity that is not only peculiar to our area but to other areas of the state as well," Taylor said.

MUFON investigators will visit the Second Garrote site where Thursday's object was spotted.

Taylor asked that persons who may have spotted objects call MUFON at 532-6711

CANTON, ILL

LEDGER

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People talk

QUOTE OF THE DAY:
Gladstone, Mich., police officer Mark Hager, describing the bizarre unidentified flying object he helped track for half an hour Wednesday: "It kind of gave you the chills, you know, but as far as being scared or anything, we weren't scared — just interested. We've had reports of UFOs and stuff like that before, but we've never seen anything like this. This normally turns out to be airplanes or planets or something ... I didn't believe in 'em before, but I do now."

NORTHWEST

YAKIMA, WASH.
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Boise area residents report several UFOs. The Idaho State Police has been receiving an unusually high number of calls lately reporting sightings of UFOs, officers said Sunday. Police said several Boise area residents reported Saturday night that they saw "strange flying objects in the night sky."

Unidentified Airborne Rod Stirs ORIAN Curiosity

Curiosity killed the cat, knowledge brought him back.

In this instance, Kenneth Salyer is as curious as anyone in the Mountain Empire when it comes to the clear, cylinder-shaped object which he saw fall to the ground the morning of Nov. 29.

It was a cold, clear day, and Salyer had spent it digging and hauling dirt in the Rocky Gap section of High Knob near Dungannon, Va.

Sitting on a front end loader, the Nickelsville resident was raising a dirt-filled bucket when, by luck, his attention turned to the sky.

"It was one in a million chance," Salyer says of watching the object drop "like a ball of fire."

Just 10 feet away from the loader, the glass-like object buried itself in the hard dirt at an angle. Just shy of being two feet long, the rod sunk about 20 inches into the ground.

After a few minutes of deliberation on whether or not to retrieve the object, Salyer said, he "spit on my fingers" and ever so cautiously approached the rod, which weighs one pound and 10 ounces and is one inch in diameter.

Pulling it out of the dirt, Salyer put the "clear glass rod" into his truck and forgot about it until that night, when he called the Scott County Sheriff's Department. They told him to get in touch with the highway department, Salyer remembers.

"I laughed at them," he says, and decided to call the space center at Cape Kennedy, Fla. They wanted Salyer to mail them the object, but he refused.

The object is "not going out of my sight," Salyer's said, so he decided to try other agencies.

A call to the space center in Hampton, Va., netted similar results, Salyer said, so he contacted the Virginia State Police.

The police referred Salyer to a professor at Virginia Tech, but after not getting a response there, Salyer turned to what he called an unidentified flying object center in Washington D.C.

A spokesman from the UFO organization said they would send a representative to Southwest Virginia to examine the object, but never has, Salyer said.

But today, a member of a Bluff City organization interested in UFO research will travel to Salyer's home to take a look at the object and try to schedule an analysis of it.

Gary Brink, regional director of Orion who has started a branch in the area called TRICO, will take the object and have it examined.

Brink speculated last night that the rod more than likely fell off an airplane. Another possibility, he said, was that it was picked up in a severe wind storm in the west and was carried along until it dropped.

Salyer's says his main interest is in identifying the object and determining where it came from.

"It sort of excited me, you know," Salyer said.

SONORA, CALIF. MAR 13 1980
UNION-DEMOCRAT

'Too Low, Too Bright' For a Star

A "bright light in the sky," believed to be an unidentified flying object, followed a Sonora brother and sister Sunday night as they drove from the Merced area to Highway 108 at LaGrange Rd.

The brother and sister reported that when they stopped at Highway 108 and La Grange Rd. to observe the light it was joined by three other objects for about 30 minutes before all four disappeared.

A Sonora woman has also reported that she saw a triangular shaped object in the sky sometime between 8 and 9 p.m. Sunday as she was heading toward her Rancho Sonora Estates home.

Marv Taylor, local Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) director, speculated the object spotted by the Sonora woman may have been one of the craft on its way to join the others at the La Grange Rd. intersection.

Taylor said MUFON today is investigating the report and information so far points to numerous UFO sighting in Northern California over the weekend.

A spokesman for Castle Air Force base near Merced told Taylor the base was "aware of UFO activity but did nothing to generate" the reports.

A Bay area television station also received numerous sighting reports over the weekend.

"There's no question there was UFO activity over the weekend," Taylor said. "The question is whether the sighting was part of it and I think it was."

Taylor said that according to reports the objects were flying lower than airplanes normally do and that they moved quickly and stopped several times.

"It is a very unusual sighting because of all the activity they say happened and the duration of the sighting," Taylor said.

The brother, 25, and sister, 19, provided Taylor with written descriptions of what they saw. The truck they were riding in was driven by the brother.

The unusual light was first spotted by the sister as they drove northbound on Highway 99 approaching Merced. At first she thought it was a star though it appeared to be "too low and too bright."

She mentioned the "star" to her brother and continued to watch it until they approached the Snelling-La Grange area.

"We drove through Snelling and as we turned onto La Grange we noticed that this bright star which had been behind us was across from us and was keeping up with us," the sister reported.

"All of a sudden it was directly to our left," the brother said. "Then all of a sudden it was in front of us but still slightly on our left side."

The object was reportedly a bright white light with red and green visible at times.

It could move sideways very quickly and at times appeared to be "sitting still" in the sky.

The brother and sister stopped twice along La Grange Rd. to observe the object.

"When I would stop it would just hold its position until we started driving again," the brother said. "Then it would move again."

They watched the object for about 15 minutes.

"We drove on and so did the UFO," the sister reported. "It was keeping up with us and then it would slow down and get behind us out of our sight," she said. "We would be hidden by a hill for a second and when we came out the UFO would be right across from us."

The UFO followed the truck to near the intersection with Highway 108 when the pair pulled aside to again watch the craft.

"At this time it was right in front of us and looked stationary," the brother said. "We had been stopped for only a minute or two when the one we had seen all this time met with another one."

Two more were then spotted.

They watched the four objects for about 30 minutes until they disappeared.

The entire sighting lasted about two-and-a-half hours.

Taylor said Sunday night was clear, with no moon. The pair spotted less than a half dozen other vehicles on LaGrange Rd.

Taylor said he is uncertain whether the four objects were separate craft or if the larger object was a "mother ship" and the objects that joined it vehicles from the larger craft.

Twenty minutes later, a second man called Baltimore-Washington International Airport. Traveling in the same area of Baltimore County as the first caller, he said he had seen something that looked like a rocket sitting in a field.

As he watched, the thing rose from the ground and took off, he said.

The callers were referred to John Lutz, Maryland director of Odyssey Research, a non-profit organization that also operates in Delaware, southern Pennsylvania, eastern West Virginia and northern Virginia.

The callers became sources of two of the many reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects Lutz receives each year. He describes his

interest in UFOs as a "hobby that has mushroomed."

Lutz and the other 15 Maryland members interview people who claim to have seen UFOs or other unexplained phenomena. When warranted, they make field trips to check areas where the sightings occurred.

And Lutz is a believer.

"UFOs, I think, are one of the greatest mysteries of our time, and I think nobody really wants to pursue it," he says.

"I am not out to convince anyone UFOs exist, or anything exists," he says. "That is one thing I have learned over the years."

He also feels earthlings are not in any danger from extra-terrestrial creatures who may drop in for a visit now and then.

"I don't think we have anything really to fear from them," he says. "I think they are here for experimentation. They are seeing how we live."

As an investigator, Lutz contacts people who have reported any type of strange occurrence, preferably soon after the sighting.

"The faster you get back to peo-

ple, the more accurate the story is going to be," he says. "because if they think about it for 24, 48 or 72 hours, they tend to exaggerate a little bit more."

Lutz says Odyssey Research has checked about 480 claims of sightings in Maryland since 1970. The December incident was one of about 90 reported sightings the group investigated in 1979.

Lutz went to the field where the second caller had reported seeing the rocket. He went over the area but found no evidence of a rocket take-off. "We left that as an unknown," Lutz says.

It wasn't the first unexplained occurrence in the state.

In February 1976, a man reported seeing a small triangular cloud of dull white moving along the bottom of the cloud cover at about 5,100 feet. Lutz went to the scene near Baltimore and saw it himself, and at about the same time airport radar picked up an "unidentified blip."

Lutz also recalls a day when about 1,000 dead ducks dropped out of the sky in St. Marys City. He says he's unconvinced by theories that the ducks flew into an airplane or a high building before dropping to the ground.

He remembers an incident in February 1978 when a pilot contacted the airport control tower in Hagerstown, saying he had just seen an unidentified object and had been blinded. Before help could be summoned,

Lutz says, the plane crashed into a mountain and the pilot was killed.

Of the reports of aerial phenomena referred to him by police, fire and other agencies, Lutz says, about 75 percent can be identified. The rest, he says, remain mysteries — true UFOs.

Since he became interested in the study of unexplained phenomena in 1970, Lutz has devoted a good deal of his spare time to investigating reports of the unexplained — not just aerial phenomena, but geological phenomena, strange animals and "Big Foot," the legendary apeman of the Pacific Northwest.

The rest of the time, he works as a dispatcher in Baltimore city's Transit and Traffic division and, since he works different shifts, is able to spend some daylight hours and his days off checking locations where different phenomena have been reported.

Lutz and his cohort often encounter difficulties when trying to investigate UFO reports. Lutz says he feels the government covers up a lot of information it has about aerial spot-

tings. And movies and television shows dealing with subjects such as UFOs "hurt true investigators more than they help."

Lutz says the problem with such shows is that they take a number of reported cases and lump them together rather than deal with separate and specific occurrences.

But perhaps the biggest obstacle, according to Lutz, is the attitude of the people first reporting the sightings. They are embarrassed, he says. "afraid of being ridiculed."

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Looking for things that go swoosh in the night

By LINDA DUFFIELD

BALTIMORE (AP) — On a cold, crisp night last December, the phone rang at a suburban police station. The caller told officers he had just seen something strange in the sky.

The man said the thing was a dullish red color when he first spotted it, then it changed to blue. About the time the object changed color, he said, his car started running funny.

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Un Cherbourgeois a-t-il rencontré un extraterrestre lundi matin ?

Lundi dernier dans l'heure de midi, un Cherbourgeois, travailleur de l'Arsenal, retrouvait des amis dans un café de la rue Tour-Carrée.

Il paraissait extrêmement choqué et il avait les yeux rougis. « Des yeux vitreux comme jamais j'en ai vu » dit la patronne, « comme s'il avait été aveuglé par le soleil ».

Pendant toute la journée de lundi, M. X... n'a cessé de raconter la même histoire. Il affirmait avoir vu « un martien » dans sa chambre de la rue Grande-Vallée. Bien que les détails fournis semblent absolument illogiques, ses amis croient qu'il dit la vérité. C'est la première fois qu'il aborde ce sujet et ses descriptions sont fournies avec tant de conviction qu'ils en ont été eux-mêmes troublés.

M. X... était allongé sur son lit dans la nuit de dimanche à lundi après un week-end où il était resté dans sa chambre, souffrant d'un mal de jambes. Ne parvenant à dormir, il attendait 6 heures du matin, heure à laquelle il a l'habitude de se lever.

A 5 heures environ, il vit un objet de forme rectangulaire ressemblant à du carton pénétrer dans sa pièce par l'interstice de sa porte qui était fermée. L'objet se serait agrandi pour disparaître, laissant la place à un être de taille humaine revêtu d'une sorte de ciré vert foncé lui recouvrant également le haut du visage. L'être portait à la main une sorte de lampe et semblait arroser le mur face au témoin avec des étincelles rouges. Mais le visage de l'être restait toujours fixé sur M. X... qui était figé sur son lit. « Si j'avais bougé » dit-il, « il m'aurait aveuglé ».

Cette étrange apparition aurait duré un quart d'heure. M. X... ne se souvient pas comment l'être a disparu. Selon lui, il y aurait eu deux autres témoins mais nous ne sommes pas parvenus à les contacter.

Rêve, mise en scène, ou observation réelle ? Les employeurs de M. X... ont en tout cas jugé bon de l'envoyer voir son médecin.

J. SIDER
CLICHY

Source: "La Presse de la Manche" -Cherbourg-
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Has an inhabitant of Cherbourg encountered an extra-terrestrial being monday in the morning ?

Digest:

The last monday, a worker of naval dockyard of Cherbourg, has told to his friends a strange story. He stated that he had seen a queer being in his bed-room of Grande-Vallée street. In spite of all illogical details of his story, friends of this man are thinking that he has spoken the truth. Here is the facts:

Mr. X... was lying on his bed in night from sunday to monday. He couldn't sleep because he was suffering great ills to his legs. Consequently he was awaiting 06:00 a.m., time when he was in the habit of standing up. About 05:00 a.m., he saw an object shaped like a rectangular piece of cardboard, coming in the room in passing through interstice of door which was shut. This object would have increased its size, then disappeared, leaving to its place a being of human tall dressed with a sort of dark-green suit of oilskins covering also top of his face. The being held in his hand a kind of lamp and seemed sprinkling the wall just facing the witness, with red sparks. During all this action, the being's face remained always fixed on Mr. X... who was unmoved on his bed. "If I had stirred, he would have blinded me !", said the worker. This strange apparition lasted about 15 minutes. According Mr. X... there would have had two other witnesses, but we couldn't to contact them.

Employers of the witness have thought that it was better to send Mr. X... taking medical advice...

● RÉVÉLATION D'UN RAPPORT
SUR LES OVNIS

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ROME. — « Il allait à la vitesse d'un appareil à réaction, à environ 500 nœuds (926 km/h.). Lorsque je l'ai vu il se trouvait juste derrière un hélicoptère participant à un exercice de nuit ».

Ce témoignage d'un contrôleur aérien de la base militaire d'Elmas, près de Cagliari, en Sardaigne, est contenu dans un épais rapport garde secret pendant plus de deux ans par le ministère italien de la Défense, et communiqué à l'agence de presse Ansa.

L'apparition de cet ovni le 27 octobre 1977, lors d'un exercice militaire avait donné lieu à des échanges de messages entre la base d'Elmas, la base OTAN de Decimomannu, le porte-avions américain « Saratoga » et plusieurs appareils militaires en vol. L'ovni, que plusieurs pilotes ont également aperçu, volait à environ 1.500 pieds (500 mètres) et est resté visible pendant 4 minutes.

Source: "La Montagne" - Clermont-Ferrand -
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DISCLOSURES OF A REPORT ABOUT UFOs

Rema:— "It was traveling with a speed like the one of a jet, about 500 knots (926 Km/h). When I have seen it, it was just behind an helicopter "sharing in night manoeuvres"."

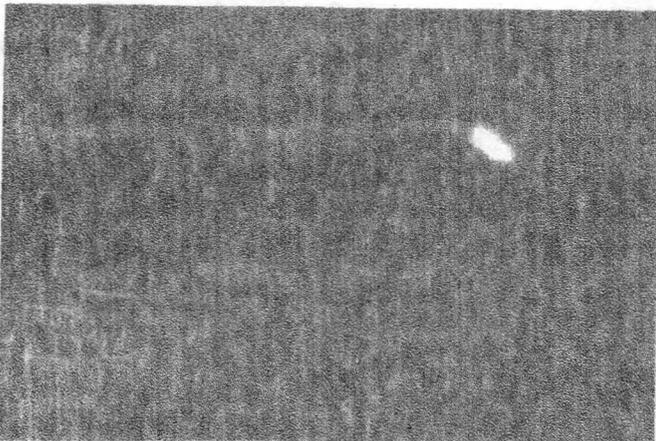
This testimony of a flight controller from military base of Elmas near Cagliari, in Sardinia, is contained in a thick report kept secret for more than two years by Italian Defense Department, and imparted the Ansa press office.

Appearance of this Ufo on October 27, 1977 during a military manoeuvre, had caused some exchanges of messages between Elmas base, the NATO base of Decimomannu, the american aircraft carrier "Saratoga", and several flights of military aircrafts. The Ufo, seen by several pilots, was flying about 1.500 feet in altitude and was visible for 4 minutes'.

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**UN OVNI PHOTOGRAPHIÉ
AU LARGE DU CROISIC**



NANTES.— Un ovni a été photographié, au Croisic (Loire-Atlantique), par un photographe amateur, membre d'un photo-club.

Ce photographe, qui désire garder l'anonymat, a pris plusieurs clichés, avec un objectif de 230 millimètres, d'un gros point brillant et scintillant, de couleur blanche, qui se dirigeait vers l'ouest, au-dessus de la mer. Ce point, indique-t-on de source officielle, ne pouvait être confondu avec les feux d'un bateau, ni avec ceux d'un avion.

C'est le fils du photographe, âgé de quinze ans, qui a déclenché l'alerte, et le photographe amateur a, aussitôt, prévenu les gendarmes, qui ont pu ainsi observer, en même temps que lui, le phénomène. D'autres personnes, sans relation entre elles, ont également apporté leur témoignage.

C'est la troisième fois, en quelques mois, que des ovnis ont été aperçus dans la région Loire-Atlantique - Vendée. Cette fois, cinq photos permettront d'étudier plus sérieusement le phénomène.

• UN ÉPAIS RAPPORT sur des témoignages de contrôleurs aériens ayant vu des ovnis, gardé secret pendant plus de deux ans par le ministère italien de la Défense, a été rendu public hier.

UFO PHOTOGRAPHED OFF CROISIC

Nantes:- A Ufo has been photographed off Croisic (Loire-Atlantique department), by a photograph enthusiast, member of a photo-club.

This photograph, who wants remaining anonymous, has snapped several pictures, with 230mm of lens, of a big bright and twinkling white light, which was heading towards the west, over the sea. This luminous point, according an official source, couldn't mistaken for a ship's light, nor navigation lights of an aircraft.

It is the photograph's son, 15, who warned his father, whom informed policemen (french gendarmes) and those could see also the phenomenon. Other witnesses without link between them have also reported the same sighting.

UN O.V.N.I. PHOTOGRAPHIÉ DANS LE CIEL LÉONARD...

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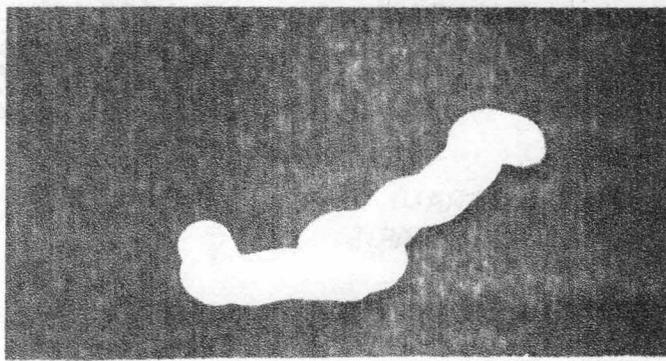
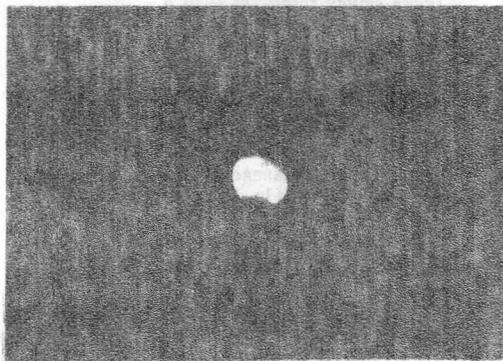
Deux jeunes gens de Plounevez-Lochrist, qui regagnaient leur domicile vers 1 heure du matin, à la fin du mois de décembre, ont pu contempler au-dessus de l'horizon, en direction de Saint-Pol-de-Léon, une forte lumière bleu-vert, clignotante. Il ne pouvait s'agir ni de la lune, ni d'une étoile, ni d'un avion.

L'un d'eux eut le réflexe de prendre son appareil de photo équipé d'un téléobjectif de 230 mm. Il prit ainsi plusieurs clichés. Soudain la lumière se déplaça dans le ciel pendant une dizaine de secondes avant de se stabiliser. Il était 1 h 17. Six minutes plus tard, elle

se déplaça de nouveau, très rapidement, laissant derrière elle une énorme gerbe d'étincelles, avant de disparaître.

Coïncidence ? Cette nuit-là, les radars de la B.A.N. de Landivisiau sont tombés en panne...

PHOTOS CI-DESSOUS. - A gauche, la lumière : un point clair dans le ciel; à droite : l'ami qui accompagnait l'auteur de la première photographie nous a décrit un déplacement de la lumière identique à la traînée reproduite sur ce cliché. La lumière a bougé de la droite vers la gauche, puis est remontée dans le ciel.

UFO PHOTOGRAPHED IN SKY OF SAINT-POL-DE-LEON.

Two youngsters from Plounevez-Lochrist, who were coming back to their home about 01:00 a.m. in the end of a night of December 1979, could see over the horizon line, towards Saint-Pol-de-Leon, an intense blue-green winking light. It might not being the moon, neither a star, nor an aircraft.

One of the youngsters had the reflex to take his camera fitted with a telelens of 230mm and snapped several pictures. Suddenly, the light travelled in sky for a ten of seconds before becoming stable. It was 01:17 a.m. Six minutes later on, it moved again but very fastly, leaving behind it an huge shower of sparks before to disappear.

Coïncidence ? That night, radars of Aero-naval base of Landivisiau broke down

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Note: the picture of right was taken with a time of exposure showing the various travellings of this Ufo, before its disappearance.

FEB 26 1980

A GROUP of boys from Charterhouse School, Godalming, had an unnerving experience last Friday night.

They could hardly believe their eyes, when they saw a cigar shaped object hovering silently in the sky only a short distance away.

On the following night another group of young people saw a similar unidentified object in the sky near Shere by-pass.

The four schoolboys, from Saunderites House, were on their way to the Sixth Form Club for a drink when they saw the UFO.

Simon Raymond, one of the group, said: "It did not look like a plane. You look at a plane and take no notice, but this really caught my eye."

Two UFO sightings?

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"All four of us saw it and although we are not trying to say it was a spaceship, it was certainly not like anything we have ever seen before. We spotted it at about 8.45 p.m. and kept it in sight for half an hour altogether.

"At first we thought it might be a star. We couldn't see it too clearly in the distance and it looked like a bell shape. We watched it in silence for about 20 minutes. Then it moved upwards and you could see its shape.

"It was long, like a cigar, with

a white light. The light seemed to change colour, although this could have been an illusion. It moved very fast over our heads and was gone.

"I know everyone will think it was a plane, but we shouted for everyone to be quiet and there was not a sound, not even the slightest humming noise. If it had been a plane, we should have heard it."

Other boys had by this time come out of the club to see the spectacle.

About 10 boys saw the UFO, although some who caught only

a glimpse dismissed it as a kind of plane.

Mr. Raymond reported the sighting to the police at Godalming. They suggested it may have been a balloon.

Mr. Raymond said he and his friends had thought about it carefully, but decided it did not look like a balloon. "A balloon wouldn't have changing coloured lights - and I doubt if it could move as quickly as our object did," he said.

"I just wanted to report it to see if anyone else had seen it - or could possibly say what it was."

Police reported the sighting to the Aeronautical Information Service at West Drayton.

A spokesman there said he recalled the Charterhouse sighting but could not speculate. A lot of calls about UFOs are received, he said, and many of them go unexplained.

The Charterhouse sighting was not isolated.

Only 24 hours later a group of young people returning from a night out spotted a pink light near the Shere by-pass.

Motorist Mr. David

McCarthy, of 20 Weston Fields, Albury, was returning from the Newlands Corner Hotel when he and his three passengers saw a brilliant pink light in the sky, in the shape of a star.

"It was heading towards Albury near the Shere Bypass" he said. "It was much bigger and brighter than any star. Then it disappeared behind some trees."

Mr. McCarthy later found confirmation for his story from some people he met in a Shalford pub.

"They described seeing the same sort of thing" he said. "The funny thing was that the lights at the Newlands Corner Hotel dimmed just before we left and saw the object, and people we met later confirmed that a similar sort of thing had happened at Shalford and Peasmarsh."

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Second UFO sighted

POLICE have been told of another sighting of a mysterious object in the sky over Fenland.

It was seen by a Parson Drove man ... at about the same time railwaymen reported seeing something like a ball of orange fire

hovering in the March area.

Fifty-two-year-old Mr John Fitzgerald of Riverside Gardens, Parson Drove, today told of his sighting and said he had reported it to police.

Mr Fitzgerald, who has

served in the RAF, is convinced that the white light he saw in the sky was not a plane, and it is not the first time he has seen a UFO. About two years back he saw something when he was looking towards the Throckenholt direction, he said.

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MAR 3 1980

Flying-Saucer Tales Shot Down in Russia

MOSCOW, March 2 (AP) — The official Soviet press renewed its attacks today on Soviet flying-saucer enthusiasts, insisting that no scientific evidence has confirmed purported sightings of interplanetary visitors or their spacecraft.

The Communist Party newspaper Pravda devoted nearly a half-page to debunking UFO rumors.

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PRAVDA ATTACKS

UFO REPORT

Russian newspapers renewed their attacks on flying-saucer enthusiasts yesterday, insisting that no scientific evidence has confirmed purported sightings of interplanetary visitors or their spacecraft.

PRAVDA devoted nearly half a page to debunking UFO reports, including those that the Soviet Academy of Sciences publishes "special research volumes" presumably in secret — about UFOs. It accused the "bourgeois Press" in the West of making sensations out of flying UFO "sightings." — A.P.