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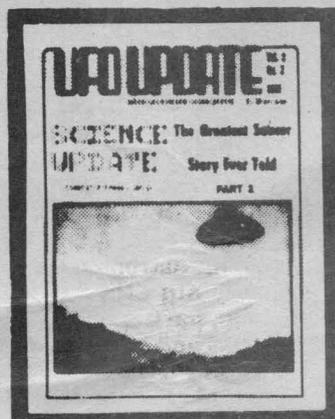
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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

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by Cathy Stone

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Four startled police 7427 officers in hour-long car chase

of an eerily silent, zig-zagging UFO

FOUR police officers have described an unidentified flying object which they watched for nearly an hour flying at speeds and with maneuverability impossible for any known aircraft.

The object, lit at the front with a brilliant clear white light and with red and green lights on its sides, was eerily silent as it made abrupt turns, flew an

erratic zig-zag course and produced phenomenal bursts of acceleration.

It appeared over the small town of Gladstone in northern Michigan about 1 a.m. on a recent night that was cold and extremely clear, giving the policemen an unimpeded view of its weird aerobatics.

Mark Hager and David Mariin of the Gladstone police received a call from a woman who said she'd seen a bright light in the sky and was frightened.

Before they left to investigate, they contacted the county sheriff's office and two deputies arranged to meet them.

Hager described their first sighting of the object: "We had left the office about five minutes and were in the north end of the town when we saw a very intense bright white light coming from the south.

"We stopped the car and got out because it was slowing down and was just overhead. There was no way it was a helicopter or any known aircraft.

"That was one of the things that baffled us. Had it been a conventional aircraft or helicopter, we would have been able to hear it, but we didn't hear a thing.

"We really couldn't tell its shape or size or how far away it was. All we would see were red and green lights on its sides with a clear white light at the front."

The object started to move away and Hager and Mariin followed it by car to a bluff outside of town where they were joined by deputies Max Steichert and David Huckstep from the sheriff's office.

They took up the chase and Hager and Mariin stayed on their vantage point on the bluff.

Steichert said the object trav-

eled in an erratic zigzag with its colored lights changing in a kaleidoscope fashion. "They appeared to be oscillating and moving in a circular motion, changing color and intensity.

"When the object was orange-red it would descend vertically then rise up again and change to bluish-green and start traveling laterally while occasionally emitting a bright, white light."

The two police cars kept in radio contact and all four officers confirmed each other's observations.

Steichert and Huckstep followed the UFO for 10 miles until they lost sight of it in the densely wooded country. One of their last sightings was the UFO making an abrupt right turn and rapidly ascending. Hager and Mariin confirmed this rapid ascent.

"The craft didn't have any problem making abrupt turns or moving abruptly up and down," said Steichert, adding "I've firmly believed that UFOs did not exist, but now I'm a believer."

One puzzling feature of the object's flight was that it was not detected by radar.

Capt. Frank Randall, public information officer at the nearby U.S. Air Force base, said: "The only aircraft we have for that night are bona-fide aircraft with which we communicate as part of our routine."

Acting Deputy Chief Carlton Mineau of the Gladstone police force said Mariin and Hager were officers with high credibility. Delta County Undersheriff Roger Good said of his deputies: "If these guys saw it, you can be sure there was something out there."

The sightings have impressed experienced UFO investigators and Peter Mazzola, director of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, a leading UFO group, said: "This is the most authentic report I've come across in more than 100 investigations of such sightings.

"If the statements had not come from experienced observers they would have been hard to believe.

"There is no way the craft the officers sighted can be explained away as a helicopter or an aircraft as we know them," said Mazzola.

Another UFO studier, Dan Wright of the Mutual UFO Network, said: "A UFO sighting, is usually a brief, momentary thing. This was a lengthy episode filled with impossible aerial maneuvers, so we regard it as highly unusual."

A UFO described in local press reports as being a "large, windowed object what was round and noiseless" appeared March 1978, almost two years to the day before the Gladstone report, less than 10 miles away in a neighboring town.

UFOs spotted in Walton— fact or fantasy?

PAGE ONE

By Rick Gill

Several people spotted something in the skies over Walton on a couple of occasions last week.

John Still, 81 Needmore St., Walton, said he was alerted when his dog started barking Monday, March 10, around 7:30 p.m.

"Usually the dog reacts to a train whistle, and starts barking," Mr. Still, 57, an ex-Navy man said. "But I checked just the same."

The Walton resident said it was no train that set his dog to barking on this occasion.

"I looked up in the sky in a northwest direction over my house," Mr. Still said. "That's the direction the dog was looking. He had his nose pointed straight at this bright brilliant object."

Describing the sighting, the Walton resident said whatever it was, it could not have been any higher in altitude than 8,000 to 9,000 feet. From the

direction of his house, Mr. Still said the object appeared to be directly over the Walton National Guard Armory.

Reporting the object as being stationary, and not changing in altitude or distance, the ex-Navy man said the UFO did not disappear until 9:30 p.m. Monday, two hours from when Mr. Still said he first saw it.

The UFO was seen by Mr. Still again Tuesday evening, March 11, at about the same time. "This time the bright object stayed visible for about two and a half hours," Mr. Still said. "I got out my binoculars to look at it, and it was so bright I couldn't see any other details - no other lights coming from it."

Tuesday night Mr. Still reported the UFO to police.

"Officer Hines from the Walton Police called the Airport, but they said they couldn't pick anything up on

radar," Mr. Still said. "It's my opinion that a stationary object should be picked up on radar as a blip on the screen."

The Walton man also said the airport sent some planes over in the general direction of the armory, but no sighting were reported by the pilots.

"I tried to call the airport, but I couldn't get anyone over there," Mr. Still said.

Officials at the National Guard Armory said they knew of no conditions at that time that would produce such sightings.

Mr. Still said he did not think the U.S. Air Force would release any pertinent data.

"But if it's something they don't know about, they try very hard to get the information," the Walton man said.

Mr. Still said he is a firm believer of life in other parts of the universe.

NEW CASTLE, KY.
LOCAL
MAR 20 1980

U.F.O.'s Sighted In New Castle

FRONT PAGE

Mrs. Anna Ricketts, New Castle, reported to the Local Monday that on Sunday, March 9, at about 9 p.m., she was disturbed by barking dogs and when she looked out the back of her house she saw in her yard, about fifty feet from the house, a strange, very bright object hovering motionless about twenty feet from the ground.

Because of the brightness of the object, the best she could tell of the shape was that it looked like a piper cub without wings. Protruding from the bottom of the craft were at least three antenna-looking sticks, slightly at an angle, pointing toward the ground.

At one time, Mrs. Ricketts went into the backyard to get a closer look. She awakened her husband, Wilson, who accompanied her to the back porch, but by then the object had moved in a northwesterly direction toward Sulphur Road, shooting straight up, then down, and at irregular angles, before disappearing from sight. At no time did they see this object touch the ground.

While still on the porch, waiting to see what would happen next, another object, which could have been sitting on the ground or close to it toward Sulphur Road, was sighted. This object appeared to be much smaller and had various colored lights showing.

Mrs. Ricketts called the State Police but the objects were gone by the time an officer arrived. She has been reluctant to mention this phenomenon before now. If anyone has also seen strange crafts in the county, please call the Local.

DETROIT LAKES, MINN.
RECORD
MAR. 24 1980

How many saw light? —

A story in the Detroit Lakes Tribune of March 13 stated that residents of the Callaway-Audubon-Height of Land areas had noticed a "bright flash of light" in the sky the night of Friday, March 7.

That was one of several reports I have heard over the past couple of weeks about "flashes of light" spotted by area residents.

This past week, I received a letter from George Legler, who writes as follows:

"On Tuesday night (March 11), Harriet (Mrs. Legler) and I were returning from Fargo and noticed a bright light east of Lake Park about 10 p.m. It looked like it could have been between Audubon and Callaway and our first thought was that it could be a very bright beacon. We watched it for about three-to-five minutes and then could see it no more and it did not seem to be moving."

The Leglers, who winter at Sun City, Ariz., returned to Detroit Lakes briefly early in March and are now back in Sun City.

"It would be interesting to know if anyone else saw the light," George concludes in his letter.

SACRAMENTO, CA.

BEE

FEB 9 1980

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.

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Greenland Has Rash Of UFO Sightings

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 in 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.

The theories put forward by meteorologists have not done much to convince Greenlanders that they are just witnessing some unusual atmospheric phenomena.

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.

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Close encounters of the forgettable kind



FRANCK FONTAINE
'Where was I, now?'

Cops in Cergy-Pontoise, France, are openly skeptical that it may be just an alibi for his week-long disappearance, but Franck Fontaine, 19, is sticking by his story of seeing a UFO... and then blanking out completely.

Fontaine said he remembers seeing a glowing sphere by the hood of his car... and then blanko! Right out of this world!

Two friends who were with him at the time and reported his disappearance confirm the story.

UFO investigators say area had real close encounter

By RICK RUDDEN
Staff Writer

GLADSTONE — Two UFO investigators from New York left for home this morning after verifying the sighting of a UFO Wednesday and saying it is one of the most important to take place in the U. S. in many years.

Pete Mazzola and Jim Fillow, international directors of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, registered in New York, were in the area for the last day and a half looking into the sighting by six area police officers.

The six officers — two from the Gladstone Public Safety Department, two from the Delta County Sheriff's Department and two from the Escanaba Public Safety Department — all reported seeing the object at about 1 a. m. Wednesday.

The officers from Gladstone, Mark Hager and Dave Mariin, viewed the UFO for more than 30 minutes near or on M-35 north of Gladstone. Both patrol cars from the sheriff's department and Gladstone reported chasing the object but lost sight of it as it flew toward the west.

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

K. I Sawyer Air Force Base, the Coast Guard and the Department of Natural Resources all report that they did not have any aircraft in the area at the time.

When Mazzola isn't investigating UFO, he is a full-time New York City undercover police officer while Fillow was a New Jersey police officer and is now a computer technician.

The Scientific Bureau of investigation has some 2,000 members across the U. S. and half of those are police officers who act as investigators for the group.

The goals of the non-profit organization are to alert the public of the true facts concerning UFOs, protect the interests of the public officer involved in a sighting, and primarily, to expose the U. S. government concerning the suppressed evidence of UFOs that they contain, Mazzola said.

The group is concerned with police officers both because its two directors have police backgrounds and because "police officers are more apt to get involved with UFOs because they are out there, especially between midnight and eight when most of the public is asleep and when most UFO sightings take place," Mazzola said.

The directors of the group decided to come to Delta County from New York instead of sending one of their member-investigators from Detroit because the case here was so unusual.

Mazzola said the two started for Escanaba "as soon as we heard about it in New York from UPI (news service)."

This pair came all the way to the U. P. because "this was a case of major importance involving several different police officers from three different agencies, which made the report very valid," he added.

They usually only cover reported landings of UFOs, but they covered this case because it "was unusual due to the fact that you had not one or two cops involved but you had four, five, six cops reporting the same object from different locations, there was too much credibility here to let it pass," Fillow said.

The two said the case in Gladstone is one of the best and most complete cases they have worked on, and they have worked on between 45 and 50 what they call valid UFO sightings.

The two investigate reports of UFOs in much the same way as they would investigate a crime.

"We try to build a case like a criminal investigation, and if we went to court with this evidence we would win. We build the evidence to substantiate the fact that something unknown was up there, we ask how that evidence was substantiated, we ask if all the possibilities were eliminated, we ask if misidentification was eliminated, we did all this," Fillow said.

The pair were able to talk to the police officers involved in the sighting because of cooperation from the Gladstone Public Safety Department and Delta County Sheriff's Department, and they were even able to study the actual police reports concerning the matter.

They talked to and made reports on 24 witnesses of the sighting, but "eight will be eliminated because it seems they just jumped on the bandwagon, but of the rest we're sure that they did see the object," Mazzola said.

The investigators talked to the officers separately to double check their stories, and each one checked out. They also, for the brief time they were in the area, checked the officers' background and standing in the community.

Each officer reported that before Wednesday morning,

they were skeptical of the existence of UFOs, but that is no longer the case.

That's because now they "have been slapped in the face with reality, they believe in UFOs now," Fillow said.

Every officer told them that what they saw was not reflected lights but a material object. Quoting from the report of one officer, Fillow said. "It wasn't any aircraft that I ever saw before," the key word there is 'aircraft,' he did not say light or anything like that, he said 'aircraft'."

After talking to the officers and other witnesses and even after using the officers' reports and taking a "dry run" of the early morning's events, the two concluded that what was seen that cold, clear morning near Gladstone was indeed a UFO.

"We have reached a conclusion, what has happened here is that without a doubt it was a UFO. The speeds were incredible, the maneuvers were typical for a UFO but were incredible to those who didn't see them before, the color

changes were typical, everything was typical for a UFO," Fillow said.

Now that they have their findings, Mazzola said they "intend to make smoke, we are going to call a press conference when we land in New York, this has made world headlines and we want to make the public more aware of UFOs."

One important point brought up by the officers who witnessed the object was that "the colored lights were not standing still like they would on a plane, but according to the record the lights were revolving, at first they saw one color, then another color and then the next color, not all at the same time," he added.

One apparent discrepancy the New York investigators said they uncovered dealt with the use, or reported non-use, of radar at K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base near Marquette.

Fillow said they received reports that air force personnel at the U. P. base said they did not have any idea if a UFO was out there because their radar was turned off, an explanation he called "a crock."

He explained, "This is a major defense installation in the northern-midwestern U. S., and there's no way in hell they would turn off the radar."

Agreeing with his partner, Mazzola said the two are "convinced that the air force did in fact have their radar on, because it did not sound logical, they are just evading the issue."

They said that right here in the U. P. this issue concerning the radar is an example of the federal government trying to whitewash UFO sightings. But they added that they understand the air force's point of view.

"We understand the point of view of the air force base. UFOs aren't supposed to exist as far as the air force is concerned because of national security, panic to the public or whatever," Mazzola said.

Officials at the K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base said their radar operates on a 24 hour basis, so they say the radar was on at the time of the sighting.

A misunderstanding becomes apparent between the two investigators and the base because a base officer said their radar has just a 50-mile range, not anything that could cover the northern-midwest.

The base has weather radar in addition to tactical radar that is used for air traffic control.

Sgt. Jim Rosenberg of the base public affairs office said because the radar only has a range of 50 miles, a UFO sighted near Gladstone would be on the radar's fringes and there was a good chance if there was an object present, it would not be picked up by the base's radar.

The two were able to do such a substantial investigation because of the cooperation of the area police agencies.

They were able to receive this cooperation because Fillow and Mazzola, both having some involvement with police work, can identify with area police and break down barriers that may exist for others.

"Pete and I both have cop lingo, we understand them, cops usually don't open up to people but when they talk to a cop or a former cop, they open up, and that's exactly what happened here," Fillow said, adding "there was a tremendous rapport between the two of us and the local police."



LOOKING FOR UFO — Pete Mazzola (left) and Jim Fillow are the international directors of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation based in New York. The two left for home this morning after investigating the reported sighting of a UFO near Gladstone Wednesday. In addition to being a UFO investigator, Mazzola looks like and is an undercover policeman for the New York City Police Department. Fillow, a former New Jersey police officer, is now a computer technician. (Ron Hess Photos)

The two said they were well received while in Delta County because "Many organizations, institutions and media have called in reference to this case from around the world, but we are the only ones who came here, that's a big difference," Mazzola said.

The Scientific Bureau of Investigation is only just a little over a year old and was formed by the two because they did not agree with another UFO investigative group they had been involved with.

While they and the other members of the group that are also policemen handle the investigative duties, other members of the organization who have the ability handle the scientific and technical aspects of UFO research.

They store all their information they gather in a computer in Houston and have laboratories in New York and New Jersey.

With them on their trip from New York to Delta County, the two brought thousands of dollars worth of equipment, which is just a small percentage of their equipment supply, Fillow said.

With this new equipment and technology, Mazzola said they have "been called the new breed of 'UFO-ologists' because we have new methods, innovations, techniques that have not been tried before."

UFO reports 'warp out' night shift

By David Lewis
Staff Writer

FRONT PAGE

Howell

Where were you on the night of March 29?

If you weren't looking at the sky over Livingston County Airport but were gobbling up "Alien" on network TV, you had your priorities wrong.

The real aliens, it seems, were warping around over rows of tied-down Cessnas west of Howell.

About 10 p.m. Sunday night, Mike Bignell was working the late night shift at WHMI when he got a call reporting a multi-colored, blinking object in the night sky west of the city.

Bignell said Monday he looked out the window but couldn't see that part of the sky from his location. Then the lady, whom Bignell said seemed in quite good control of herself, called back, reporting that the object had taken off at tremendous speed.

Come on, now. It's the late night shift. A sci-fi movie is on the boob tube. What else do you expect?

Certainly not a retired naval pilot calling in to second the story. But that's what Bignell got. The man, also calm

and collected, said he had watched the UFO for 15 minutes with his binoculars. He confirmed that when it took off, it really did take off. No slow-moving helicopter this.

Bignell put in calls to Lansing and Detroit. Nix on radar, nix on sightings, but...

But Detroit Metro said the air control tower in Windsor had called them, asking about an unidentified object in the air southeast of the Canadian city.

Contacted Monday, Howell police had no UFO sightings to report.

Livingston County Airport Manager Spencer Hardy was out at the airport at 10:30 that night, but said he didn't see a thing. He said a mechanic was out at the field until 10:30, but didn't see a thing.

A plane did go up from the field late Sunday night, though.

Zonnie Fritsche, team supervisor at the Capitol City Airport tower in Lansing said Monday this was the first UFO sighting he's heard about in three weeks.

"These things run in streaks," Fritsche said, "usually corresponding to television movies. Last night was clear, with Venus very prominent."

Bill Fritsche did have a trace of regret in his voice.

"Even if you really got one no one'd believe you," he said.

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Encounter With A UFO

Three Belle Plaine residents joined the growing ranks of those who have spotted an unidentified Flying Object.

A Benton county deputy sheriff reports he was told these people saw a white light high in the sky west of Belle Plaine about 9:30 p.m. Monday. It reportedly changed to red, then green and followed them when they drove into the country.

The UFO increased and decreased speed and changed direction when they did.

The Belle Plaine residents said the object was not an airplane or helicopter.

Efforts to check on aircraft in the area were fruitless. Cedar Rapids airport officials were unable to confirm or deny aircraft in the area.

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CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF A PUZZLING KIND

GLADSTONE — The bright eye of the national media focused on Gladstone police officer Mark Hager last week. But he'll be glad when the spotlight is turned off.

Hager was one of six Delta County police officers and several citizens who watched a brightly colored, swiftly moving, unidentified flying object in the early morning hours Wednesday.

"I didn't believe in (UFOs) before, but I believe in them now," Hager said.

Following the sighting, Hager and other officers were deluged with questions from reporters, all three television networks and UFO reporting centers around the country. The sighting made radio commentator Paul Harvey's daily newscast.

Hager and fellow officer David Mariin were called Wednesday to investigate reports of a UFO, spotted over M-35, north of Gladstone. The two were joined by several county sheriffs' deputies, who had also received calls about the UFO.

The officers tracked the object for 30 miles as it sped west, making abrupt turns and fast ascending and descending maneuvers.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY: 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 know, but as far as being scared or anything, we didn't believe in 'em before, but I do now."

Local Reports of Unidentified Flying Objects Multiply

By DIANE BENNETT

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MANY REPORTS of strange objects in the night sky over Tuolumne county are being received by the local Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network (MUFON).

Local MUFON director Marv Taylor said the number of reports is the largest since last year when a satellite on its fiery re-entry into the atmosphere was sighted over Tuolumne county.

Taylor said Tuolumne county is not alone in the sightings since numerous UFOs have been reported in Northern California during the last week.

LOCAL UFO reports were made on Thursday, March 13, Sunday, March 16, and early last Wednesday morning.

"These sightings have been some of the best," Taylor said. "Here we have people who are being very careful in what they are describing. They are doing a good job of explaining why it isn't a refueling or search and rescue operation."

Four separate sightings have been made of UFOs in the southwest side of the county.

A MOCCASIN powerhouse operator has suggested that the sightings may have been military aircraft refueling operations that have been seen in evenings from the powerhouse.

Surrounding military bases have been unable to say if their aircraft were practicing in the area Thursday night but have reported refueling operations are common.

Thursday's most complete description came from a Pine Mountain Lake couple and their 8-year-old son as they drove down the Second Garrotte, east of Groveland between 6:45 and 7 p.m.

THEY SAW A total of four objects, the first estimated to be between 300 and 400 feet long.

The family first saw an object hovering over a mountain directly in front of them as they drove down the grade.

A pale green light, which faded into a pale "yellowish white" was seen at what appeared to be the front left of the object. Green and red-orange lights were also seen along the object.

Porthole type windows, similar to those on airliners, were seen along the object. A pale yellow glow seemed to be coming from the windows.

THREE OTHER sightings of a strange object seen about 7 p.m. Thursday have been reported to MUFON:

— A resident living at the fringe of the Cuesta Serena subdivision reported a sighting between 6:45 and 7 p.m.

The woman first heard a noise and saw a low hovering object about 150 yards away. Round windows were seen along the object and it appeared to be cone shaped.

When the object took off, the woman said it appeared to barely clear the hill to the landfill.

— A woman driving home along Jacksonville Rd. saw a low bright light hanging at tree level. The sighting was made between 6:30 and 7 p.m.

She had she had earlier seen a plane and connected helicopter flying in the area. That sight, which matches the description of the refueling operation, is common in the area, she said.

THE BRIGHT LIGHT, however, did not appear to be a plane and helicopter.

She stopped and observed the object out of her car window before heading home. When she turned into her

driveway, a hill blocked the object from her view.

— A Chinese Camp couple and their daughter spotted an object at 6:45 p.m. as they drove along Montezuma Rd.

They first saw a plane fly by then they saw the object, described as a bright light, stationary in the sky. Another object was traveling to meet it.

NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS were also made Sunday night.

A local man and his 19-year-old son, on their way to Modesto, spotted two red and white lights in the sky from the Chicken Ranch Rd. area. They estimated the lights were about five to 10 miles away.

The lights were heading northbound and were fairly low in the sky.

Three other persons had earlier reported seeing strange lights Sunday night.

A Sonora brother and sister reported that a bright light followed them along LaGrange Rd. from the Snelling area to near Highway 103.

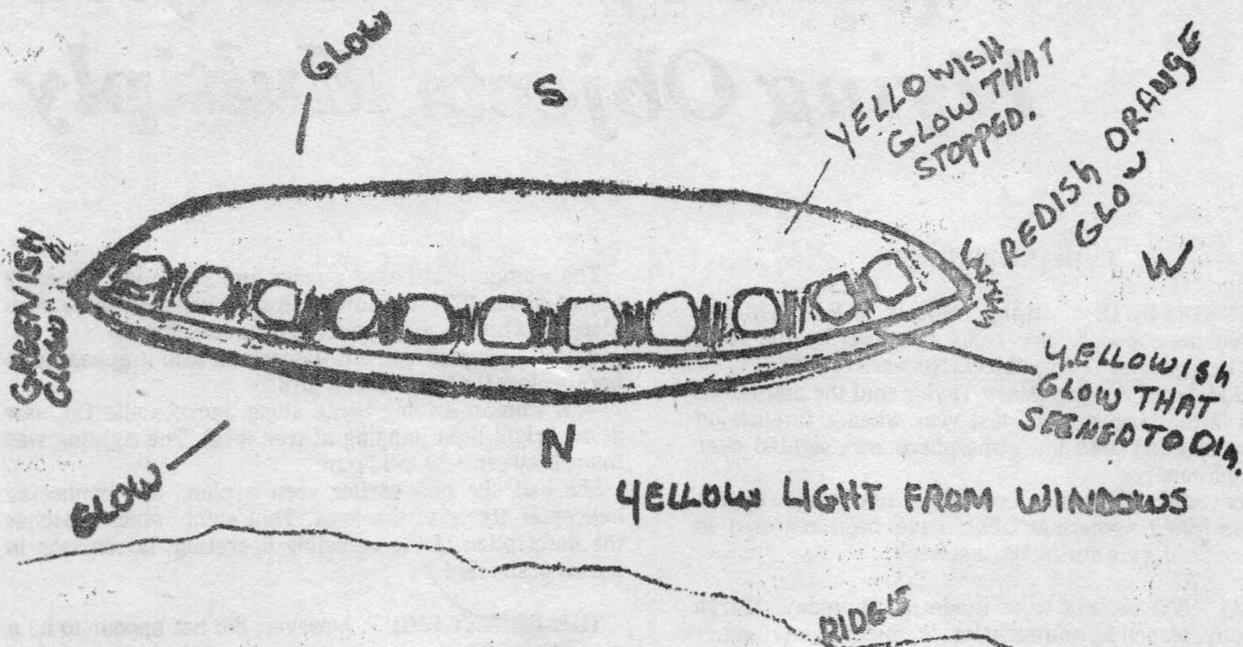
THE ENTIRE SIGHTINGS lasted about two-and-a-half hours.

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

The object was reported as huge in size and hovering about tree level.

Taylor speculated that the object she saw may have been one of the craft on its way to join the others at the LaGrange Rd. intersection.

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SURPRISE VIEW — Meeting a Pine Mountain Lake family as they drove down the Second Garrote grade on Thursday, March 13, was this huge oblong object. The

drawing, provided to local UFO investigator Marv Taylor, shows numerous porthole-type windows along the side, from which a yellow light was reportedly visible.

TWO PERSONS REPORTED seeing objects early Wednesday morning.

A woman in the Sherwood Forest area reported she was awakened about 1:30 a.m. by a sound "like a low flying helicopter."

She said through the bedroom window it appeared to be "like day" outside. When she looked out the window she saw an object resembling the "moon with two eyes on in."

SHE WATCHED the object for about 30 minutes before it took off and headed southeast.

"I thought at first it was a bright star," she said. "It was so bright I couldn't gaze at it steady."

The object was at a level higher than pine trees in the area but was still at a low level. It moved from side to side and appeared to be bright with green and white lights.

The woman has lived in the area 20 years and said helicopters are rarely seen there.

A COUPLE LIVING near the Rolling Hills subdivision saw two objects out of their bedroom window from about 3 to 3:30 a.m. Wednesday.

The woman said the objects, which appeared to be over the Table Mountain, were much bigger and brighter than anything else in the sky.

The two objects were beside each other, appeared to be about the same size and were pulsating.

"It just appeared from the way they were blinking in and out they were rejuvenating themselves," the woman said.

She watched the objects for about 30 minutes, went briefly into another room and when she returned the objects had disappeared.

Local woman reports UFO sighting

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The Moffat County Sheriff's Department received a call Wednesday night from a resident who asked if they had observed an unidentified flying object west of Craig.

Ann Kalder, who lives west of Craig, reported seeing lights in the sky west of her home. Deputies Larry Fallon and Tom Crabson drove in that direction to investigate, but did not observe any suspicious lights.

Residents See 'Unidentified Flying Object'

Just what appeared over Jones County the night of St. Patrick's Day is still a mystery. Last week, residents were still being interviewed by news agencies and researchers who were trying to determine if that night an unidentified flying object moved about tree-top high over the Augusta to Macon railroad near James, about five miles south of Gray.

A number of persons in the county reported seeing a huge ball of light that was moving about five to 10 miles an hour toward Macon.

James Balkcom of James said he was approaching the tracks, and as he was getting ready to cross, he noticed a "blinding light. At first I was afraid that a train was coming. I then saw that a sphere, about the size of a two-story house, about 300 feet above

the house of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Evans," he reported.

Balkcom remained at the tracks for about four minutes, observing the object as it hovered over the house. He then witnessed the object with others.

As Balkcom was observing the sphere, Mildred Evans was watching it at her home. She and her husband saw the sphere, which appeared to be glass

with bright lights coming from the center. Balkcom and the Evanses spoke of searchlights which apparently were coming from the center of the object. Also, they said, inside the lights changed from red to green.

Mrs. Evans ran to a telephone to call Balkcom. She wanted to tell him to observe the object. Balkcom said that when the call was received at his home, he was watching the sphere from the railroad tracks.

Mrs. Evans said as the object moved away, there were hissing noises, then a whirling sound. "It was not an airplane," she said. Mr. Evans and Balkcom said the object was not a plane.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans said the sphere could have been larger than 50 feet in diameter. Balkcom said it was probably

much bigger than that. "I had an advantage," he said, explaining that he could see the object at an angle, while the Evans could see it only overhead.

Mrs. Jo Garner of Jones County said she has seen lighted objects in the sky several times during the past few weeks. The most recent sighting she continued was about Thursday, March 13. She said the object seemed to be coming over the tree tops from Milledgeville, and when it approached her home, it swerved north toward Eatonton.

Mrs. Garner, who also lives at James, was feeding her dogs about 7:30 p.m. when the object came from the direction of Milledgeville, she said. The sphere appeared much like a giant lighted globe, Mrs. Garner said.

She said she has made a few past sightings, and has observed UFO's with relatives on two occasions.

She did not report the Thursday sighting to authorities.

Mrs. Garner said she has no way of knowing just how big the object was, or how high it was. The sphere did not light up her yard as it passed over her house, she said.

One woman motorist reportedly was "chased" by an unidentified flying object from Athens to Gray.

Bob Hunnicutt of Macon said he was investigating the sightings in Jones county. He sent his report to a private research organization in Arizona.

Balkcom said he was driving toward the tracks at James with his mixed collie, Brownie, when he saw the light coming from the object. "Brownie was barking...I didn't want to tell anyone. I thought everyone would laugh."

Nobody did, however, he acknowledged.

Two Giddings area families report UFO sightings

Two Giddings families that live approximately a mile south of Giddings reported seeing a bright lighted object hovering in the air about 10 p.m. last Thursday night.

The Paul Fischer family first reported the UFO sighting to the Lee County

Sheriff's Department, describing it as bright fixed object hovering higher than tree-top level.

Other neighbors living in the area also noticed the Unidentified Flying Object, which was west of the Old Serbin Road.

However, by the time a patrol car from the Lee County Sheriff's Department could be dispatched to the area, the object had disappeared at about 10:15 p.m.

Sheriff Joe Goodson said he also had a similar UFO

report in that area about three months ago.

That particular UFO was described as a light that appeared to be shining brightly in a tree or group of trees. It, too, vanished before the Sheriff's Department could send officers to investigate. That UFO was sighted about 3 miles south on the Old Serbin Road.

Similar sightings of UFO's have been reported during the past year by a Giddings businessman and also the publisher of the Giddings Times & News. But both of these sightings were further west in the Paige area.

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Union couple endures encounter

by Mary Ann Roser

A frightened Union couple called Boone County Police about 2 a.m. Monday reporting a close encounter with an unknown creature.

Minutes after David and Jackie Stulz turned off their television set, they heard an eerie sound outside and "something" began shaking their trailer, according to Boone Ptl. Jack Prindle, who responded to the call.

Mr. Stolz told the officer he grabbed his shotgun and a .22 magnum pistol. At that time, he could hear a sound coming

from the shed on his property. Ptl. Prindle said.

Mr. Stulz ran outside to investigate as his wife switched on the outdoor light. He allegedly saw a large, black animal enter the river and began firing his shotgun and magnum until the guns were empty, Officer Prindle said.

"He heard it enter the water and could see the ripples, but I don't really think he saw it," Ptl. Prindle said. "I don't think anything is going to come of this."

The officer and Boone County Ptl. Carl Parker

searched the area with a flashlight, but they could not find any prints or damage to the trailer, according to the report.

Officer Prindle believes a large dog may be responsible for the incident, although he did not discover any dog tracks. He stated there are several large German Shepherds and a Doberman living near the Stulz residence at 283 Ryle Road, Union,

The Stulzes told police they have heard unusual noises in the past. Mrs. Stulz's sister had lived in the trailer

several months ago, and she reported a similar experience. Mrs. Stulz was on the phone with her sister at the time and Mrs. Stulz claimed she could hear the noise and screams in the background, Officer Prindle said.

The couple packed their belongings and left the trailer Monday with their small child who had slept during the incident.

A Mr. Jones from the Ohio Institute of UFO's (unidentified Flying Objects) is investigating the incident, according to Officer Prindle.

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Pilot Spots UFO

Near Border

CAVE JUNCTION—The pilot of a light aircraft, crossing the Siskiyou south of Cave Junction near the California border, claims to have sited an unidentified flying object Wednesday evening.

The pilot, who contacted Seattle Air Control, did not identify himself except by aircraft number. While flying above Preston Peak, the pilot was overheard telling Seattle Control at about 7:15 p.m. that a "black object, moving at an extremely high rate of speed had come right at my aircraft."

He subsequently told air traffic controllers that the object, "veered off" and "disappeared through a hole

in the clouds" below him.

Joe Brubaker, assistant chief air traffic controller at Seattle, said one of his controllers did receive the report from a private pilot, who said both he and his passengers saw the object.

Brubaker said the object was not sighted on Seattle's radar scope. Brubaker said he thought the "UFO" was probably the aircraft's own shadow.

"It was about sunset and you get some funny looking shadows that time of the night that can look like an object coming toward you," he said. "There were a lot of layered clouds at that time and that's the kind that creates this 'image,' so to speak.

Brubaker said Seattle Control will "do nothing" to follow up the report. "We don't unless its a lone object in difficulty." He said there is no government agency that is interested any more in UFO reports.

"There are just so many of those. It's almost impossible to track them all down."

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UFO show set at Bay college

ESCANABA — Almost six weeks after a UFO was sighted over Gladstone, an informational program on unidentified flying objects will be presented at 7:30 p.m. April 29 in the Bay de Noc Community College gymnasium.

The program is being sponsored by the college's student government and visible humanities committee.

The program will feature Jim Fillow and Pete Mazzola, coordinators of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation based out of New York.

The two UFO investigators were in the area just one day after the UFO was sighted by area law enforcement officers. After reviewing over 20 reported sightings of the object, they verified it as a UFO and called it one of the most important sightings to take place in the U.S. in years.

When Mazzola isn't investigating UFOs, he is a full-time undercover police officer while Fillow, an ex-New Jersey cop, is now a computer technician.

Also featured at the UFO program will be Gladstone police officers Mark Hager and Dave Martin, who sighted the UFO on highway M-35 north of Gladstone early

March 12 after receiving a unanimous phone call.

After viewing the UFO, the two contacted and requested the Delta County Sheriff's Department for assistance.

Two sheriff's deputies, David Huckstep and Max Streicher, joined the two Gladstone police officers and the four reportedly observed the object for approximately one hour travelling at very high speeds, making very sharp turns and abrupt maneuvers.

The two Gladstone police officers will give an account of their experiences that night and answer questions while Fillow and Mazzola will give a slide presentation and discuss other UFO sightings.

Admission to the program is \$2 and the public is invited. Bay College students with activity cards will be admitted free of charge.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance at Gust Asp's, Team Electronics and Ernie's Party Store in Escanaba and at Ivory Drug Store in Gladstone.

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A Close Encounter of Some Kind?

by Marcha Fox

A handful of Hyde Park residents experienced the sighting of a UFO this past week with the event culminating with a visit to area UFO expert, Frank Salisbury, a professor of plant physiology at Utah State University.

At least 10 persons saw the object which appeared twice, once around 7 p.m. and again between 8:15 and 8:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 10. Jerry Allen, 13, and his brother, Dallas, 10, were milking cows at their family's dairy barn about a mile north of Hyde Park when Jerry first spotted a large, orange illuminated form in the dark southern sky.

"I called Dallas to come and see it," he said. "We watched it as it headed south and saw a shaft of light drop to the ground that looked like it had a ball-like shape on the end. Then it just disappeared."

No one reportedly saw it again until about 8:15 p.m.

Used Binoculars

"My husband had gone out to feed our horses and saw it coming from the

north," Gail Dalley, 365 E. Center St., said. "He walked back to the house and told me to look up at the sky. I saw it immediately and decided to go back in and get our binoculars. In the time it had taken him to come the 100 feet or so from the horses to the house it had come from what appeared to be Smithfield to the lot directly behind our house."

The object stopped for a few seconds then negotiated a square maneuver slowly in which it descended briefly, went east a short distance, returned to its former altitude then moved west to its original position.

"It remained there for a few seconds when we became aware that it was growing smaller. Closer observation revealed it was moving away from us in a northwesterly direction," Mrs. Dalley recalled, "until it disappeared." The entire sighting lasted 10-15 minutes.

Her 20-20 vision, enhanced with binoculars, allowed Mrs. Dalley a rather vivid look at the astronomical phenomena.

One-Third Size of the Moon

"It was large, much larger than any of the stars or planets visible in the sky. It was about one-third the diameter of the moon and the color of hot, molten lava on the bottom. She could see a rounded form to the top. The dark part on the upper half was separated from the glowing underside by a narrow, orange band that looked similar to an electric stove element on high, she explained. "The intensity of its color seemed to pulsate three times before it finally disappeared."

She told The Citizen that she experienced no fear of the object, just fascination.

Kim Lamb, 15, and his sister, Tami, 13, weren't quite as cool.

"We were on our way to the neighbors with our Dad. He had forgotten his check book and gone back to our house to get it so Kim and I were just standing in the road waiting for him to come back," Tami explained. "Kim was teasing me about noises and a black cat had darted out, too. Then we both saw this big, orange thing appear up in the sky from no

where and it looked like it was coming right at us! We started running for home and met Dad on the way."

"I came out of the house from getting the check book and heard all this commotion down the street. Tami was saying, 'Is it still coming?' Mario" Lamb, the teenager's father commented. He also estimated its size in the heavens to be one-fourth to one-third the size of the moon and orange in color with the illusion of burning like a fire.

"We decided to go on down to Dennis Ray's where we were headed in the first place and have him take a look," he continued. "It was moving fast enough we figured we had better hurry or it would be gone."

The trio got to Ray's and waited for what seemed an eternity for him to open the door. When he finally did, he and his wife also observed the alleged UFO momentarily and then they all went into the house. When the Lambs' left, the object had disappeared.

Definite Flame

Both Ray and the senior Lamb felt

there was a definite flame to the object raising the question of whether it was a hot air balloon. The Citizen contacted Stanley Spence of Logan who owns a hot air balloon to see if he was out that particular Sunday night.

"I don't ever fly on Sunday and definitely never at night," he told The Citizen. "All instructions, rules and regulations of balloon flying indicate that you should always set down before dusk. Otherwise there is the risk of becoming entangled in a power line, fence or other obstacle you cannot see after dark."

As an FAA license is required for ballooning there is also the possibility that one's license could be suspended or revoked for violations of the regulations.

"As the balloon moves along with the wind there is no wind chill factor so winter ballooning is not out of the question. However," he continued, "there would probably not be a steady, continuous light from a hot air balloon as they usually burn for about 20 seconds and then are out for a minute or so. Some people have a device

known as a meter valve that controls the fuel so that the flame burns steadily. One of these would cause a constant roaring sound that would be audible for quite some distance."

None of the observers of the UFO reported hearing any sound. Furthermore, according to Spence, the outline of the balloon would be illuminated by the flame and would be recognizable as a hot air balloon, especially with binoculars. Its size would also be substantially larger than the moon.

Airport Heard Nothing

A brief check with Willard Saunders, Logan-Cache airport manager, revealed no reports of anyone encountering or seeing the object in question. The Cache County Sheriff's office had no official reports although the dispatcher on duty that evening did acknowledge a few calls. They had advised the callers that it was probably a flare.

Expert Contacted

The Citizen then contacted Dr. Frank Salisbury at Utah State Univer-

A Case of Hot Air?

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For a number of years, Salisbury had been into UFO study and has published a book on the subject, "The Utah UFO Display," which is now out of print. He was in Spain this past year serving on a panel with other UFO experts. The past four years or so, however, he has gotten away from it somewhat, although the possibility of a local sighting rekindled his interest.

"Most sightings of UFO's can be explained," he said. "Right now the planets of Jupiter and Mars put on a very spectacular show in the east. The planet Venus in the west is at its maximum elongation and brilliance of its cycle for the next two years.

"However, the movement described by the witnesses does not match the behavior of the planets in questions and the time span of 10 or 15 minutes eliminates the possibility of a meteorite, which would only last for 15 seconds or so for an extremely large one."

A central agency is in existence in Evanston, Ill., known as the Center for UFO Study. According to Salisbury, the "geru" of UFO's, Dr. J. Allen Hynek is its director. Located at Northwestern University, the organization maintains a toll-free telephone number for reporting UFO's. All law enforcement agencies are in possession of the number.

Meeting Arranged with Witnesses

A meeting was arranged in which some of the witnesses of the event were to meet with Dr. Salisbury to explain what they saw in order to obtain the opinion of someone in a position to judge the authenticity of the sighting.

At 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16, Kim and Marlo Lamb, Gail Dalley, Jerry and Dallas Allen and The Citizen met with Salisbury for a session preserved on tape. Salisbury interviewed each witness individually in his office and then met with them all collectively in a large room on the third floor of the Ag. Science building on the USU campus adjacent to his office. He then explained what he believe the apparition to be.

"The fact that all of you saw it is very interesting. Mrs. Dalley saw it in the northwest and the Lambs saw it in the northeast which really put it there between you. This means that it was probably pretty close, within three or four blocks or so. Therefore, it was not huge but fairly small. It looked large compared to the stars and moon but being that close it could have been the size of an amateur hot-air gas bag, which from what you have all described is what it sounds like you saw," Salisbury deducted.

Quite Impressive

"A lady who was my secretary back in Wheatland, Maryland, while I was finishing my UFO book really wanted to see a UFO. She came in and told me one day how she had had this beautiful sighting, a real good one. She told me how she had seen it from one side of the school yard and then drove around to the other side and saw it again, this time right over the school. I went back

that night, all excited and waiting for a UFO to show up again. I was going to knock on doors and ask if they'd had any radio interference and see if anyone else had seen it," Salisbury said. "Well, there was a bunch of high school kids there sending up these hot-air gas bags. I immediately said, 'What were you fellows doing last night?' and they replied, 'We were sending up these same hot-air gas bags.' Well, that's what it was and I must say they are quite impressive. However, they are dangerous as can be!"

Salisbury refused to explain exactly how they are made but there is no way to control them and they could present a very serious fire hazard were they to descend into a home, hay stack or other building. In the summer the danger is even more severe.

Description Fits

"The flame that you described fits perfectly," he told the group. "The bag is lit up by the flame so the round, top part is sharp. I suppose the red line Mrs. Dalley described like an electric stove element could have been a reflection on the plastic. The fact that there is more than one witness that saw it from two different locations pinpoints it rather nicely. Therefore, it gives us a chance to make an estimate of size would be about right for one of these amateur balloons."

He further explained that the object the Allen boys saw was not the same as it was seen at a different time. It could have been the same thing but a different bag and the object that was seen dropping by the boys could have been simply parts of the balloon falling apart.

Until physical evidence of the alleged UFO is found or someone admits to sending up a hot-air gas bag, Salisbury said a definite conclusion cannot be reached but qualified his conclusion that nothing described eliminated the possibility that a balloon was what everyone saw.

"The bag could have reached an inversion of the air currents causing the square maneuver described. The one my secretary saw rose straight up above the school and then hit an air current that made it move off rather quickly, like a UFO," he laughed. "She thought that it had moved 15 or 20 miles down the road in 30 seconds, but it was just an illusion as she didn't know the size of the object..."

"I suspect that the culprit lives somewhere between you, somewhere on the north fringes of Hyde Park!"

Salisbury does not totally discount the existence of UFO's, only that this particular sighting probably falls into the large percentage of observations that can be explained.

"I have interviewed several people down in the Uinta Basin and what they saw I cannot explain in any way," Salisbury related. "They described things that would come within 50 feet of their car, fill the entire windshield and be as big as a church... What they saw was a Close Encounter of the first kind. I'm not just a skeptic but the only thing you can do in a case like this is to see if you can understand it. I'd sure look for someone who was launching hot-air gas bags!"

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UFOs Reported

Perhaps they've come back for another look.

Just six days ago, three area residents, in two separate telephone calls, reported sighting unidentified flying objects.

Yesterday, Bob Shaw of Barton, said he viewed three or four such lights in the Laurel Run area. Shaw said his girl friend, Laurie Warnick, first noticed the objects when she looked out the kitchen window.

Flying saucer over

Unidentified Flying *Fairfield?*

Object spotted Sunday night

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Staff Writer

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Sunday night seemed like any other night in the Fairfield home when Mrs. Rita Calhoun turned off the T.V., ready to join her husband and children who were already asleep. But when she turned off the set, she heard a sound that was not usual.

"It sounded like an odd type of music or like a top spinning. There was no radio on or any noise in the house, so I looked outside to see if a car had driven up in the driveway," Mrs. Mills said.

There wasn't a car, but she said she saw three bright glowing green lights blinking on and off in the sky. Wanting to get a closer look, she got her son's binoculars.

"It looked like one of those things in Star Wars. There were three windows in front, with lights coming from the inside of the contraption. After three to five minutes, the lights went out for a few minutes, then they came back on, but they were a glowing orange that time. The lights continued to blink on and off.

"It didn't move. It just stayed in the same spot from about 9:30 until 10:15. I watched the whole time because it was fascinating. I just couldn't believe what I was seeing," she said.

Mrs. Mills said this isn't the first time she has seen such an odd object in Fairfield. She said last Fall she saw a round "contraption" that was lit with multi-colored lights.

Neighbors in Fairfield confirmed Mrs. Calhoun's sighting Sunday night.

"I don't know what it could have been, maybe a UFO," she said. "It was sorta round, shaped like a top, with windows in the top, just like something you would see in Star Wars."

INVESTIGATOR

It was a plane, a bird, no, it was a super being from another planet. At least that's a possible explanation for what Mrs. Calhoun saw, according to Henry "Punky" Morton, a UFO investigator in Wadesboro who works with the Mutual UFO Network.

He said an average of 50 UFO reports a year are made in this area, while there are probably a hundred different incidents of UFOs being sighted each day somewhere in the world. He estimated that only one out of 25 are reported.

"UFOs or unidentified celestial lights have been seen since the beginning of man. UFO documentation was written on cave walls thousands of years ago. The earliest UFOs were attributed to gods," Morton said.

As civilization grew, religious and philosophical concepts didn't leave much room for the idea of UFOs, according to Morton. He said people stopped telling others when they sighted a UFO, afraid they would be dubbed as nuts.

But, as the last generation saw planes get off the ground, and finally a man sent to the moon, along with the growth of science fiction, UFOs gained more credibility.

He said that while less than half the people in this country believed in UFOs in the early 60s, a Gallup Poll in the 70s found that 55 percent of Americans believed UFOs could be extra-celestial, intelligently controlled aircraft.

"There are hundreds of things lights could be, such as stars, reflections, our aircraft or ball lightning. But when we can find no natural phenomenon that can explain the experience, we say it's an intelligently controlled aircraft.

"For example, when a light follows a man driving from Monroe to Wadesboro, as it did in one case I investigated, the insinuating circumstances show that it was a controlled aircraft, otherwise it couldn't follow a person that far," he said.

According to Morton, 70 percent of UFO reports can be explained away by natural phenomenon. Of the 30 percent that can't be explained, 30 percent involve landings and 30 percent involve sighting the object during daylight when visibility is much better.

He said that at one time North Carolina was the second state in frequency of UFO reports. He explained that this wouldn't be expected, since North Carolina is not as heavily populated as many other states in the country.

Most people who have sighted UFOs describe them as shiny discs shaped like saucers. He said Mrs. Calhoun's report was not an unusual one except for the music. Yet, he said, there are frequent reports of a whirling sound being made.

It is also not rare for the experience to involve inhabitants. They are usually described as creatures three and one half feet to four feet tall, wearing grey or silver jumpsuits.

He said reports usually occur in waves, with the frequency peaking every five and one half years.

SAUCER

The term "flying saucer" was coined in 1947 when Kenneth Arnold spotted UFOs while on a military rescue mission.

"He was flying a plane over Washington when he described seeing a dozen saucer-shaped objects flying at altitudes lower than his craft. He said that there were 12 of the objects skipping over the mountains like stones. The catch word 'flying saucer' hit the media immediately and over the next two years, the public began asking questions of the military about UFOs," he said.

Arnold's report triggered people who had been hiding their UFO skeletons in the closet to begin telling of their experiences with UFOs, according to Morton. The government was forced to respond to the public's questions and began Project Bluebook, which was supposed to identify flying objects.

But Morton said that the reports released by the government were vague, failing to give concrete answers, so that civilian investigating groups began forming. Some of these groups sued the government for their reports, but they were only given the vague cases, he said.

"There are thousands of reports that would prove to any court in the land that extra-celestial, intelligently controlled aircraft exist. Unfortunately, the government has the authority to go into situations and scoop up the witnesses and film before we get there and we never get the whole story," he said.

He said there are three possible explanations of the government's hush-hush behavior. They could just not know anything and are too embarrassed to admit it or they have made contact with another planet and have kept quiet because of political implications.

Though he said that both these hypotheses are possibilities, the most likely reason the government keeps quiet is that they have enough information to acknowledge that UFOs exist, but they don't want to trigger public panic.

DOCUMENTED

One of the more documented incidents took place a few years ago in a South American sports arena. Morton said that 8,000 fans witnessed an acrobatic show put on by UFOs.

Some of the more credible sightings in this area include a UFO that was reported by two dozen witnesses in Lumberton on April 3, 1975 and 21 reports of a UFO seen last March in an hour and 15 minute period in the vicinity from north of Charlotte to Pageland, S.C.

Morton said an investigation he worked on in 1977 that involved the "Snoopy" police helicopter in Charlotte won a blue ribbon for the most convincing report that came out that year. The helicopter pilot said two UFOs did acrobatic tricks around the helicopter, outmaneuvering it, and finally speeding away at 800 m.p.h.

"The most frequently asked question is why don't they make contact with us? People say, 'If they're hostile, why don't they blow us up, and if they're peaceful, why don't they come here and cure cancer?'"

"A parallel situation would be if you made a trip to Africa. A guide might say to look out in a bush and you can see a cannibal. You're not going to get out of the car and go shake hands with him, because you can read everything you want to know in National Geographic and the cannibal wouldn't understand, being a part of a less educated and aware culture. Just looking would be enough to feed your curiosity," Morton said.

He said that the earth has been here for a short time compared to other planets, and beings that would visit us would have to come from an older and more technically advanced civilization. He said humans could be just an archaeological and psychological curiosity to them.

SMART

"They're smart enough to avoid major confrontation with us, knowing they would throw the world into a panic and mess up the whole structure.

"They would throw everything off, affecting world politics and destroying religious and philosophical concepts, such as the idea of God or the Second Coming.

"I think before they sit down in Shea stadium, they're going to know that we can accept it," he said.

Since there have been reports of UFOs for thousands of years, one might wonder why they would continue to come to earth. Morton said that they are possibly just keeping a check on our development or the UFOs could be from different planets, rather than just one.

And, with a laugh, he said they could be just amusing themselves with us.

"Some people say it probably just costs them 50 cents to come here for a weekend," he said. "Then, there's this joke that they come here so they can take their children to the bathroom."

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UFO Sighted?

Four Washington County residents apparently were the only persons to spot a mysterious orange UFO that allegedly touched down southwest of Vernon Tuesday night.

Gary Harris of Vernon says he and three friends first spotted the diamond-shaped object at about 10 p.m. Tuesday as it hovered high in the sky without a sound.

"It was huge, whatever it was," Harris said. "We sat and watched it for about three minutes, then pursued it."

Harris said the four then followed the object, but as they got closer, it moved closer to the ground. When it went down in a small secluded valley around Hinson's Crossroads, Harris said, only one of the four bright orange lights was visible.

The News-Herald, in checks with law enforcement agencies in the area and with local airfields, has turned up nothing.

Even UFO Expert Unable to Explain

Bright Light

KING CITY, MO. TRI-COUNTY NEWS

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Neither he nor his wife have any idea what the "bright light" was they saw a few weeks ago but Kermit Wells said he'd give \$50 to find out.

He made the comment not out of a desire to offer a reward but simply out of plain curiosity. Wells and his spouse, Sally, are not the only ones curious about the strange occurrence. Several persons in the Empire Prairie-Star Chapel communities saw the oddity, too.

The setting was Tuesday night, typically March, with a late winter snowstorm brewing outside the

Wells farm home which lies about nine miles northwest of King City. The couple was relaxed in the living room watching television.

Suddenly, the entire house seemed to be illuminated. Mrs. Wells said she jumped up from her chair to see what was going on. Her husband, who was lying on the couch, followed suit.

A look out the window revealed a shining mass of light in the sky which appeared from the ground to be at least three feet square, according to Wells. "The entire yard was lit up. I was astonished," Mrs. Wells reported.

The brightness outside was so great that Wells indicated printing on the miniature windmill in the yard could be read.

The mass began changing colors from a whitish tinge to a brilliant orange. Later, neighbors of the Wells' who live to the south of their place told of a greenish glowing "thing" hovering over the couple's outbuildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells, seeing the object starting to disappear, got in their pickup and drove down the blacktop to try to relocate it, without success. Wells added that while they were out, he decided to

check on some calves that he was keeping in a lot about a mile from the house.

The animals appeared to be healthy. "But, they were running back and forth in the lot like they were scared of something," the farmer pointed out.

Now, the sighting and the other incidents took place in only a matter of minutes, according to Mr. and Mrs. Wells. Returning to their home, they made telephone calls to neighboring residents.

All concurred that they had seen "something." Reportedly, Mrs. Cloyd Lebow and son, Rick, saw the illumination and were so startled that they drove to town.

Mrs. Darrell Guest reported in her weekly column that vapor lights in yards and lots around the neighborhood went out, due to the brightness of the light. Also, there was news of an explosion-type noise as the fireball sped out of sight. Several agreed that a loud noise was heard.

That apparently was not the end of the mystery that night. About 10:30 o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. Wells were awakened by friends to learn that the old Raymond Wells farmhouse was burning.

The structure, where Wells and his brother, Dale, grew up, burned to the ground. Whether there was any connection with this and the other incident is not known.

At any rate, what happened is still a topic for discussion. So much so, that the Tri-County News made calls to outside sources for other opinions.

First, the United States Weather Bureau office in Kansas City was contacted. Guy Gray, the meteorologist on duty, indicated that there were no weather balloons in the area and they would have not been visible at night, anyway.

He seemed to be interested in the fact that a snowfall was in the process and that some persons had spoken of thunder that same night. "It can happen and lightning is also possible," he noted, possibly regarding the appearance of a bright light.

It was his opinion that the weather conditions being as they were could have created an illusion bending a bright light and transferring it elsewhere. Basically, the weatherman considered the Wells case as something completely out of his jurisdiction.

"You probably ought to get in touch with the National Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Reporting Center for this," he instructed. Gray gave the TCN the number of the facility located in Seattle, Wash.

Robert Gribble, the man who answered the telephone at the UFO center, seemed very anxious to hear the story. He explained that his office receives UFO reports from all over the country. A 12-person volunteer staff has at least one individual on duty all the time.

After hearing details of the local instance, Gribble advised that the mass of light with changing colors is a common description involved with UFO viewings. "Those who have seen them usually tell of a dimming. Sometimes witnesses have been able to see the outline of a craft hovering overhead when the light dims," he continued.

"Usually, the light is a radiation and an indication of a vehicle behind," Gribble related. He also indicated that reports of a loud noise have been tied in with UFO events.

"Disturbance of animals is also very common. We don't know if radiation or a very high-pitched sound causes these reactions. Whatever, they have a terrific effect on creatures," the UFO expert concluded.

UFO sighted over

Gladstone

Diane Y. Aaron

Four local law enforcement officials have no explanation for a UFO they sighted and followed over Gladstone early this morning.

The first report of the UFO came into the Gladstone Public Safety Department at 12:55 a.m. from a woman on N. 15th St., Gladstone, who refused to identify herself.

The department dispatched two officers, Dave Mariin and Mark Hager. Patrolman Mariin gave this account:

"We (he and Hager) went down to check out the report on N. 15th and saw a bright light from the south. It was real bright and directly above us. It banked left and we could see a green light on the rear and red lights on the sides. All we could tell was that it was very large and very high. It could have been the size of a football field or maybe four football fields.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life" —Mariin

"I have no idea what it was. I've never seen anything like it in my life," Mariin said.

"Then it went up and down and did zig zags; it was definitely not a helicopter. It was a UFO and no one will ever convince us differently."

The two Gladstone officers got out of the car when the object was still over the N. 15th St. area, shut off their car, but could hear no noise while the UFO "hovered" above them.

Both Mariin and Hager say they can not estimate what size the object was or how high it was.

"I hate to say it," Mariin relates, "but it was kind of round like a saucer and was definitely not shaped like an airplane. When it banked, I could see a metal substance on its sides between the red lights. The white light on the front was very bright and there was no beam coming out. It was three times the size of a normal star."

The UFO travelled past the Bluff area, so the officers pursued, but by the time they got to the Gladstone Sports Park, Mariin said, they could hardly see it. They did have the UFO under observation until nearly 2 p.m. when it took off in a westerly direction.

"I'm not a science fiction fan," Hager told the Reporter this morning, "and I didn't believe in such things, but I can't deny what I saw."

Mariin and Hager were in radio contact the entire time with Delta County Sheriff's Department deputies Max Steichert and Dave Huckstep who had also been sent to check the sighting.

Undersheriff Roger Good said his men observed the object on M-35 north of Gladstone for approximately eight minutes before it began moving, ascending and descending at rapid rates of speed. Then the deputies began to follow it for about 30 minutes before it took off in a westerly direction and disappeared.

"All four of us can't be crazy, can we?"

Good said K.I. Sawyer AFB had been contacted and reported they had no airplanes in that sector and didn't expect any until 6 a.m. today.

The UFO Centers in Chicago and Seattle, Wash. have been contacted and both are planning an investigation of this sighting.

One Perkins resident reported hearing this comment from one of the four officers while listening to their communication over a police scanner:

"All four of us can't be crazy, can we?"

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UFO Center calls

PAGE ONE

The Center for UFO Investigation, located in the Chicago area, called the Reporter this morning about the UFO sighting over Gladstone.

Joseph Brill of the Center said that the number of UFO sightings reported are up for this time of year. "This is usually a slack period," he said, "but in recent weeks we have received word of quite a few."

He said he first heard of the Gladstone sighting over the ABC news network early today. "We're usually more interested in the sightings of the 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind,' but since this was reported by four law enforcement officials, we're interested."

Brill further said that the Lake Michigan area is a "hot bed" for sightings that usually turn out to be planes under unusual conditions. He added, however, that while the normal sightings of UFO's are two to three a week, many more reports are coming in, especially from the Greenland and Iceland areas.

OCONTO FALLS, WIS.

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UFO

Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., everyone at Kelly Lake received a scare. A terrific roar out of the northwest, blasting our eardrums and feeling like it was right on top of us. The Turners 2½ year old grandson, Peter said "That noise scared my body", he must have meant he was scared all over, like we were! The people on the west shore got a good side

view of it and said it was cigar shape with large bright windows and apparently no wings. Those on the east shore saw it climb fast to the southwest. Everyone who was home at this time heard or saw it and some reported it to the UFO data reporting center, phone number 1-206-722-3000. Maybe we'll hear more about it!

LITTLE HAWAII
GARDEN ISLAND
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UFO reported PAGE ONE off North Shore

A 1975 sighting of an unidentified flying object off Port Allen re-reported in Monday's special edition of The Garden Island gave a Ha'ena man the courage to report another sighting Tuesday night.

Alan Reiser says he and Lou Kono, also of Ha'ena, were driving home at about 10 p.m. Tuesday when they noticed an object -- "brighter than any star you can imagine" -- hovering a little ways above the ocean.

THEY NOTICED IT when they were passing Lumaha'i Beach, and a little while later they pulled over near the Bali Hai Restaurant and watched it for another 10 minutes.

The object, Reiser said, shone with a bright white light, but at times they could see a red flashing light. But the most astonishing thing was the way the light "just faded . . . like someone dimmed the light," he said.

The light faded once or twice before it "became invisible" and did not reappear. There were no clouds and visibility was "good," he said.

REISER SAYS HE was struck by the similarity between his sighting this week and the 1975 account included in Ke Aka. The UFO off Port Allen was seen by seven people.

That year Florence Hamamoto of 'Ele'ele reported the bell-shaped object hovered a few minutes around 7:30 or 8 p.m. before fading away. The sides were a light color and the center was dark, she said.

Reiser said he had never before seen something to qualify as an unidentified flying object, and that if he had not seen the report of the 1975 sighting in Monday's paper, he wouldn't have thought the newspaper would be interested in such things.

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Watchful eyes on the skies

Ever since the UFO sighting over Gladstone last week, residents in the area have been keeping a watchful eye on the sky.

Delta County law enforcement agencies have had numerous phone calls from persons claiming to have seen "something weird".

"Most of the people who call are really sincere," Carlton Mineau of the Gladstone Police Department says. "They give their names and address and ask to have the sightings checked out.

"Now when anybody gets up at 3 a.m. they automatically look out the window to check for lights in the sky."

After investigating, the lights turn out to be anything from street light reflections to stars, Mineau says.

"I know 10 or 12 years ago I spotted a light on the bay that was changing colors," he

BUFFALO, MO. REFLEX
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Strangest story of the week

The strangest story of the week comes from a Buffalo man who preferred not to have his name mentioned.

It concerns a possible UFO sighting.

The man came in the office Friday to tell us of his first-hand experience of seeing a UFO. He described the object as a "very bright light," like a planet or a star, but brighter than any other object or constellation in the sky. He could not judge how far away it was, but it appeared larger than any other star.

The sighting took place at about 10 p.m., Thursday, at his father-in-law's farm in northeast Polk County, just west of Louisburg. The object appeared in the northwest sky, over the Pittsburg area. It was bright white at first, and of no particular configuration. While he observed it, the object moved slowly northward, and at about 10:15 something on it began blinking red, and it kept moving north at the same level.

After five minutes, the object appeared to move farther away and become smaller. At the same time, it became solid red, and then blinking red. At this point, the object appeared to move away quickly, and then disappear. After about a minute, it reappeared, and blinked on and off, still a red light far away, four or five times.

Then it disappeared for about four minutes, and the observer reports seeing an airplane pass in the southwestern sky. When the airplane was passed, the red object blinked back on, and then disappeared again.

Four people observed the object that night: the man who came in the Reflex office, his wife, and his father and mother-in-law.

None had an explanation for the sighting.

All he said, are sane, rational individuals, and they don't drink.

The skies, that night were clear, too, so cloud could not have been playing tricks with reflections.

The observer reported, too, hearing on television that others had seen a white flash in the sky that night. . . also an unexplained phenomenon.

Based on his observations, the man who came to the Reflex was unsure of what he saw, and remained skeptical that he had actually seen a UFO. But he knew he had seen something. We have no reason to believe that he didn't.

His father-in-law, knew too, that he had seen something, though it took a while to convince him. He saw the same phenomenon every night last week, at the same location in the sky and at the same time. It was at his invitation that the rest of the family viewed the object, which appeared right on schedule Thursday as it has every previous night that week.

Being rational thinkers, an normally of sound mind, we have reason to be skeptical, but no reason not to believe. Surely there is a explanation. But we might not be willing to buy it if we heard it.

What was it? Was it an interplanetary craft? Was it a natural phenomenon? Who knows. But, we would be glad to hear your explanations.

strange sightings.

The Escanaba Public Safety Department had a lot of calls last week, a spokesman said, but the calls have died down over the week-end.

Most of the calls were from people who had seen a morning star. And some sighted flashing red, green and blue

lights around 10 p.m. "When we checked it out we found that North Central's plane is coming in about that time," a patrolman said.

said. "But discovered it was alone morning star. I even checked out the aircraft in the area and investigated until I finally discovered what it was.

"We haven't had any reports resembling what was encountered by the officers last week though."

The officers who spotted the UFO last week, have been bombarded with calls from all over the country, including newspapers from Florida and Hawaii.

State Police officials say they had a call from someone who is into astrology explaining that the planet Venus is close to earth now and that could explain some of the

UFO?

Residents say yes, officials call it

plane with banner

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By JOHN LINDBACK
Daily News reporter

A bright, lighted object over south Anchorage Friday night sent as many as 50 local residents scrambling for their telephones to report that an unidentified flying object was in the area.

The Federal Aviation Administration, Anchorage Police Department, and Alaska State Troopers all reported receiving phone calls from local residents about the object, which FAA Duty Officer Bill Schofield claims was an airplane towing a lighted banner.

But, at least four local residents who saw the object vehemently disagree that it was in any way similar to a conventional airplane.

"You could see the lights

inside. It kept going in circles," said Doris Coles, who lives at 9110 Golovin Street. Coles and her two sons all saw the alleged UFO, she said.

"You could see it really clearly when you first looked at it through binoculars," she said. "You couldn't hear any noise. It was really quiet."

Coles described the object as round, and that it tilted in different directions "like a flying saucer."

Coles said she's never been a believer in UFOs before, but she's a believer now.

Don Coles, Doris Coles' son, said he saw the airplane towing the banner Saturday night, and it was not the object he saw Friday night.

"That was nothing like I saw the night before," he said.

"I've never seen anything like it before."

Meanwhile, another local resident who asked not to be identified said he and a group of friends saw an object hover about 30 feet off the ground over the Dimond Estates Mobile Home Park, 1200 W. Dimond Blvd.

"It had lights that kept spinning around," the man said, adding that in "no way" was the object a conventional aircraft.

"You didn't hear any sound...from it," the man said.

A student at Wendler Junior High School says he also saw the object at Dimond Estates Mobile Home Park, and that it wasn't an airplane.

"I've seen that" plane that tows the banner, said 13-year

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Was It A Plane

FRONT PAGE

At Bowmantown?

By JANET DAY
Sun Staff Writer

Bowmantown's most recent UFO may very well have been a small airplane, or so say several Greene County residents responding to a brief article in *The Greenville Sun* Monday.

One woman, a Quaker Knob resident, who was walking in that area at approximately 9:45 Thursday night, looked up and saw what appeared to be a white light "coming the way most of the planes do when they are going toward the Greenville Airport."

"We thought we were seeing things at first," she explained, when they noticed the one bright light low in the night sky.

However, she continued, what appeared to be one large light, was, in effect, three smaller ones, blinking in sequence—one on the left, the front lights, and one on the right.

Wondering whether the world was coming to an end or not, the women stopped walking and listened for the sound of an engine or other noises

The lighted vehicle came just above their heads, the woman said, when they heard the faint rumble of an engine—like that of a single engine airplane, she surmised.

"It sure had us fooled at first," said the woman, but she added that when they looked up at the vehicle, they could make out the shape of an airplane with a dim red tail light as well.

Earlier reports identified the triangular-shaped vehicle with two bright front lights and two side lights, flying very low from Limestone toward Bowmantown and Rheatown Friday night around 11 p.m.

Other reports, from a group traveling back to Greenville from Johnson City Friday night, indicate that the vehicle was a plane with its landing lights on.

Another woman explained that they too, thought it was something very strange in the sky, but, after they "watched it for a while," realized it was probably an airplane.

In all instances, the vehicle appeared as one bright light until it came closer to those viewing it.

old Chris Prehn, who claims that was he saw was different. "It wasn't an airplane. It was just hovering," he added. He also described the object was round with lights, and it made a "light moaning noise."

"I had the impression it was oblong," Schofield said, adding he determined it was the plane towing the banner because some callers had described the object as moving in a "waving" or "undulating" manner.

Ltd. Wade Lacey of the Anchorage Police Department said officers on duty also determined that the object was the airplane towing the banner.

"I haven't seen any little green men running around so I'll have to believe it was an airplane," Lacey said.

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Another U.F.O. sighting —over Forfar

After the dramatic sighting of a U.F.O. over Dundee at the weekend, an off-duty policeman in Forfar has reported a similar experience.

P.C. David Cathro was at his home, 16 St Margaret's Park, Forfar, on Saturday evening, when he saw a "strange orange glow" in the sky.

As he watched, the object faded away to a pin point, then re-emerged as a bright glow with four lights shining from it.

For P.C. Cathro, it was the

first U.F.O. sighting he had encountered.

"I have never seen anything like it before," he said.

"It appeared to be about two or three miles away and stationed over the nearby gas compressor plant.

"When it was at its brightest, you could clearly see it hovering and floating."

Baffled

Just to confirm that his eyes were not playing tricks, P.C. Cathro got his wife and next-door neighbours to look at the object—and they were all baffled, too.

"None of us had any idea as to what it could be," he said.

"Even my neighbour's grandson, who is home on leave from the army, could not identify it using binoculars.

"However, he managed to see that it was shaped like a rugby ball with a white top and a glowing orange base. Before it disappeared, after hovering for about an hour, he made a rough sketch of it.

"When it eventually faded out, I phoned Forfar Police Station but they said there were no kind of aircraft reported to be in that area.

"The whole thing was a complete mystery."

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Fireball lights sky

A LIGHT, described as "a ball of white fire" was spotted over Halifax and other parts of the North early yesterday.

West Vale taxi driver Mr Brian Sanders said he saw the object while driving along Wheatley Road, Halifax, from Mixenden to the town centre at about midnight.

"I glanced over towards Pellon Lane when it appeared. It was gold coloured with blue and red on the edges. Pellon Lane was silhouetted in a blue light and then it was gone."

In Manchester 40 people telephoned the police saying they had seen flashes almost as bright as the sun in the night sky.

In Stockport, police, fire and ambulancemen were called to a field where it was said an ob-

ject had landed but nothing was found. Air traffic controllers at Manchester Airport said the whole sky was lit up brilliantly for a few seconds.

People from North Wales to the Scottish border contacted police.

Mr Sanders, aged 35, of Ravenstone Drive, West Vale, said he had no idea of the size of the light but it seemed to be travelling from north to south.

"The first thing I did was to stop and draw a sketch. Then I went to the town centre where I spoke to a police sergeant.

"He had also seen a blue light which was quite large. Two passengers I picked up in George Square also said they had seen something," said Mr Sanders.

"I have an open mind on UFOs. It could have been a large meteor or comet. There

was no noise and the sky was very clear so it could have been very high," said Mr Sanders.

A Manchester Airport spokesman said the most likely explanation was that an unusually large piece of space debris had re-entered the atmosphere causing the sky to flare up.

An RAF spokesman later reported two separate meteor showers over central England at 12.30 am.

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Yellow light in the sky!

A UFO spotted over Marconi's Rivenhall Airfield was truly wafted from heaven!

Night security guard John Cluro telephoned Luton Airport when he saw a strange object flash across the sky.

And police chased to investigate the Witham man's 30-second encounter with a "yellow light" at the experimental station.

Now the Ministry of Defence claims that frightened people, who reported UFOs throughout the country, had seen a meteorite shower.

"The night security guard said there was a bright light in the sky," explained a Marconi spokesman. "It was a yellow light which fell away after 30 seconds at 12.30 a.m."

He added: "Because Rivenhall is a disused airfield, if anything appears to land round that area we telephone Luton Airport — of all places.

"We advise them what has happened and they report it to the police who come down and look for a plane. It is just a check to see if there are any aircraft in that area."

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MYSTERY LIGHT OVER ENGLAND

A LIGHT, said to be almost as bright as the sun, was seen throughout the north of England early today.

In Manchester 40 people telephoned the police saying they had seen flare flashes in the night sky.

A South Wales police spokesman said: "We have been told it was probably a meteorite shower burning up in the earth's atmosphere."

MANY SEE 'UFO' HOVER OVER OIL PORT

³¹²⁸ INVESTIGATIONS WILL begin today into a UFO sighting in West Wales which could be one of the most important since the spate of reported incidents began more than four years ago. Many people at Milford Haven are said to have seen a bright object in the sky on Saturday night. Local UFO investigator Mr Randall Jones Pugh, of Roch, near Haverfordwest, said it appeared to be one of the best reports so far. In one street at least 10 people are reported to have watched the UFO for more than 30 minutes as it hovered in the sky. One

family later drew independent sketches which proved to be similar. Schoolboy Paul Duffield, of Coombs Drive, said, "It was quite high in the sky with an orange and red light on top." A spokesman at RAF Brawdy said a helicopter may have passed over Milford Haven but would not have been over the town for more than half an hour, and the Civil Aviation Authority's air traffic control centre at Buntingford, Devon, said they had not been made aware of anything extraordinary in the district.

PETERBOROUGH EVENING TELEGRAPH APR. 8 1980 LONDON

Villagers in UFO mystery

FOUR villagers had a close encounter of the unidentified kind last night. They all saw an object hovering over Yaxley for several minutes. Mrs Lian Hyde and her husband, Tim, of Broadway, Yaxley, saw an unusual flashing white light in the sky and ran to tell their parents.

"It was hovering above the Broadway, and flashing very slowly. We told my parents and they saw it too," said Mrs Hyde.

The sighting comes at a time when UFO expert Mr John Barton predicts a spate of similar incidents in and

around Peterborough. Mr Barton, a British UFO Research Association investigator, said: "UFO's do seem to single out areas, and I have a feeling there will be an increase in UFO activity around the city."

He warned that the sightings should be taken seriously so his association would investigate them.

Police in Yaxley had no reports of UFOs last night, and a spokesman for RAF Wittering said: "We did not have anything in the air and have not received reports of anything."

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Giant UFO seen over Marshall's airfield

A Cambridge bus conductress described yesterday how a giant, glowing UFO, shaped like a semi-circle, hovered low over Marshall's Airport.

Miss Elaine Granger and her bus driver, Mr Ron Andrews, tried to follow the object, but it disappeared behind nearby houses.

Miss Granger said that, on Wednesday night at 11.45 pm, she was being given a lift to her Teversham home by Mr Andrews, after they both finished work for the evening.

She said: "Just as we turned into the road off to Teversham I saw a big orange shape, like a half-moon over the airfield."

She said Mr Andrews stopped the car, and they got out and watched it hover over the airfield for about three minutes.

"Then it shot away, very fast, until the light got so small you could hardly see it. Then it came back and appeared to tilt over towards the airfield," she said.

"It was then glowing red and started to move slowly, this time over towards Cherry Hinton. We got in the car and went to Coldham's Lane to see if we could see it better."

Miss Granger added that they stopped near the railway bridge in Coldham's Lane, but could see no trace of it.

"Then it appeared right in front of us," she said. "It was so low that you could only see half of it above the rooftops of the house it was passing behind."

"It could not have been an aircraft, it was bigger than a house. There was a very low whirring noise and no traffic about at that time. It was not a helicopter and I have never seen anything like it before."

Marshall's Airport had closed down at 6 pm on Wednesday and a spokesman said no reports had been received of anything over the airfield.

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U.F.O.s 3128

Sir,—In the article "Tayside Close Encounter with U.F.O.s" ("Courier," April 3), mention is made of a report which appeared on August 23 last year.

The original report described a "sighting" by Mr Ian Robb, at 9.22 the previous evening, of two bright stationary lights in the sky above Drumgeith Road which, after 10 minutes, moved off at increasing speed and disappeared as an aircraft flew past.

On that same evening at about 9.10 p.m., driving west in Riverside Drive, I and two of my children saw a single bright light, at first apparently stationary, low in the sky above Errol.

Gradually this came closer and became two lights side by side.

Eventually these passed over us, near the foot of Dickson Avenue, and were seen to be two forward-facing lamps like head-lamps mounted at the wing-tips of a slow-moving single-engined aircraft seen in silhouette against the sky. The aircraft flew on to the east-north-east.

This seems to be the object seen minutes later by Mr Robb.

But if this particular U.F.O. is now identified, another mystery takes its place—why should a light aircraft, apparently carrying its own landing lights, be flying at night without the knowledge of Leuchars air traffic control?

Gordon Mechan.

25 Cedar Road,
Broughty Ferry.

FEB 21 1980

Mystery light in sky scare UFO

THE unidentified flying object which terrified a young mother at Ottershaw in January seems to have made another appearance in the area.

A bright light similar to the one seen above St. Peter's Way last month, was spotted travelling in the same direction as the first UFO by an early shift airport worker last week.

Mr Ken Lawley, of 2 Crosslands, Bittams Lane, Chertsey, noticed the strange light in the sky at about 6.15 a.m.

He said that he was leaving his home when he spotted a ball of orange-yellow light rising into the sky south of Ottershaw.

"It was a rather indistinct light,

but I estimated it was travelling about 60 mph," he said.

"There was absolutely no noise coming from it and I thought this was rather odd. Suddenly it turned off on to a course parallel with St. Peter's Way.

"I think it was less than a mile away at that point. I continued watching it and suddenly it shot off towards Weybridge and disappeared behind some trees."

Confirmed

Mr Lawley, an engineer at Heathrow Airport, said he was certain it was not an aircraft.

The UFO seen by Mr Lawley was similar to the one which scared Mrs Linda Dillon, of Guildford Road, Ottershaw, as she cycled along St. Peter's Way,

one evening last month.

Her sighting was confirmed by physicist and amateur astronomer Mr Richard Pywell and his family, who saw the UFO from their garden at 158 Brox Road, Ottershaw.

In both sightings, the mysterious light moved over Ottershaw and disappeared in the Weybridge direction.

Mr Lawley has reported his sighting to the British UFO Research Organisation, but was unable to give a detailed description of the object.

He said: "It was just an indistinct ball of light and I couldn't identify the shape."

The weather was fine and he was able to follow the UFO for nearly a minute.

"I just can't explain it at all," he said. "I'm doubtful about whether objects from outer space exist, but there are so many reports you just can't ignore them.

"But this was definitely not an aircraft. There was no noise from it, and I even checked with Fair Oaks Airport nearby just to be sure, but they had not had any take-offs."

Mr Lawley's sighting is now being considered by the regional officials of the British UFO Research Organisation.

SOUTH WALES ARGUS NEWPORT ENGLAND
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GREAT BALLS OF FIRE SEEN IN GWENT SKY

FIREBALLS and flare like objects were sighted by numerous people in Gwent on Wednesday night.

And the Home Office confirmed that a meteorite shower had taken place.

A gwent police spokesman said they received numerous calls from people between 12.30 and 1 a.m.

"People reported seeing flare like like objects and fireballs in many parts of the county. We also heard that sightings were made in the rest of the country," said the spokesman.

One man, who was returning home from work at the time, said, "I saw a brilliant white light about the size of a car. It floated down and seemed to land in the Usk area."

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MYSTERY UFO IS SIGHTED

What is
going
on up
there?

POLICE in March are investigating reports of a mysterious flying object which terrified railwaymen working a night shift.

And the railwaymen are not the only people to have seen the massive ball of orange flames hovering in the sky. There have been recent sightings of a similar object by several March policemen.

More than a dozen rail workers at the town's rail loco yard in Hundred Road watched as it hovered and then dived over the Flag-grass Hill area. Driver Mr Stan Bolton was the first to see it as it appeared in the sky.

He said: "It was about 12.30 am and the foreman had just sent me outside to do a job. It was very odd because you could hear a pin drop, it was that quiet."

"Then there was this really bright white light which started to turn orange. As it got over the Creek Road area is started to go really bright as if it

By MAGGIE GIBSON

was burning up.

"I have never seen anything like it in my life. I know it was far too big for a plane or a shooting star. I should think it was about one hundred times bigger than a star."

When Mr Bolton of 3 Whittlesey Road, March, ran to tell the other workers they joked about it. But then someone else spotted it.

Mr Albert Haynes said he realised it was too big to be an aeroplane and called the other men over to have a look.

He said: "It was very strange and looked just like a ball of orange fire."

"I don't really believe in funny things like space ships but it was most peculiar."

One of the policemen called to the scene was Pc Cyril Ayres.

He said: "The men told me what they had seen but I couldn't see anything. By their attitude I know it is

not a hoax. I have an open mind about this, if a little green man tapped me on the shoulder I would believe that he was there."

And it seems there have been other close encounters of a strange kind in the town. One looked like a giant coal sack with smoke coming out of the bottom.

KENT EVENING POST
MAIDSTONE

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A LIGHT said to be almost as bright as the sun was seen throughout the north of England today.

In Manchester 40 people telephoned police to report flare flashes in the night sky.

In Stockport, emergency services were called to a field where it was said an object had landed. Nothing was found.

Air traffic controllers at Manchester Airport said the sky was brilliantly lit for a few seconds.

A south Wales police spokesman said "We have been told it was probably a meteorite shower burning up in the earth's atmosphere."

NORTHERN DESPATCH DARLINGTON
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Lighting up time

STRANGE lights were spotted in the sky by scores of people in North Yorkshire, police said today.

"We received numerous calls during the night," said a spokesman. "We made some inquiries with local RAF stations and they could offer no explanation."

"Numerous sightings were reported throughout the country, and the most

likely explanation is that it was meteorites."

Just a few days ago ex-RAF man Derek Read from West Auckland reported seeing a UFO speeding low in the skies above Darlington.

Yet another UFO sighting was reported by a Darlington shoe shop assistant, who spotted a large, bright flying object hovering above the road as she drove home to Cleasby.

Strange end to midnight drive

A QUIET midnight drive through the Worcestershire countryside left Ian Hawker feeling as if someone had walked over his grave.

He went cold and was forced to stop when a large bright ball with a long stem appeared on the horizon.

Ian, of Willowslea Road, Bevere, Worcester, was returning from the South of England when he spotted the object at Broadway.

"I was driving back home and approached Broadway.

"Suddenly I looked up and saw a bright light in the sky.

"The strange thing about it was that my girlfriend saw it at exactly the same time.

"We both were left with a very eerie feeling.

"I kept driving for a while then stopped. The funny thing was that there were other people around at the time.

"One man was running as if he didn't have a moment to live.

Ian related his eerie experience to the Evening News to see if anyone else had reported the UFO.

Ian's description of the UFO is identical to an object

spotted several times recently in the Evesham area.

Mr Gordon Gregory, of New Road, Elmley Castle recently began keeping records of UFO sightings in that area.

He said that Mr Hawker's description fits that of several others.

"I've had reports of bright round objects with a cigar like stem.

HIGHER

"There has been a great deal of interest in UFO's and people have been bringing in regular reports.

"This time of the year sightings are higher because of the long evenings and clear skies.

UFO spotting has become such a busy business in Evesham that Mr Gregory is considering starting a UFO club to keep an accurate compilation of sightings.

Broadway police say they have had no reports of the sightings.

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UFO over Flixton

For one brief moment, it looked as though Flixton had received a visit from outer space.

The UFO that made national headlines passed over Flixton on Wednesday night, witnessed by Mr Ken Stewart and his wife, Janet, who were disturbed from their bed by a bright, white ball of light which lit the bedroom of their home in Western Road.

They rushed to the window and drew back the

curtains to see what seemed like a large balloon-type craft descending silently behind the houses. Mrs Stewart told the Journal: "I had my eyes closed at the time but the light was so bright that I just had to get up and see what it was. I have never seen anything like it in my life before."

She spotted the unidentified flying object at approximately 12.30.

"I have witnessed the occasional flare from Shell

at Carrington before and know the familiar red glow in the sky, but this was something quite different," she said.

Reports from all over the North-west talked of blue flashes, rumblings and "bumps in the night" while experts at Jodrell Bank dismissed fears about invaders from outer space and said that it was all caused by a meteorite or man-made space hardware coming down to earth.

Floodlit sky leads to county UFO alert

POLICE were showered with anxious reports after Worcestershire skies were lit up by mysterious objects during the night.

West Mercia Police received four separate reports of UFO sightings over the area between midnight and 1 a.m. ranging in description from "a ball of fire" to "an orange flash."

And one of those reports came from West Mercia Police officers on night duty.

A police spokesman said today that duty officers had first thought the reports could be of a plane crash.

But London air traffic con-

trol and all local air fields said they had no knowledge of any civilian or military aircraft in trouble over the county.

The air traffic experts in London said that they had received similar reports of UFO's covering the area from Yorkshire to South Wales.

INVESTIGATIONS

The police spokesman said that, at the moment, West Mercia had no rational explanation for the sightings but investigations were continuing.

One of those who saw the "thing" over Worcestershire was Mr Chris Mowbray, of Crowle.

Mr Mowbray was driving home from a friend's house after midnight when he saw what he described as a "ball of light with a meteorite-type tail" in the sky.

"I thought the light was greenish in colour but that may have been because I saw it through the top of a hawthorn hedge.

One of my friends who also saw it, described it as the colour of fire."

Birmingham's Edgbaston Observatory today could offer no reason why last night's weather conditions could have produced the phenomenon.

And Worcester's Skyscan group had no knowledge of the sightings although a spokesman said the UFO reports would be investigated.

U.F.O. hunt after sighting by policeman

A full-scale police search was carried out in the rural area to the west of Dundee early yesterday morning after one of the most credible and dramatic U.F.O. sightings ever made in the district.

The sighting was made by an off-duty police officer from Tayside Police, and two milk boys in the Menzieshill area.

Another police officer heard unexplained noises about the same time while two other officers in a Panda car confirmed the sighting over the Menzieshill area.

The officer was asleep in his home in the Gowrie Park housing estate when he and his wife were wakened about 4.45 a.m. by a "hollow metal hum" which grew increasingly louder.

From his bedroom window, facing north west, he saw four "glows" moving slowly in a diamond formation.

All the time the noises grew louder and changed in pitch.

After several minutes one of the lights detached itself from the formation and slowly alighted in the vicinity of the hamlet of Benvie, between the Perth Road and Muirhead.

The first police officer on the scene said he also heard similar noises after he was sent to the scene to investigate his colleague's report.

Alarmed

Last night the off-duty policeman told "The Courier" what he had heard and seen, and admitted that during the 30 minutes he witnessed the sighting, he was somewhat alarmed by what had happened.

"I came off duty at 11 p.m. and went home to bed after my shift," he said.

"We went to bed about 1 a.m. I am a light sleeper and we left the bedroom window open to get some fresh air. The window faces the Carse of Gowrie.

"I looked at my watch when I was wakened and the time was 4.55 a.m.

"What had roused us was a strange noise similar to the amplified sound of a child's spinning top.

"Hollow, metal sound"

"It was a sort of hollow, metal sound—quite loud.

"There were different types of sound throughout the half hour.

"It could be described like something slowing down and then accelerating at various levels, first a high then a low pitch.

"I got to the window a few seconds after first hearing the noises.

"I know all the normal noises round the house but these were totally different—they quite alarmed me.

"What I actually saw were four dull lights. There was a full or almost full moon and it looked as though the light was reflecting off four objects.

"Dull glow"

"They were a dull glow and looked like metallic objects reflecting the light of the moon.

"They were about three-quarters of a mile away, to the north-west, moving slowly in a diamond shape.

"They appeared to stop at one point and hover over the Star Inn Road, near Benvie.

"At this point the noise died down a bit and for a moment I thought I was imagining things.

"So I went back to bed and lo

and behold I heard the noise getting louder.

"I went to the window again, looked out and saw one of the lights moving smoothly down to ground level.

"It descended like a lift—there was no shape, just a glow.

"At ground level it just disappeared, but there were noises from where it came down.

"For a time the noise seemed to intensify.

"One of the first officers on the scene told me he, too, had heard noises when he arrived.

"When I looked for the other three lights they had disappeared."

No air traffic

A spokesman for R.A.F. Leuchars confirmed that there was no air traffic in the area at that time.

A full police search of the area proved negative.

The two milk boys who were interviewed by police said they had heard noises similar to those described by the off-duty policeman.

An anonymous caller also phoned police headquarters in Dundee and reported hearing a "buzzing-cum-whooshing" noise in the Menzieshill area at the same time.

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Lights in sky a UFO?

MRS Marion Mills (26), was staggered when she saw a huge, brightly-lit noiseless flying object from her window at 19 Park Mead, Harlow, on Sunday night.

It happened between about 8 pm and 8.30 pm. "I was watching TV at the time when I saw this jumbo-jet sized object flying low — about the height of a plane coming in to land.

"It was round with a ring of bright lights — possibly 20-30. I saw it for about a minute. But I could find no ordinary explanation. It wasn't an aeroplane. I'm sure it was a UFO," she told the Gazette-Citizen this week.

The thing was seen, too, by Mrs Mills's five-year-old daughter Sarah. "She was attracted by the bright lights," said her mother.

Now Mrs Mills is wondering if the UFO was spotted by anyone else. "So far I haven't heard of anyone else who saw it," she said.

Objects in sky startled teenage brothers

LEVEL-HEADED Peter Watkin (18) has come to the inescapable conclusion that on Monday night he and his brother saw a UFO!

"I know we are going to get our legs pulled," explained Peter, who works in a Grantham store and lives in Oakleigh-road.

At about 9.30 p.m. he and his brother were on the track leading to Barrowby Lodge Farm when they saw a roundish object at tree-top level. It was emitting a white light and appeared to have illuminated yellow portholes or windows.

And as if one sighting were not enough, Peter and Kevin (17), were later pushing their car along the track when they saw a different "object" in the sky.

"CLIMBING"

"This was entirely different, with a long white illuminated tail, and seemed to be climbing," explained Peter.

"Neither of us felt inclined to investigate — we just wanted to leave the area," he added.

But so startling was the impact of what he saw that Peter sketched both "UFOs" — the clearly-defined object with its "windows," and the more indistinct later object.

"We have not reported the sighting to anyone else. We just don't know what to make of it, but I have never seen anything like it in my life before."

Local police confirmed they had had no sightings of an unusual nature reported at that time on Monday night.

"So just what we saw, I don't know," said Peter.

Riders in the sky

³¹²
AIRCRAFT expert Derek Read didn't believe in UFOs — until he spotted something speeding low in the skies above Darlington.

And the ex-RAF man with a lifelong interest in aircraft, says it was definitely not an aeroplane.

As he and his father drove home to West Auckland Road about 11.30 p.m., they spotted a "spherical, globular shape with flickering fairyland-type lights."

It sped along "at the speed of lightning," at about 2,000ft gradually dropping to about 1,500ft said Mr Read.

"Then it stopped about two miles away from me and stayed there for about

'The night I saw a UFO'

three-quarters of an hour" he said.

Mr Read said he watched the mystery object through high-powered binoculars used for aircraft spotting until it suddenly sped off into the distance and disappeared.

He said he noticed jet noise coming from high above the UFO, and thought it may have been the RAF observing it.

"I definitely was not seeing things," he said. "And it was not a star or an aircraft."

"I have never believed in UFO's — I have always treated the subject with a lot of doubt before, but this has changed my mind."

Teesside Airport knew nothing about the sighting. Marketing manager, Tony Norman said all airport activity had shut down about two hours earlier.

"We have often been able to correlate these sightings with paramilitary or civil activity, but not in this case," he said.

RAF Leeming also denied any knowledge of the sighting. "We have had no reports about it but were definitely not flying about that time," said a spokesman.

THE STAR SHEFFIELD
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Goodness gracious — ³¹²⁸ great balls of fire

By Dick Taylor

VIVID "flashes in the sky" seen over Sheffield last night have taken astronomers by surprise.

Dozens of people rang police to report strange happenings overhead — but experts studying the sightings were not expecting a meteor shower for another ten days.

Dr. David Hughes, an astronomer with Sheffield University Physics Department, said the next meteors were expected between April 19 and 24.

He said the flashes were probably caused by meteoroids or by a piece of spacecraft debris falling to earth.

Eye witness reports could provide valuable information for astronomers, he said.

The sightings came from all over the Sheffield area, Derbyshire and North Yorkshire. One Derbyshire policeman said the flashes were like "Sheet lightning."

HARTLEPOOL MAIL
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LONDON

Police see
suspected

U.F.O.s



MYSTERY lights gave a police patrol a "close encounter" last night.

For the officers reported seeing suspected unidentified flying objects in the night sky, Durham police reported today.

Northern forces were flooded with inquiries from curious and worried callers about the flashing lights which were seen all over Durham and as far south as Lancashire.

But Newcastle Weather Centre today allayed fears of alien invaders. They suggested that the sightings had been of space debris which had burnt out as it fell through the atmosphere.

This happened periodically and they had been expecting some more debris to fall at this time.

Carl's picture of an Youngster backs UFO story

By MALCOLM WRIGHT

THE mystery sighting of a UFO over a quiet North Yorkshire village was confirmed yesterday by a nine-year-old boy.

And little Carl Williams did more than see the "spaceship" over Cleasby on Wednesday night—he drew a picture of it.

Three callers to The Northern Echo backed up a report from 19-year-old shop assistant Marilyn Shackleton, of the Green, Cleasby, who saw a bright orange and white oval light hovering over the village.

The independent sightings will all be passed on to the British UFO Society, which is investigating the Darlington area close encounter.

Yesterday Carl's stepfather Bill Wilson, of Coleridge Gardens, Skerne Park, Darlington, told how the youngster woke him at 4.45 a.m. on Thursday morning.

"I don't know what made him wake but he woke us saying he had seen a spaceship. He was very excited," said Mr Wilson.

Strange light

"He described it perfectly. He said it was bright orange, claw-shaped with a white trail behind it. He even drew a picture to prove the point.

"At first I thought he may have been having us on. Then I saw the story in the paper and the appeal for other witnesses.

"Carl knows better than to waken us at that time of the day and he just does not make things up. He's a very level-headed youngster."

Carl said he saw the light in the sky in the direction of Cleasby. He watched it for four or five minutes.

Another witness Margaret Richards, 41, of The Green, High Coniscliffe, said she had seen a similar strange light moving in the sky at 10.15 p.m. on Thursday night.

"I'm just an ordinary housewife and I'm certainly not a crank.

"I was being driven home on Thursday night when I saw an orange object hovering over the trees on our left as we went from Darlington to High Coniscliffe.

A third caller saw the same bright light and asked to be put in touch with the UFO Society.



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WEST YORKSHIRE MAR 15 1980

Tyersal woman spots UFO

Yorkshire's rash of Unidentified Flying Object sightings has continued with the experience of an elderly Bradford woman. For the past couple of weeks there have been claims from various people in West Yorkshire that they have seen mysterious objects in the sky. Now Mrs. Jane Holdsworth, 84, of Sutton House, Sutton Estate, Tyersal, has reported that on Thursday night she saw a brightly-lit red object travelling swiftly

across the sky near her home in the general direction of Leeds. "It was revolving very quickly as it moved," she told the Telegraph & Argus. "I am often in the habit of watching the stars at night, but I do not know anything about UFOs. This object was quite new to me, and it was definitely not an aircraft. The time it passed over was 8.30 p.m. I remember checking on my living room clock."

Have we covered

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up too long for UFOs?

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

Strange blobs flash at over 100 miles an hour on to radar screens at the Norwegian town of Edo, nudging the Arctic Circle.

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

And here in Scotland high-ranking officers from Lothian and Borders Police admitted that they were "baffled" when they investigated recently the case of Livingston forestry worker Bob Taylor.

After he staggered home at mid-morning early in December in a state of collapse and claimed to have been rendered unconscious after a close encounter with two strange objects from a flying saucer, police called in to investigate discovered mysterious marks in a forest clearing, suggesting that a large heavy machine had stood there.

The grass was pressed down in two parallel ladder-like patterns, and there were four holes sunk deep into the soil indicating four supporting struts, just as Mr Taylor had described.

There was no way any land-based machinery of that size could have penetrated so deeply into the forest, and the marks bore no resemblance to any vehicle, land or airborne, known today.

After extensive investigations, senior police officers said: "We can find no satisfactory explanation for Mr Taylor's experience. But whatever did happen to him, we are absolutely certain that he is not a hoaxer."

By

JUDSON

BENNETT

SPECTACULAR SIGHTING

Mr Taylor said he had passed out, after two cylindrical machines, rather like sea mines, came out of the stationary craft and rolled towards him. As they approached, he was apparently overcome by strange sulphurous fumes and came to, unable to stand and having lost his voice.

A UFO expert in Edinburgh later suggested Mr Taylor had seen ball lightning.

According to the Aetherius Society — the international UFO-spotting organisation, these unidentified objects are more in evidence than at any time in the past ten years . . . one of the most spectacular recent sightings was of two piercing red lights in the flight-path of a Spanish Caravelle, forced to make an emergency landing at Valencia.

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

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

Captain Tejada, who claimed that at 28,000 feet the object was "on top of him," radioed Barcelona control, who could see nothing on its scanner. Then he contacted the Madrid radar centre, which is part of Spain's early warning system and bristles with sophisticated equipment. The objects were definitely picked up there . . . the Caravelle made its emergency landing, followed, claims its pilot, by the UFOs.

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

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

Nor was this the only recent UFO sighting in Spain.

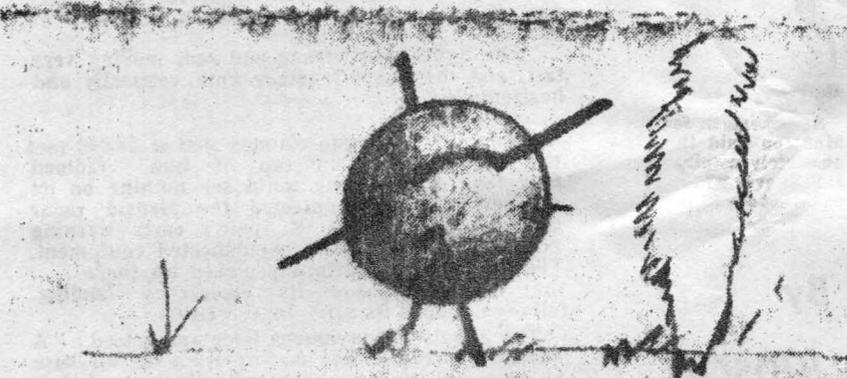
In the early dawn of November 28 hundreds of people in Madrid claimed to have seen an object which they described as circular and giving off intense flashes of blue light. The government was again reticent, and an information spokesman refused to confirm that the Spanish Air Force had also plotted the object's progress.

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

M. Fontaine told police: "It was as big as a tennis court and it made for our car, then I felt a strong tingling in the eyes and everything went blank."

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BOB TAYLOR'S drawing of the unidentified object he saw in the forest.

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

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

The police confirmed that all three men were respectable individuals, of good background. The car had been checked by a radiation counter, and radar bases had confirmed that nothing abnormal had shown up on their screens.

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

Defence documents to Ground Saucer Watch, an Arizona-based organisation.

Another suit resulted in the CIA releasing further documents which revealed that in 1975 a string of sensitive nuclear missile launch sites and bomber bases in the US had apparently been visited by UFOs. At risk had been installations in Montana, Michigan and Maine, and there had been extensive air force attempts to trace and detain the objects.

A year later, two Iranian Air Force F-4 Phantom fighters encountered a brightly lit object in the skies over the Persian Gulf. The object was tracked by Iranian radar, seen by the crew of a commercial airliner, and pursued by the F-4s which, the report alleged, experienced a breakdown of their electrical systems when they neared the object.

TIME TO COME CLEAN

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

Similar pressure is being applied in London by the Aetherius Society, and a senior member, Richard Lawrence, told me: "In 1962, Ministry of Defence UFO files for 30 years were destroyed as being of 'no permanent interest' and 'no bearing on the defence of the UK.' It is interesting that under the Public Records Act, material should have become available to the public. Just why was it got rid of?"

UFO enthusiasts point out that the French came clean five years ago when French Minister of Defence, Robert Galley, admitted that UFOs existed and, furthermore, since 1954 his department has regularly been passing data to Groupe d'Etudes des Phenomenes Aeriens.

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

He told me: "We are pressing governments everywhere to set up an international investigations committee to look into the entire topic of UFOs. There have been far too many sightings recently for the topic to be covered up any longer."

Plumbing the UFO mystery

There have been so many reports of strange objects in the sky over South Worcestershire that efforts are being made to form a local UFO club.

Behind the move is Mr. Gordon Freyory, an Elmley Castle plumber, who last year led a party of enthusiasts up Bredon Hill, on the outskirts of Evesham, where they spent the night looking out for strong objects.

"The hill is a good spot for seeing UFOs," he says.

"Only 10 days' ago someone up there saw something strange in the sky which passed noiselessly overhead. It certainly wasn't an aircraft. There are a lot of military establishments around the hill and whether this has anything to do with it I just don't know."

THE BIRMINGHAM POST

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We saw UFO as well say two schoolboys

BEAMS OF LIGHT SPOTTED IN SKY

TWO Whitstable boys think they saw the unidentified flying object spotted by Mrs. Pixie Revell at Long Reach roundabout.

Jeremy Rigden (14) of Saddleton Road, and his friend Trevor Mulford (14), of Applegarth Caravan Park, Seasalter, said they saw two strong beams of light moving towards Thanet Way on the same Friday night that Mrs. Revell saw them.

After reading about the story in last week's Whitstable Times they realised they had probably seen the same thing.

Both boys were at the caravan park, working inside Trevor's shed when Trevor spotted two floodlights in the sky and pointed them out to Jeremy.

"They were coming over the marshes towards Thanet Way and I was looking out to sea when I saw them," said Trevor.

"At first I thought it was an ordinary jet light but then we thought it was a spaceship and that was why we hid in the shed until it had passed over.

"I thought I saw a slight piece of iron coming at an angle out of its side."

After they had seen the object both boys told their fathers. At first Jeremy's father Paul disbelieved them, but when he read about Mrs. Revell's experience he rung her up to tell her of Jeremy's.

Both boys said there was no noise coming from the craft and they could not tell how high or how far away it was.

Jeremy's mother Mrs. Anna Rigden said: "They are not scary types of boys,

but I think they were scared this time because there was no noise but just these two lights coming from it."

"All the family likes science fiction and I really believe there must be something there."

Mrs. Valerie Martin, of Kingsdown Park, Whitstable, a member of the British U.F.O. Research Association, said she and Mrs. Revell rang Manston and were told it could have been a helicopter or Harrier jet.

"There was no sound at all according to the boys and Mrs. Revell, so that seems very puzzling, but I really do not know what it could have been," said Mrs. Martin.

A spokesman for R.A.F. Manston said they knew absolutely nothing about a U.F.O. over Whitstable and could not say what it was.

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UFO LIGHT SHOW

A WOMAN saw a UFO hovering over the A1 Motorway last night.

Miss Marilyn Shuckleton, 19, of The Green, Cleasby, near Darlington, not only kept the object in sight for several minutes but was able to call out neighbours who also saw it.

Miss Shuckleton was driving between Stapleton and Cleasby at 10.10 p.m. when she saw a bright light hovering over some trees to the North-east.

"It was about 60ft. from the ground travelling North-east at 40-50 mph and it stopped for a time over the A1. It was a very bright orange and white light, oval in shape and made no noise," she said.

Before it moved away she reached home and was able to call out her father George and neighbours Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith of Lorna House, Cleasby, and they also saw it.

Police have been unable to explain the sighting. There were no aircraft in the area at the time and no manoeuvres at Catterick Garrison which might have caused lights in the sky.

STOKE-ON-TRENT
EVENING SENTINEL
JAN 28 1980

North Staffs. U.F.O. report

Police last night received a report from the Gratton area of a U.F.O.

It was described as an orange-coloured object moving below cloud level, silently and at speed and emitting a powerful beam of white light.

NORTHERN DESPATCH
DARLINGTON
JAN 29 1980
ENGLAND

UFOs again

SKYWATCHERS waited for the Martians to land in Darlington last night. A "pyramid" of eight lights drifted silently through the sky and then apparently disappeared.

The "flying saucer" sightings were reported to Alternative Phenomena Inquiries which monitors sightings of unidentified flying objects.

Mr David McGroraty, of APE, said Teeside air traffic control reported no aircraft flying from Teeside Airport around 7 p.m. when the object was sighted over Newton Lane, Cockerton and Hurworth Lane.

BRADFORD TELEGRAPH & ARGUS
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Mystery lights spotted

A UFO was spotted over Baildon Moor and Ilkley Moor last night.

The object, described as a cluster of red flashing lights, was initially reported as a distress signal from the air traffic controller at Leeds/Bradford Airport at 5.51 p.m.

Police confirmed that the object was as described but still do not know what it was.

At 7.15 p.m. policemen on the moors saw the cluster of lights travelling slowly about 600ft to 700ft in the air for three to four minutes in the area north of Ilkley.

CHELTENHAM FAMILY'S U.F.O. CLAIM

A CHARLTON KINGS family believe they have seen a series of unidentified flying objects over the area.

Mr. Duncan Howgate, of Acorn-crescent, said that on Tuesday night they spotted 15 such objects flying overhead and his sons Ian (16) and Adrian (13), had made detailed diagrams of them.

Mr. Howgate said they had logged their movements and had thought nothing of it until similar activity was reported in the Stroud area.

He added that the objects were like bright lights in the sky and of several different colours.

Pairs of the objects were spotted the following night, and Mr. Howgate said they travelled vertically — sometimes slowly, then speeding up and then slowing down again.

"On Tuesday we rang R.A.F. Kemble, and later we received a call from the duty

flight-lieutenant at R.A.F. Lyneham.

"They were unable to give an explanation for the activity, and we had to make a detailed statement on all we could see.

"The boys were quite excited about it and were out in the garden for about an hour watching and sketching what they saw."

Mr. Howgate explained that, because the objects were high up, there was no possibility of confusing lights from the town or cars with flying saucers.

Sightings of a strange ball or white light had been made in the Stroud area on Tuesday night, but a local security consultant has claimed it was probably a powerful new searchlight which was being tested.

UFO sighting over village backed by couple

A Histon couple have claimed that they too saw the UFO which a bus crew reported hovering over Teversham last week.

Bus conductress Miss Elaine Granger and her driver Mr Ron Andrews said they saw the UFO while driving home from a late duty at about 11.45 pm.

But on Saturday, Mrs Lynda Howarth and her husband James, both aged 29, of Station Road, Histon, said they watched the strange shape in the sky for 10 minutes on Wednesday.

And still further reports of sightings have come from two 12-year-old girls who are adamant that they saw two similar objects the previous Sunday.

Sceptical

Mrs Howarth said she and her husband watched "a very long glowing half-moon shaped object" for at least 10 minutes as they drove along the A45 from Newmarket towards the Histon turn-off.

"It seemed to be circling and then after quite a time it flew away. We thought we had lost it, but a few moments later it came back — much closer than before.

"It was very large, much bigger than any aeroplane I have ever seen. We saw it very clearly.

"I have always been very sceptical but all I want now is a logical explanation. I had also never heard about the other sightings around Cambridge," she said.

Samantha Benstead and

her friend Linda Pilsworth — both 12 — also spoke on Saturday of their close encounter. They claim it took place last Sunday at about 5.45 pm.

Two objects, one after the other and similar to those seen near Teversham, were seen above Hale Street, Cambridge.

Glowing

The girls say the first object was already in the air when they spotted it. "It was like a half moon, glowing orange, and every now and then it flashed green," said Samantha.

"Then about five minutes later we saw another one rising from behind the houses in the direction of the airport," said Linda.

"Samantha was afraid and she ran away," she added.

Marshall have already said there were no flights on Wednesday night but the airport was still open on Sunday when the girls claim to have seen the objects.

Well, this beats the band...!

By RALPH MARSHAL

LONG-established Burnley band the Eidleburgers are hardly a group with stars in their eyes.

But the sight in the sky at night really had the band beat as they returned from a show early today. For the three-piece group reckon they saw a UFO—the second they have spotted after a late night concert in the area.

The band, Christine Braithwaite, her husband Norman and drummer Ben

Bennett could hardly believe their eyes as the large bright light slowly and silently curved across the sky, throwing out a coloured glow behind it.

But when they arrived home at Higher Reedley Rd, Brierfield, Norman and Christine's 15-year-old son, Gary, quickly dispelled fears that they had been dreaming — because he had seen it too!

"It was an incredible coincidence," said Christine, the band's trombonist.

"Gary had spotted the

mysterious light through the curtains and had gone outside to watch it for 10 minutes."

The group had been returning along the Whalley by-pass after a concert in Mellor when they saw the bright light.

Said Christine, who has a grocer's shop in Higher Reedley Road: "I stopped the car and wound down the window but there was no sound from the object. Eventually it just disappeared in the distance. It certainly was not a plane".

Bright light in the sky

Sir,—I should like to ask through your columns whether anyone else except my daughter and I saw the very bright light in the sky shining to the west of Twickenham between 6.00 and 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16th.

If so, have they any explanation? This light was stationary for at least the ten minutes we observed it, was too bright and low to be a star and could not have been an aeroplane. — E. S. Balding (Mrs.), 27 Strawberry Hill Close, Twickenham.

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DAILY RECORD
GLASGOW
MAR. 14 1980 ENG.

LIVERPOOL ECHO
MAR. 11 1980
ENG.

U.F.O. 'AS BIG AS TWO HOUSES'

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ANOTHER U.F.O. has been spotted in Llanelli, according to the South Wales co-ordinator for the British U.F.O. Research Association.

Mr. Randall Jones Pugh, of Roch, near Haverfordwest, who has also written a book on U.F.O. activity in South Wales, said: "The woman and her daughter wish to remain anonymous."

"But from what they have already told me it appears to have been a very frightening experience."

According to Mr. Jones Pugh, a craft, described as being the size of two large houses, terrified a woman and her teenage daughter as it hovered near their house.

It flew over the woman's house and gave off a bright halo of light which "petrified" the daughter.

More sightings can be expected, said Mr. Jones Pugh. Two claims recently were at Carway and Llanguennech.

Police track a UFO

POLICE yesterday reported several sightings of a UFO over Easter Ross.

One of the sightings was by the local policeman at Fearn who said he saw a white object with red flashes coming from it. It vanished northwards.

Ideal

At nearby Ashfield Farm, five "reliable people" saw a round star-shaped object change from yellow to glowing red.

One local man said: "It was a cold, clear, frosty night, ideal conditions for the Northern Lights."

A police spokesman at Inverness said: "Like similar sightings these will be passed on to the air traffic control authorities."

UFO's about to crash land in the Lords...

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A well attended, exclusive film show is due soon in a private room at the House of Lords.

Don't get me wrong — it's not like that at all. It will be a film of a UFO in flight, a super-eight millimetre film in colour as seen at night by a Senor Grifol at Montserrat Mountain, near Barcelona, Spain.

"In it," writes ufologist Antonio Ribero in a letter to Lord Clancarty, leader of the House of Lords UFO Study Group, "you can see the round, white, bright shape coming rapidly towards the camera and zooming away at great speed, to come back seconds later overhead, making a sharp turn to the left. Then you can see that it is saucer-shaped. I should like very much that this fantastic film, which, incidentally, I repute genuine, was analysed by the RAF technicians..."

Weird experience...

The Earl of Clancarty has studied UFOs for 30 years and is a pioneer UFO writer who set a trend since followed by armies of science fiction writers. His many books on the subject include *The Sky People*, *Men Among Mankind*, *Forgotten Heritage*, *The Flying Saucer Story* and *Secret of the Ages*, and he is founder of the UFO Society, Contact International which collects, investigates and co-ordinates UFO accounts from all over the world.

Certainly it was a moment of triumph for him when, just over a year ago, he introduced a UFO debate in the House of Lords, in so many minds considered the very epitome of orthodoxy and tradition. For the first time in 700 years, the subject was being debated in a cool, factual way, with no jokes about nutcases and little green men.

Many distinguished people took part in that historic debate, among them the Earl of Kimberley, the Liberal Party spokesman on aerospace; Lord Gainsford, who stated in his speech that he had himself seen a UFO. Lord Davies of Leek and Lord Gladwyn, the ex-diplomat. These have since joined Lord Clancarty's UFO Study Group, which now number over 20 Lords, including Admiral of the Fleet, Lord Hill-Norton.

Lord Clancarty has long believed that unidentified flying objects exist and come from outer space. Once he saw a UFO himself—a strange object zig-zagging over the rooftops of South Kensington.

Dennis Bardens

CAMBRIDGE NEWS
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THE WESTERN TELEGRAPH
HAVERFORDWEST
WALES
JAN 24 1980

U F O s

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I READ with great interest the reports of the November/December UFO sightings at Harston and Cambridge. I have a theory. What these sightings appear to have in common is atmospheric disturbance, and the proximity of the railway.

I believe that the "railway carriage," "coach" and "boomerang" objects might have been reflections of a moving train on thin cloud — the "boomerang" being a distorted picture; the lights moving at high speed again being reflections from the ground. All of them are noiseless. It is virtually impossible to judge distances at night, too.

I've formed no theory regarding the giant UFO

UFOs SPOTTED

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Three UFOs were seen to hover over Neyland on Wednesday night.

Mrs. Olive Langden, of 36 Charles Street, witnessed the close encounter at 10.30 p.m. when she saw a stationary yellow glow with a green tail.

"I called my son, Kim, and he saw a blue one with a light flashing on it over Burton," said Mrs. Langden. "Then we saw another over Pembroke Dock."

The UFOs appeared again at midnight when Mrs. Rose Miller saw them from her home at 22 Queen Street, Neyland.

"I stood and watched them for 10 minutes before they suddenly disappeared," she said.

"They were cigar-shaped with a yellow light in the middle, but the tail was a vivid green."

The ladies got together last week to compare notes of their flying saucer sightings.

"Perhaps they were going to beam us up," they said.

Hinckley UFO investigation

A 14-year-old Hinckley boy's claim that he spotted a UFO over fields at Wykin is being investigated by the Midlands UFO Network, one of its spokesmen said today.

Mrs Jean Mayne, of Burleigh Road, Hinckley, said the boy saw a cross-shaped object with red and blue lights descend into a field — and then vanish.

Object

Mrs Mayne, secretary of the Hinckley Aerial Phenomena Investigation Society, said the boy was only yards from the

object when it came down.

"He suffered complete loss of hearing during the encounter, and was said

to be in a state of shock for some time afterwards," she said.

The "sighting" happened while the boy was

working part-time at a farm near Wykin village. Other farm workers have confirmed the boy's story, she said.

CORK EXAMINER
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ENGLAND
MAR. 15 1980

Mysterious flying object

A flying object with a fiery tail sighted in the sky over many parts of the country last night was probably a meteorite breaking up, which was the general view expressed.

Sightings were also reported from people living in Sligo, Limerick, Kerry and many parts of Cork.

A farmer in the Oysterhaven area reported seeing the object at 10.55 p.m.

He described it as having a "fierce flame" in its tail. It passed noiselessly over head, coming from a northerly direction and it headed south, out to sea.

SURREY DAILY ADVERTISER
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Strange UFO attracts experts

SITINGS of a strange object seen hovering in the sky near Charterhouse School has sparked off an investigation by a Surrey UFO group.

The Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena is hoping to obtain a full and detailed description of what happened on the night of February 15 in Godalming.

And what was seen in the sky the following night by a motorist driving along the Shere Bypass.

Group investigation co-ordinator Mr. Omar Fowler said it was too early to have a theory on the cigar-shaped objects spotted in the sky.

But he said the sightings two weeks ago were "very similar" to the sightings of UFOs in Ash two years ago, which attracted wide publicity both locally and nationally.

A group of schoolboys from Charterhouse were the first to see the latest object in the sky. They described it as "cigar-shaped" which hovered silently.

The next night Mr. David McCarthy and three friends were driving along the Shere Bypass towards Albury when they spotted something similar.

"We want more identity details from the witnesses," said Mr. Fowler. "Whether the object had multi-coloured lights, whether it accelerated rapidly, etc."

Forms have been sent to the witnesses by the Surrey investigation group for full details. "We will then classify and file the forms or personally visit the witnesses," said Mr. Fowler.

SANDWELL MAIL
WEST MIDLANDS
JAN 25 1980 ENG.

A 28-YEAR-OLD Tipton man's home has become the nerve centre for unidentified flying objects sightings throughout the Midlands.

West Bromwich process worker Brian Pedley, pictured here, has been made Midlands co-ordinator for Contact International, one of the world's largest UFO Investigation Society.

He will check out Midlands UFO sightings with the Civil Aviation Authorities and airports to see if they have any mysterious radar "blips" that support them, and

UFO man reaches for stars

has been promised radar recordings if they do.

Mr. Pedley, of South Road, Ocker Hill, said: "I've had eight sightings, but none was as dramatic as the first. It frightened me to death.

"I believe that there have been enough 'close encounters' to prove that alien life has visited our skies," he said.

SOUTH WALES ARGUS NEWPORT
JAN 25 1980

'CIGAR' IN THE SKY

PONTYPOOL police say they have received a report of an unidentified flying object over the town.

According to the report, the cigar-shaped UFO was very large and bright red in colour, and looked like a rocket. It was seen by a Pontypool woman on Thursday morning hovering over Penyrheol mountain, and then going off in the direction of Griffithstown.

Both air traffic control at Rhoose Airport and RAF St. Athan said they were unaware of plane movements in the area at that time. But a Rhoose spokesman said helicopters from fuel boards often flew over that location, surveying pipelines, and could be mistaken for a UFO.

LIVERPOOL ECHO
MAR. 11 1980
ENGLAND

UFO's: Keep eyes skinned

Starry-eyed people in Wirral are being asked to look out for unidentified flying objects. For the Merseyside Investigatory Group into Aerial Phenomena has formed a Wirral branch to look into sightings in the area.

The group claims to be the only official one on Merseyside and covers a large area, including Cheshire and North Wales.

It is one of 30 connected to the Northern UFO network, and is in liaison with UFO International in Bristol.

Heading the Wirral branch is 24-year-old Alan Bell of Rock Ferry, who has investigated eight "sightings" in the area during the past three months.

"Many people who see unusual things in the sky are reluctant to report them in case they are called cranks, but we would like to hear from anyone who sees something he cannot readily explain," he added.

And a tip to would be UFO spotters—keep your eyes on the south-west, for that is where they tend to appear and disappear.

GLASGOW EVENING TIMES
MAR. 14 1980
ENG.

NEW UFO SIGHTED

Scotland's latest unidentified flying object sightings have taken place in Easter Ross — one of them by a policeman.

Five people reported seeing a yellow-glowing round object which changed from a star-shape to circular before disappearing. Later a police constable saw it again.

EVENING GAZETTE
JAN 29 1980
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PUZZLE OF MOVING 'CIGAR' IN SKY

CHEMICAL plant manager Allan Laing was not surprised when his neighbour called him outside to look at a strange object in the sky.

For it only confirmed his belief in unidentified flying objects.

Mr. Laing was shown the UFO on Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Hilary Taylor, who lives next door in Aldenham Road, Hunters Hill, Gulsborough.

"It appeared to be over Middlesbrough and was like a long, slim, orange neon light," he said.

"At first it was stationary, but then it started moving to the north and passed out of sight. It appeared to be like the descriptions I have read before of cigar-like objects and moved very slowly.

Not surprised

"I did not have any particular reaction. It is the first time I had seen one, but I have always believed in that sort of thing so I wasn't surprised.

"The sky was blue and clear so it wasn't clouds or anything like that."

Mrs. Taylor, though, was not quite so convinced about the possible extra-terrestrial visitor.

"I was just on my way back from shopping when I saw this bright cigar shape in the sky. I thought it was a section of cloud being lit up," she said.

"I'm very much a disbeliever and if it had not moved I wouldn't have thought any more of it, but now I would like to find out what it was."

DUBLIN EVENING HERALD
MAR. 15 1980

Hundreds see UFO

GARDAI and rescue services were still puzzled today as to the identity of a mysterious flaming object seen shooting across the sky around midnight last night.

The object, described by one eyewitness as "an orange ball of fire," was spotted by several hundred people along the west coast, from Donegal to Tralee.

The Shannon Marine and Rescue Centre was flooded with telephone calls between 11 o'clock and 12.30 by people who had sighted the object. Gardai in Galway were also alerted by callers who gave vivid descriptions of the flying object.

It was first feared the flash was a distress signal from a ship and Shannon Rescue alerted lifeboat services around the coast. However, their enquiries showed there was no ship in trouble and that a distress flare could not travel such a distance.

HEREFORD EVENING NEWS

JAN 28 1980

Mystery 'UFO' seen by family

SYLVIA Turner was putting the cat out of her Worcester home when she glanced up — and saw a blinding light hovering in the sky.

She dashed inside and fetched husband George and their two boys Tony, 13, and John, 11, who stood transfixed by the glow just over the rooftops at the back of their home in Henwick Avenue.

"It was a great big light" said Sylvia. "I've never seen a star that size or so low in the sky."

"I can't imagine what it was but I think it might have been a UFO."

Sylvia got her binoculars for a closer look and found that the white light also had traces of blue, green and red. She went back inside and on coming out five minutes later at 7.45 on Friday evening, the light had vanished.

"I thought it might have been the North Star but it was over towards the west" Sylvia added "I wasn't frightened at all — I'd just like to know what it was."

MAR 17-1980

I saw UFO land, says mother

A Bradford mother claims to have seen a landing of one of the UFOs reported by many people throughout West Yorkshire recently.

Mrs. Lorna Mandel, of Raglan Terrace, Bradford, was driv-

ing along Micklethwaite Lane, near Crossflatts, between 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. on March 2, when she and her two children saw flashing red lights in the sky.

"It was a circular object with a glowing centre and shimmering edges. The round

exterior had a twinkling, shimmering effect," she said. "It was coming down very slowly from the sky, very steady and flashing red lights. It came down in a straight line in a very controlled way between Bingley and Eldwick. "I thought that was strange

because it was very windy. It was quite a theatrical sight. We saw a glow in the midst of dark trees, silhouetting the woods." Mrs. Mandel added that as the bright object touched the ground the light in the centre gradually faded and disappeared.

BRADFORD TELEGRAPH
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WEST YORKSHIRE
MAR 14 1980

Couple 3128 to keep watch for UFO

Watch will be kept at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Tomlinson, in Wilsden Road, Harden, Bingley, on Sunday in case an unidentified flying object which they have seen on two successive weekends chooses to return.

Mrs. Tomlinson said: "The Sunday before last I saw an object in the sky beyond our home, in the direction of Baildon Moor.

"I have never seen anything like it before. It was rose pink and flickered in a strange way, like a fairy light.

"It drifted downwards, trailing what appeared to be smoke behind it, and disappeared behind the St. Ives estate in Harden.

"I am quite convinced that it was not an aircraft, and there were no signs of flames."

SURRY DAILY ADVERTISER

UFO sighting
from bedroom

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CHERYL Parker thought she was going mad until she picked up the *Surrey Advertiser* and read reports of UFO sightings in the district.

"I saw one from my bedroom window," said 26-year-old Ms. Parker of Drummond Road, Guildford.

But when her neighbours said they had seen nothing, she kept quiet about her sighting.

"I was quite relieved to read the article in the paper," she said. "I rushed into my neighbour and said, 'There you are, I'm not the only one who saw it!'"

No confusion

She went on: "Then, last Sunday my husband and I both saw a similar object behaving in a similar manner.

"Neither of us knows anything about UFOs and we are not interested in the research that goes into them. But this has started us thinking about it."

Next Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson will keep watch from their home, which commands a view of Baildon Moor and surrounding countryside.

There was no question of the UFO sighting being confused with the reported "near miss" between an airliner and two military aircraft in the Keighley area last week, Mrs. Tomlinson said.

"The near miss was reported on Monday and I definitely saw this object the day before."

There have been a number of reported UFO sightings in West Yorkshire recently.

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MORE REPORT UFO SIGHTING

More people have reported seeing the mystery object which was seen over Baildon Moor on Sunday night.

Police say they are no nearer to finding out what the cluster of red flashing lights could be.

Mrs. P. Horne, of Crossley View, Gilstead, had a clear sighting of the lights as they moved silently across the sky, and they were also spotted by a woman who lives at Hawksworth.

The object was first reported to Shipley Police on Sunday evening by the air traffic controller at Leeds-Bradford Airport who thought it might be a distress signal.

Members of the public also spotted the lights and so did police officers who went on to the moor to investigate.

Insp. Ivan Rolston, at the community affairs department of Keighley Police, said the airport had no knowledge of any plane in distress and they were equally mystified as to what the object could be.

The police were unlikely to investigate the matter further. "At the moment we have not got very good communications with Mars," he said.