

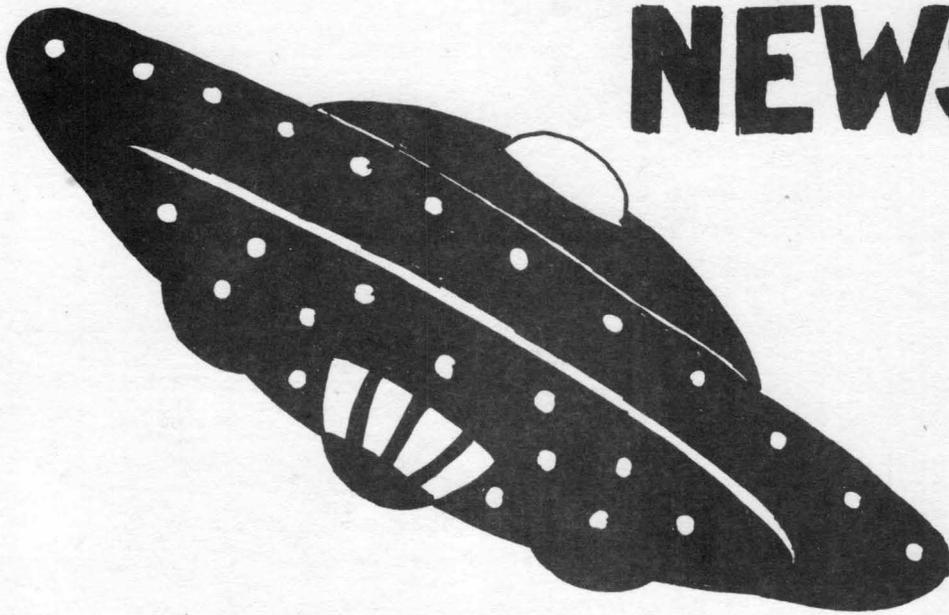
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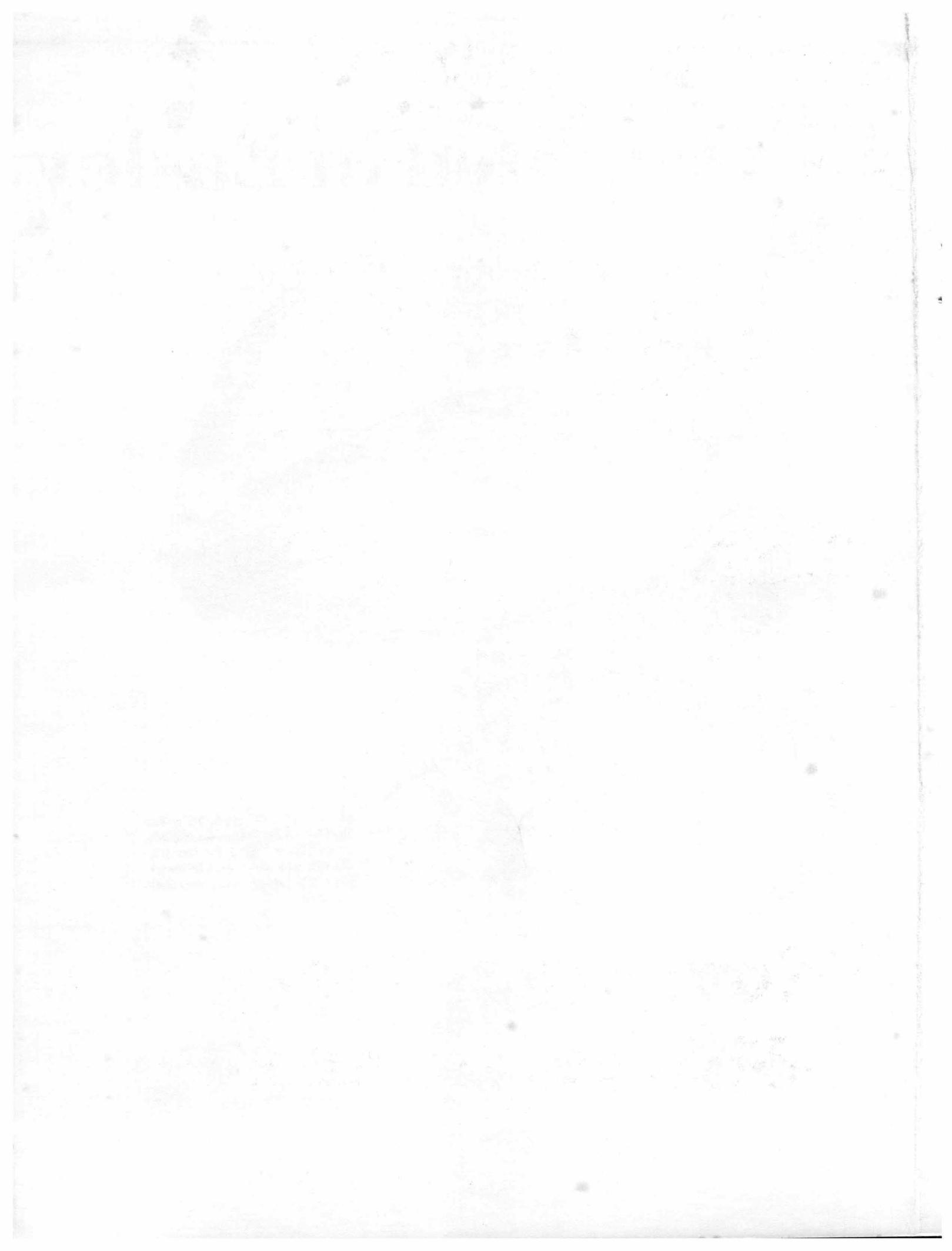
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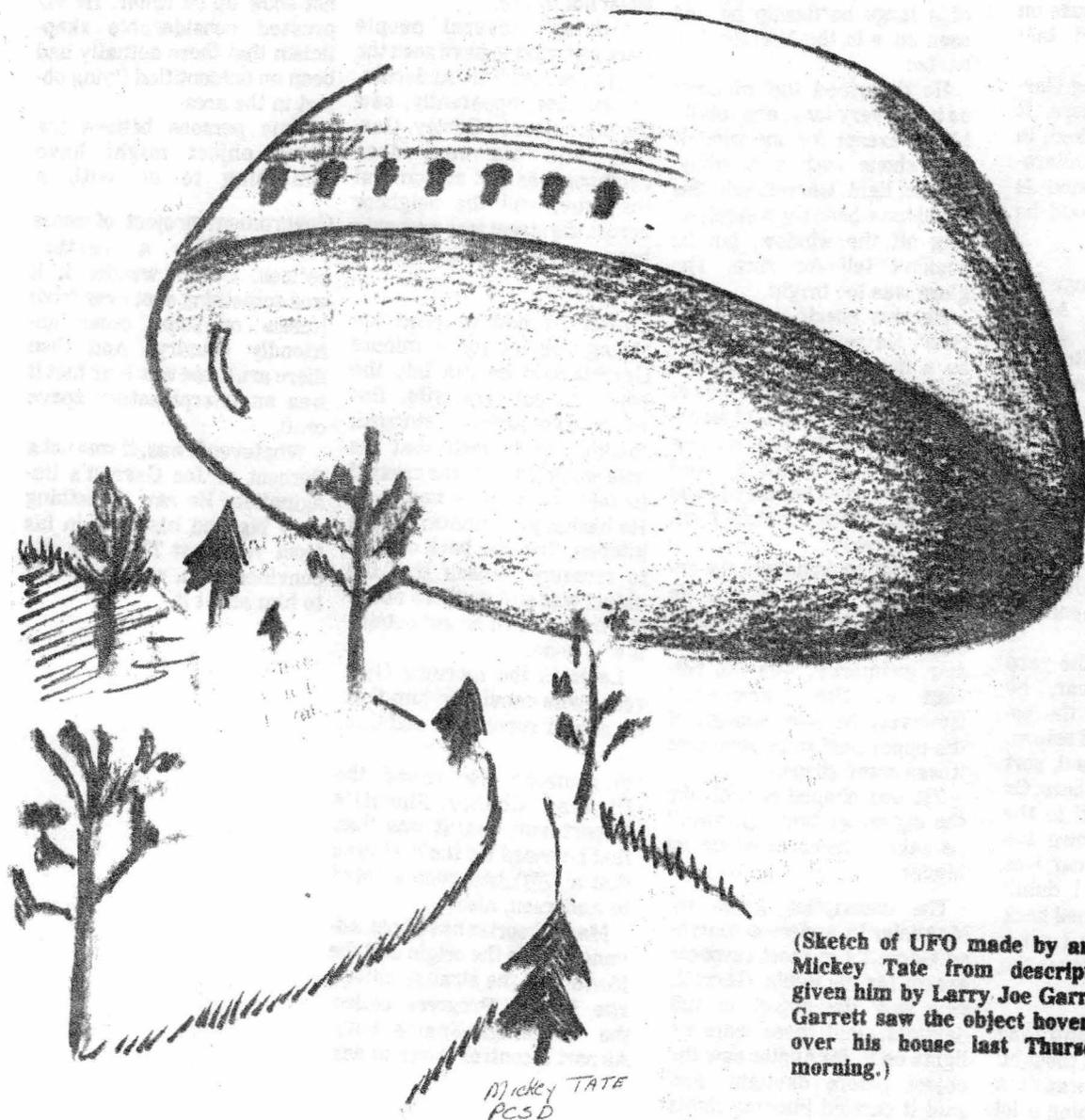
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UFO sighted in Easley



(Sketch of UFO made by artist Mickey Tate from description given him by Larry Joe Garrett. Garrett saw the object hovering over his house last Thursday morning.)

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CON'T UFO SIGHTED IN EASLEY

There was something range, and beautiful, and incredibly big floating just above the tree tops in front of Harry Joe Garrett's house on Fruit Mountain Road last Thursday morning.

It was unlike anything Garrett has ever seen before. It left him almost transfixed, in a state of awe and exhilaration. The euphoria lasted 24 hours before Garrett said he felt normal again.

Garrett saw the strange flying object at 8 a.m. About three hours earlier Jerry McAllister of Parnell Road in Anderson had seen something similar. McAllister also described a feeling of excitement and exhilaration after he sighting.

The object has not been identified.

But that does not make it any less real to Joe Garrett. He related his experience to *The Progress*.

"I had gone out in the yard to work on my wife's car," he said. "She works on the second shift and was still asleep. I heard a buzzing sound, sort of like a big swarm of bees. Or like a Honda, way off in the distance. I looked down the driveway to see if a car was turning around, but I didn't see anything. As I turned back toward my wife's car I got a glimpse of something over the top of the trees."

"That's the Goodyear blimp!" was my first thought. Then I realized it wasn't a blimp. It was something a lot bigger. I couldn't see it very good, so I walked around to the front of the house. And there it was, out in the clear, right up over me. It was big. Real big."

"How big?" he was asked.

"Oh, it was as big as Belk's store. But a whole lot taller," he said.

He staunchly stands by his estimate of the size of the object. He says when he looked at it, the object reminded him of a large battleship he had seen once in the Norfolk, Va. harbor.

He described the windows as being very long, and totally black, except for one window that shone with a blinding, glaring light. Garrett said this could have been the sun reflecting off the window, but he couldn't tell for sure. The glare was too bright.

He was specific about the color. He said it appeared to be a metallic, purplish-gray. He was sure the bottom side of the object was metal, of an exceptional smoothness. He saw no seams, although he said there was what appeared to be a metal pipe protruding from the underside.

Garrett could not see the entire shape of the object. He said it appeared to be tilted backward, so that what he saw, primarily, was the bottom of the "saucer." However, he saw enough of the upper part to be sure that it was dome shaped.

"It was shaped sort of like the big water tank up town," he said, "except a whole lot bigger."

The description given by McAllister in Anderson matched Garrett's in most respects except for the lights. Garrett, who saw the object in full daylight, said there were no lights on it. McAllister saw the object before daylight, and said it carried blinding lights all around its perimeter.

Both men described the object to artist Mickey Tate of the Pickens County Sheriff's Department. Neither man conferred with the other, but the sketches Tate drew from their description were very similar except for the protruding lights reported by McAllister.

The sheriff's deputy theorized that the lights could have been retractable, to be pulled into the fuselage of the craft when not in use.

Although several people were reported to have seen the "flying saucer" in Anderson, no one else, apparently, saw the big object in Easley. Garrett said his next door neighbor was not at home at the time, and the neighbor across the street was probably busy with her children inside the house.

After he had watched the strange object for a minute Garrett said he ran into the house to call his wife. But when he got inside he stopped, thinking to himself that his wife would say he was crazy if he told her what he had seen. He hesitated a moment in the kitchen, then ran back outside to reassure himself that the object was still up there above the trees. When he got outside it was gone.

Later in the morning Garrett's wife convinced him that he should report the sighting

to someone. He called the Pickens County Sheriff's Department, and it was then that he heard for the first time that a UFO had been sighted in Anderson, also.

Many theories have been advanced as to the origin and the identity of the strange object. The Easley Progress called the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport's control tower to ask

if an unidentified craft had been picked up on radar.

The individual contacted at the tower said the object did not show up on radar. He expressed considerable skepticism that there actually had been an unidentified flying object in the area.

Some persons believe the flying object might have something to do with a

Government project of some sort, possibly a weather balloon. Others wonder if it was something sent over from Russia or some other unfriendly country. And then there are those who fear that it was an interplanetary space craft.

Whatever it was, it was not a figment of Joe Garrett's imagination. He saw something very big and beautiful in his front yard last Thursday. He convinces you, when you talk to him about it.

LONDON OHIO
MADISON PRESS
OCT 11 1980

UFO reported drifting over Madison County

FRONT PAGE

That "very huge, shiny object" first sighted over Pickaway County Monday morning was sighted again on several occasions throughout Madison County, Peggy Tussing, area representative of the Extraterrestrial Intelligence Researchers of Columbus, reported Wednesday morning.

She told The Madison Press that she received several phone calls from area residents who reported seeing the unidentified flying object early Tuesday morning and late afternoon.

And after hearing the reports, Mrs. Tussing said she went out to search for it herself and also sighted it about 5 p.m. 1½ miles in the distance west of Plain City off U.S. Rt. 42.

"It was as low as the trees," Mrs. Tussing of 158 N. Oak st, London, said. "It was bullet shaped." She said she could not identify the hovering object because of the distance.

"We turned the car around to get closer but by the time we did it was gone," Mrs.

Tussing said.

She said a London Correctional Institution guard reported seeing the craft above the facility about 5:30 a.m.

Then about 4 p.m. a Mt. Sterling resident sighted the object over Madison-Plains High School, Mrs. Tussing said.

And two bus drivers of the London School District—and other persons—reported seeing the craft above Gillivan on Rt. 42 between 3 and 4 p.m., she said.

And the sightings continued.

Mrs. Tussing said one of the London bus drivers reported seeing the object again Wednesday evening above LCI once more.

"It's about half the size of a football field," Mrs. Tussing said. "And it looks metallic."

The only problem, she added, is that she couldn't tell "if it was a blimp or a UFO."

The object was first sighted by Mt. Sterling Assistant Police Chief Rob Roy Tuesday morning in Pickaway County.

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OCT 1 1980

Pickaway deputies chase 'strange lights'

CIRCLEVILLE — A strange looking object in the sky has caught the eyes of some northwestern Pickaway County residents.

Reports of an unidentified flying object were made both Monday and Tuesday, but no one has apparently been able to identify the craft.

According to the Associated Press, Pickaway County deputy sheriffs chased a UFO across the county for an hour Monday morning after patrolmen were called to a location six miles south of Harrisburg to identify something in the sky. The object had a bright white light with smaller red and blue lights.

Officials at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base just south of Columbus reportedly had the object on radar and thought it was a plane or helicopter. Mount Sterling assistant police chief Robert Roy told the AP he saw it and thought it was a weather balloon.

A UFO in Marion Township?

Was or wasn't it a UFO that left those strange markings in Lou Leland Freymiller's cornfield?

Eleanor, his wife, doesn't think so. To her way of thinking, there is a more mundane explanation.

But Lou Leland isn't so sure that something from out of this world didn't pay his farm a visit.

"I've done a lot of reading on the subject and that's about the only explanation I can come up with," he said last week.

The Marion Township farmer came across the markings in July. They're on the crest of a ridge and they form two circles straddling the path that cuts the cornfield in half.

Inside the circles, which are about 20 feet in diameter, the corn is stunted. The leaves are bright red. Some of the stalks are in a bad state of decay.

Lightning?

Freymiller has seen the effects of lightning on crops and when he looks at the cornfield he says that something else caused the leaves to turn red.

Disease?

Freymiller has been farming all his life. He says he's seen most all the diseases that affect crops. A bug or fungus didn't cause this corn to decay, he feels.

What about chemicals?

He says that nothing was sprayed on the corn that would leave those kind of markings.

So what happened up on the ridge?

Freymiller doesn't want to go out on a limb and say definitely that a UFO caused the phenomenon. For one thing, people would think he didn't have all his marbles. He also says that he hasn't heard or seen anything unusual in the night sky this summer.

He just wishes someone would be able to explain what did happen to the corn.

"I'd like nothing more than to say that I saw a UFO land, but I can't lie about this."

Freymiller said that after he and his son-in-law discovered the markings, they asked some friends to come and have a look.

The friends, too, were bewildered. Just like Freymiller, they came away shaking their heads.

Freymiller still may call in a UFO expert and ask him or her to take a look at his field. If he knew a name to contact, he'd probably send a sample of the corn in for analysis, he says.

Meanwhile, the corn is just about ready to be harvested.

Freymiller likes to work late into the night when it's time to bring in the crops. This year when he's driving tractor, you can bet that he'll have an eye cocked to the sky, watching.

LEWISTON, MAINE SUN
OCT 15 1980

AUGUSTA GA. HERALD
OCT 2 1980

A 'Stealth' Sighting

EDITORIAL

Central Savannah River Area residents might want to keep an eye cocked toward events unfolding in nearby Anderson, where some residents of that South Carolina city who claimed to have seen a flying saucer Sept. 11 have passed lie detector tests.

The object was seen by private citizens who notified deputies who are also reported to have viewed the disc-shaped object.

"The only possibilities that re-

main (after dismissing the sighting as a hoax, aircraft, weather balloon or mirage) are one: the object was some sort of military or experimental research aircraft; two: the object was indeed a UFO," states a report prepared by the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, a New York-based, non-profit group.

Could it be that Anderson pre-viewed America's so-called "stealth" plane, an aircraft designed to foil Soviet radar?

Second UFO Sighted Tuesday

Androscoggin County sheriff's deputies received a report of an unidentified flying object sighting in Durham at 6:35 p.m. Tuesday.

Deputy Connie Footman, dispatching for the Sheriff's Department Tuesday night, said that the complainant reported a UFO hovering over Larrabee's Service Station on Route 136 in Durham.

The man reported that the object hovered for approximately a half-hour. It was about 500 feet in the air and was giving off a bright white light toward the Brunswick area, according to the police report.

The sighting came on the

heels of a similar incident in Auburn last Friday when Auburn police spotted the object early Friday morning. It was later reported to be a bright star.

Ms. Footman advised the Durham complainant to report the latest UFO to the UFO hotline, which is 1-800-323-6556.

SUMTER S.C. ITEM
OCT 6 1980

Sumter Woman Sees Saucer; Looked 'Like A Giant Frisbee'

By DEREK SMITH
ITEM Staff Writer

Mrs. Carmen Deirowec of Shady Grove Court says she is a firm believer in saucers from other worlds after a close encounter with one Saturday.

Mrs. Deirowec and her two children were on Frierson Road behind Shaw AFB about 7:45 p.m. Saturday, driving home from a shopping trip in Sumter.

"I heard a noise almost like an airplane engine and took it for granted that it was an airplane taking off since we were so close to the base," Mrs. Deirowec said today. But when she looked near a wooded area, she saw something hovering about 10 feet off the ground. "It was obviously something other than a plane or helicopter, and I thought to myself, 'My God, it's a flying saucer,'" she said.

"It (the UFO) was white, with lights on the sides, and about 10 feet long like a giant Frisbee," Mrs. Deirowec said. She said the craft flew in circles as she drove past and came within 20 to 25 feet of her car. "I could see it real clear, and then it flew straight up very fast and was

gone," she said.

Mrs. Deirowec, whose husband is stationed at Shaw, said she called the security police at the base but "they did not seem very interested."

A spokesman at Shaw said this morning that the base had no special activity or unusual aircraft in the area at that time, but that regular air traffic could be misconstrued as a flying saucer.

He said the Air Force stopped investigating UFO sightings in 1969 and that when someone calls the base to report a flying saucer, the person is usually referred to a local law enforcement agency.

"I never believed in this stuff before, but I sure do believe in it now," Mrs. Deirowec said this morning. She said she wanted to turn the car around and follow the saucer but her two children were frightened. "I think my 10-year-old daughter saw something, but I can't be sure," she said.

"It was real obvious that it (the UFO) wasn't something from around here," Mrs. Deirowec said.

WARROAD, MINN.,
PIONEER
SEP 24 1980

Possible UFO evidence found in field near Stephen

Greg Winskowski, Stephen Chief of Police, is investigating the findings of a Stephen man, Cameron Thibode, who owns land west of Stephen. Thibode was apparently working his land when he discovered some holes in his field, one of which is about 15 inches deep and about three feet across. There are no tracks leading to the holes. Other holes are also perfectly round and protrude into the ground in depths ranging

from six to thirteen inches. There is also a white color around each hole to give the appearance of extreme heat. Thibode says, "it looks like a UFO landed and took soil samples."

Family Sees Three 'UFOs' Above Lisbon

SALEM, OHIO
NEWS
SEP 25 1980

LISBON — Five

"unidentified flying objects" were observed by three members of a Hunters Camp Road family north of the village Wednesday at about 9:21 p.m. Barbara Seaman reported to Columbiana County sheriff's deputies her sister was sitting in the living room of the home when she saw lights to the north. The two women and the sister's husband went to the door and saw five objects, deputies said.

They reported they watched the objects fly around a tower to a high-tension line about 800 yards from the house for about three minutes before they called deputies. Three of the objects went northeast and two east, they said. A deputy had visited the home and had left when the objects returned about 10 minutes later, deputies said. The residents said the objects had a red light on the back, blue on the front and a bright white strobe-type light in the middle. They said because of the bright light they could not determine the shape.

At least one other person who didn't identify himself, told deputies he saw three objects above the village at about the same time.

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FAIRFIELD N.J.
CHRONICLE
SEP 24 1980

Teens Spot U.F.O. In West Drive Area

Fairfield — A group of young township residents experienced a "close encounter of the first kind" when they spotted and reported several unidentified flying objects on the evening of Friday, September 12.

The group, ranging in age from 10 to 14 (most are 13 years old) included Robert Fitzpatrick, Charles Acocella, Jeanine Perillo, Dena De Fazio, Robert Safer, Victor Torsiello and Peter Salvato. The sightings took place at the Salvatos' home on West Drive sometime between 9:30 and 10 p.m. and were reported at about 10:15 p.m. to Fairfield police.

The sightings began as the group, seated on a back porch, noticed an "orange star" in the western skies. The "star" was then joined by five similar objects, approaching from two directions, until all six formed a straight-line formation.

The formation approached the West Drive area at a speed "a little faster than an airplane," according to Robert Fitzpatrick. While most of the objects appeared no larger than before, the

original U.F.O. descended to an estimated altitude of 100-200 feet nearly directly above the Salvatos' home

At this distance the object appeared to be of a size similar to a dish held at arm's length. Dull orange in color, the object spun on its axis "like a globe," Charles Acocella said. It did not light up the area beneath it but emitted "a low, rumbling sound" clearly audible to the witnesses.

At a point just east of the house the objects executed a half-turn maneuver, the larger U.F.O. rising back into formation. Then the objects disappeared beyond the treetops of a Hollywood Avenue field.

The entire sighting lasted only 4 or 5 minutes, the group said. They were alone at the time of the sighting; a number of friends who had just left the group were no longer within hailing distance when the "orange stars" were spotted.

Anyone else who may have witnessed aerial phenomena on the evening of Friday, September 12 is asked to call Garry Herzog at The Chronicle, 227-1428. Names will be withheld upon request.

ST MARY'S, PA.
PRESS
SEP. 30 1980

REPORTED UFO

BRADFORD — Three area teen-agers reported spotting a UFO at about 8 p.m. Monday while watching for falling stars while standing in field.

Joan Jeffers, who compiles information on UFO sightings in the area, said one of the youths spotted an oval-shaped bright light with a yellowish-orange bottom in the northern sky.

The youth brought the object to the attention of his two companions who watched it move in a westerly direction stopping occasionally, but usually traveling at a high rate of speed.

The trio estimated the object to be about 2½ to 3 miles away at a low altitude.

ELYRIA OHIO
CHRONICLE TELEGRAM
OCT 15 1980

UFO sighting reported in county

Are creatures from outer space checking out Lorain county?

Possibly, according to a Wellington woman and her son who reportedly saw a UFO land in southern Lorain county Tuesday night.

Linda M. Keener, 37, of 128 Bennett St., and Dwayne F. Christian, 15, the same address, told Wellington police and Lorain county sheriff's deputies they saw a bright, white oval-shaped object with flashing lights hovering over Rt. 58 about ¼ mile from the Ashland county line at 9:15 p.m.

THEY TOLD officials they were northbound on Rt. 58 and saw the object was hovering over some trees on the east side of the road. It then hovered over the roadway in front of their car and landed in a field on the west side of Rt. 58.

Mrs. Keener and Christian said they could see landing gear coming down from the UFO.

Officials did not check the area because of last night's rain and muddy conditions. They said the Lorain County Regional Airport and the FAA did not report seeing any strange objects on radar.

LAS VEGAS NEV. SUN
OCT 7 1980

UFO ENCOUNTER. Cindy Williams, the star of 'Laverne and Shirley,' believes UFOs exist, and with good reason; she had an experience. "I was with a group of people and we were making a silent walk up a hill to pray when out of nowhere four huge lights seemed to rush over the mountains towards us. We stared at the saucers for several minutes and they changed color from deep purple to orange right before our eyes. Then just as quickly as they appeared they disappeared with incredible speed.

UFO Reported Near Centerville

An East Hempfield Township woman says she and four other people, including three police officers who came to her home, saw an unidentified flying object in the Centerville area about 8:45 p.m. Saturday.

Patricia Lau, 541 London Drive, described the UFO as a circular object with bright flashing white, red, and green lights.

LANCASTER PA
NEWS.
SEP. 28 1980

Mrs. Lau said the object was not a plane. She said radar operators at Capital City Airport told her no planes were in the area at that time.

Sgt. O. E. Fisher, East Hempfield Township police, said he thought Mrs. Lau's UFO was a star.

U.F.O.'s - For Real Or Not?

FRONT PAGE

They're at it again -- those strange beings from who knows where.

News reports have been full of testimony by Anderson County residents during the past week who are seeing

strange objects hovering in the sky. And evidently the course of the UFO(s) has been over this section of the county.

Jerry McAlister who lives near Broadway Lake was stunned early Thursday morning to see blinking lights from an extremely large saucer-shaped object above his backyard. And since that time he, and a number of people in Anderson County, have seen the brightly flashing UFO. Anderson County deputies witnessed the first sighting on Thursday, and after having read about McAlister's experience, many, many others including deputies, again spotted a whirling object in the skies late Monday evening.

It was discovered this week that these sightings may not have been just another one for the books. For one thing McAlister and his wife have shown indications of radiation burns since the sighting. At least that's what one investigator has determined. Jim Fillow, co-founder of the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, said a geiger counter made a small jump when placed near the McAlisters and that there was slight evidence of conjunctivitis in the McAlisters' eyes. Fillow said that is not unusual when witnessing a very bright light. Also, McAlister said his neck glands were swollen, although neither he nor his wife have been to a doctor.

What makes this particular

UFO sighting so unusual is that many people in the area have seen the object, and descriptions of it are similar. Monday evening, Anderson's initial UFO spotter said his phone was ringing off the hook with calls from people who were seeing whirling objects with bright lights. Several persons in Belton claimed to have seen the UFO Monday, and McAlister said his yard was full of neighbors watching the spectacle in the midnight sky.

The sighters seem to be sure the object was not an airplane because it hovered in one place for a long period of time and when it did move, it went straight up.

In describing Thursday's UFO, McAlister said it was about 70 feet around, two stories high, with bright lights along the edges and shining from square windows in the center. The saucer also made a shrieking, then purring noise. McAlister said. After hovering close to the ground for a short period of time it traveled upward where it could be seen at some distance for approximately two hours.

Weird happenings were occurring at about the same time period above Martha Lollis' home in the Cheddar

community between Williamston and Belton. Mrs. Lollis spotted a "big bright light" at about 4:20 a.m. Thursday. Through her window the object could be seen moving slowly across the sky. Mrs. Lollis said she could tell nothing about the features except that the thing was shaped like a big round saucer with a whitish bright light. Denise Lollis, her 20 year-old daughter, also saw the UFO. Mrs. Lollis said it was too big to be a star and that she heard no noise.

"It was probably something someone sent up," she said. "I'm sure there's an explanation for it."

That may well be, but as is often the case in UFO sightings no reasonable explanation has been made. Nothing unusual was detected on radar at the Greenville-Spartanburg Jetport at the time of either of the sightings, and the mystery of the object remains.

At least two other persons, Claude Anderson, Jr. of Williamston, and Larry Garrett of Easley, also witnessed Thursday's UFO show.

The phenomenon is not a new one to this area of the state. In March of 1979 four teenage boys from Williamston, Todd Burriss, Andy Norris, Eddie Durham and Freddie Jacks, reported spotting a saucer shaped object about 300 feet in diameter with a red center light surrounded by a brilliant white light on River Drive. Two months prior to that Mrs. Ada Gilstrap said she saw a large churn shaped UFO flashing a variety of lights outside her mobile home on Route 3, Belton. Also, in January 1975, Janice Mullinax of Williamston reported seeing a bright, fast moving object zoom past her mobile home near Midway.

One thing is for sure with the latest of these reports. If any space travelers are trying to make an inconspicuous approach in Anderson County, they've blown their cover. Believers or not, it's safe to say the eyes of many local residents will be glancing either curiously, apprehensively, or expectantly upward this week for the first sign, however small, of those alien creatures in their flying machines.

Investigators' Report Backs Claims Of UFO Sighting

By Tony Kiss
Staff Writer

Anderson County's "flying saucer" — seen by several people on Sept. 11 — was not a conventional aircraft, a just-released report said.

The report, issued by the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, also said the "saucer" left radiation traces behind during its visit.

The SBI is a non-profit UFO study group based in Staten Island, N.Y.

Jerry McAlister, of Parnell Road, made national headlines when he phoned the sheriff's department to report a strange object hovering over his yard.

Four county deputies, dispatched to the scene, agreed that "something" was in the night sky near Broadway Lake.

News of the sighting prompted SBI Directors Jim Fillow and Pete Mazzola to fly to Anderson from New York and investigate.

In their report of the incident, Fillow and Mazzola said:

- All of the "saucer" witnesses were given lie-detector tests and all were found to be telling the truth.

- McAlister and his wife may have suffered conjunctivitis through close exposure to the "saucer."

- Geiger counter readings showed "an increase in radiation" over the area where the saucer was seen.

- McAlister's CB radio has not operated up to par since the "saucer" was spotted near the antenna.

- McAlister's dog whined and barked while the "saucer" was observed — even though the animal was in the house and never saw the object.

The report said the "saucer" cannot be explained as a hoax, planet, airplane, weather balloon, comet or mirage.

"The only possibilities that remain are one, the object was some sort of military or experimental research aircraft; two, the object was indeed a UFO (unidentified flying object)," the report said.

McAlister described the "saucer" as 70 feet in length, two stories high, covered with windows and bright lights.

PORTERVILLE CAL. RECORDER
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UFO Reported By Lake Angler

By TERRY WINCKLER
Recorder News Editor

It rose from a hill behind Success Lake last week and "scared the s-t" out of James Henley.

The Porterville man was expecting catfish not a blue, red, saucer-shaped flying object that hovered like a helicopter but was three times larger than any 'copter he'd seen, and stone silent.

It was "absolutely unreal" he told The Recorder. For lack of any explanation, it was a UFO — unidentified, unidentifiable and a mystery.

The sighting wasn't that unusual, however. People have been calling this newspaper and police for more than a year with reports of oddball lights and objects, mostly spotted to the east over the foothills.

Some of the lights have been green, ballshaped things that streaked along the horizon; others of all colors have hovered, risen-fallen, moved in various directions. A few

disappeared fast as thought.

They have delighted and freaked-out viewers ranging from dirt farmers to city police. At least one of the sightings was a kid's prank, others could have been normal aircraft, comets, fireworks, or unusual but explainable phenomena.

For Henley there is nothing explainable and everything phenomenal about his sighting.

Imagine sitting on a quiet lake at 3:30 a.m. under brilliant star-lit skies. A fishing rod is in your hands and the line held gently between your fingers. Your body is poised to feel the tap-tap tremor of a prowling catfish.

Instead, a glowing, pulsing multi-colored UFO pops up.

It has a blue center, ringed with red. There are other colors shooting from it — colors you can't describe because you've never seen anything like them before.

It hangs in one spot like an Andy Warhol painting nailed to the sky. It sends out a directed beam of light, sort of like a

spotlight, but only sort of.

It frightens you out of your wits, off of the lake, into your car and onto Highway 190 back to your Porterville home.

Your last wide-eyed glimpse of it is as it suddenly moves southeast and disappears into the hills of Tule River Indian Reservation.

That was Henley's experience, one similar to hundreds the UFO center in Illinois has processed over the years from throughout the nation and finds no explanation for. The center has a hotline phone number police and other official agencies use to report such sightings.

The center is attempting to compile reports for any one area to determine a pattern. As yet, nothing substantial has emerged for this area. And, there are no explanations they can offer to satisfy a curious reporter or an astonished catfisherman.

Keep watching and reporting, they urged residents of this area.

EAST LIVERPOOL
OHIO REVIEW
SEP 25 1980

Three Report Seeing UFO's

LISBON—Five unidentified flying objects were observed by three members of a Hunters Camp Rd. family, north of the village, Wednesday night about 9:21 p.m.

Barbara Seaman reported to Columbiana County Sheriff's deputies that her sister, sitting in the living room of the home, observed flashing lights to the north. The two and the sister's husband went to the door and while watching, observed a total of five objects.

They reported they watched the UFO's fly around a tower to a high tension line about 800 yards from the house for some three minutes before calling deputies. Three of the objects then went northeast and two east.

The deputy had left when the objects returned about 10 minutes later. The viewers described the objects as having a red light on the back, blue on the front and a bright white strobe-type light in the middle. They said because of the bright light, they could not determine the shape.

At least one other person in the village commented about seeing three objects at about the same time. However, the man did not want to give his name.

MOUNT SHASTA CAL.
HERALD
SEP. 18 1980

UFO's over Lewiston?

Two families houseboating on Trinity Lake recently spotted something in the sky over Lewiston. "It looked like a satellite," said one man who was a former Navy flyer. Then it was joined by another brilliantly-lighted object and he said, "They looked like they were flying in formation. They moved toward the northwest over Trinity Lake and then accelerated to a terrific speed and disappeared. I've never seen anything move that fast."

CLINTON OKLA.
NEWS
SEP. 28 1980

About People

TRUE BELIEVER: Jerry McAllister always thought "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" was just a sci-fi flick. Then he had one — right in his own back yard. The Anderson, S.C., electrician says it wasn't a flying saucer he found hovering about 50 feet from his house. It was more of a flying oil tank — "tall as a two-story building and about 70 feet in circumference." He called the cops and they saw it too — but air traffic controllers at an airport 30 miles away say their radar picked up nothing unusual. Says McAllister, "The lights were so bright that I could see everything. The noise was so loud that it hurt my ear drums ... That thing was beautiful. I'm a believer now."

HE WOULDN'T ATTEND: Folks in H.L. Mencken's home town simply won't listen. The great iconoclast once told the world how he wanted to be remembered — and it wasn't with the wingding Baltimore is throwing to mark the 100th anniversary of his birth.

FLORENCE WIS.
MINING NEWS
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Two say they saw UFO

Goodman — A hitchhiker and Goodman woman reported spotting an unidentified flying object (UFO) Wednesday night, Sept. 10, in the Goodman-Armstrong Creek area.

Gary Honeybus said he was traveling from Alaska to New England where he has been offered a job as a commercial fisherman. He said he was preparing to camp out west of Armstrong Creek at about 9:30 Wednesday night when a bright orange object passed just about the pine trees. He said the object, which was the size of a softball, made a noise.

Honeybus said he was frightened and decided to leave the area when he was picked up by a passing motorist, George Eder, who resides at Hilbert Lake near Goodman.

When the pair arrived at Eder's home, they learned Mrs. Eder also viewed the object above the trees as she was walking the family dogs. Irene Eder said she thought the object was an airplane or helicopter when she first spotted it.

"She was really shook up when we got home," her husband said.

Eder said he reported the UFO sightings to federal authorities.

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UFO Spotted In Anderson

ANDERSON--Four Anderson County deputies and some residents of the Broadway Lake area of Anderson County reported watching a brightly lighted object in the sky for several hours early one morning last week. Residents said a disc-shaped object hovered over their homes, lighting the area and making a humming noise before it zoomed away. Two members of the New York-based Scientific Bureau of Investigation, which probes sightings of unidentified flying objects, are taking soil radiation tests in the area to determine if there was an unusual amount of radioactivity. The U.S. Air Force told the investigators there was nothing on their radar.

UFOs shake area

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viewers

By GREG LITHERLAND

Three women saw it. So did four police officers. But, no one knows what is it.

Early Friday morning on Old Vincennes Road west of Washington, three local 19 year olds were making a return trip from Vincennes. Susan Southerland and Debbie Riley were passengers in a vehicle driven by Kim Conolly. The 4:30 a.m. ride brought fear of the unknown into their lives as they noticed a bright object in the sky.

According to Conolly, the street-light shaped object was slightly above the tree tops, and once the riders' attention was focused on the light, it headed toward the automobile.

"It was pretty scary, because we would make turns and the light always was on the left side," Riley commented. She said the right turns made by the driver should have put the object behind the vehicle, but the light always was to the left of them.

And when the women were

satisfied it was an unidentified flying object, the ride fostered panic.

"All of the things you see in the cartoons come to mind—you know the little green guys, lazer rays—and it really can frighten a person," Riley observed. She was quick to add that she wondered during the episode whether or not they were to get "zapped," or if an undesired fate was awaiting them.

After making their way to Washington, the women went to the police station. Officers Tim Roark and Don Grannon responded to the call.

"I know it wasn't a plane, helicopter or weather balloon, but I don't know what it was," Officer Grannon said. He continued, pointing out that after observing the light through binoculars there definitely was something in the sky.

Grannon continued investigating the situation, and by shift's end, he learned that the bright light had

been in the area for more than two weeks.

Another sighting was not reported, but Daviess County Sheriff's deputy Alan Evans also noticed a strange object Sept. 9.

"I was preparing to leave the Plainville Lions Club park when I saw a well-lighted oblong object flying very fast," Evans recalled. He had met with a co-worker, deputy Steve Riney, and pointed out the object.

Evans said the oblong object had off-white lights burning what seemed to be the length of the unit.

"It wasn't a plane because it did not have any wing lights or tail-lights," the deputy concluded. His counterpart could not explain the object, but described the flying piece as did Evans after both viewed the craft through binoculars.

"When we saw that, I had a strange feeling," Evans commented, adding, "to see that and think we are not the only living beings in the

universe." He went on to say he did not report the incident because he did not think anyone would believe he was telling the truth.

Evans is not alone in his thinking as the three women also are finding out that skepticism is prevalent in the city.

"I have told some persons about it, and they all say 'Sure you did'," Riley noted, adding "that aggravates the feelings associated with the sighting." Elaborating, she said she has to wrestle with knowing she saw something and hearing her friends humor her.

But the skeptics have the advantage as the local airport and the monitoring equipment at Evansville Dress Regional Airport did not register anything unusual during the alleged sighting time.

But, all of those who saw the objects have a common bond—they know they saw something. What it is they are not sure, but something was there.

HICKORY N.C. RECORD

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Woman's UFO Sighting Unconfirmed In County

NEWTON — A woman called the Catawba County Communications Center about a dozen times between 10:30 p.m. Monday and 5:30 a.m. today to report that she had sighted a UFO, according to a Com-

munications Center worker.

The worker, who asked not to be identified by name, said he went outside to take a look, "but all I could see was Venus." The woman reporting the sightings was not identified.

UFO connection in Scandia area studied again after more reports

By CLIFF BUCHAN
Times News Editor

SCANDIA -- For some strange reason, and no one can seem to explain why, this area and a portion of southern Chisago County near Stacy have been the scenes for repeated observations of unidentified flying objects. That's been the case in the past and the reports continue to materialize -- like the strange dancing lights in the night sky.

Questions are there and answers are still sought. After a most recent incident near Square Lake County Park in northern Washington County early Saturday morning, UFO investigator Bradley Earl Ayers of Lakeland was back in the area looking for evidence and answers to the questions relating to UFO sightings.

Ayers has been to the area frequently answering more than 40 calls in the last six years -- many of which still remain unsolved. No explanations as to what was reported by eyewitnesses have been found in many cases. And that adds to the puzzle.

THE TREND FOR frequent sightings, especially in the northern Washington county area centers in New Scandia Township, continued early Saturday morning when a 17-year-old White Bear Lake girl came upon a startling and scary sight.

Michelle Freudenberg was driving home to White Bear Lake at about 2 a.m. Saturday coming from her father's home near Carnelian Lake in May Township. She was near the CR-15 junction on CR-7 when she met a lighted object in the sky that was 30 to 50 feet long, 10 to 12 feet high and about eight feet off the ground.

The disc-shaped object was vaguely outlined by red and white lights. She observed the disc for about eight seconds before it passed over a nearby hill and disappeared. The witness recalls noticing a pungent odor in the air at the time of the sighting.

After arriving home and relating the story to other family members, she called the White Bear Lake police. They in turn instructed her to call the Washington County Sheriff's Department. The sheriff's department called Ayers in on the case. "I was curious if someone else had seen a UFO that night," Freudenberg told the Times during an interview Sunday morning.

She had spent about three hours at her father's lake home after dropping off two younger brothers and a sister. She talked to her stepmother for much of the evening and left the house at about 1:50 a.m.

As she got into her car to leave, the two women heard a distant wailing noise that somewhat resembled a police siren but not totally familiar. She recalls having a "feeling" that something was about to happen. "I had a feeling I was going to come across a body along the road," she said.

Her experience is now on record and Ayers is investigating. No physical evidence could be found in a brief look at the sight area on Sunday. What intrigues the UFO investigator who works with the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University is the pattern and similarity of reports that continue to flow from the two above-mentioned areas.

Other incidents have been reported in the Scandia area recently and Ayers is curious to learn if more area residents have knowledge which could aid his investigation.

"THAT'S WHAT INTRIGUES me more than anything," Ayers said, "the area and the sightings. There is a similarity."

The pattern continued to build in this township area in July and August and again this month. Two of the sightings were reported by Mary Lou Simonson, 40, the New Scandia Township constable, and her son Randall, 18. A third significant incident was reported by the Gerald Brott family on Manning Trail near its junction with TH-97, also in New Scandia.

Mrs. Simonson was on patrol in her squad car the evening of July 25 with her son as a passenger when the two observed a huge object in the sky near William O'Brien State Park.

The disc-shaped object was estimated at 40 feet wide and about 10 feet thick with a pattern of red and white lights.

The two moved closer for a better look and the object in the sky, about 75 to 150 feet in the air, moved directly above the squad car where it remained for eight to 10 minutes. It then moved on.

"THE CURIOSITY IS what to heck is it," the constable said this week. "Right off the bat I thought, 'boy, people are seeing things.'" She had made other observances of strange lights near a gravel pit near Eko Backen recreation area and her son, a student at Lakewood Community College, has also made a separate report.

While driving to school the morning of Sept. 11 he observed an object white in color that was shaped like an arrowhead. His observance at 6:55 a.m. lasted for about 45 seconds before the huge object disappeared from sight.

And then came the Brott case Aug. 14. Kelly Brott, 14, a student at Southwest Junior High School, was tending to her dog at about 11 p.m. in the farm yard when she observed a small red light above a field to the south of the house. In a matter of moments the light moved closer and its reddish cast lit the whole farm yard.

She ran scared into the house for her father. By the time Mr. Brott came out, the light had disappeared. Several moments later a brother and a friend called Kelly and Mr. Brott to a nearby field where a red light could be seen in the horizon. The red orb joined with two others and the three red objects seemingly played "tag" in the evening sky. It was a puzzle to all and Kelly believes the distant light was what came close to her in the farm yard. They watched the objects for about 20 minutes.

"THERE IS NO doubt in my mind that Kelly saw something," Mr. Brott said. He classifies himself as a skeptic when it comes to UFOs but he admits that opinion is now more soft. The Brotts turned in the report to the sheriff's department who in turn notified Ayers.

Because of the happenings and the many strange incidents, Mrs. Simonson came forward in mid-August after being silent for about a month. "I didn't want the publicity and all

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the phone calls," she said, recalling the Scandia Mini-Flap in March of 1978 when many area residents saw UFOs and made reports. Her phone was ringing constantly, she said. But now she's involved and working with Ayers.

Ayers is no stranger to the area. He's investigated many UFO reports in the area. In the summer of 1979 he was in western Wisconsin for a number of cases near Dresser and the trail often leads back to the Scandia and Stacy areas. And that is a puzzle to him.

"YOU CAN LOOK at the pins in the map," Ayers said this week. The pins all point to a 25 mile radius surrounding Scandia and a separate area near Stacy and the Carlos Avery Game Management Area. A long list of separate incidents can be counted in the two areas.

"I'm absolutely puzzled," Ayers said. "There seems to be a limited geographic area involved here." The sightings are often similar in nature and what people are seeing is basically the same -- oval, disc shaped lighted objects which make the classic UFO maneuvers in the sky," he said.

"People are seeing essentially the same thing," he said, adding that the witnesses have been reliable, stable in-

dividuals with no known or established connections with other eyewitnesses. The possibility of balloons or aircraft is ruled out by witnesses.

Why the reports continue to develop in this immediate area is some thing which Ayers would like to learn. He's asking for help from the general public. Anyone with information about a possible UFO sighting is asked to call Ayer's Lakeland number, 436-5309. Information may also be relayed through the news department at this newspaper by calling 464-4602.

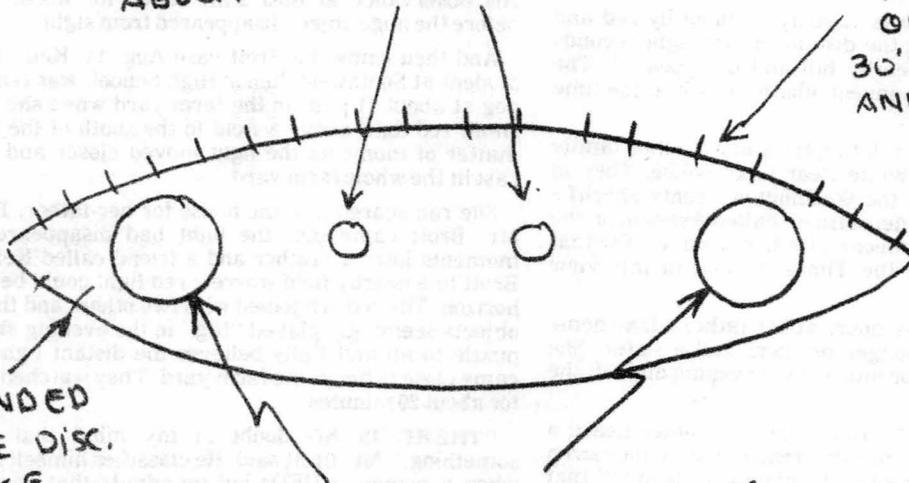
Ayers is hopeful that other people will come forward if they have information to report. Confidentiality can be maintained. "The new evidence will hopefully amplify what is available now," he said.

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UFO 'fever' hits following alleged Apple Valley sighting

By DOUG JOHNSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

HESPERIA — An alleged UFO sighting reported in Wednesday's *Daily Press* has been followed by other reports of similar sightings.

Darla Henderson of Hesperia says she observed a UFO through her kitchen window Thursday at approximately 4:48 a.m. She said she woke up her husband, and they both watched it through binoculars for about 20 minutes.

Like Brian DuPont, who reported seeing the UFO Sunday at about 3:30 a.m., she said the light was bordered at its base by a series of bright red lights. As in the earlier case, she said the object was moving toward the Apple Valley dump.

"It didn't be a star. It moved just a little bit and at one time disappeared and then came back," she said.

Henderson was up to give her baby daughter Laura a bottle when she saw the glow outside. She grabbed her camera and took a series of pictures, but the film hasn't been developed yet.

"I had read about the flying object over there in the paper," she said. "And it was exactly like the other guy described it. We've always believed in UFO's, and there has to be other beings out there. It was really fantastic watching that thing."

Henderson said she called the sheriff's office, and said a dispatcher confirmed that it was a "flying object." Contacted by the *Daily Press*, the dispatcher said only a low-flying airplane had been sighted.

Margaret Thorngate of Hesperia says she

saw something similar to the unidentified flying object described by Brian DuPont at about 11 p.m. Tuesday. She said this UFO was likewise very bright, hovered a while, then darted away. She said it didn't look at all like an airplane.

"I pulled open the blinds and it was hanging over the town, shining right toward me," she said.

But by the time her husband came outside to look at it, she said, it was gone.

Thorngate recalled a similar rash of UFO sightings was reported when she lived in Wrightwood. "I saw it too," she said. "It would sort of hang over the hills and then disappear."

"This startled me Sunday night because it was the same thing and I hadn't seen anything like it since then."

"I wear glasses and I look into the sky and everything looks the same. But when I took my glasses off, this one light seemed to stand out. It was different, that's all."

Donna Richling, who lives on Quinault Road in Apple Valley, reports seeing a similar object in the early morning hours not quite a year ago.

Richling said she and her husband observed a UFO for several nights in a row. She described it as a saucer-shaped object with a silver dome on top, red flashing lights around the base and three white spotlights flashing into space and down onto the valley.

"I was up and happened to see something really strange. I didn't pay it any mind, and then I looked back at it and I didn't believe what I saw. I woke up my husband, and he doesn't believe in UFO's, and now, having

observed the thing, he does have doubts now, but still...

"The first two nights, we just thought, this is strange. We called the sheriff's office and the lady dispatcher thought I was on booze or something and said, 'Put the bottle down and go to bed,' and the (air force) base said they had no reportings of it."

The Richlings said they then pulled out the binoculars and, like DuPont, watched the saucer hovering over the foothills above the Apple Valley dump, she said.

"We watched it and watched it, and it would change its formation in the sky and the lights would go outward into the sky and then it would come back. It wasn't a helicopter, and it wasn't any form of weather balloon."

"My husband is a fireman and he's familiar with these different things."

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.

Fireball mystery

POLICE officers searched farm-land in the Charlton Marshall and Spetchbury areas following a report that a Tarrant Keyneston woman saw what she believed to be a light aircraft crash in flames. But they found nothing.

Mrs. Beryl Crousey, whose husband Kenneth (5), owns the Tarrant Keyneston Filling Station, saw a ball of fire descending to the ground several miles away when she glanced out of her window.

Her husband and their son Tony (23), fetched a pair of binoculars and watched something burning on the ground for about 10 minutes.

But police officers have found no trace of anything to explain the mystery.

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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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Norfolk Couple Sees UFO; Officials Yawn

By ETTA WALSH
Daily News Staff

NORFOLK — If you happen to see strange-looking lights or objects floating in the sky over your backyard, don't call Air Force officials to report it - they're out of the UFO business.

The Daily News learned the Air Force no longer accepts UFO reports as the newspaper's unsuccessfully attempted to investigate a UFO sighting in Norfolk.

A Norfolk resident, who asked to remain unidentified ("I have my own business and people might think I was a little weird," he confessed) called the newspaper yesterday to ask if Norfolk police had reported any UFO sightings in the town.

The man said he and his wife saw the UFO while looking out the window of their home located near the Franklin townline, about 6 a.m. yesterday.

"We know it wasn't a plane," he said. "It was stationary. It didn't act like a plane. A plane takes off straight and this thing went straight up when it took off."

He said at first he thought he was gazing at the North Star, but realized it was something out of the ordinary because there were two "North Stars," not just one.

He described the objects as similar in size and color, with one located slightly higher and to the right of the other.

He said both objects were circular, but that the second soon became cigar-shaped and its light dimmed.

During the five to 10 minutes he and his wife observed the objects, the second one turned upwards, became circular again, then dimmed rapidly, he

said.

The object then returned to its original position, brightened again, and then both objects disappeared by going straight up into the sky, he reported.

Futile Attempts

Attempts by the Daily News to investigate the matter proved futile.

A call to Norfolk police revealed that no reports of UFO sightings had been listed in the department's log.

Calls to the U.S. Weather Service and the Blue Hills Observatory in Milton went unanswered.

A spokesman for the Center for Short-Lived Phenomena, Inc., in Cambridge said the center no longer accepts UFO reports and referred the matter to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge.

Four more phone calls later, the newspaper reached Dr. Brian Marsden, who is affiliated with the observatory, only to hear him say, "We don't handle them here."

After hearing a description of the Norfolk sighting though, Dr. Marsden said, "It doesn't sound astronomical in nature," adding that the objects observed in the local town might have been a plane or weather balloons launched by the National Weather Service.

A call to Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford likewise proved unproductive.

Lt. Gary Jacobs said the Air Force stopped logging UFO reports in the late 1960s. Public Affairs Officer Richard C. McCluskey said the Air Force, though a study of previous UFO reports, concluded there was no evidence of extra-terrestrial vehicles and therefore no threat to national security, so UFO investigations were dropped.

A call to the Federal Information Center in Boston directed the Daily News to the Smithsonian Museum of Natural Science in Washington, D.C. The museum's Scientific Event Network referred the newspaper to a UFO-sighting volunteer group, but when the newspaper called the phone number supplied by a museum spokesman, it was learned the group had apparently disbanded.

A second phone call to the museum was more successful and the Daily News was supplied with a telephone number for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

MILFORD MASS.
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Success At Last

The Center For UFO Studies is run by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, an astronomer and former director of the Lind Hiemer Observatory in Evanston. He is also a professor emeritus of Northwestern University in Evanston.

According to Don Woodard, a volunteer at the center, between four and 15 calls reporting UFO sightings are received at the center every week.

Descriptions of the sightings are noted and turned over to Allan Hendry, chief investigator for the center, which was founded in 1973.

Descriptions of UFO sightings can be mailed to the center at 1609 Sherman Avenue, Suite 207, Evanston, Ill., 60201.

So, after 14 phone calls and several hours of effort, the Daily News finally found the agency to contact to report unidentified flying objects.

Apparently, UFO sightings are no longer fashionable. The interest must have gone out of seeing little men from Mars, since hardly anyone seems interested in hearing about them anymore.

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PRESS DEMOCRAT

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UFO sighting

What one witness described as a "merry-go-round in the sky" was spotted by several people in Ann Arbor, Mich., including eight police officers, before it took off toward the east-northeast and disappeared.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Deputy George McAllister said the object, which made no noise, was spotted Sunday night by five of the department's deputies.

Three others on road patrol in Wayne County reported seeing the UFO, which off Plymouth Township and then disappeared as it headed toward Detroit.

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UFO

It whirled, but made no noise

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—One witness described it as a "merry-go-round in the sky." Others, including eight law enforcement officers, saw it too. Then the unidentified flying object headed toward the northeast and disappeared into the night.

George McAllister, Washtenaw County sheriff's deputy, said the object, which made no noise, was spotted Sunday night by five of the department's deputies.

Three deputies on road patrol in Wayne County also reported seeing the UFO, which officials said appeared about 9:15 p.m. over the northwest corner of Plymouth Township and then disappeared as it headed toward Detroit.

Officials at the Air National Guard base in Mount Clemens did not detect the object on radar.

The control tower at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport tried to "lock on" the object, but failed, said Wayne County Deputy Robert Barackman. He said authorities received about 50 telephone calls.

"Apparently a lot of people have seen it," Barackman said. "Even three of our guys. They all described it as a large white object, and some said it was revolving. One said it looked like a merry-go-round in the sky."

Barackman said three officers in two Wayne County cruisers indicated that the object hovered for a short time. One of the officers, Deputy Charles Wiggins, a seven-year veteran, saw the object speed off.

"He [Wiggins] said, 'You're not going to believe this, but it took off at a high rate of speed into the clouds and disappeared,'" Barackman recalled.

McAllister agreed with the descriptions of a bright, white object that made no noise. He said five Washtenaw deputies spotted the UFO, but they reported no citizen complaints.

"That's the strange thing," McAllister said. "[When] something likes pops up, we're usually bombarded with calls."

REDDING CALIF.
RECORD SEARCHLIGHT
OCT 23 1980

Weed UFO sighting reported

WEED — Was that a star or a UFO gleaming over the southern shoulder of 14,161-foot Mt. Shasta at 5 a.m. today?

Loren Gelwick, who works at a service station in Weed, called police to report a bright light that he said was "cruising around" on the mountain.

A truck driver at the service station shared Gelwick's opinion that there was something strange about the light.

But a Weed police officer on patrol studied the object for a time and reported that it looked like a star to him.

Officers in Yreka, Mount Shasta and Dunsmuir, alerted by radio, couldn't even see the light.

"I have no idea what it was," Gelwick said later. The light hadn't been in view while he was at work at the Woodside 76 service station Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, he said.

EASTON MD.
STAR DEMOCRAT
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UFO reported hovering over Bantry

EASTON — An "unidentified flying object" was reported hovering over a house at Bantry near here last evening.

Mrs. Betty Blann, a home nurse health assistant, called The Star-Democrat at about 7 p.m. Monday to say that the silver-gray, circular object hovered "right over the whole top of our house" for more than an hour.

She said her three young sons first saw it at about 5:30 and called her outside to witness the sight. She watched it off and on until it headed off in the

direction of Baltimore just before 7 p.m.

Mrs. Blann said the object, which had orange lights on its sides and a red light on top made no sound, moved slowly and sometimes appeared to come almost to a complete stop. It moved up and down, she said, but not from side to side.

Maryland State Police at Easton said they had no reports of UFOs last night. Mrs. Blann said she checked with the Easton Airport, but was told there were no lights at that time.

IRON MOUNTAIN MICH. NEWS
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UFO sightings

GOODMAN — A hitchhiker and Goodman woman have reported spotting an unidentified flying object (UFO) Wednesday night in the Goodman-Armstrong Creek area.

Gary Honeybus told The Daily News he is traveling from Alaska to New England where he has been offered a job as a commercial fisherman. He said he was preparing to camp out west of Armstrong Creek at about 9:30 Wednesday night when a bright orange object passed just about the pine trees. He said the object, which was the size of a softball, made a noise.

Honeybus said he was frightened and decided to leave the area when he was picked up by a passing motorist, George Eder, who resides at Hilbert Lake near Goodman.

When the pair arrived at Eder's home, they learned Mrs. Eder also viewed the object above the trees as she was walking the family dogs. Irene Eder said she thought the object was an airplane or helicopter when she first spotted it.

"She was really shook up when we got home," her husband said.

Eder said he reported the UFO sightings to federal authorities.

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8 sheriff deputies tell of seeing UFO

By PETER R. LOCHBILER
News Staff Writer

Reports of unidentified flying objects rarely arouse law enforcement officers in the Detroit area — they've heard that story before from excited citizens and nothing unusual ever showed up.

But shortly after 9 o'clock last night, it was some law enforcement officers themselves — eight sheriff's deputies — who saw something bright and startling in the sky, in the area of western Wayne County and eastern Washtenaw County.

"We've never had anything like this," said Deputy Robert Barackman, veteran dispatcher for the Wayne County Road Patrol.

"We've never had a sighting this good — eight officers telling the same story."

THE STORY WAS of a large, white stationary object in the sky on a cloudy night, with no noise and no advertisements on the object such as might be found on a promotional balloon or helicopter, reported Barackman.

Early this morning, Howard Wright called The News and claimed that it was an advertising sign on the bottom of his airplane that people saw.

Wright — who owns the Aero Ad firm at Detroit City Airport — said the sign is 45 feet long, from wingtip to wingtip on the bottom of his aircraft.

Wright said he was flying in the area where UFOs were reported.

"You're not going to believe this, but it just took off at a high rate of

speed into the clouds and disappeared," Deputy Charles Wiggins, an eight-year veteran, told Barackman.

"We got nine citizen calls on this," Barackman said. "After the seventh call, I sent a car to the area of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon in Plymouth Township, where the calls were coming from."

The deputy got there and radioed back, "I don't see anything."

Barackman was about to assume that nothing unusual was going on when Wiggins radioed in from a car at Northville Road and Six Mile.

"I can see a large, white stationary object in the sky in the northwest," Wiggins reported.

The first deputy then radioed Barackman back. "I see something up there," he said. His partner in the car saw it, too.

Then Wiggins radioed in his story of how the object took off and disappeared.

MEANWHILE, the Washtenaw County sheriff's office was busy with the same type of reports.

"Five of our deputies radioed in," said George McAllister, the deputy on duty at the desk. "It was a real bright object and there was no noise like an airplane. It seemed to be west of Ypsilanti, moving from the east to northeast."

Barackman said that at his request the operations tower at Detroit Metropolitan Airport tried to get a radar fix on the object. But it couldn't, "perhaps because of the terrain."

Contributing to this story was Staff Writer Chris Singer.

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Sighting of UFO is reported

By JIM POWELL
Of the Gazette Staff

"It looked like a clear rainbow and left two large trails behind it," Mrs. Deborah Parks, Texarkana, Ark., said Thursday morning shortly after she reported seeing a UFO near the Texarkana Airport.

Mrs. Parks said she was driving on U.S. Highway 67 near the Pantry, a convenience food store, when she first saw the UFO. "It was going straight up and kept getting bigger and bigger and was leaving large white lines behind it like the lines behind an airplane, only larger.

"I watched it as I turned off the highway and onto the old U.S. Highway 67 and kept watching it until I had driven several miles down the old highway. I've never seen anything like it."

Mrs. Davis said she first saw the UFO about 8:30 a.m.

"It looked like the clouds were going around it and then it finally went into the clouds. It was real clear but you could not see the clouds through it. My sister-in-law saw something like it about four months ago in the same area," she said.

Federal Aviation Agency officials at the Texarkana Airport said they did not monitor anything on their radar and didn't see anything from the control tower.

Mrs. Davis said two women, employees of General Telephone Company also saw the UFO. The women could not be reached for comment.

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Second UFO Sighted In Fairfield Skies

Fairfield — For the second time during a nine-day period last month an Unidentified Flying Object (U.F.O.) was reported in township skies.

And, like the first sighting, this report is not easily explained away.

In last week's Chronicle we reported that a group of

Fairfield teenagers had spotted a group of U.F.O.s in the West Drive area at about 10 p.m. on Friday, September 12. One of the objects was said to have descended to low altitudes, perhaps 100-200 feet above ground. All were reported "dull orange" in color.

Our story had an immediate effect on at least two township residents, Laura and Robert Barton of Fairfield Road. "I was quite surprised to read that article," Robert later told us.

The reason: the Bartons had also seen something inexplicable in the sky, eight days after the West Drive sighting... and four days before our story on the U.F.O.s saw print.

On Saturday, September 20th at about 12 midnight the Bartons were returning to Fairfield from a babysitting chore. Robert was driving. They were approaching the Passaic Avenue exit on Route 46 West when he saw a dark object moving at low altitudes above Route 46, clearly visible despite a complete absence of running lights. Moving slightly faster than their car, the object was cylindrical in shape and about the size of an orange held at arm's length.

Then, the object lit up.

"It was just like someone opening and closing a door," Robert said of the light, which lasted only a few seconds, blurring the outlines of the object. Then the light went out and the dark cylinder shape was visible again.

Robert alerted Laura to the object, which was pulling away from their car, still paralleling Route 46. The object lit up again, this time a greater distance away. Laura got the impression of "an oval or disc shape" illuminated by "a yellowish light." Robert, who had trouble keeping the object in sight while negotiating traffic, described the light as orange in color, a similarity with the West Drive sighting a week earlier.

Robert and Laura agree that the lights were "non-descript", not individual lights or a beam, but a general illumination. "It was fascinating to watch," Robert said. "And very strange."

The couple lost sight of the object somewhere past the Hollywood Avenue exit. The entire sighting took place within a period of ten minutes. "I didn't call the police," Robert added "because what can they do?"

Although the Bartons told The Chronicle that the object was a completely unfamiliar craft, the possibility remained that a blimp might have been responsible for the sighting even though a blimp flying over Fairfield at midnight with no running

lights while flashing intermittent bursts of orange light is an unlikely proposition.

The tower at the Essex County Airport was closed at the time of the sighting; staff there had no reports of U.F.O.s or blimps. A check with Teterboro Airport revealed that the Goodyear blimp had indeed been moored there recently but had left the airport on September 3rd, seventeen days before the sighting. Destination? Atlanta, Georgia.

At this time there is no explanation available for the sightings. Laura Barton doesn't have an explanation for the object she saw on September 20th either.

"I've always been very skeptical about U.F.O.s," she said. "But what we saw was unlike anything we know of."

Anyone with information about aerial phenomena, especially on the evenings of September 12 and 20, is asked to call Garry Herzog at The Chronicle, 227-1428. Names will be withheld upon request.

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UFO reported over 2 Mich. counties

Police and residents in Ann Arbor, Mich. reported an unidentified flying object that looked like a "merry-go-round" skirting around the sky before darting into a cloud bank, last night. At least eight police officers on road patrol in two counties reported seeing the UFO, which officials said appeared about 9.15 P.M. in the northwest corner of Plymouth Township and then disappeared as it headed east toward Detroit. There was no immediate confirmation from area airports as to whether the object was sighted on radar screens.

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CLEVELAND OHIO
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Michigan UFO 'like a merry-go-round'

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (UPI) — What one witness described as a "merry-go-round in the sky" was spotted by several people, including eight police officers, before it took off toward the east-northeast and disappeared.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's Deputy George McAllister said the object, which made no noise,

was spotted last night by five of the department's deputies.

Three others on road patrol in Wayne County reported seeing the UFO, which officials said appeared in the northwest corner of Plymouth Township and then disappeared as it headed toward Detroit.

Officials at the Air National Guard base in Mount Clemens did not observe the object on radar.

The control tower at Detroit's Metropolitan Airport tried to "lock on" the object but failed, said Wayne County Deputy Robert Barackman. He said authorities received 50 telephone calls.

"Apparently a lot of people have seen it," said Barackman. "Even three of our guys. They all described it as a large white object, and some said it was revolving. One said it looked like a merry-go-round in the sky."

Barackman said three officers in two Wayne County cruisers indicated the object hovered for a short time. One of the officers, Deputy Charles Wiggins, a veteran of at least seven years on the force, then saw the object speed off.

"He said, 'You're not going to believe this, but it took off at a high rate of speed into the clouds and disappeared,'" Barackman recounted. "And he's an experienced officer."

McAllister agreed with the descriptions of a bright, white object that made no noise. He said five Washtenaw deputies spotted the UFO — but reported no citizen complaints.

"That's the strange thing," McAllister said. "Something like this pops up, we're usually bombarded with calls."

EXAMINER

UFO RAY ATTACKS HOUSES

A MYSTERIOUS flying saucer emitting laser beams has been reported sighted in Malaysia.

Three people reported to local police in Port Klang, Malaysia, that a recent fire which destroyed two houses was actually started by the flying saucer.

The witnesses described the UFO as a bluish-red object that was spinning.

The incident occurred three days after a fire and explosion ravaged through Port Klang. The witnesses claim the UFO hovered above the house closest to some oil tanks and then opened fire with a laser beam, destroying the two houses.

Car's cop radar detector warns couple of UFO

The radar detector that buzzed on the dashboard of a young couple's automobile hadn't located a cop's speed trap — it warned them of an incredible spaceship.

Billy Gould and Laurie Barr were driving near Hillsboro, N.H., when the buzzer sounded, indicating they were being tracked by radar.

Suddenly, Billy spotted a 40-foot-long, 14-foot-wide object gliding at tree-top level. He stopped their car and the strange object hovered directly over them for about a minute.

Billy says he rolled the car's window down and stuck his head out to get a better view of the yellowish blue device.

"It made a humming noise. We were close enough to it so I know it couldn't have been a helicopter," he says.

The couple says the device then started drifting away and suddenly accelerated so quickly it was gone in a split second.

"It was like you could see a huge light and then it gets smaller and smaller and it's gone," Billy said.

Probing sociology of UFOs

By KAREN M. MAGNUSON

DAVENPORT, Iowa (UPI) — When Michael K. Schutz was a child, he listened with wide-eyed wonder as his father told him a story about flying saucers from outer space.

His father, Murray, did not pay much attention when a man named Kenneth Arnold reported he saw a group of UFOs soaring over some mountains in the state of Washington on June 24, 1947.

But on a fall day just a few months later, the elder Schutz was aboard a commercial airplane somewhere over the Washington-Oregon area when the pilot suddenly blurted over the intercom: "I'm sure all of you heard about the flying saucer things Kenneth Arnold reported. We seem to have them out there again today."

Schutz said he glanced out the window and there — in broad daylight — he says saw a half dozen disc-shaped "spacecraft" flying just above the mountain peaks. He and about 100 other people on the plane said they watched the objects for several minutes before they disappeared.

The event made the elder Schutz a believer. And it altered the life of his son, now a 35-year-old assistant professor of sociology at St. Ambrose College in Davenport.

"It is a probability the UFOs were the same ones Kenneth Arnold saw," said Schutz, now an authority on the sociological aspects of the subject.

"My father's story never varied. He said he could envision it as plain after 25 years as the day

he saw it. That's very common among UFO sightings. They make quite an impression on people."

His father's story haunted him as he read science fiction books as a teen-ager and closely followed UFO cases through college.

In his first year of graduate work at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., he wrote a paper about a national UFO group and began attending its meetings. Schutz later wrote a comparative analysis of four UFO organizations for his doctoral dissertation.

Although Schutz believes there is solid evidence to prove aliens have visited Earth, he angrily calls some UFO sightings and theories "a crock."

"The waters are extremely muddy," he explained, shaking his head. "Some are simple, honest errors, but there are quite a few people who are out to make a lot of money from questionable UFO sightings. The sad part is people take it as truth."

Schutz, who recently authored two entries for a new text entitled "The Encyclopedia of UFOs," said about 80 to 90 percent of sightings are explainable. It is the remaining cases — several hundred — that keep people like Schutz interested.

"If you cut out the garbage and get to what's real, there is something to be left," he said firmly. "We are talking about things people have had a heck of a good look at — not just a light in the sky. When you talk about broad daylight sightings and close approach sightings, you end up with something you have to show respect for."

Schutz said he believes the most credible sighting — the Trindade Case — happened Jan. 16, 1956, on an island off the coast of Brazil.

Brazilian Navy scientists, officers and photographers were on a marine research expedition when they saw a UFO approaching their ship. No one has successfully refuted the sighting because of the caliber of the witnesses and four photographs of the object, he said.

Such widely publicized reports have sparked not only scientific investigations, Schutz said, but also UFO religious cults which believe they can communicate with beings from the heavens and "platform societies" which provide a forum for outside speakers on the subject.

But why do extraterrestrial beings trek across space to visit Earth? Schutz said they are only curious — they want to see how Earth people live.

"If we knew there was life on Jupiter, we would try to get there. It's the same kind of thing with them," Schutz said. "People on other planets come here to research us."

"Also, many UFO antics seem calculated, at least in part, to simply let us know they are here — to get you used to the idea, perhaps. Undoubtedly, they are basically friendly, as they could have attacked us long ago if they had wanted to."

"But as to who they are, where they come from and what they really have in mind, we will know these things when they choose to tell us and not before."

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Sight Flying Object Near Armstrong Creek

By Les Starch

Armstrong Creek—Three persons reported seeing an unidentified flying object in the skies in northwestern Marinette county Wednesday night, Sept. 10.

Mrs. Irene Eder, who lives year around on the South Hilbert Loop road, a mile east of Highway 101, said: "I saw this round ball of light shining on the blacktop as I was going for a walk. The light came down through the trees and then went up and away." Mrs. Eder made the sighting about 9:30 p.m. The Eders live five miles north of Armstrong Creek.

At the same time Mrs. Eder's husband, George, reported he saw the unidentifiable flying object while he was driving east on highway 8 between Cavour

and Armstrong Creek, about 10 miles west of his home. "I saw this bright light, like lightning," said Eder. "I know it wasn't an airplane or helicopter as I worked for Swissair."

Another person, Gary Honeybuss, traveling from Nome, Alaska, saw the object as he was also on highway 8 between Cavour and Armstrong Creek. Honeybuss, 33, stated "I was scared so I shimmied up a tree. The thing was about two feet around, like an oversize softball, with flame colored light flashing back and forth at tree top level. I've seen a lot of things but I never saw anything like that."

Eder reported the sighting of the object in the sky to authorities at Sawyer Air Force Base near Marquette, Mich., and to county officials.

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Fairfield UFOs Seen In August, September

Fairfield — It's in our nature as human beings, when we gaze up into a clear night sky at a tapestry of countless stars, to wonder: "What's out there?"

For some Fairfield residents, however, the months of August and September 1980 have brought experiences which lead to an even more intriguing question: "Who's out there?" Because in recent weeks **The Chronicle** has been informed of at least

three Unidentified Flying Object (U.F.O.) sightings by 14 witnesses — not counting others who were reluctant to be quoted in this report.

The sightings may be attracting attention outside Fairfield as well. Last week **The Chronicle** was contacted by a representative of Vestigia, Inc., an independent research group based in Dover, N.J., expressing interest in investigating the sightings. Two years ago, we reported that Vestigia was conducting tests at the nearby Wanaque Reservoir in an attempt to find natural explanations for a series of spectacular U.F.O. sightings there. That attempt, like earlier government efforts, was not successful.

Two weeks ago we reported that seven Fairfield teenagers had spotted a group of U.F.O.s in the West Drive area on Friday, September 12 between 9:30-10 p.m. One of the objects was said to have descended to an altitude of 100-200 feet, spinning on its axis. All were reported "dull orange" in color.

Last week we reported a second sighting by residents Laura and Robert Barton in the vicinity of Route 46 on Saturday, September 20 at about 12 midnight. The Bartons saw a dark, cylindrical object illuminated at regular intervals by a "yellowish" or "dull orange" light, flying at low altitude. "What we saw was unlike anything we know of," Laura Barton said.

Now **The Chronicle** has received additional reports of U.F.O.s on the evenings of September 12 and 20 — at precisely the same hours as our first published accounts.

16-year-old Evette Abate and John Levy were riding a moped on Club Road on September 12 at about 9:30 p.m. when they were mesmerized by a strange object hovering high in the sky between Sand Road and Route 80. They stopped to watch the object for perhaps 5 minutes, joined for a time by another neighborhood resident.

John Levy described the object as "soundless" and "about the size of a lemon" held at arm's length. Remarkably, the object was rotating: a fact discernable by the motion of several rows of white lights in the lower portion of the object and one red light at the top, all of which were spinning as

the object hovered. The lights did not blink but remained on for the duration of the sighting.

Evette Abate also saw the rotating lights and had an impression of the object itself: "sort of a cylinder" in shape and colored "a dark, metallic grey."

John and Evette left the third witness and headed for a second vantage point on Lebeda Drive, where they watched the object for an additional time of perhaps five minutes. Toward the end of the sighting the U.F.O. receded into the distance, still rotating slowly. Then the couple turned their heads for a moment to look at a passing car. When they returned their attention to the skies, the object was gone.

They did not notify the police because, Evette said, "we didn't think they'd believe us."

Eight days later at midnight on Saturday, September 20 — just about the time of the Bartons' sighting near Route 46 — Orlando Drive resident Lillian Kramer was in bed, drifting off into sleep when she became aware of a strange object hanging motionless in the clear night skies beyond her window.

The object, described as shaped like a half-moon turned on its side (or an inverted bowl) hovered at a low altitude, perhaps 200 feet. Lillian compared its relative size to an orange held at arm's length. As in the West Drive sighting on September 12 and the Bartons' sighting that very night, the object was illuminated by "a fairly

bright orange" glow.

Lillian watched the object for perhaps 10 minutes before putting aside her fascination and turning again toward sleep. The rest of her family was "downstairs watching T.V. at the time", and she did not disturb them.

At **The Chronicle** we must sometimes ask embarrassing questions. We asked Lillian if this soundless, motionless, orange-colored object — appearing flat at the top and rounded toward the bottom — might nevertheless be the moon viewed under unusual circumstances. She replied without hesitation that the moon was indeed visible at that time — in the opposite horizon.

In addition to the September 12 and 20 sightings, we have also received reports from two sources concerning strange objects in the sky in late August — both seen at about the same hour in the evening. Because the witnesses could not recall the actual dates of the sightings, it is not impossible that both took place on the same night.

14-year-old Mary Ellen Levy is the younger sister of John Levy, previously mentioned as one of the witnesses to a September 12 sighting. On a late August night at about 10:30 p.m. she was outside near her home on Coleridge Terrace with a friend, Barbara Longo, also 14, when they observed a strange object performing unusual maneuvers in the sky. There were at least six other witnesses to this sighting; their names are being withheld at this time. The object was unusual enough to cause one motorist to stop his car and join a group of witnesses standing

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**'This thing shined a beam
on him, and he found
his wound had vanished'**

on a street corner.

Mary Ellen described the object as shaped somewhat like an inverted bowl, flat at the bottom, rounded at the sides and tapering off to a level top. The object was rotating, observable by rows of spinning orange and white lights. Its relative size at a low altitude was "a little smaller than an orange" held at arm's length.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the sighting was the motion of the U.F.O., zig-zagging to the left, then to the right, lowering vertically towards the earth, then straight up skyward again. These maneuvers were described as being totally dissimilar to the maneuvering and gradual banking of an airplane. Again, throughout a relatively long sighting of perhaps 15-20 minutes before the U.F.O. receded from sight at high speed, witnesses heard no sound, despite an impression that the object was hovering at low altitude and not a great distance away.

A tantalizing postscript to this report is the story of 13-year-old Mark Cedielnik, a neighbor of Lillian Kramer on Orlando Drive, who also saw a strange object in the skies sometime in late August.

Mark was dressing for sleep "at about 9:30 or so" one evening when he had a fleeting glimpse of "an orange thing in the sky" — strangely enough, at a perspective from which the object was visible beyond the rooftop of Lillian Kramer's home.

Mark had an impression of a shape "like a squashed bell" — flat at the bottom, rounded at the sides, tapering upward to a level top. Its relative size would be that of an object one inch wide and a half-inch tall held at arm's length.

The object was

illuminated by a "pumpkin-colored orange light", with a shadow extending across its lower edge. Mark watched the object for "only a few seconds" when the glow simply went out, "like someone turning off a light." The night was clear with few clouds, but Mark did not catch sight of the object again.

Mark informed his parents of his experience that night; weeks later, when he learned that Lillian Kramer had seen an unusual, orange-colored object in the sky, shaped like an inverted bowl, he relayed his sighting to her as well.

All of these sightings took place before the first report was published in this newspaper on September 24. At this time there is no satisfactory explanation for what these residents saw.

The sightings are notable for their similarity in dates, times, and certain recurring observations by the witnesses: same relative size, same relative altitude, cylindrical or inverted bowl shapes, flashes of light or rotating lights, an absence of sound, a "dull orange" glow.

The number of sightings and witnesses so far would not have come to light if one group of witnesses had not contacted the police after the West Drive sighting, which led *The Chronicle* to follow up the story. Our published report encouraged other residents who had also seen inexplicable objects in the sky to contact this newspaper.

Anyone who has information about aerial phenomena, especially during the aforementioned time period, or who has an informed opinion about a possible cause of the sightings, is asked to call Garry Herzog at *The Chronicle*, 227-1428. Names will be withheld upon request.

Today, I have radically altered my view. And I now believe that the worldwide persistence of UFO reports is incontrovertible proof that something extraordinary is happening on our planet.

I am not a simple-minded believer in little green men from outer space, but there is no escape from the fact that the flow of UFO reports comes from highly credible witnesses and not — as many believe — from kooks.

UFO behavior is probably no more absurd than many of the phenomena that baffled scientists of the past, but which are now commonly understood.

I believe the UFO phenomenon, when properly understood, will spur the most revolutionary change in scientific thinking since Copernicus, the founder of modern astronomy, told us 500 years ago that the Earth orbited the sun.

The trouble is we are not listening. That bad habit had its origin in 1952, when so many sightings were reported to the military during July of that year, that its communications systems were literally clogged for days.

This seriously worried the CIA and the military chiefs of staff, who were fearful that enemy agents could spawn a wave of false UFO sightings and use them to obscure an air invasion similar to Pearl Harbor.

This was at the height of the Cold War, when rumors of "the Communist enemy within" created by the McCarthy investigations made that kind of thinking plausible to military men.

And so, the CIA convened a panel of prestigious scientists to debunk the wave of UFO sightings as trivial, in the hope that it would cool the number of reports.

UFO CLAIM IS INVESTIGATED

A LOCAL UFO investigator is looking into the reported sighting of a large lighted object in the sky over Lowdham yesterday.

Mr. Roy Chambers of Kilvington Road, Arnold, was on his way home after his night-shift as a super-market packer when he saw lights in the sky, which appeared to be over Lowdham.

He stopped his car and got out to make sure it was not a reflection. He described the object as "almost square-shaped, as big or bigger than an house, with diagonal lights." It was visible for half-an-hour.

Mr. Sid Henley of Nottingham UFO investigation society said today that the shape fits recent sightings in Derbyshire. But he would like to hear from a young man in a leather jacket seen by Mr. Chambers on Coppice Road, apparently looking at the object yesterday. Mr. Henley can be contacted on Nottingham 874615 or Mr. Les Hall. Tel 250316, would also be interested.

Meanwhile the investigators are seeking the help of the meteorological office and local airports.

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FIRST UFO IN CHINA

By GRAHAM EARNSHAW
3122 in Peking

Thirty workers fishing before dawn in Tientsin harbour, saw China's first flying saucer. It was described as four feet in diameter, its front end pointed, bright red in the centre, with a blue-green ring outside which was surrounded by white light.

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BOYS SEE 'FLYING SAUCER'

TWO 11-year-old Blackburn schoolboys saw a green UFO zooming over the town only minutes after it had been spotted by a security guard in Church.

Pupils at Notre Dame High School, Blackburn. Kevin Johnson and Neil Grimshaw saw the glowing green flying saucers while playing near Kevin's home in St Alban's Court, Whalley Old Road.

Mr Harold Briggs, 39, was on duty at Parkinson's building site, in Dill Hall Lane, Church, when he saw the UFO heading towards Blackburn.

Mr Briggs said he thought the UFO had landed in the Blackburn area.

Women spot 'saucers' in sky

It was a close encounter for these three Connah's Quay women yesterday. For all of them saw two large saucer shaped UFOs fly over Shotton Steelworks.

Mrs Elaine Jenkinson, of 29 Primrose Street, was with her mother, Mr Iris Oldfield, next door

at number 31, for a cup of tea when she saw the first UFO out of the window.

They ran outside and met Mrs Jenkinson's aunt, Mrs Freda Oldfield, from Number 33, when they all saw a second object.

It was quite big and went quicker than an aeroplane. We looked again and there was another one and it

seemed to turn over. It was blue and silver while the first one was just silver," said Mrs Jenkinson.

Police at Deeside who took a look said there were two American Air Force helicopters in the area heading towards Chester and this might have been what the women saw. Otherwise there was nothing unusual in the sky.

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Riddle of flying disc

YOUNGSTERS at a Rotherham area school rubbed their eyes in disbelief when they saw a silver and red disc ascend into the clouds.

And pupils at Aston Springwood Junior School believe they have seen a UFO after weathermen said the object could not have been one of their satellites.

The youngsters were practising for the Cycling Proficiency Test in the school yard in Autumn Lane, Aston, when they made the sighting.

The time was 4.45 in the afternoon, it was still light, and the children were quite clear about what they saw.

What is more Graham Hill, who was teaching the children at the time, has backed their story.

"Normally I'm very sceptical about this sort of thing but I have no doubt about what I saw on this occasion," said Mr Hill road safety officer with South Yorkshire County Council.

"All of a sudden the kids just dropped their bikes and ran to look at the object. I followed them and saw it myself. It was a silver-coloured disc which appeared to have red lights underneath. We watched it

cross the sky and then disappear into the clouds."

Meteorologists in Bawtry have not been able to solve the mystery, and say that the object could not have been one of the satellites they use for weather forecasting.

"We normally use a small white balloon with a radar on it. We never use anything silver coloured. We don't send out our balloons until much later than 4.45 anyway," said a spokesman.

ASHTON UNDER LYNE
REPORTER STAFFS
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Reports on UFOs wanted

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

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

The British UFO Society hold no firm views as to what UFOs are, although it is popularly believed that they are visiting spacecraft from a technological 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 20 years. - Your etc.,

KEN ROGERS,
Director,

British UFO Society
88/40 Grafton Way,
London, WC1

UFO spotters probe sightings

AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT has been sighted in the Barwell area, according to the Hinckley branch of the Midlands UFO Network.

"The glowing object, which circled silently over rooftops for over 10 minutes, was first spotted by a Hinckley man as he drove through the Barwell area, said the branch.

"He said it was about 10.30 at night and the object 'seemed to be saucer-shaped and glowed bright orange'."

According to the branch, the object was spotted by several residents shortly afterwards who saw it circle slowly over rooftops several times before shooting skywards.

"One witness, a 57-year-old council worker, claimed that he could see several dark markings on the object which, he said, looked like windows and it looked just like a flying saucer but was definitely not an aircraft," said the branch.

Two 18-year-olds who are also reported to have seen the object said it was disc-shaped and silent. "It was the same colour as some nearby street lamps and very large," they said.

The police at Hinckley said they had received no reports of any sightings on that day.

UFO seen over town

MYSTERY surrounded yet another sighting of an unidentified flying object over Macclesfield this week.

Peter Mayes, of 77 Maple Avenue, was looking out of an upstairs window of his home at 3 a.m. on Thursday when he saw a wierd light travel slowly from a westerly direction, stop over Macclesfield and then return the way it had come.

Mr. Mayes, who was looking across South Park when he saw the light, says: "Being sceptical about U.F.O.'s I was wondering whether any of your readers could either offer a rational explanation for what I saw or tell me with some knowledge what the light was.

"I can vouch that what I saw was not car headlights as they were well above the horizon as seen from an upstairs window, nor did the light display the tell-tale flash of an aeroplane."

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'SAUCER' IN SKY OVER SOUTHBOURNE

"FLYING SAUCER" sightings in the early morning Southbourne sky, have been claimed by two Bournemouth people.

Mrs. Dorothy Pragnall, a housewife, and her lodger Mr. David Harding, an electronics inspector, say they have seen the mystery object over Paisley Road, on three occasions.

Mrs. Pragnell said: "Each time we have seen it at about 6.30 in the morning. It is a very bright saucer-shaped object, with a dome on the top, which remains stationary for a few minutes before shooting upwards at

tremendous speed and disappearing. It is amazing, it goes in no time."

Mr. Harding, who looked at the object through binoculars, said: "It was shaped like a rugby ball, with lights on the top and bottom. It was a gold or orange sort of colour. I should say it was about 3,000 feet high at the most."

Mr. Leslie Harris, a member of the Bournemouth Unexplained Phenomena Research Group, said: "If this is a genuine sighting it sounds very interesting. But I would not attempt to estimate the altitude.

"There have been very few sightings reported to us in the area recently," he added.

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Seen any UFOs?

WITH reference to recent UFO sightings, the British UFO Society investigates reported incidents of unidentified flying objects. While many sightings can be explained in mundane terms, i.e. aircraft, balloons, planets, satellites etc., there remain 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 technological superior planet somewhere in space. The possibility is not as remote as may first appear when one considers the advance Man has made in space during the last twenty years. — KEN ROGERS, director, British UFO Society, 88/40 Grafton Way, London WC1.

SEP. 23-1980

UFO puzzles London sky gazers

Three policemen, a fireman and a parliamentary clerk stared and pointed into the sky from the terrace of the House of Commons for more than half an hour last night at what they said was a UFO.

They said that it whipped back and forth in and out of the clouds, spun round, shimmered and flashed.

One policeman telephoned the Ministry of Defence for information and returned disconsolate with this message: "Mind your own business."

Then another policeman hailed a passing Thames River police launch, asking if he could borrow binoculars. The crew had not got any.

Then along came Mr Nigel Spearing, labour MP for Newham South. When, at long last, he managed to focus his eyes on the mystery darting object, he pronounced: "It looks like a bird with gilded wings."

Mr Spearing, however, revised his judgment.

"I have no idea what it is", he said. "I do not discount UFO's."

But as he left three policemen, one fireman and a parliamentary clerk plainly did not agree with him.

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UFO causes stir

Two people were injured, huts and trees uprooted and the roofs from nine other buildings scattered over a wide area when an unidentified flying object flew over a village in central Senegal. The UFO, 100 feet long and 50 feet wide, blew down some 50 huts in the village of Baridiane and lifted a 50-gallons water barrel off the ground, boiling the water inside. — (AFP)

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UFO over Wisley 'taken seriously'

TWO Portsmouth men had a close encounter of a peculiar kind on the A3 at Wisley last week when they spotted a brilliantly-lit "mammoth" rectangular object gliding noiselessly across the sky.

They were so shattered that they rang the police, who, after checking, contacted Surrey Investigating Group of Aerial Phenomena.

Surrey's official UFO researchers are treating the incident seriously and travelled to Hampshire to interview the two men at the weekend.

They say the sighting is

similar to others reported in the area. In July the *News and Mail* reported "glowing orange bars seen in the sky above Knaphill."

Gary Moore (28), a custom officer, of Hilltop Crescent, Cosham, and his friend Alan Johnstone (25), an electrical fitter, of 370 Co nor Road, Portsmouth, were driving back

from a gig at Chessington when they suddenly noticed the exceptionally bright light in front of them.

Both are sceptical about UFO's, but as the magnesium-like brilliance got nearer, driver Gary pulled onto the hard shoulder and got out of the car.

"We had watched it over a couple of miles," he told the *News and Mail*, on Monday. "It was not moving, but had bright white lights in front, amber at the rear, and coloured lights along the side. It was rectangular and massive."

"It was an absolutely mammoth size," Alan agreed. "It was very graceful and we heard no noise." They rang London Airport and were told that there were no aircraft reported in the area at the time.

SIGAP investigator Omar Fowler said the description tallied with other sightings given about two years ago on the Hog's Back. He was appealing for any other witnesses to contact him at Farnborough 41014.

SUNDAY SUN NEWSCASTLE

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saw 'UFO'

I READ in last week's Sunday Sun about the bright light seen in the sky.

On Friday morning I happened to get out of bed at a quarter to four and there in the sky was a dazzling light, as one observer says, like a chandelier.

It appeared to be over South Shields for a full half hour and it was still there when I got back into bed. It never moved.

I cannot believe there is no explanation and someone must be responsible for it.—Mrs. S. Misell, Shakespeare Avenue, Hebburn, Tyne-Wear.

I WAS interested to read the report about a further sighting of UFOs by the police. They seem to be having all the luck of late.

As photographs of these mysterious objects do not appear to be as plentiful as the sightings, why don't the police carry cameras so we can all have a closer look at these alien craft—and also some proof of their existence?—ROY DICKINSON, Holmrook Road, Carlisle.

• I suspect, Roy, that officialdom would want to be extremely cautious about UFOs proof to avoid causing panic.

CAMBRIDGE NEWS SEP. 19 1980

LONDON

Another UFO is sighted

Another unidentified flying object has been spotted over mid-England — this time by a Newmarket mother of two.

Mrs Gillian Swann, aged 30, of 5 Valley Way, says she saw the silent object in the early hours last Wednesday when she got up to fetch a drink for one of her daughters.

"I was so frightened that I didn't tell my husband

Barry about it straight away," said Mrs Swann.

"The oblong-shaped object had one flashing red light and one green light.

"At first I thought it was an aeroplane, but there was no noise at all. I just couldn't believe it. I had to rub my eyes to make sure that I was awake."

She went back to the window and watched while a light "as bright as a football-pitch floodlight" beamed down from the hovering ob-

ject. The light seemed to shine down on a new housing estate some distance away, she said.

"Then a red light flashed and it went straight across the sky and vanished. There was no sound at all."

Mrs Swann said she decided to tell her story after another UFO sighting was reported in the "News" on Wednesday.

Mrs Swann added: "I am no crank—I didn't even believe in these things before."

Night shift men get an eyeful of mystery UFO

LADS on the late shift at Westoe Colliery, South Shields, were rubbing their eyes all night.

But it was not tiredness that was catching up with the workers — it was just sheer amazement.

For there, hovering above the pier for four or five hours, was what might have been a large UFO.

"There were about 20 lads who saw it," said welder, Ian Hadaway, of Centenary Avenue, South Shields.

"It was a sort of bright light with red rays coming off it and was shaped like

an arrow. It was above a ship on the horizon and we first saw it at midnight. It was very gradually moving further away.

"Some of the lads thought it was a planet and we would like to know if it could have been. We've never seen anything like it before. The North Star is nothing in comparison."

Ian has made a drawing of what he saw, and would like to hear from anyone who can help to solve the mystery.

A Tyne mouth Coastguard spokesman said: "We have no report of anything unusual happening in that area at that time."

Humming UFO

FIVE Dovercourt people, including one of the town's firemen, saw what they believe was a UFO over the town yesterday.

"It was bright silver on top, black underneath and looked like a motor car hubcap in shape," said fireman Derek Cook, of Deans Close, Dovercourt.

Mr. Cook said he was in the garden when the object appeared to be spinning in the sky just after 1 p.m.

"It had no windows and it may have been my imagination, but it seemed to make a humming noise," said Mr. Cook.

It slowly glided off north eastwards in the direction of the hospital and Mr. Cook's 18-year-old son Kevin was so convinced it had landed behind the hospital that he drove off to look for it. But there was no sign of it.

Mrs. Jean Cook and sister-in-law, Mrs. Viv Cook, saw the UFO, and so did Viv's 12-year-old son Alan and daughter, Alison, nine.

Mr. Cook informed Harwich police, and today the Ministry of Defence in London said they expected reports would come in on the sighting. It would be investigated, especially if it appeared to have defence implications.

Meteorites

The M.O.D. spokesman said there was apparently a great deal of meteorite activity coming from what was known as the Perseid Shower and this was likely to increase next year.

Mr. William Martindale of Needham Market, who has documented a number of UFO sightings in the past few years, said Mr. Cook's experience was typical of many along the East Anglian coast.

"One came so close to a Leiston man on the beach that he could smell it," Mr. Martindale said.

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ANDREW'S CLOSE ENCOUNTER

Cabinetmaker Andrew Morris got the surprise of his life when he was driving home from a night out along the M62 motorway.

For out of the night sky came a pair of lights travelling at great speed towards him about 200ft. from the ground. Said Andrew, 21, Blenheim Close, Ferrybridge, near Castleford: "It certainly wasn't an aeroplane — it was travelling much too fast and there was no noise."

"At first I thought it was a reflection in my windscreen, but when I moved my head about to check this the lights kept following their original path.

"Almost immediately two more lights joined them and followed the same path towards Goolle. I am sure they weren't planes. There were no navigation lights and no flashing lights."

Andrew, who works at Wilkinson's Furniture, Pontefract, was returning to Ferrybridge from a night out in Goolle. He added: "I know it wasn't pink elephants — I had only drunk a pint of shandy because I was driving."

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"My friends in the car also saw the light and could make no more of them than I could. All we can think it was is some kind of UFO."

"It was only a few seconds before the two objects were out of sight, but it was a very eerie experience."

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Puzzle in night sky

SKY-WATCHER Kevin Mahony has spotted what he believes to be an Unidentified Flying Object — the second he has seen in 18 months.

He saw the mysterious cigar-shaped object on Friday night, September 5, and watched it with his father and brother for about eight minutes before it disappeared.

Kevin, aged 15, of Fairview Road, The Avenue, Wilton, said his father Mr. Edward Mahony, first spotted the UFO.

"He called me downstairs to see if I knew what it was," explained Kevin. "I'm in the Air Cadets and I've seen a lot of aircraft but this was like nothing I've ever seen."

"It was about 1,000 feet up, cigar-shaped with masses of flashing lights around it, red, yellow, white, blue and green. It moved toward the racecourse, stopped, then moved toward Stonehenge."

The object made no noise, said Kevin, and was similar to the one he saw about 18 months ago. He and his father and older brother, Michael, looked at the UFO through binoculars.

"I wasn't frightened by it," he said, "just interested. This was definitely not an aircraft."

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UFO gives police the slip

A double police chase started after an unidentified flying object was spotted between Bardsey and Wetherby. The bright "diamond-shaped" object was first seen by two West Yorkshire policemen on patrol near Wetherby. They described it as a shining light "10 times brighter and five times larger than any star visible at the time." It was travelling north from Bardsey at a height of 2,000ft. when it suddenly changed direction and headed towards York. The officers followed but lost sight of it just east of the city.

'SEEN ON RADAR'

But a North Yorkshire police patrol picked up the trail and followed the UFO along the York by-pass for six miles until it whizzed off eastwards towards Hull. A North Yorkshire police spokesman said: "We've no idea what it was, but it was picked up on radar in various parts of the country." Meanwhile, a 79-year-old Leeds woman says she spotted another UFO from her bedroom window in Bankside Street, Roundhay Road. "It was a magnificent, blazing cigar-shaped object," said Mrs. Kathleen Lyons. "It was motionless but slightly above it were thinner lights, flashing as if signalling."

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Man spots UFO over the fields

A STRANGE flying object moving over fields near Edgworth has been spotted by a local businessman out walking his dogs.

Mr Joe Wray, of Crowthorne Farm, Edgworth, says his alsatian dogs were startled by the object and he ran for cover. He spotted three large lights about 200 feet up in the air as he walked through fields off Crowthorne Road just before midnight on Sunday.

Mr Wray, who owns a Bolton furniture warehouse, said "The lights were very bright and there appeared to be smoke drifting upwards from them. "I also got the impression that there was a large object of some type behind the lights. It was moving quite slowly and without a sound."

Whizzer in the night sky

HAS anyone in Clifton seen a bright light — red intermingled with yellow — whizzing across the night sky? For that's what Mrs. Doreen Burt, of Farnborough Road, Clifton, saw when she looked out of her bedroom window.

"It was so bright I could hardly look at it," she said. Both my husband and my little boy saw it; we watched it until it disappeared. It seemed to whizz across the sky in one direction then move slowly back in the other direction.

'Opposite'

"That happened three or four times. Then it seemed to be joined by another one and they disappeared in opposite directions. We couldn't think what it could be."

Mr. Sid Henley, sightings co-ordinator of the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society, said he had not received any other reports about the same UFO. "But if anyone else did see it we would like to hear from them," he added.

Two more have seen the light

MORE close encounters of the bright kind have come to light since one was reported in this column by a surrogate JN.

Hot on the heels of the Gott family's UFO experience at Trimdon Colliery a fortnight ago comes a similar sighting at nearby Thornley.

It was another man and wife experience and this time it was Ann and Edward Waistell of Dunelm Road, Thornley who saw the light.

Just one light — not like the Gotts' double — which cruised across the fields towards Trimdon.

The Waistells watched the light move slowly, low on the horizon, not far from a pylon cable.

"It came down and went up again as bright as a star," said Ann.

"I think it was a UFO but we did not say anything at first because of what other people might think. If our children had not been in the house we would have got in the car and followed it."

JN has had a call from a Mr Midgley at Sedgefield on the same subject but he's not answering the phone at the moment.

Could he have been spirited away for seeing too much?

Bill Hearld

Mr Wray at first thought the three lights

were some type of firework, but when he saw them moving towards him he became very shaken and ducked down into the grass.

"It passed overhead then went out of my sight as it turned towards Quarleton Vale and went behind a hill. I got the idea it may have landed in that area."

However police at Darwen, who cover the Edgworth area, say no other reports of mystery objects have been received.

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Blame The Helicopters For Circles On Corn

WILTSHIRE'S latest flying saucer scare, sparked off by deep depressions in corn fields near Westbury, could have a more terrestrial explanation.

The UFO cult followers have been busy probing this latest mystery, but it now seems that the cause may lie with military activities on nearby Salisbury Plain.

No official explanation has been given even now as to why the three depressions appeared. But an Army spokesman confirms that giant Puma helicopters had been operating in that area at about the time the strange circles appeared.

Farmer Geoffrey Cooper was first to notice that a depression 18 yards across had appeared in a field of green corn early in the growing season. Then two more appeared on farmer John Scull's land, all within sight of Westbury White Horse.

All the blades of corn were laid down in a clockwise direction, as though someone had tried to thatch the ground, said Mr Cooper. First reports said it could not have been a weather

freak, and helicopters were also ruled out.

But now Army spokesman Mr Bill Moore says: "There were helicopters operating in the area at the time. It is the sort of thing a helicopter could do. It depends on all sorts of things such as the quality of the corn etc."

Mr Moore said that the helicopters did sometimes operate at night with floodlights underneath. It could have been that a pilot was going to land and came down close to the ground but went back up when he realised it was a growing crop.

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Weathermen see the light

By IAIN GRAY

UFO enthusiasts have been brought down to earth with Glasgow Weather Centre's explanation for the mysterious orange light which lit up most of Central Scotland on Saturday night.

Police stations were inundated with telephone calls after the cigar-shaped strip of light appeared in the sky. It was most visible over the Edinburgh area and parts of Lanarkshire.

The vertical strip, which some eye-witnesses claimed seemed to pulsate and change colour from orange to white, remained

stationary in the sky for nearly three hours.

Police in Falkirk decided to investigate the mystery, and concluded the light was no more than gas flares at the Grangemouth petro-chemical complex being reflected off clouds.

A spokesman for Glasgow Weather Centre said last night it was more likely the phenomenon had been the result of moonlight reflecting off high cloud.

The spokesman, who said the centre had received about 50 calls from the public, added:

"On Saturday night there was quite a thick veil of high cloud composed of ice crystals, which reflect and refract light.

"As the moon was rising, its light would be reflected off the cloud, causing a sort of halo effect."

Mr Stuart Campbell, investigative co-ordinator in Scotland for the British UFO Research Association, said he would reserve judgment until he had studied reports from eye-witnesses.

He said: "I did not see the light myself, but from what I have heard it seems like a typical UFO report."

Did Kirton brothers see UFO?

A BRIGHT orange light in the sky has proved a poser to Kirton brothers, John and Mark Eccles.

For they saw the light suspended in mid air as they travelled home from Scawby one night.

John, 21, a student at Liverpool Polytechnic was driving with his brother on September 13 about 10.10 pm when they saw the light as they approached the cement works crossroads outside Kirton.

"A bright orange light, similar to a sodium street light, appeared above the trees beyond the quarry on the left side of the road. By the time we'd passed the bushes beyond the crossroads it had disappeared," said John.

As they approached Kirton it reappeared about 100 feet above the centre of the last

field on the left of the road before the first houses of the town.

"After switching off the engine I got out of the car. The light appeared again and seemed to swivel slightly, moving very slowly towards us," John said.

After about 20 seconds the light went out again, leaving John and Mark quite mystified. There was no noise so it was definitely not a propelled aircraft.

"We hadn't been drinking and we aren't UFO fans," said John. "I've been thinking about it a lot and the only thing it can be is a UFO."

Now he would like to hear from anyone who can suggest an explanation or who also noticed something on that night.

Contact him at Laburnum House, Northcliffe Road, Kirton.

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Family of five claim they saw UFO

MYSTERY surrounds reports of an unidentified flying object sighted over Dovercourt.

Fireman Mr Derek Cook and five members of his family say they saw a round object gliding about 200ft up in the sky on Monday.

And while the matter has been reported to the police there is still no clue to its possible identity.

He described the object as a hub-cap-shaped disc, black underneath and silver on top.

"It just crept across the sky spinning round and wobbling for about two minutes — possibly three — before we lost sight of it," he said.

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

His wife, Jean, eldest son Kevin, 17, and second youngest son Alan, 12, also say they saw it.

And his sister-in-law, Mrs Vivian Cook and her young daughter Allison, nine, who live next door also spotted it.

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

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Storeman sees mystery object

A UFO sighting over Lynn on Wednesday night was reported to RAF Marham by a former RAF serviceman, who said he was convinced the mystery object was neither a military nor civilian aircraft.

Mr Alan Flett (26), now a garage storeman, of 13 Argyle Street, told the Lynn News he noticed a blue light in the sky as he was going along Sidney Street at about 10.10 pm. It then changed colour to orange.

He raced home and pointed out the object to his wife and a neighbour, who also witnessed it. It was hard to make out what speed it was travelling because it changed course so sharply and erratically he said.

But Mr Flett estimated its altitude at between 3,000 and 4,000 feet. The fact that there was no noise from it, especially at that altitude, made it all the more strange, he said. "The RAF took a lot of details," he added.

NORTHERN DESPATCH DARLINGTON

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UFO alert man was 'high'

THE flare firer who sparked off a UFO scare in Newton Aycliffe has admitted being 'high' at the time.

Sweet erector Andy Imelia had been eating mushrooms which cause hallucinations when he prompted the close encounter alert.

He confessed to firing red distress flares given to him by a friend three nights in a row.

Police were inundated with reports of UFO sightings after the flares lit up

the sky over the new town.

Mr Imelia, 27, of Walcher Road, Newton Aycliffe, was ticked off by police after apologising for the trouble he caused.

He said he used the special type of mushrooms, which are said to give the same effect as LSD, as an alternative to illegal drugs after a friend suggested he tried the flares when he was "high." The mushrooms are rare and can be confused with dangerous toadstools.

Det. Insp. Ken Lavery, of Newton Aycliffe police, said no charges would be made as no law had been broken.

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Sutton U.F.O.

It was late on Saturday night when Mrs. Jackie English saw a strange sight on a nearby hill-side.

As she pulled down the blind at her baby's bedroom window, her attention was arrested by a green light near a barn a few 100 yards away from the rear of her home in Cryer Row, Sutton. As she watched, the light became larger and more intense, at which point she ran downstairs to fetch her husband, Kevin.

Spellbound, with thoughts of UFO's in their minds, the couple saw the light change to blue, and then brilliant white, and ultimately give off yellow-coloured sparks.

"It was like somebody welding in the sky," said Mrs. English. "It lit up the whole of the field and the barn."

A neighbour was called in to witness the spectacle, which was occurring for the second time. In the meantime, it had gone and re-appeared, but when the police arrived, it had disappeared altogether.

In the cool light of day, the couple were trying to find some rational explanation for what had happened, when Mrs. English realised there were

overhead electric cables behind the barn. She wondered if something had gone wrong with those. And according to the Y.E.B. in Keighley this week, it had.

A spokesman told the Herald that at 11.30 p.m. on Saturday, about five customers between Sutton and Braithwaite lost their electricity supply. A patrol scouring the area on Sunday morning found a broken connection on one of the overhead lines near Strikes Lane, Sutton. The site is a short distance up the hill from the English's household.

The connection had burned through and, according to the spokesman, had probably caused the arc that had been seen. As it broke, there would also have been some sparks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ian Taylor, of Brigade Farm, Sutton, who own the barn, said they had neither seen nor heard anything unusual. Their dog had not barked, but they had lost their electricity from about 11 p.m. until the following afternoon.

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Flying diamonds

DIAMONDS in the sky — that is what a Boreham-wood woman claimed she saw from her bedroom window in Northgate-Path

Mrs Phyllis Down says she saw a huge horseshoe hovering in the night sky. Around the sides were shining diamonds.

She contacted the local police station.

"I am not going round the bend. I definitely saw this U.F.O. and it is about time people took them seriously," she said.

A spokesman at Boreham-wood Police Station said there had been no similar reports.

"We don't keep a list of UFOs like in America. In Britain the subject is not taken so seriously, but we do get people phoning us to say they have seen strange objects in the sky," he said.

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'U.F.O.' was balloon, claim

THE MYSTERY object seen over Cheltenham on Thursday night was a balloon, according to a Leckhampton woman.

Mrs. Edith Yates, of Old Bath-road, was taking her dogs for a walk on Leckhampton Hill when she saw a bright orange balloon drift over Cheltenham.

She said, "It went towards the Prestbury Racecourse and then went down, but I don't think it landed. At about ten to nine, it then went up again and towards Swindon Village.

"As it was dusk and the moon was shining, I can quite understand how someone thought it was a U.F.O. because of the moonlight's reflection from the balloon's bright orange surface."

SEP. 24 1980

Aircraft lights theory over 'UFO sightings'

A "UFO sighting" at Bloxwich, could probably be explained by landing lights on a low-flying aircraft, an official at Elmdon Airport said.

Several people in the Mossley Estate area reported the strange object earlier this week.

One of the witnesses, Mr Len Hewines, said that two bright lights appeared in the sky close to an object which appeared to have no wings.

"It might have been an aircraft, but the object seemed to remain stationary for quite a long time before passing over.

"I have never seen an aircraft like that before.

"I have an open mind about UFO's, but this was certainly baffling and I reported it to the police, who were also unable to explain the lights,"

said Mr Hewines, a 44-year-old machinist, who lives at Glastonbury Crescent.

An official at Elmdon Airport said that the Walsall and Bloxwich areas were on an approach route for landing at Birmingham.

What Mr Hewines described could well have been landing lights on a slow-moving aircraft.

"We have certainly had no reports of anything which could be described as an unidentified flying object."

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UFO sightings mystery deepens

THE mystery surrounding the sighting of a UFO by four schoolboys in Church Hill has deepened.

For it seems they were not alone in their close encounter after all.

Only two hours after their dash through a thunderstorm in Sandhurst Close turned into a tale of the unexpected householders in Studley spotted a similar object in the sky over Redditch.

And exactly 24 hours later an Alcester housewife sighted an unusual-looking 'craft' over Coughton Court — with particularly eerie consequences.

SPACE INVADER

Mr Stan Day and his wife Marjory were returning to their Eldorado Close, Studley, home at 11 p.m. on the same evening as the Church Hill sighting when they noticed the 'space invader.'

They quickly called neighbours to witness the strange incident.

"I don't know how big the thing was but it seemed to be hovering over one of the big Redditch estates," Mr Day told the Indicator.

"It stayed there for a full three minutes before flying off very quickly in the opposite direction towards Birmingham."

As with the original 'encounter' the craft made no audible sound and had two "orangey-red" lights flashing.

But more unusual than that was Mrs Rina Oakes' brush with the object as she returned to her Gerrard Road home in Alcester from an evening meeting in Studley at 9 p.m. on the day after.

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As she drove past Coughton Court she saw a craft fitting the description given by the Church Hill lads hovering over the historic building.

Then things became eerie when the windscreen wipers on her car stopped mysteriously.

"I didn't touch the controls. I thought I was going mad," she explained, "but I'm glad someone else has seen it."

© The Church Hill sighting of an oval-shaped craft about four feet long with wings reaching from its middle was reported in the Indicator last week. Police put it down to a heavy thunderstorm but local UFO experts were at a loss to explain the object.