

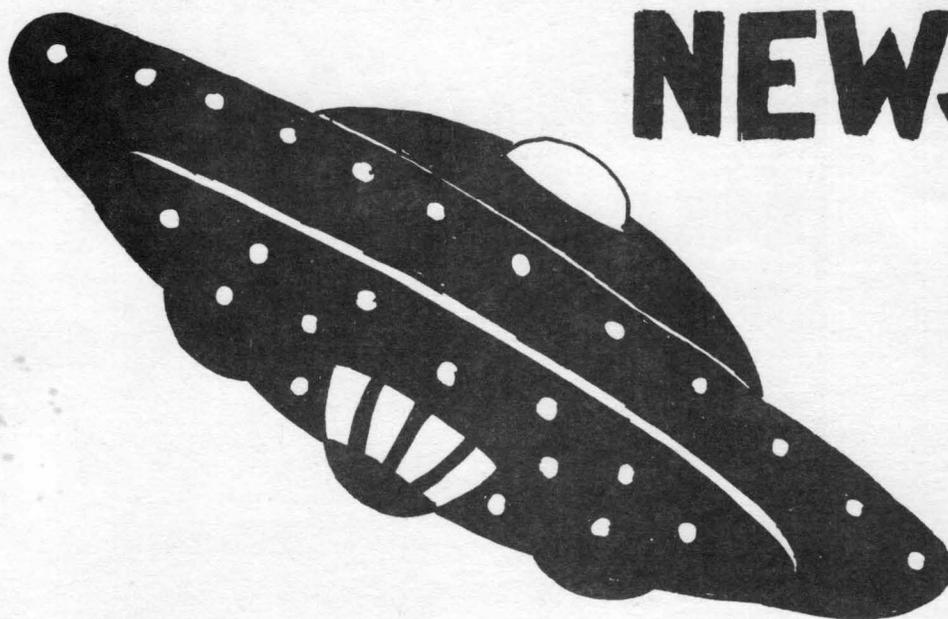
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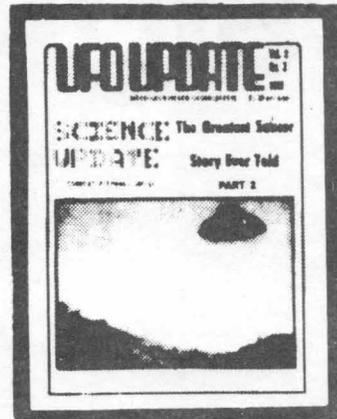
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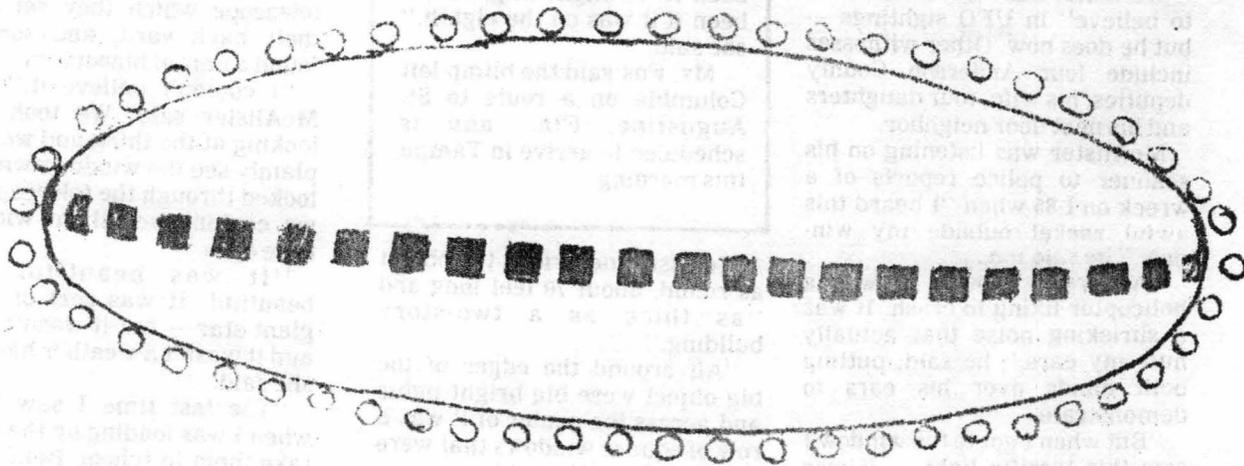
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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

Town buzzes with excitement after possible UFO sighting



A sketch of the object McAllister said he saw early this morning.

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Jerry McAlister saw 'something strange'

By Louise Ervin
Staff writer

Did a vehicle from another world pay a visit to the Broadway Lake area this morning?

Jerry McAlister of Parnell Road is not sure. But he is positive he saw something strange in his back yard early today. And since the 4:20 a.m. sighting, the news media has beaten a path to his door.

Radio stations from over three states have kept him busy on the telephone, relating the experience for an "on-the-spot broadcast." Television camera trucks from area stations rolled up and down the country roads, asking directions to the remote rural section as they drove to McAlister's home.

McAlister has "never been one to believe" in UFO sightings — but he does now. Other witnesses include four Anderson County deputies, his wife, four daughters and his next door neighbor.

McAlister was listening on his scanner to police reports of a wreck on I-85 when "I heard this awful racket outside my window," he said today.

"At first I thought it was a helicopter fixing to crash. It was a shrieking noise that actually hurt my ears," he said, putting both hands over his ears to demonstrate.

"But when I got to the window I saw this terrific light — it was sort of like flood lights — lighting up my whole back yard. The light hurt my eyes, it was so bright. I called to my wife who was asleep and then punched her with my crutch (McAlister has an injured leg) and she got to the window in time to see the light and hear the noise.

"Then my daughter Shirley got to the window and saw it. Then it turned sideways and swished sideways over those pine trees," he said, pointing his crutch toward a clump of trees at the edge of his yard.

It wasn't the blimp!

For those who are explaining the early-morning phenomenon as the Goodyear Blimp, guess again.

Although the blimp was in Columbia Monday and left Tuesday morning, it couldn't have been in this area early this morning, according to Deborah Fox, public relations bureau representative with Goodyear in Washington, D.C.

"If it was 4 o'clock this morning, it couldn't have been it. It might have been if it was on the eighth," she said.

Ms. Fox said the blimp left Columbia on a route to St. Augustine, Fla., and is scheduled to arrive in Tampa this morning.

McAlister described the object as round, about 70 feet long and "as thick as a two-story building."

"All around the edges of the big object were big bright lights and across the center of it was a row of square windows that were lighted up too," he said.

He estimates the object was about 25 feet above his back yard when he sighted it, and it hovered there for approximately three minutes.

McAlister compared the action of the saucer-like object to a plate whirling on a stick in a balancing act.

"It swiveled like it was winding down and might fall. Then it turned to its side and swished away, making a purring noise," he said. "My wife and daughter Shirley saw it before it moved higher up in the sky, where it stayed for about two hours."

McAlister called the Sheriff's Department to report it.

At first I think they thought it was a prank...But when they got here one of them said: 'Mister, we're sorry,' and they stayed out there for over an hour looking at it too," McAlister said.

"All morning I've felt like

bursting into tears. I'm so thrilled that I got to see something so great," McAlister said.

The Partain children had a telescope which they set up in their back yard, and someone found a pair of binoculars.

"I couldn't believe it," Faye McAlister said. We took turns looking at the thing and we could plainly see the windows when we looked through the telescope, but we couldn't see them with our bare eyes.

"It was beautiful, just beautiful. It was sort of like a giant star — but it wasn't a star and it wasn't a weather balloon," she said.

"The last time I saw it was when I was loading up the kids to take them to school. Believe me, our kids were excited. I cooked grits and eggs, but I can't remember if anyone ate or not. When the kids hit the school yard they started yelling to their friends that they had seen a flying saucer," she said.

Mrs. Matha Lollis of Cheddar, an employee at Myers Arnold, said she saw the object about 4:20 a.m. from her window.

"It was round and reddish in color and was moving slowly toward Greenville. It was much too big to be a star. My daughter saw it too, and we both wondered what it could be. Then when we heard the radio announcers talking about it, we knew we had seen the object," she said.

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Three men puzzle over UFO experience

By CLIFF HARRINGTON
Piedmont Staff Writer

For three Upstate residents, there were many questions to be answered.

All three saw a UFO — unidentified flying object — traveling across the sky early Thursday morning.

Two of the witnesses thought their experience was unique. The third person heard about UFOs on the radio and went out looking.

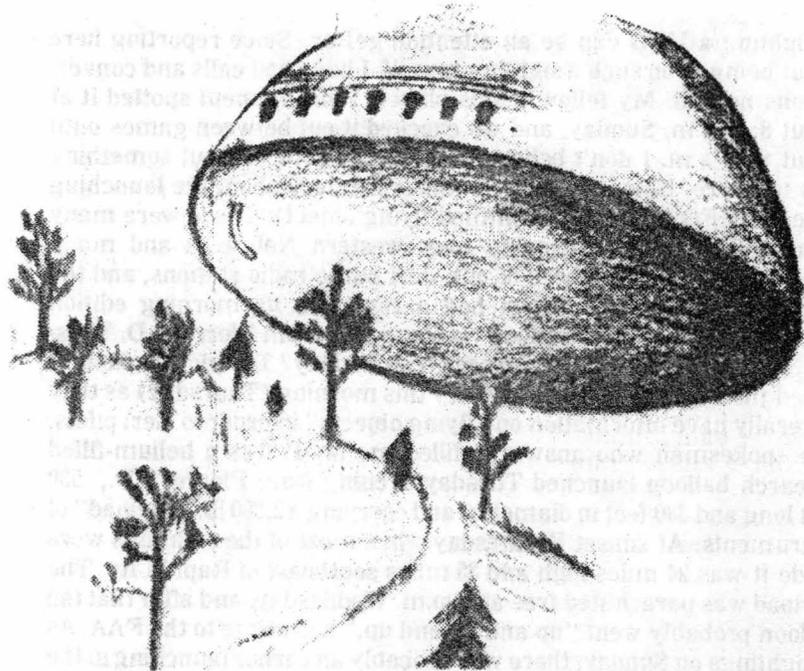
Jerry McAlister, 40, of Anderson, was the first to spot something in the sky about 4:30 a.m. He showed it to his wife, daughters, neighbors and police officers. None of them got the close look he did, however.

A short time later, 33-year-old Claude Anderson Jr. heard about McAlister's experience on the radio. He went outside his Williamston home to look for the UFO and saw an object in the distant sky. He contacted a local radio station, but not the police.

By 8 a.m., the mysterious craft had continued its path northward to Easley and was spotted by Larry Garrett, 40, of 206 Fruit Mountain Road. Garrett was apprehensive about calling authorities, but he did anyway.

Deputy Mickey Tate of the Pickens County Sheriff's Department did composite sketches based on what Garrett and McAlister saw.

"They look so much alike that they'll make your stomach roll," said Garrett after seeing the sketch based on McAlister's description. "The only difference is the windows and the lights. The one I saw was slick with no lights."



Pickens County deputy Mickey Tate sketched object

... based on Larry Garrett's description

"I called the sheriff's department and told them, 'you'll probably think I'm stupid, so don't release my name right now.' Then I told them what I saw. Later, they called me and told me someone else had seen a UFO. It made me feel a lot better to know someone else had seen it."

Garrett said he was outside working on his car when he heard "a buzzing sound, not a loud noise."

"I looked down the road for a car," he said. "Then I looked up and saw something that looked like the Goodyear blimp. It was just a smooth-shaped object. It was like I had walked out on a dock to see a big ship. I was just that close to it."

"I just numbed. I felt like every hair on my body was standing straight up."

What McAlister saw was approximately 70 feet around and two stories high, he said. He called the Anderson County Sheriff's Department, and one of the four deputies dispatched to McAlister's house said he saw something, too.

"The lights were blinding," McAlister said. "They light up my whole back yard. It was a flying saucer. I never believed in them. But I definitely do now."

Anderson said he wasn't afraid of being ridiculed. He was sure of what he saw.

"After hearing what Mr. McAlister said, I really wasn't surprised at what I saw. I got a little shaky because I'd never seen anything like it," Anderson said.

"I didn't worry about appearing crazy to anyone. I listened to him on the radio and when he said it was coming in my direction, I decided to go out and look."

"I went out to the front and saw something that looked like a softball in the sky. It wasn't a star and it wasn't the moon. It was going straight up," Anderson said.

Despite the reports of UFOs, nothing unusual was reported on the radar screens Thursday morning at the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport, according to airport tower officials.

T-H Viewpoint

Sighting a UFO can be an attention getter! Since reporting here about being in on such a sighting myself, I have had calls and conversations no end. My fellow tennis player, Paul Phaneuf spotted it at about 8:15 a.m. Sunday, and we checked it out between games until about 8:45 a.m. I don't believe in flying saucers yet, but something was up there. Now, except for a minor mystery about the launching time the UFO is an IFO (identified flying object). There were many sightings Wednesday evening over western Nebraska and many calls, not only to members of our staff but to radio stations, and the Scottsbluff newspaper which had a report in its morning edition today. This reports the balloon was launched from Pierre, S.D. Tuesday. Then how could we have seen it on Sunday? The plot thickens! I called the Federal Aviation Agency this morning (Thursday) as they generally have information on "flying objects" in order to alert pilots. The spokesman who answered filled me in: It was a helium-filled research balloon launched Tuesday evening from Pierre, S.D., 530 feet long and 380 feet in diameter, and carrying a 2,200 lb. "payload" of instruments. At sunset Wednesday when most of the sightings were made it was 24 miles high and 35 miles southeast of Rapid City. The payload was parachuted free at 10 p.m. Wednesday, and after that the balloon probably went "up and up and up," according to the FAA. As to sightings on Sunday, there was probably an earlier launching in the same project, the FAA man told me. So much for flying saucers.—

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UFO siting

Joan Boughner of Orangevale claims she and a co-worker viewed an unidentified flying object (UFO) on July 30 while traveling to lunch from her job at Aerojet Strategic Propulsion Company.

She says she and her co-worker saw "this thing" hover briefly over the trees near a sewer plant on Folsom Boulevard between U.S. 50 and Folsom's historical district.

She described it as having a silver exterior, long bay doors, "all black inside", oblong, and about 15 to 20 feet long.

"I'm not saying it was a saucer," Boughner said. "But it was something."

She called the media and got limited response, although one area daily newspaper ran a story on her reported sighting and noted similar objects had been viewed the day before in Santa Cruz and near Clear Lake.

UFO

or jet?

What was that loud whirring, whistling noise that came over Fallbrook at 9:30 p.m. Aug. 25 for about 10 minutes?

One DeLuz resident, who said her husband was air force pilot with almost 30 years of experience, said it was jet having engine problems.

She said it was making a terrible whining noise and that it kept circling over the hill on which her family lives. She said that her husband was concerned it was going to crash.

Another Fallbrook resident was awakened by the noise and thought a plane was dropping bombs on Fallbrook. She said her dogs started whining when they heard the noise.

Whatever it was, it kept circling and she thought that it might be a plane looking for a place to land.

Another caller to the Enterprise called the event bizarre. She and her family were camping outside in a tent when they heard the noise. They rushed out of the tent because they feared the object making the noise was about to crash on them.

She said her youngest child was so frightened by the event, he won't go back into the tent.

GARY IND.
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Welcome!

If a little green man from outer space ever dropped down to visit Ashford, Wash., the first thing he might see would make him feel right at home. At least that's what the New Age Foundation hopes. The foundation has announced plans to build a huge replica of a flying saucer near an airstrip to "give these visitors a clear message that they are welcome to use the facilities," foundation spokesman Wayne Aho said. Aho said a large flying saucer was observed hovering over the airfield last week. The foundation, which held its fourth annual Mystic Mountain homecoming last weekend, has other interests besides UFOs. "It is the foundation's belief that the earth has intelligence, and earthquakes and volcano eruptions indicate that it is in the process of purging itself of nuclear and other types of pollution," Aho said.

More UFOs

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Broadway residents see two more

'Put me down as a believer'

By Louise Ervin
Staff writer

The man whose UFO experience last Thursday put Anderson in the international spotlight said his family's lifestyle has been disrupted, but he's enjoying every minute of it.

Over a cup of coffee in the kitchen of his neat brick home on Parnell Road, Jerry McAlister and his wife Faye reflected on the events of the past four days.

"When our telephone rings constantly, day and night, and people from all over the world want to hear my story — when you look out the door and there's TV cameramen and reporters all over the place — and when your children are kidded about the UFO at school — you can be sure our lifestyle has been disrupted," he said. "But we don't mind."

Faye laughed as she said her children are called "the UFO girls" at school.

"One is called unidentified foxy object — I guess they like the way she looks — and another who needs to lose some weight is called the unidentified fat object."

"It's just unreal that so many people have been to our house and called up from all over the world to hear us tell what we saw," McAlister said.

"People have been so nice, and would you believe we haven't had the first prank call? Actually, I'm surprised that so many people believe in UFOs. I didn't until I saw one. To tell you the truth, I didn't believe that we (America)

put men on the moon. I thought it was impossible. But I believe anything about space now. Put me down as a believer."

The McAlisters said the reaction of area people to the UFO has varied.

"Some people say it is the work of the Lord and others say it was the work of the devil. Me, I don't

know what it is. But it's for real.

"I'll never know why whatever or whoever it was decided to

come down in my back yard," he said.

Both McAlister and his wife regret they didn't keep a record of the calls along with names of the callers.

However, they did name all the far-away places that they could remember. Among them were: Australia, Hawaii, San Francisco, Indiana, New York, Florida, Wisconsin, Ohio, California, Montana, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and several cities in Canada.

"It's incredible," McAlister said. "On a radio station in Cincinnati, I was on the air for two hours. A scientist and an expert on UFO's asked me all kinds of questions and they could explain most of what I told them to the listeners," he said.

McAlister has received literature on UFOs from a number of people and magazines, and one company called to tell him they had mailed him a T-Shirt with 'I've Seen a UFO' printed on it.

Faye said a student from Varennes Elementary School came with her parents to get information to do a write-up for the science class. "I've forgotten their names, but they stayed a long time and were so nice," she said.

McAlister said he is "booked up" for two weeks with appointments. "Mostly with people who want to do write-ups. Others want to get scientific information and others just want to talk and exchange experiences," he said.

Since McAlister is laid up with a broken foot, he says he has nothing else to do and he's looking forward to seeing the people.

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UFO Sighted By Residents

Several ^{from Newell} residents report having seen an unidentified flying object hovering far away in the northern sky for the past three nights.

One source, who asked not to be named, said, "All we could see is that it was kind of a cigar-shaped thing... with multi-colored lights around the perimeter."

The source said the object was difficult to see even with binoculars, and he remained skeptical that it was a bonafide UFO. "I wouldn't be surprised if it ended up being some type of satellite."

The sightings came three nights in a row between 2:30 and 4 a.m., with the object visible for up to two hours at time. The Phenomenon Research Center, an agency of the U.S. Air Force, has been notified and will investigate possible explanations, the source said.

Investigators Report UFO Sighters Have 'Radiation Burns'

ANDERSON S.C.
INDEPENDENT
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By Steve Biondo
Staff Writer

Jerry McAlister, the Anderson man whose UFO sighting last week made news around the world, said Monday the incident has not significantly changed his life.

If you ignore the radiation burns.

"The investigators told us we had mild radiation burns," McAlister said. "My neck glands were swollen up and my wife and I both had some eye problems, but we feel great this morning."

Jim Fillow, the former New Jersey policeman and co-founder of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation (SBI) who visited McAlister's home last Friday, said Monday such symptoms were not uncommon among people who make close-up sightings of UFOs.

And he called McAlister's claim a "very valid sighting."

"We recorded a very slight jump on the (geiger) counter when we checked them out," he said. "This should dissipate within a few days."

"We also found slight indications of conjunctivitis, which is not unusual. It is usually due to the intensity of light emanating from the object."

Conjunctivitis is an inflammation of the mucous

membrane covering the inner eyelid and the front of the eyeball.

Fillow estimated that the object McAlister claimed to have seen probably came as close as 80 feet to his house. He did not say how he came to that conclusion.

McAlister said last Wednesday he saw an object 70 feet long and two stories high giving off a "very bright light" buzzing his home on Parnell Road in Anderson.

Four Anderson County sheriff's deputies also reported they saw the object. None were sure what exactly it was they had seen.

Monday, McAlister said a second team of four UFO investigators had shown up at his home to interview him. "They said the radiation level done left, there wasn't anything but background radiation," he said.

The team was from MUFON, Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, Inc., of Sugin, Tex.

McAlister said this group was more brusque and skeptical than Fillow and his partner Pete Mazzola had been.

"They didn't think we was on the level," he said, but laughed.

McAlister said neither he nor his wife had gone to the doctor to have their conditions confirmed. He said he didn't think it was

dangerous anyway, as the "radiation" had undoubtedly "cooled."

A spokesman for the Radiological Bureau of the state Department of Environmental Control said Monday that his office does not investigate such incidents.

"We would investigate if someone asked us to do it, but it would have to be an official request," the spokesman said. "We have no procedure for going and checking for UFO sightings."

"We don't normally go that route."

The spokesman said he would consider a request from police or county sheriff as an "official" request to investigate.

Meanwhile, two elderly women in Royston said Sunday they saw a brightly lit object similar to the one described by McAlister, but more than five hours before his reported sighting.

Unfortunately, neither Maude Hutchinson of the Sandy Cross community on Route 1 or her friend, Lillie Mae Langford, reported their experience to authorities.

Mrs. Hutchinson, 76, said she and Ms. Langford were sitting on the porch of her home a little after 10 p.m. last Wednesday.

"We were looking out on the road and we seen it com-

ing," said Mrs. Hutchinson. "I knew it wasn't an airplane, because we see so many of them, we don't pay any attention to them."

"I never seen anything like it or heard tell of anything like it."

Mrs. Hutchinson said her home lies eight miles west of Royston, on a track commonly used by jets on their way to Atlanta.

Ms. Langford said the object was "just a round thing, bigger than a car light."

She said, "The back part

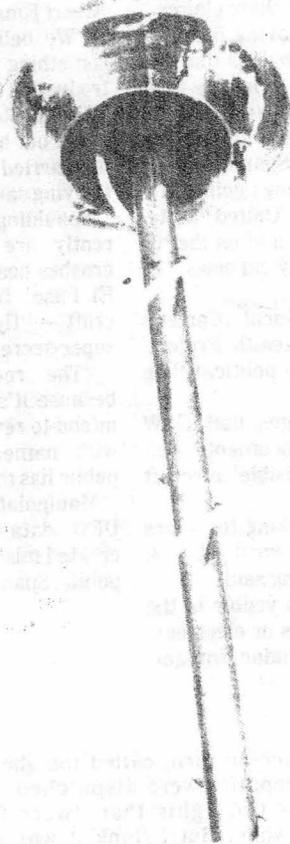
of it was round like a wagon wheel. The light was so bright you couldn't see nothing but the light. I've never seen a light that bright before."

"I just don't know what it was."

Both women said the object approached the house but circled around several hundred yards away and headed back toward Royston. They said they ran into the yard to look at it, and that it made very little noise.

The sighting lasted about 15 minutes, they said.

UFO sighted north of Bishopville?



UFO

This rare picture of an unidentified flying object, seen by an amateur photographer who wishes to remain

The evening breeze was cool, a welcome relief in the unusually hot, dry August. The farmer sat on his porch, rocking to digest the unusually big supper his wife had fixed. The time was 8:30 and the dimming of the lights and his wife's scream from the kitchen, brought him up out of his chair and running to the kitchen.

His wife was standing at the kitchen

anonymous, was taken Friday afternoon north of Bishopville.

window staring at the field directly behind the house. Her face told him she saw something that excited her. He stood beside her for a moment then grabbed his 35mm camera and rushed out of the house. As it lowered its long silver probe, he snapped his picture.

The following interview tells the rest of the story.

M....., just kept screaming "Come

here, come here!" I thought she'd blown a breaker somehow. When I got in the kitchen and saw her looking out of the window, I figured something was really wrong.

"I looked over her shoulder and saw this big shiny thing shaped like a hog feeder with flashing lights. As well as I remember, they were a creamy like color. I always have my camera handy, you know for the grandkids and such. Luckily I had some film in it. I got it off of the refrigerator and ran out of the door. All I could think of was that I finally had seen one (UFO) and could prove they were really visiting our planet.

"I got real close, almost under it and this long pole thing came sliding down with a cable wrapped around it. I don't really know if it was a probe or a platform. Anyway, when it came down, I took a picture-then I ran. My wife was standing at the door waiting for me. I noticed both dogs were under the porch. They usually bark at anything, but I reckon they were scared, too.

"We ran to the car but I couldn't get it started. We walked down our road and on to the highway, down to our neighbors. I thought they'd think I was crazy, but their son got real excited and wanted to go back to my house.

"I think I kinda wanted someone else to see it, because I finally went with him.

"It wasn't there. There was a hole in the bean field approximately two feet wide and a few inches deep.

"It happened. It was real. I don't want anybody knowing who I am, because they'll come stomping my beans down and Lord knows I've got few enough this year. Maybe someone else in the Northwestern part of the county saw it. Maybe it went south, I don't know, but I got a picture of it and I can prove it was ture."

Clues tie UFOs to military

By MIKE PADGET PAGE ONE
 Tribune staff writer
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A Phoenix-based organization probing unidentified flying objects is looking into the possibility that some of the creepy late-night sightings once considered UFOs may in fact have been top secret experiments by the U.S. intelligence community.

The latest cache of government documents obtained by Ground Saucer Watch has shifted the group's theories about UFOs from eerie visitors from outer space to a more earth-bound explanation: secret government tests.

If GSW's theories are correct, the nation's

military-industrial complex could be light years ahead of the public's knowledge of scientific technology.

William Spaulding, a member of GSW's board of directors and an aerospace engineer in Phoenix, has been directing a lawsuit against the Central Intelligence Agency in his group's quest to answer thousands of questions raised by reported UFO sightings since the 1940s.

Spaulding, who lives in Moon Valley, has studied UFOs since 1957. And he said the newest batch of declassified CIA documents strongly suggests U.S. government officials — if not behind the UFO scenario — have

some answers.

"The bottom line is, of the thousands of UFO sightings that have been reported, maybe 9 percent are bonafide," he said. "And I firmly believe that there is not one case among these that a UFOlogist can say absolutely represents a visitation from outer space.

"What we're trying to show is that there is a parallel between UFO sightings and military technological development," Spaulding continued. "Everything we did in studying these sightings went right back to the military, went right back to the 16 U.S. intelligence

agencies that are involved in unidentified phenomena very deeply, from weapons development to drug research to germ warfare, you name it. It's all going on despite reports to the contrary."

Spaulding, who works on top-secret military research and development projects for AiResearch Manufacturing Co. in Phoenix, admitted that the new theories sound far-fetched, but added that "there is some logic and data to support these claims."

"Being in aerospace and having hundreds of contacts in the field, it's obvious that certain people in this country — in the inner circles of scientific research and development — know about top-secret things that most people aren't aware of," Spaulding said.

"We already know about things going on in laser research (where the United States spends \$1.25 billion annually) and on the 'invisible' aircraft, which is really old news," he continued.

Spaulding, 39, said President Carter's release of news about the 'Stealth Project' earlier this month "was more political than technical."

Among the once-secret pages that GSW received this summer are documents suggesting that a prototype 'invisible' aircraft was completed in the 1960s.

"This country has been working for years — 12, 15 or more but we can't prove it yet — on the invisible aircraft," Spaulding said.

'Invisible' aircraft — though visible to the eye — uses holographic images or electronic carriers to create several radar images,

thereby confusing the enemy, he said.

"They have devices putting out spurious images from 500 feet to a couple of miles from the aircraft that would be picked up by radar," Spaulding said.

Another document dated 1950 originated in Canada's Department of Transport. The author, a radio engineer named W.B. Smith, discussed his division's success in the experimental use of harnessed energy from the earth's gravitational pull, similar to Dr. Albert Einstein's unified field theory.

"We believe that we are on the track of something which may well prove to be the introduction to a new technology," Smith wrote. "The existence of a different technology is borne out by the investigations which are being carried on at the present time in relation to flying saucers."

Spaulding and other members of GSW currently are investigating reports of three crashes near Roswell, N.M., and Laredo and El Paso, Texas of curvilinear-surfaced aircraft — "flying discs" — that reportedly are super-secret U.S. military projects.

"The reason they've been hushed is because it's political," Spaulding said. "We intend to reveal the whole story in December with names and everything because the public has the right to know."

Manipulation and suppression of known UFO data by government agencies has created misinformation that is misleading the public, Spaulding said.

McAlister, in turn, called the sheriff's department and three deputies were dispatched. Lt. David Coffee said he saw two lights that "were flashing red and bluish and white. But I think it was an aircraft flying away from us," he said.

The lights looked like they were stationary, he said, which is the impression given when something is moving away. The lights disappeared after he had watched them about 10 minutes, he said.

"There was nothing there to make me believe there was any UFO," Coffee said.

McAlister received international attention after reporting a large craft with blinding lights and multitudinous windows in his back yard at 4:20 a.m. Thursday. It stayed approximately three minutes, he said, before it whisked away to settle in the sky over Broadway Lake.

Neighbors and deputies looking through binoculars confirmed that something inexplicable hovered at a great distance for several hours.

Later that morning, Larry Garrett of Easley reported the same type craft to the Pickens County Sheriff's Office. When he described the craft to police artist Mickey Tate, the drawing came out "very similar" to the drawing made from McAlister's description, the artist said.

GRENVILLE S.C. NEWS

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Anderson deputies check UFO reports

ANDERSON — Anderson County sheriff's deputies were out chasing unidentified flying objects again Monday night, but they were a little more skeptical than their cohorts were last week.

Several residents of the Broadway Lake community and Belton reported strange lights around 10 p.m. Monday and called Jerry McAlister, the man who reported sighting a gigantic saucer hovering over his backyard on Thursday.

UFO investigator researches object sighted near Ghent

By ROBERT SEAVEY
Staff Writer

GHENT—What sort of encounter did Lyon County Undersheriff Tom Thompson and three members of the Myhre family have with a glowing object that roamed the early morning skys Wednesday?

A UFO investigator spent Friday recreating the scene, attempting to answer that question.

The results are unclear and it could be several weeks before the findings are released, said Brad Ayers, an investigator for the Center of UFO Studies in Chicago.

One of the things that brought Ayers to the Myhre farm four miles west of Ghent was the apparent similarity between this UFO sighting and others in Minnesota recently.

Ayers said a Forest Lake girl recently reported seeing a UFO and used the same words Dick Myhre to describe the object he saw Wednesday — a "glowing flashlight" in the sky.

Another thing which brought the investigator was the persons who saw the object, Thompson and the Myhre family. "What we have here are some very credible witnesses," he said.

Referring to the sighting by Thompson, Ayers said "the report is a very exciting event."

Both Myhre and Thompson saw the object Wednesday morning. And each man said it seemed to move with them as they drove.

Myhre, 20, had been plowing an alfalfa field on his father's farm for several hours when he saw the object at 4 a.m. He responded with an emphatic "no" when asked if he had been tired. "We were a little behind on our field work," he said.

Myhre recalled weather conditions as perfect — cloudless and still. "I could pick it out, and I knew it wasn't a star," he said. At first its color was that of a brake light, "and then it turned to a hazy white, which puzzled me further," he said.

After about one-half hour of plowing and gazing at the UFO he drove the tractor to the farmhouse and woke his parents, who also witnessed the nocturnal light.

At one point the object, which was hovering 30 degrees above the eastern horizon and about one mile away, moved in closer, he said. The family's male blue-tick hound rushed the object, barking momentarily, he added.

Myhre's 4:30 a.m. telephone call aroused Thompson from his sleep. Enroute to the farm, Thompson said he saw the object from Hennes Church, west of Ghent. "It was hovering almost directly over County Road 8," Thompson said. He later observed the light with the Myhres.

"I observed a shiny object which appeared to be stationary for several minutes. Then I observed it

move in a southerly direction very rapidly," Thompson said, adding it wasn't a star or anything he had seen before.

Thompson and Myhre relived these scenes Friday for Ayers, who will file his report with his Chicago UFO headquarters and for the cameras of KMSP Television of Minneapolis.

Channel 9 reporter Hank Plant said the station intends to shoot a mini-documentary on this and other sightings Ayers has investigated recently.

Ayers also investigated what appears to have been an accident between a Marshall County deputy sheriff and a UFO.

Last year near Warren, Val Johnson had his squad car damaged and was knocked unconscious for over 40 minutes after a collision with an object traveling at a "fantastic rate of speed," Ayers said.

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The incident received nationwide media coverage. "The answer has not been found," he said Friday.

"Which is unusual," he continued. "At least 92 percent of all UFO sightings are later identified as some naturally occurring phenomena," he said.

Weather balloons, aircraft and satellites are the most common psuedo-UFOs, Ayers said. However, he ruled out balloons since he had earlier contacted the U.S. Weather Service. He hadn't contacted authorities for radar of aircraft phenomena.

Ayers also investigates aircraft accident and says procedures for the two are similar.

However, he ruled out the possibility the sighting was a hoax or didn't happen at all.

The center is a private organization and serves as a clearinghouse for worldwide UFO information, Ayers said. The federal government stopped researching UFOs in 1969 after deciding they couldn't be proved, Ayers said. He said now all U.S. based research is in private hands.

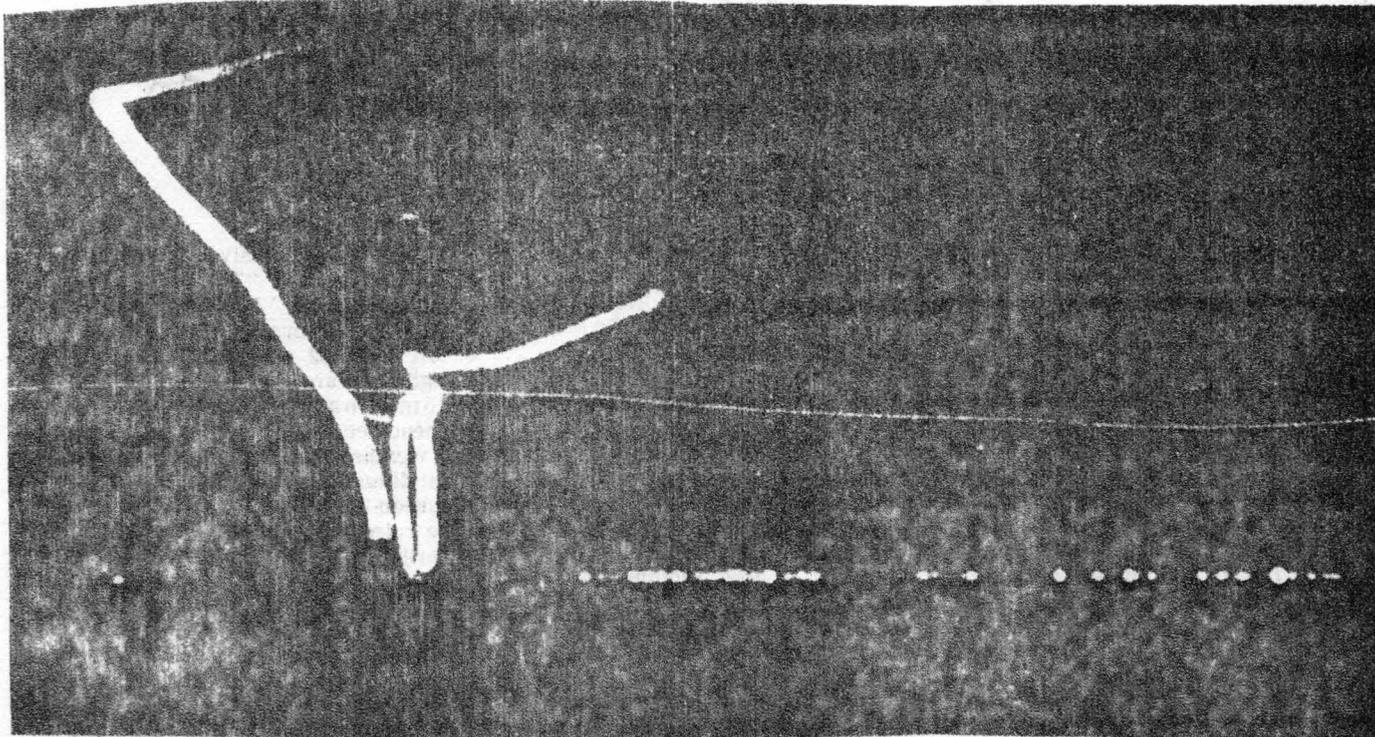
Ayers, who is based in Minneapolis and works on an assignment basis with the center, explained that only a handful of the thousands of UFO calls can be checked out. "Only the most legitimate," he said.

Ayers spent much of his time Friday taking directions of the sighting. He said because Thompson and the Myhres observed the UFO from different places, the investigation should be able to narrow down the location fairly accurately. "I now have the elevation and range," he said.

However, he remained steadfast in his refusal to interpret what was seen. "My strongest reaction right now is both witnesses are highly credible and at the same time responsible. And they both believe they saw something extraordinary."

IN NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

UFO's light up night skies



What kind of flight path is this. Niagara Falls UFO fan Malcolm Williams and St. Catharines sky-watcher Bill Nelson have been joining others by the shores of Lake Ontario for a spectacular show of unex-

plained lights. Williams and Nelson were positioned at the Niagara-on-the-Lake golf course last Sunday night at about 9:30 p.m. when this shot was taken. Nelson used 400 A.S.A. black and white film, an F-stop of 5.6

and exposures ranging from three to five minutes. The thin strip of lights in the background is Mississauga.

(Photo by Bill Nelson exclusive to the Review and may not be reproduced)

By PAUL WILSON
Review staff writer

Thundering jets will be ripping through the skies over Lake Ontario this weekend for the CNE's spectacular air show. But for some of the people of Niagara-on-the-Lake and north St. Catharines, the show started weeks ago.

Once again, the night-time skies have come alive with strange hurtling lighted objects.

The UFO's aren't a new attraction in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The foot of Queen Street, beside the town's golf course, has long been a favourite spot to scan the skies for the lights no one seems

to be able to explain.

Normally the UFO's aren't spotted until late fall. But this year they're early.

"It's unusual to see them in the summer. It's as if there's a sense of urgency," says Bill Nelson, of St. Catharines.

Nelson, 62, is a seasoned newsman with work that's appeared in newspapers across North America. He's been chasing down UFO's ever since his days as a reporter in Twin Falls, Idaho in the late 40's. For three years, he worked as a technical editor for a U.S. aeronautics firm.

"These lights are definitely

craft of some sort," Nelson says.

"They stack up like planes."

"And when a jet heads across to Malton, or when a freighter goes by, they blink right out."

Strangeley, the latest batch of sightings haven't been picked up on the north shore of Lake Ontario. Nelson surmises the forces have a way of cancelling their lights through a screening process similar to one used to block radar.

"But these sightings are significant, because for the first time we have a predictable episode of continuous lights," he says. "These have been almost a nightly occurrence."

But those wanting to catch the show first hand shouldn't delay.

"This latest batch won't last. People watching them bring on pressure, and they'll disappear for a time."

Coast guard officials don't shed much light on the lights. Nelson claims that when he and half a dozen others watched the lights from Niagara-on-the-Lake last Sunday night, the U.S. Coastguard ventured out on the

lake and blinked their spotlights at the UFO's for about an hour.

"But they deny it now," he says.

Nelson's personal theory is that the lights are involved with an underwater base somewhere in the depths of Lake Ontario.

If you can't make the Ex's air show this Labor day weekend, journey up to Niagara-on-the-Lake and try the Extraterrestrial one.

Monsters, UFOs and nuts

by
James
Belsey

EVENING POST chess correspondent Mr A Wilson Osborne and his wife were walking home from Sunday morning church in Westbury Park, Bristol.

As they passed the White Tree Garage the heavens opened — and down came a shower of several hundred hazelnuts. Nuts peppered the pavements and parked cars.

The date was March 13, 1977, and there wasn't a hazel tree in sight. It was also spring, not the nutting season of autumn.

Mr Osborne collected some of these unusual missiles and later ate them. They were delicious, he pronounced, fresh and sweet.

The nature of the peculiar manna from heaven caused a few cracks among Mr Osborne's friends. "The first reaction I got was, that I was nuts," he said.

But then a neighbour called — and he'd been showered by hazelnuts at the same time, too.

Phenomena

Nutfalls in March, monsters, mysterious figures carved into hillsides, UFOs, unknown animals, missing apemen and other weird and unexplained phenomena are grist to the mill of the public imagination.

This is the half-world explored in "Arthur C Clarke's Mysterious World" by Simon Welfare and John Fairley (Collins, £8.95), a handsomely illustrated book based on a current TV series.

Somerset-born Clarke — of "2001" science fiction fame — is also a trained scientist and engineer. Despite his reputation as one of the world's top sci-fi writers, he is also

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This squid which drifted ashore in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, in 1965 measured 21 feet long—small fry compared to the vast creatures whose huge sucker marks have been found on the bodies of sperm whales



Explorer Francis de Loys killed this creature in the 1920s in a South American jungle. It was five feet tall and walked upright. Controversy continues over whether this was a missing link between ape and man — or an elaborate hoax.

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Day it rained nuts — yes, hazelnuts!

BRISTOL chess expert Mr A Wilson Osborne and his wife were puzzling over a distinctly nutty problem this afternoon—the cause of a storm of hazelnuts from the sky.

Flashback to the Evening Post's report of the mysterious hazelnut shower of 1977 which remains unexplained.

a level-headed man who's not easily fooled.

So writers Welfare and Fairley present, chapter by chapter, a whole series of delightfully fascinating mysteries. At the close of each chapter Clarke adds his own comments.

Jungles

He can't offer any explanation of the Westbury Park Nut Cloud, but he does have a go at many of the mysteries compiled in the book.

What about the Loch Ness Monster, Mr Clarke? He writes: "The evidence for something in the Loch is overwhelming; whether it is an animal new to

science is another matter."

Giant snakes from the steaming Amazonian jungles might still be lurking around, he believes, even 100ft-plus monsters, and as far as creatures of the deep are concerned, Clarke keeps an open mind. Compared to giant squids and massive sperm whales, a hefty sea serpent wouldn't look particularly remarkable.

The chapter I awaited with the greatest interest was the section on UFOs with its accompanying pictures of flying saucers, etc.

Clarke had already dismissed theories that the West-Country stone circles, Cerne Abbas Giant

and similar landscape figures found across the globe were tributes to passing spacemen or flying saucer landing zones.

Identified

But, as a sci-fi buff, surely he'd allow us a little leeway on green men from distant galaxies whizzing across our skies in huge upside-down tin plates powered by amazing engines?

It was not to be. "I have now observed so many UFOs that the subject bores me to tears," he writes dryly. "I wouldn't cross the street to see another. In every

single case my UFO eventually turned into an Identified Flying Object."

His most telling comment on his Mysterious World comes in the final lines when he writes: "Whether they are important or not, easily seen through or impossible of solution — mysteries are fun.

"Even if they are only Nature's practical jokes, they add to our enjoyment of the marvellous universe around us."

And that includes Mr A Wilson Osborne's Nuts-in-March outside White Tree Garage on Sunday, March 13, 1977.

Lights in the sky ...

WHEN a Forest Town, Mansfield, man told his workmates that he had seen a strange red and yellow light flashing in the sky they just laughed at him.

But he got the last laugh when he saw a story in the Evening Post about a Clifton, Nottingham, woman who saw the same light.

"I got them to believe me in the end," said Mr. Aubrey Humphries, of Pump Hollow Road, who works for the Electricity Board at Mansfield.

He read about Mrs. Doreen Burt, of Farnborough Road, who saw a red and yellow light whizzing across the sky late at night.

'Very bright'

Mr. Humphries, his wife, his daughter and her boyfriend all saw the object. "It was very bright and going far too fast to be an aeroplane," he said.

Meanwhile, residents of Bracebridge Drive, Bilborough, have reported seeing another suspected UFO last night.

They said it was a noiseless silver dome with very bright lights on either side, which they watched for about five minutes before it "shot off" in the direction of Wollaton.

AFTER much thought, I am writing with reference to the article on a UFO sighting by Mr. Leslie Frost, in last Wednesday's Yarmouth Porthole.

On the same evening as Mr. Frost's sighting, I was sitting indoors watching TV, when, about 9.30 p.m. I heard a very low-pitched noise. On looking out of the back window and seeing nothing I decided to walk up the drive to the front garden.

Looking up into the sky I saw three very large round, white lights, each close to one another flashing in sequence and several feet from these was a smaller red light which was not flashing. Although I couldn't see anything between these lights I could sense something solid. The craft was moving very slowly and making the same low-pitched noise all the time. I have seen large aircraft but this was massive.

I told my parents about the incident but never thought any more about it until reading your article. Whether these two incidents are connected or not is arguable, but I would be interested in knowing whether there is any natural explanation.

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Blofield Corner Road,
Blofield.

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Helicopter theory on UFO sighting

THE mystery UFO sighted over Ashton at the weekend was probably a helicopter after all . . .

UFO spotter, Councillor Mrs. Patricia Johnson, said this week that someone in the vicinity had seen a chopper flying near the village at the same time on Sunday night.

But she still is not convinced that her close encounter can be dismissed so lightly . . . although she wishes it could!

"I am beginning to wish I had not seen anything. All kinds of people have been ringing up since the story appeared in the papers."

Mrs. Johnson, a Tory Councillor on Chester City Council for three years, spotted the UFO from Quince Trees, her home in West End, Ashton.

"It was illuminated and I could see red, green and yellow lights flashing from it. I could also see through it," she explained. "It was very unusual, very odd. I have never seen anything like it before. I suppose it could have been a helicopter, but they don't usually fly at night, do they?" she queried.

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UFO mystery solved?

The Barnsley UFO mystery may have been solved — was it a luminous balloon?

Mrs. Elsie Marsh, of Blenheim Road, Barnsley, thinks she might have the explanation to the sighting by Mr. Michael Evans, reported in the Chronicle last week.

Mr. Evans claimed to have seen a U.F.O. in the Swanee Fields, near Kendray. He described it as "a large dusty-red, saucer-shaped object, hovering 50 feet from the ground" — but Mrs. Marsh is not so sure.

She visited the Southport Flower Show recently, and brought back two balloons for the children next door. She said: "The balloons were selling like hot cakes, and I decided to take some home.

"They were filled with gas and painted with a luminous red paint that seemed to glow. One of the kids let a balloon go, and it floated away.

"One of my neighbours saw it and thought it was a U.F.O., so I should imagine that at night, they could be quite frightening."

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Seen any UFOs lately?

WITH REFERENCE to the recent UFO sightings. The British UFO Society investigates reported incidents of unidentified flying objects. Whilst many sightings can be explained in mundane terms, i.e., aircraft, balloons, planets, satellites, etc., there remains a high proportion of reports that defy rational explanation.

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

The British UFO Society hold no firm views as to what UFOs are, although it is popularly believed that they are visiting spacecraft from a technologically superior planet somewhere in space.

The possibility is not as remote as may first appear when one considers the advances Man has made in space during the last twenty years.
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Woman certain she saw a UFO

MISS BABS Russell had eyes as wide as saucers when she put the milk bottles outside the door of her Clarence Road home in Sidcup, last Saturday morning.

As she looked up she saw a strange shape in the sky "twinkling like a star," and she is convinced she saw a UFO — an unidentified flying object.

"It was a metallic, chrome colour," said Miss Russell 60, who thought at first it

might have been a child's toy. "It wasn't big, and thought it was a balloon."

"It was mid-morning, and there wasn't a soul here. I wasn't frightened, I didn't think of it being dangerous," she said, "I was astounded."

Miss Russell told her neighbour Mr Paul Purday about her sighting and he phoned the local police.

"There was no sound," said Miss Russell, "and I thought it can't be an ordinary balloon."

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Fireman's family baffled by UFO

Mr Cook was on the back doorstep of his house in Deanes Close when he looked up and saw the object about 12.58 pm.

His wife, Jean, and sons Kevin, 17, and Alan, 12, also say they saw it.

And his sister-in-law, Mrs Vivien Cook and her daughter Alison, nine, who live next door, also spotted the object.

Mr Cook said it was difficult to estimate the size of the UFO, "but it was several feet across".

He could not see any projections sticking out from it or a means of propulsion. "But there was, I thought, a slight humming noise."

He admitted that normally he would have been sceptical about such a report and, had he been on his own, would have put it down to a mistake.

However, with the others who witnessed it, "how can you be mistaken?"

"It was certainly not a reflection. I have no idea what it was," said Mr Cook.

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UFO riddle

REPORTS of a large unidentified flying object over southern Scotland today have baffled police. Residents on a council estate in Dumfries and workers at the town's hospital reported the sighting.

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PHONE MEN THROW LIGHT ON UFO

POLICE think they may have solved a flying saucer mystery.

Reports of a UFO flooded in from around Dumfries.

Five police officers and 20 other people witnessed the oblong-shaped cluster of lights.

But last night the GPO said they could have caused the flap.

Engineers had been working early on Saturday morning on the brightly-lit microwave radio station at the top of the 750ft Riddingshill.

By FRANK RYAN

explanation for what the police saw."

Many eye-witnesses spotted the object hovering above the hill.

A spokesman at Dumfries police HQ said: "This could very well be the explanation.

"The engineers were working at the station with lights on until about 3 a.m. and there was low cloud in the area."

CLOUDS

A post office engineer said: "The hill was about 200ft. in cloud at the time. The bright lights of the station could have been seen intermittently from below.

I am sure this is the

Saucer-shaped UFO spotted by undertaker

An undertaker has seen a saucer-shaped unidentified flying object south of Royston.

Mr Ian Thrussell, and one of his employees, Mr David Dodkin, were sitting in a van on the outskirts of Barkway on Monday afternoon when they saw the object cruise silently past at a height of about 60 ft.

"We were eating our lunch and this brilliant silver object went past us," said Mr Thrussell, who runs an undertaking and building business at nearby Reed.

Power

"I would say it was travelling at about 20 to 30 mph, quite slowly, so we had time to see it. It was a bit startling.

"It looked like two dustbin lids stuck together only bigger — saucer-shaped. It was travelling from south to north and seemed to be under power. It was moving in a dead straight line, not going up or down."

Mr Thrussell, who lives at 23 Priory Lane, Royston, said he saw the UFO at 1.30 pm. Their van was parked near the crossroads between Barkway and Nuthampstead. Six hours later he called at Royston police station to report the incident.

"The reason I went to the

police was in case anyone else had seen it," he said. "In fact, my wife said I should report it. "The thing that struck me was it was travelling so straight and not with the wind, which was blowing from west to east.

Troops

"It was there David saw it as well and two pairs of eyes don't make a mistake."

A Royston police spokesman said checks were made with the Army which had troops on manoeuvres in the area.

"They said it was nothing to do with them and Luton and Stansted airports were asked and they couldn't shed any light on it.

"This has been logged as an unidentified flying object. We have recorded it and a report will be passed to the Ministry of Defence."

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Engineers hold clue to 'UFO'

A UFO sighted by five police officers over Dumfries in South-west Scotland at the weekend may simply have been GPO engineers working at a transmitting station.

The UFO was reported to have been seen hovering to the north-west of the town shortly after 1 a.m. on Saturday and was visible for up to an hour.

But it has been disclosed that engineers were working from 11 p.m. until 3 a.m. that night at the transmitting tower on a hilltop to the north-west of the town.

The lights had also been switched on in an oblong-shaped building at the foot of the tower and at times, this was above the cloud base. A police spokesman at Dumfries said: "This might just be the answer."

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Those U.F.O.s are no longer a joke

THE intriguing topic of unidentified flying objects is being taken more and more seriously.

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, who collect investigate and co-ordinate UFO accounts from all over the world.

Certainly it was a moment of triumph for him when 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. Indeed, why should the matter be taken lightly when reports are coming in at the rate of a thousand a month.

Many distinguished people took part in that historic debate, among them the Earl of Kimberley, the Liberal Party spokesman on aerospace; Lord Gainford, 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 more than 20 Lords, including Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton.

Lord Clancarty's study, where he writes his books under the family name of Brinsely Le Poer Trench, is

like an eagle's eyrie, perched at the very top of his lofty Belgravia home, its workmanlike atmosphere contrasting with the elegant luxury of the other rooms. On the walls are superb pictures, painted according to collected details of hundreds of UFO sightings with every detail included. These are the Titians and Rembrandts of the science-fiction world.

Explicit

The Earl is tall, superbly dressed, confident, breezy, explicit in speech even when making the most astounding statements about UFOs and goings-on

By DENIS BARDENS

in outer space. He admits that he "got a bit of stick" for his seemingly crazy idea about the hollow earth but is proud to be a member of the Hollow Earth Society.

In fact, he is at this moment in touch with David H. Lewis in New York, who claims to have found a tunnel off the Hudson River which led down, through a maze of similar tunnels, into the bowels of the earth, where he found vast cultivated fields, an enormous energy station and robots.

"Odd that I've never heard about it," I ventured. "I'd have thought that would have had world-wide publicity."

"Twenty-five people are supposed to have gone down the tunnel, although the expedition was not

sponsored by the Hollow Earth Society," Lord Clancarty explained.

Lord Clancarty is glad to have got a powerful, varied nucleus of Lords interested in UFOs as a continuing operation. "We've had a talk by Charles Bowen, Editor of *The Flying Saucer Review*, and a talk on UFOs by American nuclear physicist Edwin Slade. Antonio Ribero, of Spain, who wants to lend us the colour film of the UFO in flight, has addressed the House of Lords group. So has another speaker, Z Sitchin, a New York businessman who speaks many languages and has written "*The Twelfth Planet*."

"He maintains that monkeys have been on the earth for 12 million years but that ordinary man arrived suddenly from outer space..."

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, emblazoned in an aura of eerie white light.

He believes that we stemmed not from apes, but from life "planted" on earth from flying saucers. And Sir Fred Hoyle, the eminent astronomer, has asserted, to the surprise of some astronomers and the indignation of others, that life may have started, not on earth but in interstellar space. His theory is important, because if the "biological building blocks are not an earthly thing, but exist outside, similar life forms to ours may well exist elsewhere.

Important

The House of Lords UFO Study Group, therefore is not cosy intellectual self-indulgence. There is a solid nucleus of bewildering and important fact. To underline this point, I asked Charles Bowen, Editor of *The Flying Saucer Review*—25 years old this year, and enjoying a worldwide circulation—what is the latest and most dramatic sighting in Britain.

"Undoubtedly the weird experience of Robert Taylor, forestry foreman of Livingston Development Council in West Lothian Scotland. He came to a cross-roads or clearing of the forest, where the fire-paths converge—a broad clearing. There he saw a dome-shaped thing with a flange round its equator with stems projecting from the flange.

"Two objects, like spherical, spiky objects came at him, and struck him. He passed out. When he came to, there were scuff marks where he had been dragged along. He managed to drag himself back on hands and knees and told his supervisor, who got in touch with the police. So far there's no explanation. The scuff marks on the soil, and marks left by the strange vehicle, were seen by two or our investigators, fortunately before they became covered with snow and before the invasion of curious sightseers."

Their detailed report will appear in full in Volume 25, No. 6 of the *Flying Saucer Review*. This occurrence was on November 9, 1979, and is still totally unexplained.

"The machine was not seen in flight," Mr. Bowen told me, "but from accounts we have collected it was something like other shapes that have been reported—spherical, but with a dome-shaped top."

I have seen a UFO once, proof to me that they do exist. It was over the Mediterranean, in 1961, off Tripoli—a flat-looking object, bright yellow at base, glowing red in its upper structure, and with a sort of superstructure of what looked like smoke but which couldn't have been as it kept its shape

Explanation offered for mystery light

A Broughty Ferry man yesterday offered a possible explanation for U.F.O. sightings over the eastern outskirts of Dundee on Monday night.

There were several reports of a red light or cluster of lights hovering around the area of Baldovie Toll.

One man, Mr Alan Clark (33), 251 Dunbar Crescent, managed to take a photograph of the phenomenon.

But Mr Robert Telfer (53), 14 Harley Street, said he reckoned the U.F.O. was a flare or a Verey light.

Mr Telfer, who was having a schools council meeting at his

home, said, "It was a Verey light or a flare falling steadily and drifting from west to east.

"It left a trail of smoke and changed to white when it was burning out."

Mr Telfer thought it might have been a parachute flare or perhaps a practical joke.

Two 17-year-old girls, Dawn Gillies, 84 Balunie Avenue and Ruby Adams, 105 Balunie Avenue, Douglas, saw the light change from bright red to a small white dot.

"I have never seen it before," said Dawn, "it was really bright."

The light did not seem to be hovering high up and after three or four minutes disappeared behind buildings in Douglas.

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Ten witnesses of UFOs in Ashbourne area

SEVERAL separate sightings of a UFO in the Ashbourne area have been reported to the Nottingham Unidentified Flying Object Investigation Society.

The object was seen by ten eye witnesses and was described as a cluster of lights attached to a large centre. One couple thought that it was low enough to crash into a house.

The first sightings took place between 12.30 am and 1.00 am on the morning of August 31.

Witnesses disagree about the noise the object made some say it made a whirring noise, although totally different from that of a helicopter and others say it was totally silent

Another sighting was reported a week later at Windley and the most recent was yesterday, when a couple travelling on the Buxton to Ashbourne road saw an object which was said to be large and dark with windows.

If anybody has any more information they can contact the Nottingham UFO Society's Secretary, Mr Les Hall, on Nottingham 250316, or the sighting co-ordinator, on Nottingham 874615.

Police feel the force in UFO chase

TWO police forces were on full UFO alert last night.

Patrolmen from North and West Yorkshire gazed up in amazement as the bright diamond-shaped object hovered above them.

P.C. Roy Allen and his colleague Richard Gordon stared up at the object for about ten minutes.

"We had been alerted to the UFO by West Yorkshire Police," explained P.C. Allen. "We were told to look out for a very bright object heading towards us."

Quickly the two North Yorkshire policemen drove to the Grimston Interchange on the York, by-pass.

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Said P.C. Allen, aged 37: "We heard that it was travelling at about 60 m.p.h., 1,000 feet up. Suddenly we saw it for ourselves—it just sat there in the sky, shining very brightly."

And other policemen saw it too.

Radar

A spokesman at North Yorkshire's HQ said: "We heard it looked like a chandelier. We were also told it was tracked by radar."

The UFO was first spotted over Wetherby, by two West Yorkshire police patrolmen.

They followed it along the A64 to York.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said he had no knowledge of the UFO. But the police weren't the only ones to feel the force.

Several members of the public also reported a close encounter with the mystery object.

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Housewife's UFO terror

HOUSEWIFE Lillian Middleton, 33, drove the fastest ten miles of her life when she saw an unidentified flying object hovering above the roof of her car. Police are treating seriously her claims she was followed at up to 70 m.p.h. by the mystery object.

Her husband John said at the family home in Tilmouth Avenue, Seaton Delaval, near Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear. "This really terrified her.

"Neither of us has ever had the car go faster than 50 m.p.h. but she was so shocked she just wanted to get away.

"I am keeping an open mind, but my wife is not the type to invent things.

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between the two villages of Earsdon and Holywell early on Thursday.

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Has sharp-eyed Alan snapped a U.F.O.?

What could be a rare photograph of an unidentified flying object was taken last night by sharp-eyed amateur astronomer Mr Alan Clark, 251 Dunbar Crescent, Whitfield, Dundee.

Mr Clark (33) took the snap from a downstairs window of his home, at about 9.30 p.m.

"I was just getting ready to go off to work when I happened to glance out the window," said Mr Clark, who has been working the nightshift at the Michelin Tyre Plant, Baldovie.

"There was a very bright, cigar-shaped cluster of lights—a sort of red and yellow colour. It was travelling from the south, and seemed to be hovering around the area of Baldovie Toll."

Mr Clark said the light mesmerised him for a few seconds before he realised it could possibly be a U.F.O.

"I don't really believe in that sort of thing, but I grabbed my camera and managed to get a snap before the cluster gradually faded away. It was really amazing!"

Unbelievable

Mr Clark was alone in the living-room at the time.

He has been seriously interested in astronomy for about two years and is a member at the Mills Observatory, Balgay Hill.

"I always keep my telescope and camera handy, so I suppose it was a bit of luck I noticed this thing," he added.

"I can't get it out of my mind that this might have been a U.F.O."

contacted them to report various sightings throughout the evening.

The sightings seemed to be concentrated round the Baldovie incinerator and Whitfield area, but their investigations failed to discover the cause.

R.A.F. Leuchars had also received phone calls from the public, but they did not have any aircraft in the vicinity at the time which could have caused the sightings.

A U.F.O. sighting earlier in the evening could have a more conventional explanation.

Three members of the Jamieson family, 30 Watson Street, saw what seemed to be a classic U.F.O. over the Tay shortly after 8 p.m.

"We were looking through our window in the direction of the river and saw it over the Tay Bridge," said 16-year-old Wendy Jamieson.

"My gran, Mrs Ada Jamieson, and my sister Arlene (11) also saw it. It seemed to be standing still, and then moved up from the bridge. Then it just disappeared."

An Air Ecosse aircraft was coming in to land at Dundee Airport at the same time.

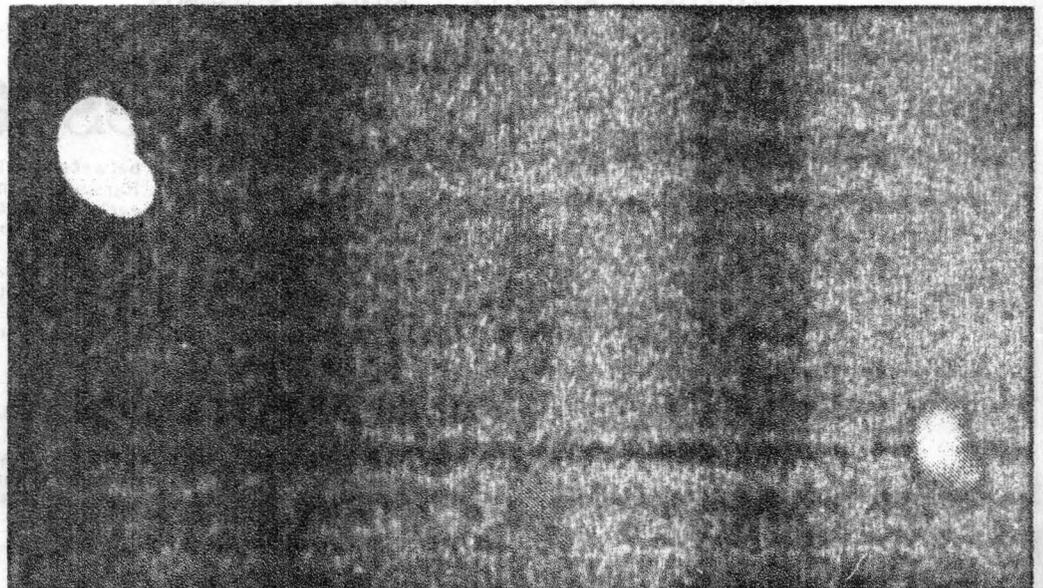
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The Whitfield sighting was confirmed by Mr Terry Bird, 151 Carberry Crescent, and his friend Trevor Marshall.

"It was unbelievable," said Mr Bird. "I looked out the window and there was a huge red ball in the sky. It turned to red oval shape, then went white and disappeared."

"We took pictures of it with an Instamatic and flash, so I just hope they turn out."

Tayside police said several members of the public had



The picture that Mr Clark took of the U.F.O. over Whitfield last night.

Strange sight in sky at night

IT TAKES a certain amount of courage for people who claim they have seen a Unidentified Flying Object to publicise their experience because they will surely be subjected to gentle ribbing at best and even outright ridicule by militant sceptics.

Often there is a logical explanation for what they saw even though they might not have realised it at the time. There again, on occasions these so-called UFO sightings defy explanation — and one day we may find that the story we scoffed was the biggest

happening of all time, a genuine Close Encounter of the Third Kind.

This week I have been talking to Mr. Leslie Frost, a 46-year-old engineer, his wife, Margaret, and their ten-year-old son, Anthony, who all witnessed a strange sight on Wednesday night last week as they went to the bottom of their long garden in Sidegate Road, Hopton, to fetch in the washing from the linen line.

Whatever it was, it left Mr. Frost badly shaken for three days by which time he decided he must talk about it other than to the police contacted by him that night.

BRILLIANT

"It was like walking into the garden and seeing Yarmouth Pleasure Beach," he told me.

That was the impression he gained from the mass of brilliant lights — but this was out in the country, above a big stubble field.

It was a clear, moonlit night at 9.45 p.m. He said he saw above the field two huge "absolutely square" structures showing a pattern of red and white lights themselves as big as cars. There was hardly any noise, which he found unnerving.

According to Mrs. Frost, "I saw them come across, like formation flying but too slow for planes and they couldn't have been helicopters." And Anthony added, "There was one big square one and a smaller one, with all these red and white lights."

SOLID SHAPE

Mr. Frost went on, "They were solid shape and you could almost feel the solid mass. I don't believe in UFOs — I'm an engineer, and you can't put structures as big as that in the air. It was absolutely fantastic and there's no possible explanation."

They never landed, he said, but as one flew over his head "it was just like a big manta ray casting its shadow."

Then it stopped and "a terrific flash" was followed by a small triangular craft emerging from it and that circled for about ten minutes and finally hovered above his head, flew off in the path of the other two and "they suddenly vanished as though they went into a curtain."

Mr. Frost admitted it sounded "far fetched," but swears he saw it all for about half an-hour, his son saw most of it, and his wife saw some before hurrying indoors because their small daughter was alone there.

QUESTIONS

UFO enthusiasts who log and investigate every sighting were getting in touch with him to question him closely. Unfortunately my efforts to check with the Ministry of Defence and places like air traffic control centres to see if there were, for example, airborne military manoeuvres or unidentified radar "blips" at that time were thwarted because of Bank Holiday weekend.

So, what was it? Unless the Frost family are leg-pulling, which seems highly unlikely, they must have seen something very strange and apparently inexplicable. And whatever it was, it frightened Mr. Frost.

Peggotty

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The night Lillian joined in space race

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Mr. Middleton said: "Although it has not put my wife off driving, I think it will be a long time before she goes out on her own at night."

BOYS SEE A UFO ZOOM AT SHIELDS

AN unidentified flying object has been seen hovering over South Shields.

The thing was sighted on Saturday by 14-year-old Colin Fortune, of Mariners Cottages, South Shields, and three of his friends.

They first saw it be-

hind the Town Hall, Westoe Road, and after coming down for a closer look, it did a sharp right turn, swerved, then headed for the Mill Dam.

"Just near the docks it swooped down, came back again and then we lost sight of it," said Colin.

"We noticed a gold light when we first saw it, then two black triangles with a red light and a blast of light coming out of the back every so often."

"There was a woman in the street and we shouted to her and she said she saw it, too," he said.

"We saw a plane later on and then we definitely knew we had not seen an aeroplane. It sat for about three minutes in one spot, and helicopters can't do that. They have to move a little. It was definitely something we can't identify," added Colin.

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THERE'S A U.F.O. ABOVE THE COUNCIL SCHEME!

A U.F.O. was seen by dozens of people—including on duty police officers—yesterday as it hovered over Dumfries.

The oblong-shaped cluster of lights which was just below cloud level finished just seconds before the arrival of a C.I.D. photographer called out by the police.

The R.A.F. at Prestwick could offer no explanation for the mystery object in the sky.

The first sightings were made shortly after 1 a.m. Police H.Q. in Dumfries received numerous calls about the U.F.O. hovering over Lochside—the town's largest municipal housing estate.

Several police officers were sent to investigate. P.C. James Smith said, "I have never believed in U.F.O.'s up to now—but there seemed no explanation for this cluster of lights."

He added that the lights were stationary for about twenty minutes before suddenly finishing over the hills to the west.

Policewoman Pamela Brown was also on duty at Lochside and saw the lights. She said, "I just don't know what to think."

The first reports came from residents of flats in Dunlop Road.

Mary Blyth (22) and her 19-year-old sister Vicky said, "They just seemed to appear from nowhere. The lights were red and yellow—all colours. At one point they were going round and round."

The U.F.O. was seen from the opposite side of the town by some members at Dumfries Infirmary.

Graham Brown (47), walking to his home in Dunlop Road, said, "There seemed about four or five lights in the cluster. It was an incredible sight—I've never seen anything like it before."

The day
a UFO
paid a
visit . . .

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A COUNCILLOR told today how she watched a UFO fly over her village.

The mystery object was flashing out green, red and yellow lights, said Mrs Patricia Johnson.

Then it disappeared as quickly as it came after hovering over the village of Ashton, near Chester.

Mrs Johnson, a councillor for Barrow, near Chester, for the past three years, was sitting in the lounge of her home, Quince Tree, West End, Ashton, when she spotted it.

She said: "It is very difficult to describe what I saw. We are surrounded by high roofs and this object was hovering over them."

"It was highly illuminated and appeared to be going round with colours flashing from it. I could look right through it."

Mrs Johnson called her husband, but he arrived too late.

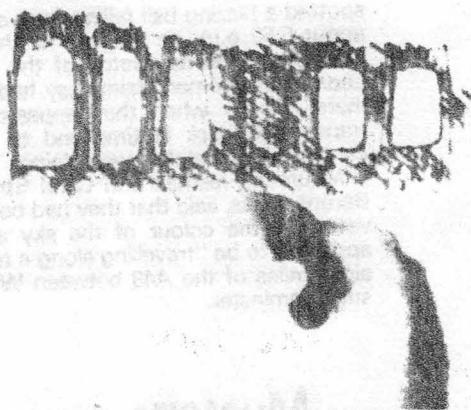
She added: "We both rushed outside. There was no sound and whatever I saw had disappeared. It was a strange experience and I have never seen anything like it before."

A UFO sighted by five policemen over Dumfries, Scotland, at the weekend may have been GPO engineers working at a transmitting station, police believe.

HELLO THAT'S A UFO!

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CLOSE-UP... of PC Smith's sketch.

POLICE held a special Press conference yesterday after five officers saw a mysterious brightly-lit object in the sky.

Earlier, reports of UFO sightings had flooded in from around Dumfries.

As well as the police officers, around 20 other people witnessed the oblong-shaped cluster of lights.

A constable said some of the watchers became hysterical before the object vanished over the hills.

It disappeared seconds before a CID camera team arrived.

MAIL REPORTER

A senior spokesman at Dumfries and Galloway police headquarters said: "We are treating the reports seriously.

"We contacted Prestwick Airport who said they could pick up nothing on their radar but explained the object might have been too low.

Sergeant Bill McDavid, 39, and PC Jim Smith, 30, told how they watched the huge, brightly-lit object for more than half an hour.

Sergeant Smith said: "We're baffled. It was like nothing we've ever seen."

PC Smith and Policewoman Pamela

Brown drove to Dunlop Road in Lochside housing scheme, Dumfries after a telephone report about a UFO.

SHAPE

The caller was builder's labourer Graham Brockie, 17, of 48 Dunlop Road.

He watched the object as it hovered above hills a few miles away.

"There seemed to be four or five lights in a cluster. It was incredible.

"I've never seen anything like it."

PC Smith, who sketched the object for the Sunday Mail, said: "It's really hard to say what shape it was.

"All we could see was a rectangular lighted section in the dark sky. It could have been any shape."

The constable said: "I've never believed in UFOs up to now.

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RAIN

He said they were visible over the town's largest municipal housing estate at Lochside.

Then they vanished over the hills to the west.

He said: "It was raining slightly and the cloud base was low. But the lights were not in line with any hills round about.

"It was impossible to estimate the size or distance."

He added: "The object had a series of lights—three, then a dark space and then another two.

"It looked as if the lights were behind windows in separate compartments."

Sergeant McDavid said: "It looked immense.

"My first reaction was that it was an illuminated airship divided into five or six compartments. It seemed to be stationary."

The sergeant added: "I was sceptical of UFOs before. But I have thought more about them after what I saw."

Mary Blyth, 22, of 127 Dunlop Road, claimed the lights were coloured. She said she couldn't get her portable radio to work at the time of sighting.

FAIL

Police reported that their walkie-talkies also seemed to fail at the scene. "But we are not reading anything into that," said Sergeant McDavid.

During the past two or three years a number of sightings of UFOs have been reported in South-West Scotland, particularly around Dumfries and 20 miles away in Moffat.

Mystery blazing ball in sky sighted again

A MYSTERIOUS blazing ball which baffled sports reporter Jeremy Finney when he spotted it in the sky near Dinmore last week has been sighted again.

This time two Scotsmen working on contract in North Herefordshire claim to have been mystified by a blazing light in the sky over Pembridge.

John McKay and Rick Moises are constructing grain silos on Shobdon airfield and living in a caravan between Eardisland and Pembridge.

One night last week they watched what they describe as a "blazing barn" lighting up the sky about four miles west of Pembridge.

"It was about 11 p.m. and we were going to bed. I was standing in the doorway of the caravan just getting some fresh air. Suddenly I saw the blazing sight. I thought it was a barn on fire but suddenly it disappeared, then reappeared again.

"John was in bed but I got him up because I didn't want him thinking I was seeing things," said Mr Moises.

Mr McKay said they watched the spectacle for about six minutes before it once again suddenly disappeared from sight.

They said they had not told many people about their experience before hearing that there had been a similar sighting near Dinmore.

"When we heard that this other chap had seen something we decided to tell people about what had happened to us," explained Mr Moises.

Mr Finney, of Green Lane, Leominster,

spotted a blazing ball falling from a cloud at about 5.50 p.m. on August 18. Just hours later on the same stretch of the A49 two Leominster women claim they had a nightmare journey when they appeared to be transported back in time and to have no control over what they were doing.

Maureen Freeman and Carol Stringer, of Barons Cross, said that they had been captivated by the colour of the sky and then appeared to be "travelling along a track" for eight miles of the A49 between Wellington and Leominster.

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GARAGE

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It was about 8.30 last Friday night when Andrew McIver, 11, his ten-year-old brother Patrick, and friend Joe Petrillo, 13, were playing on the field behind their homes at Bradley Green Road, Newton.

"We looked up and saw a round object hovering in the sky" Andrew told the Herald. "It was quite high - higher than the planes. It seemed to flash twice and then disappeared very fast."

The boys claim the object definitely was not a plane. It shone and made no noise.

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Mystery lights start UFO probe

Reports of a large unidentified flying object over the Scottish town of Dumfries early today have baffled police.

Residents on a council estate in the town and workers at Dumfries Infirmary reported sighting an object.

"It was apparently oblong in shape, well illuminated, but there was no sound with it," a police spokesman said.

"There have been other reports, but we tracked them down to car lights.

"This one could definitely not be explained."

Some people who sighted the object told police it was a series of clusters of lights which hung just below cloud level for about 20 minutes before vanishing.

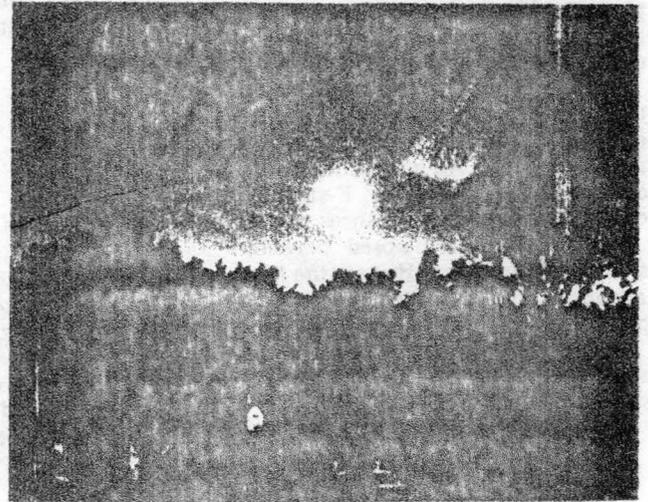
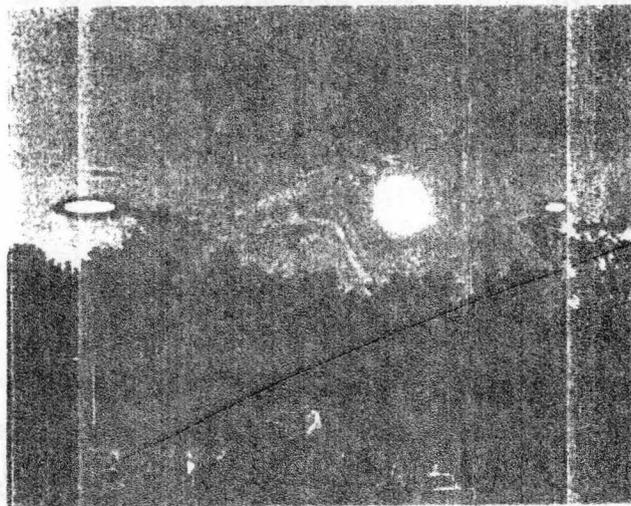
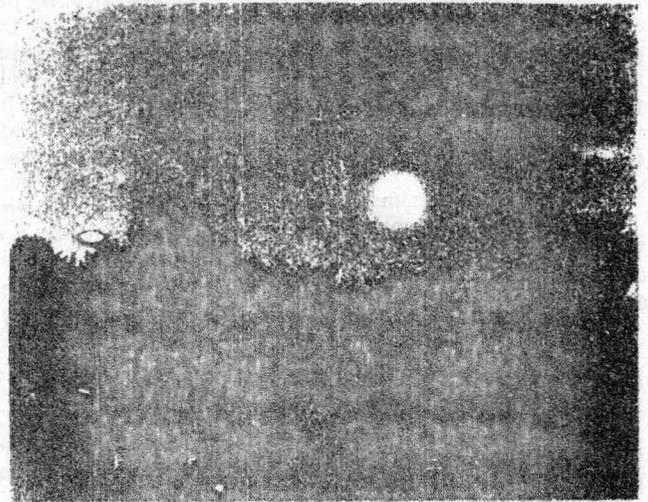
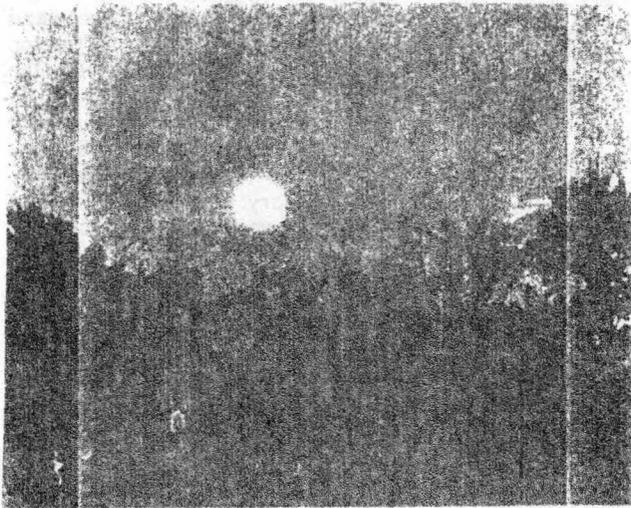
UFO over Newton

THREE young friends are convinced they saw a UFO in the night sky over Newton, and no amount of cross-examination will make them change their minds.

Look up

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in the sky, it's...



A CLOSE encounter with a flaw on the film of... South Brunswick photographer Robert Vena was taking photographs of a full moon July 27 on Sunshine Court. In the first and last photographs, only the moon is apparent, but in the second photograph, a small object is noted (left, center), while in the third photograph, two objects are apparent. As to what the objects are, "I can't really give an honest answer," said Mr. Vena. "I didn't see anything with my eye." Mr. Vena had focused his camera and it was motor driven. So, he was not looking through the lens when the photographs were taken. He first noticed the objects after developing the film.

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LOOK UP IN THE SKY CON'T

Was it similar to a close encounter of the second kind, seeing an unidentified object (UFO) but not making contact with it?

Robert Vena, 6 Markus Drive, is not sure.

"I can't really give you an honest answer," said Mr. Vena. "I didn't see anything with my eye."

BUT THE camera never blinks.

A professional photographer whose photographs have appeared in the Central Post, Mr. Vena planned to take photographs of the full moon "only if the weather permitted," he said.

July 27 was a clear night.

Around sunset, according to Mr. Vena he set up his camera equipment on Sunshine Court, between Henderson Road and Finnegans Lane.

Using Kodak Tri-X ASA 400 film, he placed his 35mm Nikon camera with 135 telephoto lens attached on a tripod.

With the setting sun behind him and the full moon in front, Mr. Vena prepared to take his photographs.

Mr. Vena was bracketing, a photography technique where the photographer shoots the same scene at different exposures.

Since the camera was focused and the film being advanced automatically on motordrive, he was not looking through the lens. All he was doing was changing the camera's F-stop to create the different exposures.

Very little time elapsed between shots, said Mr. Vena. He said the film advanced, he bracketed and took a picture.

"The amount (of time) to change the aperture is the only time I wasted," said Mr. Vena.

He did not notice anything unusual and left after taking six or seven shots.

IT WAS NOT until he developed the film that his discovery was made.

On one frame of the negatives, not only did the full moon appear but also another object. On the next photograph, there are two objects besides the full moon. The photographs immediately before and after only show the full moon.

"I was astounded," said Mr. Vena. "They weren't on the rest of the roll."

Mr. Vena said he talked to another photographer and described to him over the telephone what he found on his film. The photographer who has never seen the negatives or prints said it may have been caused by a flaw in the film.

He also contacted Jim Fillow, Middlesex County resident who has been affiliated with the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization. He showed the negatives to Mr. Fillow, said Mr. Vena.

The UFO investigator, according to Mr. Vena, said the objects resemble what others have reported seeing.

"It's a very common type of UFO sighting," said Mr. Vena.

But he also said Mr. Fillow's "conclusion was inconclusive."

The Central Post tried unsuccessfully to reach Mr. Fillow.

IF THE INCIDENT was a close encounter, it may not have been Mr. Vena's first.

On Feb. 10, 1979, Mr. Vena and his family reported seeing a UFO near the Flagpost Inn on Route 1. They said the object, with a dome and red, green and blue lights, moved slowly at treetop level and seemed to land behind the Flagpost.

"We really saw something unusual," Mr. Vega was quoted at the time, "but no one takes us seriously. We're ordinary people, not publicity seekers. It wasn't a plane or conventional aircraft. I know what those look like.

"If someone is playing around, people should know about it," said Mr. Vena's wife after the 1979 incident. "I know I saw something, and I'd like to know what it was."

But both reports remain a mystery.

"**IF I COULD** add a comment," said Mr. Vena, "I think we're living in a hot area down here. Lot of space for (objects) to fly around here."/

Strange light baffles lawmen

Two law enforcement officials were stunned by an orange light that suddenly appeared in the night sky.

Phillips County, Kans., Undersheriff Scott Griffiths saw the light in the sky for about 15 minutes. He left the scene for a short time and when he returned it was gone.

"It was too low to be a star and I'd never seen anything like it," he said.

A week earlier Marshal Jim Morrison of nearby Logan City saw a similar light moving about the sky.

Man loses his sight after spotting UFO

A 59-year-old man lost his sight for an hour and a half after looking at a huge, glowing UFO.

The man, a Montevideo, Uruguay, scrap-iron seller, said the UFO was spherical and emitted a bluish light while it hovered over a field near his home.

The man was terrified when he spotted the craft and he ran to tell his wife.

When his wife went into the field, the UFO had vanished.

Her husband's sight mysteriously disappeared, reappearing an hour and a half later.

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UFO sighted near Ghent

An unidentified object, a UFO, described as a "glowing flashlight" in the sky near Ghent, in Lyon County, last Wednesday is being investigated by the Center of UFO Studies in Chicago, the Marshall Independent says in a story by staff writer Robert Seavey in the September 20 issue.

Lyon County Undersheriff Tom Thompson was called at 4:30 a.m. by Dick Myhre, 20, who had been plowing an alfalfa field on his father's farm for several hours and had seen the object in the cloudless sky. He claimed he was not overtired, though working hard to catch up on farm work. "I could pick it out, and I knew it wasn't a star," he was quoted as saying. At first its color was that of a brake light and then it turned to a hazy white. After watching it for sometime, he drove to the farmhouse where he woke his parents. They too witnessed the object which hovered at about 30 degrees above the eastern horizon and about one mile away. At one point it came closer, Myhre had said, and the family dog "rushed the object, barking momentarily."

The Chicago investigator, Brad Ayers, called the Myhre family "very credible witnesses" and deemed the report a "very exciting event." He said that a Forest Lake girl recently reported seeing an UFO and used the same words Dick Myhre had used to describe it — a glowing flashlight. Ayers was quoted as saying that one of the things that brought him to the Myhre home four miles west of Ghent was the apparent similarity between this UFO sighting and others in Minnesota recently.

Thompson, who sighted the object from Hemnes Church west of Ghent while en route to the Myhre farm says, "It was hovering almost directly over County Road 8. I observed a shiny object which appeared to be stationary for several minutes. Then I observed it move in a southerly direction very rapidly. He said it wasn't a star or anything he had seen before.

Ayers was to file his report with the Chicago headquarters and also for the cameras of KMSB television of Minneapolis. Channel 9 reporter Hank Plant said the station intends to shoot a mini-documentary of this and other sightings Ayers has investigated recently. Ayers also investigated the incident near Warren in northern Minnesota last year

where a squad car was damaged and its driver knocked unconscious after a collision with an object traveling at a "fantastic rate of speed."

He added that at least 92 percent of all UFO sightings are later identified as some naturally occurring phenomenon. Weather balloons, aircraft and satellites are the most common objects thought to be UFOs. Ayers, the Marshall Independent says, ruled out balloons as the cause of the Ghent sighting, after contacting the U.S. Weather Service, but had not yet contacted authorities for radar of aircraft phenomena.

The story also says:

Ayers also investigates aircraft accidents and says procedures for the two are similar.

However, he ruled out the possibility the sighting was a hoax or didn't happen at all.

The center is a private organization and serves as a clearinghouse for worldwide UFO information, Ayers said. The federal government stopped researching UFOs in 1969 after deciding they couldn't be proved, Ayers said. He said now all U.S. based research is in private hands.

Ayers, who is based in Minneapolis and works on an assignment basis with the center, explained that only a handful of the thousands of UFO calls can be checked out. "Only the most legitimate," he said.

Ayers spent much of his time Friday taking directions of the sighting. He said because Thompson and the Myhres observed the UFO from different places, the investigation should be able to narrow down the location fairly accurately. "I now have the elevation and range," he said.

However, he remained steadfast in his refusal to interpret what was seen. "My strongest reaction right now is both witnesses are highly credible and at the same time responsible. And they both believe they saw something extraordinary."

UFO Sightings Reported

According to sources in Eastland this week, more sightings have been made of a possible "UFO" which has been spotted near here the past two weeks. Many local citizens reported seeing an object which they could not identify as a regulation aircraft. It was round in shape with red, green, and blue flashing lights and emitting

a high pitched noise. Also noted was the fact that it made a bright flash in the sky when it flew away. One citizen who owns land east of Eastland reported that in the middle of one of his pastures a large burned spot about 10 feet in diameter was found and he thought, perhaps, this charred ground was a landing spot for the "UFO".

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The local sheriff's department has been notified and are working around the clock to find out what this mysterious object is. A spokesman for the department stated that they had very few leads and were planning to ask for assistance from the local Jaycees. In stating this he explained that the Jaycees had volunteered their services in the investigation and that it was much appreciated.

Two citizens and one local police officer reported that noises had been noticed coming from the top of the courthouse. The officers, thinking he had a lead on the "UFO" case, investigated this lead, but it was a futile attempt. When he reached the courthouse there did not appear to be anything out of the ordinary; however, a guide wire running from the top of the courthouse had been tampered with recently.

In an interview with the sheriff's department and members of the Jaycees it was stated that "every attempt was being made to solve this mystery." Jaycee members Phillip Arther and Terry Edwards were quoted as saying "they felt there was no particular danger, and that citizens should not be alarmed. They said the investigation was well under way and it was hoped the problem would be solved soon."

If you can supply any information concerning this "unidentified flying object" which emits a loud, high pitched noise and has flashing lights attached please contact any local Jaycee member or you may call 629-8002, 629-2882, or 629-1603.

UFO sighting haunts local police

By Keith F. Girard
Sentinel Staff Writer

It was too clear and too quiet for the night to play tricks on someone as well-trained and well-seasoned as Reginald Spruill and his partner Frank Hall.

Yet, as the two county police officers stared up at the sky from their cruiser parked on Lost Knife Circle in Montgomery Village, they undeniably saw an eerie light hover, dart up, down and shoot forward at

incredible speed.

Hall, a 15-year veteran, fumbled for his portable radio and switched to the "talk-around" channel, calling for any other officer in the near vicinity to look for the same light both he and his partner unmistakably saw in the northeastern sky.

A moment later, the radio crackled back. Shift Sergeant Thomas Schirf, parked about a mile away at the Safeway food store on Dalamar Street in Gaithersburg, reported

that he, too, saw the same light.

It was June 21. The time was 3:45 a.m.

Two hours later, the three officers were back at their home base — the Germantown District Police Station — joking nervously about the experience. Other officers, who had heard the radio chatter, were also taking turns poking fun.

They did see an Unidentified Flying Object didn't they? Or did they?

The thought still makes Spruill, an Air Force veteran with six years on the county police force, a little uneasy.

After all, just consider the implications.

This was no ordinary sighting. It was a sighting by not one, but three police officers with hundreds of hours of training, officers who make their living as cool, collected observers ready to handle a crisis at a moment's notice.

Not only did three officers see the same object in the sky, but one of those officers was in a different location, unaffected by surroundings that could have caused Spruill and Hall to mistakenly believe they saw something.

If there ever was a credible UFO report, this appeared to have all the proper elements. But the real surprise was yet to come.

"It was the weirdest thing I'd ever seen," said Spruill in his first

interview about the incident this week. "I hope it never happens again."

Back at the station Hall was told by the night shift captain, known as the "Night Hawk" because he travels from station to station, that he would have to make out a report.

At 5:45 a.m., Hall called the county's Emergency Operations Center, a communications hub located in the basement of the County

Office Building in Rockville that handles all emergency police and fire-rescue calls.

Astonishingly, he was told that they had received three other telephone calls from citizens who said they saw the same bizarre light.

(Contacted this week, EOC Sgt. James Geary said the EOC as a matter of routine does not keep records of UFO sightings and could not confirm the other calls. He said, however, he had no reason to doubt that the other sightings were telephoned in.)

Andrews, too

Next, Hall telephoned the Andrews Air Force Base command center. On the other end of the line a command post controller, Sgt. Julie Benton, perked up when the UFO sighting was mentioned. Earlier that night, she said, a police officer from Prince George's County had called to report the same thing.

"I got a call from a Prince George's County officer," Benton recalled this week. "I don't know exactly where he was, but he said he'd seen something very bright and very shiny in the sky."

Back in 1952, reports of a "wave" of seven to 10 UFOs passing over the Capitol downtown were enough justification to scramble jet airplanes into the air at Andrews.

The jets never caught up with the UFOs, but the incident made headlines around the world and helped prompt the Air Force to begin Pro-

ject Blue Book, an authorized study of UFOs.

"The Air Force is officially not in the UFO business anymore," said Benton. Callers, she added, are referred to the Seattle Washington-based National UFO Report Center, a privately-funded, non-profit organization.

Contrary to a widely-held public perception, Andrews does not have radar designed to track such things as UFOs over Washington, Benton said.

"It's kind of disturbing isn't it?" said Spruill. "We've taken quite a bit of ribbing about it. I just felt good that I wasn't the only one that saw it."

Just what they saw, however, is a little hard to explain.

No definition

Spruill said the object did not have a clear definition, and for a moment he thought it might be transparent, but the light he said "had a lot of density to it."

He estimated the object was traveling at about 2,000 to 3,000 feet, and he estimated, must have been about 60 to 75 feet across. "In all, I had it under observation three to four minutes," he said in a serious, straight-forward monotone.

"It really looked to be a good size, larger than a plane. It didn't have too much of a specific shape; sort of round or circular," he said. "It was moving from north to south like you wouldn't believe the way it would change directions — it would

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go up, it would go down — to me it seemed like a 90-degree turn straight up or straight north or south."

Nocturnal lights — the term applied to sightings like this one — are one of the most common UFO reports received by the UFO center in Seattle, said Robert Gribble, a center staff member and UFO investigator.

They are also one of the most difficult to confirm after the fact, he added, especially in an area like Washington where unannounced military flights are probably common. "It's difficult to get info on the movement of military aircraft," he said.

Fred Whiting, a Capitol Hill press secretary who doubles as spokesman for the Fund for UFO Investigations, Inc. another private group, was intrigued by the report. He said a similar sighting was made by an Alexandria woman last week.

Police 'Reliable'

"Police officers are supposed to be reliable witnesses. You tend to take their word for it," he said.

While the police officers are at a loss to explain the sighting, there

also appears to be no readily attainable explanation from other quarters.

David Squires, an operations officer for the Scientific Event Alert Network, a division of the Smithsonian, said he knows of no natural phenomena that could have accounted for the sighting.

The network records and keeps track of natural events like erupting volcanoes, meteor showers and odd animal behavior. Squires theorized that the object may have been a satellite or a weather balloon, but the sharp movements, he added, would tend to rule them out.

Gribble said the local sighting sounded interesting, but just last week, he said the center received a report out of Simi Valley, California, just north of Los Angeles, in which a dozen people saw four triangular shaped objects hover over a restaurant for several minutes.

One object shot straight up into the air. The other three moved off and crossed a highway causing 10 or 15 cars to stall. The objects vanished with a large whooshing sound.

"We already have an investigator in the area on that one," he said.

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UFO-otball

Some New Jersey football fans must be wondering if perhaps Rutgers isn't doing too much contact work in practice after six players on the way home from an evening skull session reported seeing a UFO.

"It was hovering over a church steeple," claims Ed McMichael, starting quarterback. "It had lights all around it and sparks were shooting out. Then, it just went away, but there's no doubt in my mind it was a UFO and the others thought so, too. Of course, no one but us believes it."

One cynic was receiver Tim Odell, who with two cohorts used matches and flashlights to recreate the sighting a couple of hours later outside McMichael's window.

Says head coach Frank Burns, "I don't care what the quarterbacks saw as long as they can put the ball in the air and have it come down in a receiver's hands. As for Deron Cherry and Ken Smith, they had about 150 tackles and five interceptions between them last year. They also had 20-20 vision. I hope that's not changing."

UFO Spotted in County

Paul Lipsey

Star Writer

Lucious Roberson doesn't know what he saw early Thursday morning when he woke up and happened to look out the window of his house off Highway 79 in Elbert County.

"Whatever it was, it nearly scared me to death," he said. "I just sat there at the window and stared at it for a long time, and then I decided to call somebody else to come and see. When I came back, it was gone. There was no noise, no nothing."

Lucious described what he saw as a round, brightly lit object hovering near the ground in the pasture out behind his house.

"It had green lights all

around it, and some of the lights were shining on the grass below it," he said. "It was about 20 feet wide, and I couldn't tell how high. All I know is I saw something, that's for sure."

The Elbert County Sheriff's Department responded to a call early Thursday morning of a UFO sighting, but a careful search of the area turned up nothing to suggest activity of any sort in the pasture.

Speculation is that it could have been a low flying plane attempting to make a drop of some sort, or that a power line overloaded in the area, sending bright sparks out over the field.

"It wasn't a plane, cause there is no place to land out

here," Roberson said. "Besides, it didn't make any noise. It just kind of made a 'swoosh,' and then it took off."

There were unconfirmed reports of a 'brightly lit object in the sky' close to Nuburg Wednesday night. Residents say that the object hovered in the air near the Guidestones

off Highway 77 in Elbert County. Several people reportedly saw the object, and some say that it made a noise much louder than an airplane would have made.

Sightings were also reported in Anderson County, where eye-witness reports are under investigation.

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RADAR MAN SPOTS UFO

LITTLE GREEN MEN hit Tyneside is a headline which could well catch the eye. But if recent events are anything to go by it's one which we could well be reading soon.

For in the last few weeks there have been more reported sightings of UFOs in this area than there have been for a good many years.

The latest 'close encounters' have been in the Wallsend area and one practised eye, which has been baffled by these strange sightings is that of Mr Cecil Hooley, of King's Road, North.

Mr Hooley worked in Radar for the RAF during the war and later moved to the Meteorological Office, but not even he could explain what he and his wife saw last Bank Holiday weekend.

His wife, Olive, couldn't sleep so she got up to make herself a cup of tea. When she looked out of the window she saw what she describes as 'a brilliant silver object, much bigger than a star, in

the sky above the Whitley Bay area.'

She woke her husband who was fascinated by the object and they both watched it for over an hour, even though it was after 5 a.m.

Mr Hooley said: "You couldn't set its outline, it was so big. It was like a cluster of stars, but it was elongated."

"It was the only thing in the sky of its description and we watched as it moved slowly South-east in the direction of North Shields. It gradually got smaller as daylight came, then it eventually disappeared."

This sighting was followed by another over High Howdon one night last week when a cigar shaped object, also brilliant silver in colour, was spotted three times in a matter of hours by a man in Langdale Gardens.

He said that the object had three lights at its rear end and at one time was moving sideways. It issued a loud undulating sound as it moved overhead.

The first UFO story to catch the eye recently was that of a young mother who claimed she was tailed by a UFO as she drove to pick up a stranded friend in North Shields.

Mrs Lillian Middleton, of Seaton Delaval was on her way to Preston Grange when she saw a "brilliant white ball" in the sky. When she accelerated in an attempt to escape the object, it remained above her car.

A Whitley Bay policeman was among the number of people who claimed to have seen it.

Subsequent checks with Newcastle Airport and the Ministry of Defence in London still don't clear up the mystery.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said this week: "We've had several reports of UFOs in your area, but we've certainly had no unusual aircraft activity in the North-east."

"One possible explanation is that we are currently able to see one of the best

displays of shooting stars and falling meteorites than at any time during the last ten years.

"Satellites and meteorological balloons show up at night too and often reflect lights at intervals. Jet engines are much quieter nowadays and it is possible to see their lights without hearing their engines when they fly at night. We don't normally fly after late afternoon though."

Newcastle Airport say that aircraft are coming and going regularly at night, though at the time of Mrs Hooley's sighting there were no flights scheduled at all.

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'Rainbow ball' in the sky baffler

A MYSTERY object over the skies of Pinhoe, Exeter, is baffling one of the residents there.

Mr. Ian Kelway, of Cotmead, Langaton Lane, Pinhoe, was sunbathing with his wife, Barbara, in the garden of their home on Monday when they saw the U.F.O.

"It was a long way up and about the size of a football. It had every colour of the spectrum, and looked like a rainbow ball," he says.

"It had a white tail stretching out to the north west. I have never seen anything like it."

He lost sight of the object when he went indoors to fetch a pair of binoculars.

"It was there for a couple of minutes, and I am wondering if anyone else saw it."

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Over-run with UFO's

Whoever is in those UFO's, they've certainly taken a liking to South Tyneside.

The latest sighting of a red light in the sky comes from David Atherton, aged 13, of Victoria Avenue, Hebburn.

David and his friend David Alder, aged 15, from Scotland, were playing a ball game in the back garden when they noticed a strong light in the sky in broad daylight.

David, a pupil of St. Joseph's Comprehensive says: "We hit the ball up in the air and then we saw this red thing. It was round and about the same size as an airplane."

Search for UFO — ten years old

A search is on for someone who may have spotted an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sighted over the Penrith-St Marys-Mt DrUITt area.

There's only one snag — the original sighting took place almost 10 years ago, but only came to light recently.

The object — shaped like an elongated egg — was first spotted by a woman now living in Blacktown, but who at the time lived in the St Marys-Mt DrUITt area.

The woman has given her name and address to the STAR, on condition that is not made public for fear of being ridiculed.

The UFO Research Unit of NSW, which makes scientific investigations and evaluations of UFO sightings, has taken up the woman's case and is seeking other people who may have witnessed the same phenomenon almost ten years ago.

"The trouble here, like many such cases, is that we have a very credible witness — but she is the only one who is prepared to come forward and say what she saw", the Research Director of UFO Research, NSW, Mr David Reneke, said.

The sighting by the woman only came to light during a recent talk-back program on a Sydney radio station concerning UFOs.

The woman heard the interview and decided to tell her story.

Mr Reneke contacted the woman and now wants to find other people who may have seen the same thing.

At the time of the sighting the woman was standing in Waikanda Crescent, on the opposite side of the road to the entrance to a walkway leading to the school where her young daughter was a student.

It was about 3.30pm and she was waiting for her daughter to come from school.

At that time — ten years ago — the side of the road on which she was waiting was still bush.

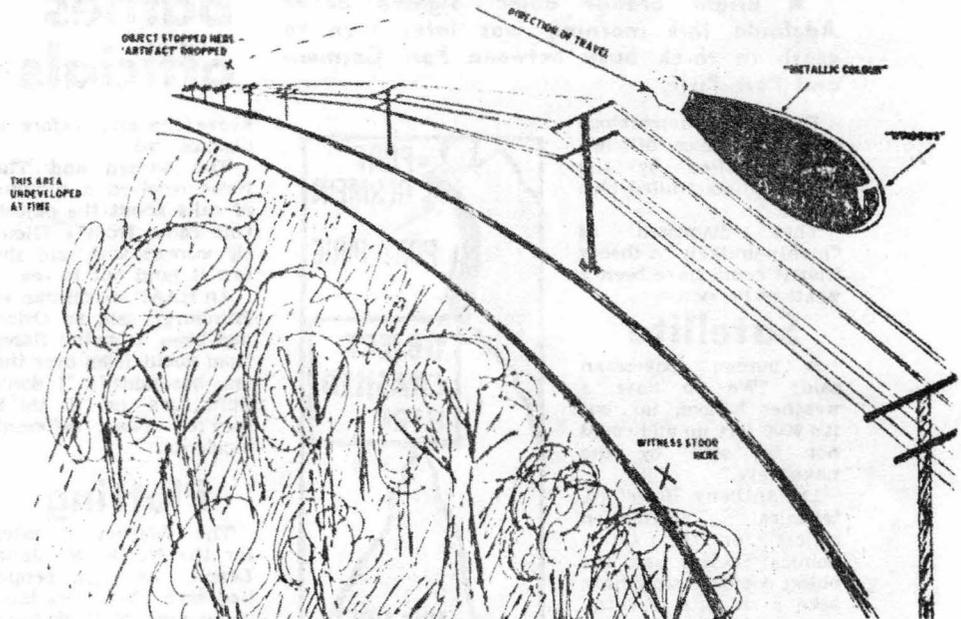
Houses lined the opposite side of the road. Her story goes:

"In the distance — I would think about over Warragamba Dam — I saw what appeared to be a white pencil shaped object heading towards me", she said.

"It looked like a needlepoint of smoke in the sky.

"It started to curve across Penrith then made a sharp right hand turn and started to descend like a plane coming in to land.

"It had what appeared to be a smoke trail extending back all the way to where I first saw it.



A sketch of the path taken by the UFO over the St Marys-Mt DrUITt area.

"Just as it reached about the intersection of Neriba and Waikanda Crescents it dropped what looked like a bent stick, about four feet long.

"It dropped it about over the fence lines and immediately the 'stick' shot back to the craft but this time it looked like a fiery arrow with the head uppermost.

"About this time I noticed what appeared

to be a copper rod on the front of the craft pointing downwards".

The woman said the UFO then "juggled" sideways until the rear end of it was pointing towards her.

"Then it took off at about the same angle as a jet taking off.

"It left a smoke trail until the smoke was cut off and it disappeared over the horizon".

"As it got close I saw it was egg shaped and about the length of a small telegraph pole.

"It was white coloured and seemed to be made of metal — it had a metallic sheen — but it did not appear to be painted.

"It was spotlessly white — there appeared to be no rivets, joins or panelling in its construction.

"There were two yellow windows — they looked like perspex — surrounded by black metal borders at the front.

"The thing then disappeared behind the treeline over Whalan Reserve.

"When I looked again I saw this white object coming across the top of the houses at about rooftop level.

Mystery object crashes in bushland

By Paul Malarski

A bright orange object sighted above Adelaide this morning was later seen to crash in thick bush between Port Germein and Port Pirie.

Bureau of Meteorology and astronomical officials are mystified by the object, which trailed blue smoke.

They dismissed as "highly unlikely" a theory that it could have been a weather balloon.

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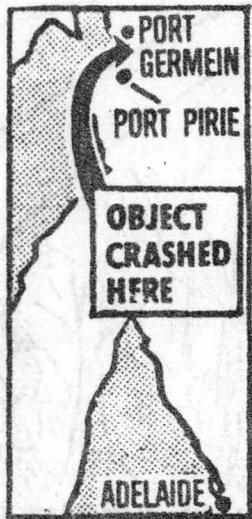
A bureau spokesman said: "We do have a weather balloon up, but it's 4000 feet up and could not be seen by the naked eye."

Dr Anthony Beresford, technical information officer for the Astronomical Society, said the object could possibly have been a satellite re-entry.

"It could also have been a meteor, but they're not often seen during the day because they're not bright enough," he said.

At least a dozen people reported seeing the object hovering above the city shortly after 9.30 am.

Grant Sullivan, of



Croydon Park, described the object as being similar to a boat flare — orange, trailed by blue.

"I was driving along Kensington Rd and saw it for about five seconds

Sighting baffles officials

above the city, before it disappeared."

The bureau and The News received a number of calls about the object. One came from a Glenelg woman who said she saw it land out to sea.

An RAAF spokesman at Edinburgh said an Orion had been dropping flares from about 150m over the sea, but added: "I don't think it's us. I think they're two different incidents."

Plotting

The District Forester for the North, Mr John Lenon, said two people had seen the object land in an area of thick bush between Port Pirie and Port Germein, in the lower Flinders Ranges.

A small search party of five men already had been despatched to look for it. No fires have been reported in the vicinity.

He said: "We are plotting the area where it is supposed to have landed on an aerial photograph. It covers an area of at least 3000 ha.

"It's not going to be easy to look for. It landed in inaccessible country. You can't even walk in it."

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How the sky
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REPORTS of a large unidentified flying object over the town of Dumfries, Scotland, early this morning, have baffled police.

Residents on a council estate in the town and workers at Dumfries Infirmary reported sighting an object, said a spokesman for Dumfries and Galloway police.

"It was apparently oblong in shape, well illuminated, but there was no sound with it," the spokesman said.

"There have been other reports, but we tracked them down to car lights.

"This one could definitely not be explained."

Some people who sighted the object told police it was a series of clusters of lights which hung just below cloud level for about 20 minutes before vanishing.