

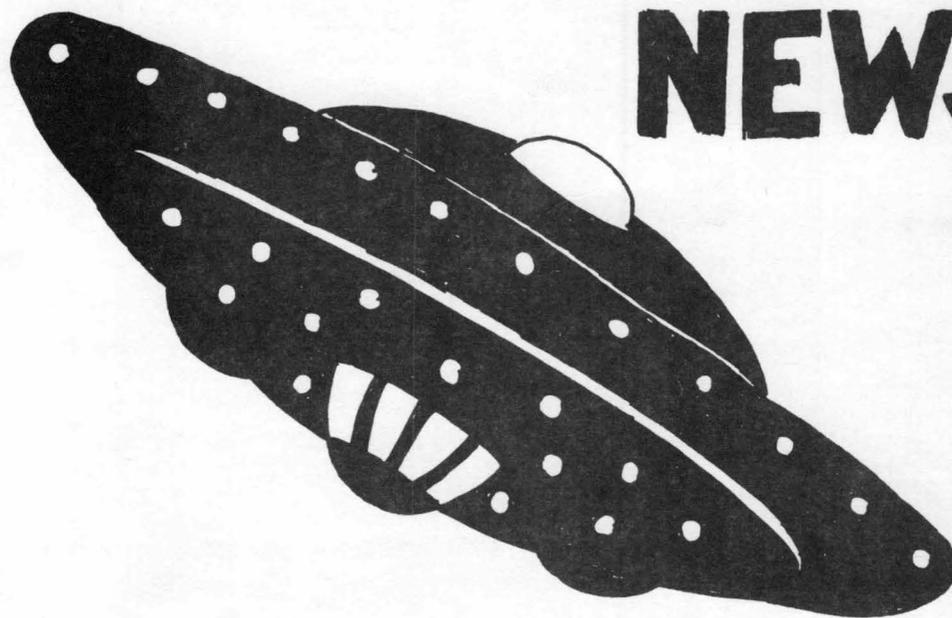
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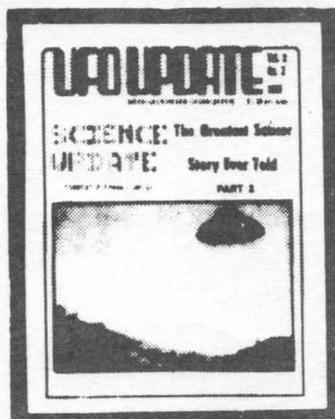
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FORTEAN NEWS AND UFO EVENTS

A weird and wonderful thing in sky

BY CHRIS CARSON

THE Ministry of Defence was last week investigating reports of a UFO sighting at Axminster. The Ministry has commended 25-year-old former Colyton Carnival Queen Dana Sparks on her detailed description of the mysterious object.

Miss Sparks, a waitress in the Merchant Navy, staying in Axminster on leave, spotted the UFO while travelling back to Axminster with her friend Mr. Lew Stone late on Saturday night.

She said she spotted the UFO as they were driving through Musbury. "I looked out of the car window and saw this thing in the sky to the north," she said. "It moved across the valley towards Kilmington as we drove along. I just kept shouting to Lew to stop the car and eventually he managed to pull into a lay-by.

"When we got out of the car the object stopped moving but continued to rotate very quickly. We could both see it very clearly, it was the most incredible thing.

"It gave off a very bright red and blue light and there was a kind of strobe effect. It seemed to be very big and was made of a very reflective material. There was no way it could have been a star or an aeroplane. In all we saw it for 10 minutes. It did not move

away; the lights just got less and less and it disappeared."

Miss Sparks, who retraced her steps the following day to get her bearings, reported the sighting to R.A.F. Ludlow Manor in Wiltshire after talking to the local police. She was then given a special Ministry of Defence number in London to ring.

"I spoke to a woman who made me answer a very detailed questionnaire," she said. "Afterwards she told me the information would be passed on but that I would not be needed any more and would hear nothing more about the sighting."

Miss Sparks said she thought it was wrong that the whole thing was "being covered up."

"They won't release any information to the public," she said. "I don't think the Government want people to know what is going on."

A spokesman at the Ministry of Defence told "Pulman's Weekly News" on Friday that such sightings were investigated only from a defence point of view.

UFO CAME 'ZOOMING TO EARTH'

WHEN the lights turned green, stargazer Harold Briggs moved off in a hurry.

FOR the light spotted by the 39-year-old security officer over Church was a glowing green "UFO".

Harold believes the flying saucer landed somewhere in the Blackburn area.

Bewildered by the strange encounter, Harold, of Dill Hall Lane, Church, reported the sighting to Accrington police and then contacted Manchester Airport to see if the UFO had been picked up on radar.

But so far, Harold seems to be the only person who saw the green machine zooming down to earth a about 7.15 pm on Thurs day.

Harold was on guard at Parkinson's building site in Dill Hall Lane when he spotted the cigar-shaped object. He said: "It was about 60ft in length, and was a glowing dark green. It was coming down at a 4 degree angle and was travelling at incredible speed. It was heading towards Blackburn, and as it got nearer the ground it went out of sight. I am sure it was not a meteorite. I only had it in sight for a few seconds because it was travelling so fast."

A spokesman for Accrington police said they have recorded details of Norman's sighting, but have not received reports from any other members of the public.

No reports about the UFO have been made to Blackburn police.

DAILY TELEGRAPH LONDON

UFO reply by astronaut

IN recent years the mythology (or should it be demonology?) of flying saucers or Unidentified Flying Objects has laid great stress on the oft-repeated story attributed to Apollo astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin. This claims that Aldrin reported a sighting of an extraterrestrial spacecraft in a secret radio message to mission control centre in Houston, Texas, shortly before he landed on the moon in July, 1969.

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Aldrin, now 50, has suddenly blasted off a libel writ against the authors of the latest book to cite the report as evidence that UFOs have the earth under some sort of siege. Claiming unspecified damages, he declares in a meteor shower of adjectives that the book could lead the scientific community and others to conclude that he was "perverse, bizarre, unreliable, eccentric, unfit, ludicrous, unscientific and wayward."

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Bleep alerts

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SECONDS after the referee had blown his whistle at the end of Saturday night's TV soccer match Paul Smith, 35, heard another bleeping.

And it was after he turned off his TV set.

Rushing outside his home in Alumhurst Road, Westbourne he found the sound, then fading, was coming from a bright starlike object hovering in the sky.

"As I watched, it streaked off sideways out to sea at an incredible speed," explained insurance broker Paul.

"The noise stopped as it flew away. It accelerated like nothing on earth and had gone in a couple of seconds."

Paul has never seen a UFO before and says he has "an open mind."

"Certainly I can't explain in conventional terms what I saw," he said.

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UFO probe

THE BRITISH Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association has mounted a full investigation into the mysterious lights seen hanging in the air over the borough.

We recently reported sightings of the strange triangular lights which move off at great speed. They started a wave of UFO reports which left experts scratching their heads.

Since then further sightings have been reported in Earlswood and Nutfield - but still there has been no explanation.

Mr John Barton, a local agent for BUFORA, who has been investigating similar incidents in

Wales, has now begun a probe into the sightings in the borough.

Mr Barton, who lives in Fen-gates Road, Redhill, said: "This is the first time I've ever had to investigate something so close to home.

"These reports are very interesting because the UFO's have been seen by so many people but it will probably be some time before we reach any conclusions - each report will have to be carefully examined.

"I will let the Surrey Mirror have a report of my findings when the investigation is completed."

LANCASHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH BLACKBURN

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UFO sighting: Did we see stars?

I HAVE just read in the Evenings Telegraph (Oct. 30) about the lady who saw what she thought were UFOs over Great Harwood.

I also saw the same lights over Great Harwood but it must have been about 6.30 pm when I saw them. I had just left Fred Asley's Cash and Carry on Phillips Road and was on my way home to Grindleton over the tops, via the New Inns. When I saw the lights, I

thought they were aeroplanes. It did not occur to me at the time that there would not be more than one aeroplane in the area at the same time. I didn't watch them too closely as I was more concerned in watching the road, as it was very dark up there.

However, I did think at the time that they seemed to hover rather than travel along like an aeroplane usually does.

I am rather sceptical about these supposed sightings of UFOs and don't say that these were. Maybe some of the stars were reflecting the lights from below. I don't really know.

I arrived home at 6.55 p.m. and didn't give it another thought until I read your article.

MRS I. HODGSON, West View, Grindleton, Clitheroe.

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UFOs

DARWEN woman Susan Hunt could not believe her eyes last night when she saw three UFOs over Great Harwood.

Susan, 28, of Essex Street, Darwen, was with her husband, Alan, and brother-in-law Derek in Great Harwood where they had gone to collect a car about 7.30.

Susan said: "It was a clear night and we were waiting for the garage door to be opened. I was looking up at the stars and saw two very pronounced orange lights.

LANCASHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH BLACKBURN

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"There was a third one hovering over the gasometer. The second one waited for it and they disappeared after picking up speed. The first one was doing a U-turn and came very low."

Mrs Hunt, a drawing office assistant at Blackburn's Telephone House, is convinced she was not seeing things and that the lights could not have been anything other than UFO's.

She said: "All three of us saw them. The one that came low was like a Formula One racing car with a fin at the back with two lights on."

After the lights disappeared, Mrs Hunt and her husband returned home and later had another look into the night sky and again saw the orange lights "very high over the Bolton area".

She added: "We did not report them to anyone. There isn't much point."

SOUTH WALES ARGUS NEWPORT

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Another UFO

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sighting?

ANOTHER UFO sighting has been reported in the Blackwood area - this time over Aberbargoed.

Police said aircraft enthusiast, Mr. K. Hayter, saw a triangular mass of white light travelling slowly above the village at about 7 o'clock last night.

Mr. Hayter, of Shannon Close, T-Bryn, Pontllanfraith, described two bright lights at the bottom corner and a blue/green light slowly turning red at the apex.

The object disappeared from view quite slowly. "Mr. Hayter is a keen aviation enthusiast and is convinced it was not a form of aircraft," said a police spokesman.

Other UFOs have recently been sighted in the Croespenmaen area.

BOB TAYLOR turned a corner in the forest and was confronted by a large metallic cone, "like a huge spinning top, 20ft. across."

Two balls with long, spiked supports rushed towards him. Mr. Taylor blacked out.

His close encounter of the third is recounted in "Arthur C. Clark's Mysterious World" (TTT, 8.30) which this week is examining the evidence for UFOs.

Mr. Taylor, a forester, of Livingston, near Edinburgh, arrived home ash-faced. His clothes were dirty and torn. The local police investigated and found strange track marks at the site of the happening, yet there was nothing to explain the experience of Mr. Taylor, a respected man of high integrity.

Another unnerving experience befell Jessie Roestenberg when she and her children rushed out of their Staffordshire farmhouse in 1954 after hearing a noise "like a giant cauldron of water being poured on a red hot fire, but a thousand times louder".

Above the roof was a circular craft, shaped like a Mexican hat, 60ft. in circumference. Inside, she saw very beautiful people with long golden hair who, she recalls, "just looked at us, their eyes full of compassion".

Arthur C. thinks these so-called close encounters are, well, most mysterious. He adds helpful hints on what to do when confronted with beings from outer space.

However, it seems this

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Mystery of the northern lights

★ Rudy Otter could not believe his eyes when he saw two yellow lights in the shape of lampshades flying over Northolt.

It is not something you expect to encounter on a Saturday afternoon stroll to the local library.

man of science is somewhat sceptical about UFOs. President Carter saw a UFO in the sky over Georgia 11 years ago.

According to Mr. Clarke: "If you have never seen an Unidentified Flying Object, you are either unobservant or live in a cloudy area."

He describes himself as being "a reluctant expert" on the subject for nearly 50 years—long before the phrase, flying saucer was invented.

"I have seen half a dozen good ones, and I have very definite ideas on the subject," he says. These ideas, it is claimed, will prove a big surprise for skygazers.

The series, with three more episodes to go after this one, is according to makers Yorkshire Television, proving "television's most popular documentary series for many years".

Only "Don't Just Sit There," and its predecessor, "Don't Ask Me", also from Yorkshire, have consistently equalled the Arthur C. saga audience.

The programmes are pulling in between 10 and 11 million viewers each week and the book based on the series is second in the best-seller list. It was first the week before.

Which is all very interesting. Still, I can't help thinking about Mrs. Roestenberg and the beautiful people in her Mexican hat-style space craft and wondering whether they would look down on us now with more, or less, compassion than they did in 1954.

MALCOLM GREY

As Rudy was walking down Croyde Avenue on his way to Greenford library he noticed the mysterious objects lighting up the sky over Northolt.

"They looked like upturned lampshades," he told us. "They were close together and appeared to be travelling fairly slowly.

"They were visible for about ten seconds before they disappeared, one after the other."

Rudy, 44, of Greenford Road, Greenford, is a journalist with a post office trade magazine.

Local police say they received no reports of any sightings.

Mums run for cover as a close encounter with 'flying saucer' gives them the jitters

A CLOSE encounter with a mysterious flying object has left a group of mums at Accrington puzzled and frightened.

They saw the UFO — "shaped like a frisbee"—hovering over the Fern Gore council estate, and watched spellbound for nearly an hour as it glided in a zig-zag flight path towards Oswaldtwistle.

Mrs Maureen Turner, Mrs Monica Connolly and Mrs Dee Gudgeon, all of Downham Drive, watched the mystery object and Mrs Gudgeon's husband, Ronnie, and several children were also witnesses.

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Mrs Turner said: "I have never believed in flying saucers or anything like that, but when something like this happens it's frightening. My son, Mark, spotted it first and it frightened him. There was an orange light glowing on and off and it lit up the whole thing. It was making a noise that kept coming and going."

Mrs Connolly said: "Mark told me he had seen something like lightning flash in the sky, I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw it. It looked bigger than an aeroplane and was flying as high as an aeroplane. It was shaped something like a frisbee."

"We had been watching it for a while and it looked like it was coming back, so we ran inside. It frightened me and I couldn't sleep afterwards."

EGG-LIKE

Mrs Gudgeon said: "It's hard to believe in them, but there have been so many spotted lately there must be something in it. You have to believe your own eyes." Mrs Gudgeon's husband aims to give details of the sighting and other sightings to a UFO investigator.

Another mystery object has been reported by schoolboy Robert Ridings, 13, of The Close, Rising Bridge, Robert, who spotted the object over Baxenden, said: "It was shaped like an egg cut in half and glowing white, then later it turned red. It was going fairly slowly and it seemed to be just above the trees on the hill."

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UFO sighting

An unidentified flying object resembling a yellow ball was reported above the Eastern Pyrenees mountains, near Perpignan, by about a dozen people last night.

Flying saucer alert as girls see bright lights

MYSTERIOUS green lights in the sky have set off a UFO alert.

The object, shaped like a diamond, as spotted by five people in Haslingden. They were so puzzled by what they saw that they called the police.

And, according to Mrs Marian Cronkshaw, the policeman who went to investigate saw bright lights disappearing behind Baxenden Golf Club.

The alert started when 12-year-old Haslingden High School girl Wendy Cronkshaw, playing with her friend Patricia Turner, saw a greenish-yellow ball in the sky near her home at Northfield Road, Rising Bridge, Haslingden.

She ran to tell her grandmother Mrs Phyllis Holden who lives next door. Mrs Holden and a friend from Burnley witnessed an object zooming into the

sky with two bright headlights in front.

The girls and the two women called to Mrs Cronkshaw who said: "By the time I got outside the bright light had gone but I saw a big diamond shape, a bit like the shape of a plate. It was a clear night so we could see very well. It started moving towards us and when it got directly above we saw it was all lit up underneath with about

12 red, green and white lights.

"It was making a funny buzzing noise but it was definitely not an aeroplane. I could see the outline and there were no wings. I've never seen anything like it," she said.

Mrs Cronkshaw explained that the object went straight over her house and disappeared. "We were so excited that we never thought of going to the other side of the house to

see where it went to. And the children were pleased that we had seen it because at first they thought we wouldn't believe they had seen a UFO."

The group were so puzzled by what they saw that Mrs Cronkshaw rang the police. "A policeman came up but he went straight past our house at first because he saw a flashing light disappearing behind Baxenden Golf Club."

Haslingden police con-

firmed that they had received a UFO warning but the officer in charge could not say whether one of his men had followed a light.

"I've never believed in UFOs but I know what I saw and I can't explain it," said Mrs Cronkshaw. "We are used to planes coming over here and are used to the sound they make. It was definitely not a helicopter either because it was the wrong shape. It rose into the sky the same way as a vertical take-off plane."

Accrington police were also warned of a UFO from a Clayton-le-Moors man but his sighting turned out to be a star.

However Mrs Cronkshaw was adamant that what she saw was not a star. "They don't have green stars. The girls saw it from a distance and it was a green ball about three feet across. I wasn't frightened, more inquisitive. But the girls were white as sheets and trembling," she added.

MORE REPORTS OF STRANGE OBJECT IN SKY

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SEVERAL people have telephoned the Mail to say they saw the U.F.O. which a member of our editorial staff reported hovering in the sky over Middlesbrough on Wednesday evening.

One of the more concerned observers was Alan



Coltman, of Ashgrove Avenue. He was returning from holiday in Helmsley with his wife and family when they noticed the object.

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They say it had red and green flashing lights and was definitely too low to be a star or a plane. They watched the mysterious craft for at least 25 minutes before they lost sight of it.

"I never believed in things like this and when I read about them I used to think they were made up. But that object was definitely something extraordinary and I have changed my mind about U.F.O.s," Mr Coltman said today.

If you're going out tonight, keep an eye on the sky. Someone up there could be watching you.

RIDDLE OF WHAT PC SAW ABOVE THE COMMONS

WESTERN MAIL
CARDIFF
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THREE POLICEMEN, a fireman and a parliamentary clerk last night stared and pointed into the sky from the terrace of the House of Commons for more than half an hour at what they swore was an unidentified flying object.

They said it whipped back and forth in and out of the clouds, spun round, shimmered and flashed but when one policeman telephoned the Ministry of Defence for information he was told, "Mind your own business."

Then another policeman hailed a passing Thames river police launch asking if he could borrow their binoculars... They didn't have any.

Then came along Mr Nigel Spearing, Labour MP for Newham South. First he pronounced, "It looks like a bird with gilded wings."

Then after further observation, he said firmly, "It is a bird with gilded wings." But then he revised his judgment and said, "I have no idea what it is. I do not discount UFOs."

Mr Spearing then changed his mind yet again, saying, "My opinion is that it is a hovering bird of prey." But as he left, three policemen, one fireman and a parliamentary clerk plainly did not agree with him.

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Japanese In Search Of Local UFO

By Steve Biondo
Staff Writer

Jerry McAlister is strengthening his claim that the UFO he said he saw Sept. 11 near his Parnell Road home has attracted world-wide attention.

Sunday, a seven-man Japanese film crew from the Nippon Television Network in Tokyo dropped in to interview him.

They had a yen to hear his story, according to NTN Producer Jumichi Yaoi.

Yaoi, 45, has been with Nippon for 20 years, and has been investigating reports of unidentified flying objects for 12 of those years, he said Sunday.

His countrymen are intensely interested in UFO sightings all over the world, Yaoi said, and the 90-minute documentary program he is putting together for broadcast next year will include interviews with people who have seen UFOs in London, Switzerland, Puerto Rico, Miami, Charleston — and Anderson.

He estimated that when the program airs, it may reach an audience of 25 or 30 million Japanese citizens.

"This is not a form of entertainment but a serious documentary," Yaoi said. "Nippon was the first commercial station established in Japan. It is not government controlled."

He said he heard about Jerry McAlister's

experience from a UFO investigator in Tucson, Arizona, who is a close friend of his.

Yaoi said he is certain McAlister's sighting was legitimate.

McAlister reported he saw a brightly-lit craft 70 feet long and two stories high hovering near his home. The sighting garnered more than the usual publicity because the object was also seen by four Anderson County sheriff's deputies.

After the sighting, McAlister was besieged by the local news media. He said he received calls from Alaska, Hawaii and from a radio station in Australia over the incident.

Then the UFO detectives began arriving.

These included the Scientific Bureau of Investigation, a small New York-based group; the Mutual UFO Network, based in Arizona; and a free-lance reporter for the National Inquirer.

And now, Japanese investigators are knocking at his door.

"I feel that most of these cases are legitimate," Yaoi said. "There's no doubt we are being visited by extraterrestrial beings."

"Some of (the people) who make UFO sightings are not so willing to talk. They are skeptical. Some ask me for money."

Yaoi said that is because there is still a

general tendency to "ridicule" the UFO witness.

"But we have to face the fact that we are being visited by beings from other worlds," he added. "There are just too many sightings and too many witnesses, and all of them are saying the same things."

Yaoi said he believes in the existence of UFOs because there is no believable evidence that such sightings are secret — but very terrestrial — experimental aircraft.

"The UFOs people see, the maneuvers they manage to make, indicate a very high level of science which we have not yet been able to reach," Yaoi said.

The Japanese producer said he would finish up his interview with McAlister and his neighbors Monday, and then head to Cincinnati — to investigate still another UFO sighting.

Leaving McAlister, a local mill worker, to await the next onslaught of international UFO detectives.

"Ever since the saucer landed here, we've had 'em here every day," McAlister said Sunday. "I never believed in UFOs before but I do now."

"My family thinks the whole thing is wonderful."

Dear Editor:

Our office has received a report of an Unidentified Flying Object moving over your area on the night of November 18.

We would appreciate hearing from any citizen who observed the object. Witnesses are encouraged to send a detailed sketch of the object and, a report describing the objects flight path, motions, maneuvers, distance from the witness, altitude, size, color, etc., to: Phenomena Research, UFO Reporting Center, P.O. Box 1807, Seattle, Washington, 98111.

Names of witnesses and sources will be held strictly confidential.

Sincerely
Robert J. Gribble
Director

KIRKSVILLE MO.
EXPRESS-NEWS

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Dear Sir:

We saw the UFO very clearly. We live 12 miles southwest of Kirksville. When my wife got home from work about 9 p.m., she saw a strange aircraft coming from the direction of Millard. As we both watched, it seemed to be standing still for some time. It then began to move west toward our house. We stood outside until it came over us. It seemed to be shaped like a big kite, and had two big head lights and 6 lights underneath. This was about 9:15.

At about 10:15, I noticed the same aircraft or whatever it was, coming from the same direction as before. I looked at it through binoculars, and it had five white lights underneath and one red light in the middle, two big head lights which seemed to be 10 to 20 feet apart. It seemed to be flying low when it was coming, but seemed higher when I looked at it through the glasses.

There was a humming noise both times we saw it.

Yours truly,
Edison Cooley,
Rt. 1,
Kirksville

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UFO reports

The log of the Sonoma Police Station for the week noted that on November 13 (last Thursday) at about 10:55 p.m. several citizens called in reports of UFOs in the form of amber lights in the sky that danced around and then disappeared in a shower of sparks.

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UFO's stalking Perris???

FRONT PAGE

seemed like they were

PERRIS - Strange craft were sighted over different areas of Perris this past weekend, leading a number of callers to keep the phones busy at the Perris Progress office.

At about 6:50 p.m. on Friday, witnesses in the Good Hope area reported seeing a strange "yellow light", variously described as round, sputtering, shifting and moving at about 40 miles per hour from west to east, parallel to Highway 74.

A Good Hope couple described the suspected craft as having an "amber glow", travelling east about 500 feet above ground level.

"The light rose slowly upwards, when a large spark dropped from it, then it moved again and dropped another spark," one witness said.

"The light rotated, but there was no noise of a craft, a helicopter or anything like that," the witness said.

Meanwhile, south of town, a motorist on his way home in the Romoland area, reported seeing a "greenish-yellow object" travelling in the general direction of Hemet, late Saturday night. This object, the motorist estimated, was about 1500 above ground. He said there were no blinking lights, just a "steady green and yellow glow" as the object moved silently above him.

The Good Hope object, seen by several other residents who called, was identified yesterday as a "homemade balloon" launched with burning candles by an area youth, according to Doug Chalmers, who was one of 5 people calling. Chalmers said he investigated and discovered yesterday

that the balloon had been launched by a young neighbor.

It went down in the Good Hope area shortly after launching, the Progress confirmed last night.

Meanwhile, two other callers in the Romoland area confirmed seeing a "greenish-yellow disc" floating in a slow up and down manner for a period of about 20 minutes.

"It suddenly shot straight up and disappeared in the direction of Hemet," one witness said.

No confirmation from law enforcement or other agencies has been made of the sightings.

The motorist, who asked that his name be withheld, said that he was familiar with most type aircraft, and that the object he saw did not behave "like any plane or 'copter that I have ever seen or flown."

On the other hand, with land values booming in the Perris Valley these days, maybe some astute visitor from beyond is looking the situation over for investment reasons. Who knows??

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MOUNTAIN STATESMAN
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What was it?

By BILL CASE
Statesman News Editor

GRAFTON — "My God. what are those lights?" said Bob Nestor to his wife, shortly after the two of them had gone to bed Wednesday night.

Nestor was looking out the window of his home on Wickwire Rd. He saw a cluster of red, green and amber lights in the sky, hovering, it seemed, just over the hill to the east.

"It must be a helicopter or an airplane," she said.

Ten minutes later, they were still there. Nestor went after his rifle, and peered at the lights through his telescopic sight.

"There were green, amber, and ruby

red lights, millions of them, and they seemed to be circling. From the looks of the lights, it looked to be round. It's hard to say how big it was," he said.

Nestor said he called Taylor County Sheriff's Deputies to look at the lights "because people'll think I'm crazy if I say I saw this and no one else did."

He assured the dispatcher he hadn't been drinking when he placed the call.

And, sure enough, when Deputy Craig Boyce and another officer arrived at Nestor's house, they saw the same colored lights in the sky.

"It looked like a star to me," Boyce said. "It was red and green, and spinning or flashing."

Boyce and the other deputy said they saw the lights in the eastern sky all evening as they made their rounds around the county. "It was high up; not an airplane or anything," he said. "If he hadn't called it to our attention I doubt we'd have noticed it. But it was unique."

"It was unidentified, and it was in the sky—but don't put it in the paper I said I saw a UFO. There's just not enough to say it's a UFO," the deputy said.

Nestor was a little less calm than the deputy about the sighting. "It's weird as hell," he said, admitting that since he saw it, he "kinda glances up" when he's outside at night.

"It gives you a cold chill," he said. "I don't know what it is."

Nestor said he and his wife watched the lights from about 11 p.m. till 1 a.m., when they "sort of faded away."

"It never made a sound," he said.

Since the incident, at least two customers at Nestor's Four Corners gas station have told him they've seen similar things in the night sky.

"One said he saw them around here; the other said they've had them in Pittsburgh," Nestor reported.

"I tell you one thing," he said. "If I'd of had a few beers, maybe I'd of tried to shoot the thing down."

Local family reports UFO stopped van near Albion

By RICK BURNHAM
Staff Writer

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A fluorescent light hanging in the night sky has made Star Shive a believer.

Mrs. Shive, of 75 High St., had been told by her husband, Donald, that on a few other occasions he saw strange things in the night sky that he could only describe as unidentified flying objects.

She has never seen one — that is, not until last night — and she believes in UFOs now.

The Shives and their two children — Renay, 9, and Scott, 4 — were returning home about 7:50 p.m. Sunday after visiting Mrs. Shive's mother near Albion when they saw what Mrs. Shive describes as a large fluorescent light.

According to Mrs. Shive, the family was in its van and had turned down a country road off B Drive South near Albion. As they approached a stop sign, her husband noticed the object.

"It was almost like it was fluorescent ... a white fluorescent light. This thing just hung in the sky," Mrs. Shive said. She described it as being oval in shape.

Mrs. Shive also said there were green and a red light on the object, but just before the object began to move, the lights went off.

She said the object hovered for about 1½ minutes or two minutes, then began to move over the Shives' van.

"As it went over, all the power stopped in the van. My husband and I rolled down our windows and stuck our heads out to see if there was a sound, like from an airplane or a helicopter. But there was no sound," Mrs. Shive said.

The object remained another 15 to 20 seconds, Mrs. Shive said, then "took off really fast. In a matter of seconds, it was gone," she said.

Her experience is what UFO researchers describe as a close encounter of the second kind, because the object reportedly had a physical effect on the van's engine.

Close encounter of the first kind involve simple reports of nearby UFOs, and close encounters of the third kind involve reports of UFO occupants.

More than 100 persons in the Plymouth Township area in western Wayne County reported seeing UFOs about 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

However, that object turned out to be a special lighting system under the wings of an airplane owned by Aero-Advertising of Dearborn.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department was flooded with phone calls from persons reporting the UFO. But after Detroit radio station WJR began receiving the calls on the air, radio station employee Kendal Smith said he received a call from Howard Wright of Aero-Advertising, who said he was doing an advertising flight at the time in western Wayne County using the lighting system under the wings of his plane.

Wright said today that his flight last night was only in the western Wayne County area, and not anywhere near the Battle Creek area.

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Mrs. Shive said she is sure the object she saw was not a plane or a helicopter, because there was no sound.

Mrs. Shive said she could not tell how high the object was in the sky, but she said, "It had to be very large."

She said her husband has seen UFOs in the same general area a few times before.

"For such a long time, my husband would come home and say he saw something, and I'd say, 'OK, you saw something.' I never really believed in UFOs,

though, until last night. Now I'm a believer," she said.

Mrs. Shive said she called Michigan State Police at the Battle Creek post this morning and told them to listen to radio station WBCB, which told of the Shive family's sighting after she had telephoned the radio station.

But Mrs. Shive said she did not report the sighting to State Police or any other local law-enforcement agency.

Area police agencies said they received no other reports of UFO sightings in the area Sunday.

UFO Said Sighted In Quitman

By Times Staff Writer
QUITMAN — Several members of the Quitman Police Department and several local businessmen working as nightwatchmen reported sighting an unidentified flying object in the South Georgia skies about

5 a.m. Saturday.

Patrolman Steve Taylor said he and Robert Hunnewell drove to the south end of town after receiving radio reports of the object from the Tallahassee police department and the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

"We were joking with the dispatcher about it when we looked up and saw an object with white and red lights flashing and blinking on and off directly south of us towards Madison, Fla., at a 10-degree angle above the horizon," Taylor said.

The object made loops, circled, hovered and darted across the sky toward Tallahassee, he said.

The two patrolmen called Sgt. L. T. Boxx to the scene and three businessmen joined the group to watch the object, Taylor said.

"It was definitely not a plane," he said. "I have a pilot's license and I'm pretty familiar with planes. I don't know of a plane that could do all that."

Taylor said he did not know what the object could have been, but "it made my night. I work the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift and I wasn't a bit sleepy after that," he said.

A spokesman from the Valdosta Flight Service said they had no reports of weather balloons or strange aircraft in the area and had no idea of what the object could have been.

Federal Aviation Administration officials at Moody Air Force Base could not be reached for comment.

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Another UFO Reported In Fairfield Last Week

Fairfield — Despite more than two decades of space exploration and scientific speculation, mankind still lacks an answer to that most compelling question: "Are we alone in the universe?"

One thing is certain, however: Fairfield residents who claim to have sighted Unidentified Flying Objects (U.F.O.s) are not alone. To date, **The Chronicle** has been informed of at least three U.F.O. sightings from six sources during the months of August and September. The

sightings have captured the public's imagination and attracted the interest of Vestigia, Inc., an independent research group based in Dover, N.J., with a background in investigating aerial phenomena.

In reporting a story of this kind, it is sometimes difficult to draw the line between fact and fantasy — to distinguish between the reliable witness and the type of person who enjoys a joke at the public's expense.

In the past week **The Chronicle** has received information which casts a strong doubt as to the veracity of at least one of the sources who reported a U.F.O. sighting in September. However, the same week brought news of an October sighting in Fairfield in which the reliability of the witnesses is not in question.

At about 6:25 a.m. on Monday, October 13, Mrs. Rosalee Inocencio of Matt Drive awoke, checked on her

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children, and then stopped by the window to look over the neighborhood. A dog had been wandering through the area recently, and Mrs. Inocencio did not want the stray hanging about their yard.

She didn't see the dog. But she did see something in the clear, pre-dawn skies unusual enough to wake her husband Ralph from a restless sleep.

What Rosalee Inocencio saw was "a ball of very bright white light" in the eastern sky, shining with the intensity of a streetlamp bulb and appearing at about the same relative size. The light was not perfectly round but seemed to flatten slightly at the sides.

In addition to the unusual size of the object, its motion also left Mrs. Inocencio "very amazed." The light did not move but simply hung in the dark skies, in which stars were still visible. She also got the impression that the object was "spinning slowly" as it hovered, revolving first in one direction, then reversing its motion. At times the object also emitted "a beam or trail of white light, like a comet's tail." There was no sound associated with the sighting.

After about five minutes Ralph Inocencio joined his wife at the window. Although he did not witness the "beam of light" or the object's revolving motion, Ralph's observations were identical: a large and very bright ball of white light hung unmoving in the eastern sky.

Convinced that the light was "much too big to be an airplane" or any other known object, Ralph called the Fairfield police after ten minutes' observation. The desk officer stepped outside the station to scan the sky. When he called the Inocencios back after a few minutes, Ralph was surprised to hear the officer say that he could not spot the U.F.O., which was still visible through Ralph's window as he talked on the phone.

Ralph later concluded that the officer's view from his Fairfield Road vantage point was obstructed. A patrol car was not dispatched to the Inocencios' home.

Meanwhile, Rosalee and Ralph still had the U.F.O. in plain view. As the eastern sky slowly lightened and stars winked out of view, the object gradually rose higher and higher, receding in size. As the sun rose the object continued to diminish in size, finally appearing no larger than an ordinary star.

Eventually, at about 7:00 a.m., the object disappeared from view. The Inocencios had watched the U.F.O. for a little more than a half hour. They do not know what they saw.

Witnesses to U.F.O. sightings are eager to hear that others have shared their experiences. **The Chronicle** is also interested in anyone who may be able to verify the sightings in our reports, or has sighted U.F.O.s at other times. Because of the number of sightings in recent weeks, we are trying to tie together the bits of information and separate serious sightings from hoax attempts until a more thorough investigation can be made.

We invite anyone with a practical joke in mind to refrain from muddying waters with fabulous (and fictional) U.F.O. accounts.

However, we stress the fact that residents who have witnessed aerial phenomena are in good, reliable company, and we encourage anyone who has seen such phenomena to contact Garry Herzog at **The Chronicle**, 227-1428. Names will be withheld upon request.

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UFO Sighted Here on our coast?

An unidentified, flying object was sighted by Marshal Lynn Bowers of Norwood shortly after midnight on Oct. 23. It is speculated that the object was a helicopter with its landing lights on, but no one is able to verify the report. Marshal Bowers notified the Nucla Dispatch who in turn notified the Montrose Colorado State Patrol, who were apparently keeping an eye on the object also. No report on the incident was filed by either the Montrose CSP or Sheriff's Department and the Montrose airport has no record of any incoming or outgoing aircraft after 9:30 p.m.

"I went out east of town a couple miles to loosen the car up, when I saw what seemed to be an exceeding bright star hanging in the sky over the burn area," Marshal Bowers

reported, "I then noticed it had a red and green light behind it. I watched it for quite a while, then it moved about ¼ mile south of its original position and then east. It stopped again and then took off toward Montrose and went up to what I thought was an extremely high altitude at a high rate of speed. I have no idea what it really was other than maybe a large chopper. It moved at an awfully high speed for something like a chopper, but you never know."

Other questions still remaining are, what would a helicopter be doing out in that area at such a late hour and what would its landing lights be doing on? At this time, there are no answers.

"Many nights over the last 10 years I've spent out, I've seen alot of weird stuff," was the Marshal's final comment.

What were those strange lights in the sky Tuesday night?

Sorry—although several people reported what might be considered a UFO, neither the Federal Aviation Administration nor the U.S. Air Force have an explanation.

Witnesses interviewed by the Advocate-News described basically the same sighting with slightly different details.

At approximately 7 p.m. Tuesday, two or three bright lights—white, red or orange, depending on the observer—were seen flying parallel to each other. One report said the objects came in off the ocean while another said they were

moving in a northerly direction.

A driver on Highway 1 in the Little River area pulled off the road when she saw the lights. At first she thought they might be from a low-flying aircraft, but then she discovered the lights were not connected.

"I could see the stars between them," she said.

She and three others the Advocate-News talked with agreed that the two or three main spheres of light were followed for a while by a sort of white or blue jet stream. Inside this stream were some kind of apparently active particles or additional lights.

Although most of the witnesses said the object or objects made no sound,

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'Laverne & Shirley' Star: I've Seen UFOs

"I've seen UFOs . . . I've seen them!"

That's the startling disclosure of cute "Laverne & Shirley" star Cindy Williams — who plays a girl who believes in flying saucers in the new movie "Uforia."

Cindy says her own close encounter happened at a church retreat in California's San Bernardino Mountains during her high school years.

"I was with a group of people, and we were walking up a hill when these four lights seemed to rush over the

mountain toward us," she recalled.

"They were orange and purple disks, gleaming and shimmering. They vibrated in perfect formation.

"It was like they were trying to announce their presence to us. There were eight kids in our party, and we stared at those saucers for several minutes.

"Then, with an incredible speed, they were sucked into the distance and disappeared."

Cindy talked about her weird UFO experience in an exclusive interview on the set of her new movie, which is being filmed in Lancaster, Calif., near the very mountains where she saw the saucers.

The actress added that — like the character she plays in the film — she's a firm believer in pyramid power.

"I had a pyramid above my bed for two years," she admitted. "As far as I'm concerned, it worked. Maybe

'They Were Orange and Purple Disks, Gleaming & Shimmering'

some of it is psychological, but I do believe in a focal point of energy, and that's what a pyramid is.

"Now I'm thinking of putting another pyramid system up over my bed."

Cindy says she also believes in prophetic dreams. One dream, she reveals, gave her the strength to keep going

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during the lowest point of her career.

"It convinced me to keep on trying so that I'd become a very successful actress," she said.

— BARRY DILLON

What Did Rick Peck See In The Pre-Dawn Sky Friday?

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There are stranger things in heaven and earth than man can imagine, the poet said, and Capt. Rick Peck thinks he might possibly have seen one last Friday a few hours before dawn.

Rick won't come right out and say he saw a flying saucer hovering over Warsaw, but he knows it wasn't Venus or a bright star or an airplane he was watching. Furthermore, he has a witness that something unusual was moving haphazardly through the night sky over Debby Skirvin's house on the Sparta Pike.

When the officer first saw the strange object, he was sitting in the police cruiser near the jail talking to Donnie Johnson who was on his way home from work. It was 2:30 in the morning.

Rick saw it first but he didn't lead Donnie into making any assumptions. He just casually said, "Donnie, look at that and tell me what you think it is." Donnie, a level-headed lad, didn't jump to any conclusions either. He simply replied: "I don't know but let's get out of town a little way so we can put the binoculars on it."

The two drove out the Sparta Pike to near Debbie's house where their view was unobstructed by buildings or trees. This is how Rick describes what he and Donnie saw:

"It was high, higher than any airplane I've ever seen but the binoculars brought it up close. It was round with a cone-shaped tail but the tail was definitely part of it. It was not engine exhaust because it did not move around the circle as it changed directions.

"It was red and green and a very pretty purple and it glowed with the

brightest white I have ever seen. Sometimes the glow will dim but then it would come up bright again. Inside the circle there appeared to be two round windows or portholes, one above the other. At times, I thought I could see a darker object inside the lower porthole.

"The object was moving in a leisurely fashion and in no apparent direction. It was not like a satellite moving in a straight line from horizon to horizon. It would move in one direction for a while and then turn and move in another.

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UFO Sightings Reported Here

The Langlade County sheriff's department received three calls between 11:22 and 11:42 o'clock Thursday night of unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings.

The three female callers told authorities they saw a red and green flashing light east of Antigo and that the object was moving.

Investigation of the incident was assigned to Deputy Keith Svoboda.

Occasionally it would execute a graceful curve and then back track on the curve a short distance.

"All the time, it was glowing and dimming, glowing and dimming and every now and then I thought I saw a darker object inside the lower porthole. That might have been my imagination but the craft itself didn't come from my imagination. Just ask Donnie. He saw it, too."

Rick and Donnie watched the object until they got tired of it. "When it was time for me to go home, it was still up

there tracing that senseless pattern in the sky over Debby's house. I just went home and went to bed and Donnie did, too. For all I know that thing will be up there in the sky again tonight," Rick said.

If the bright, glowing object is in the sky over Debby's house tonight, it probably is safe to bet that she will be looking for it herself now.

And another safe bet may be that Captain Peck will be telling his story all over again in a few days to representatives of the Federal Government.

UFO spotted in Northwest was satellite, official says

BEND, Ore. (UPI) — A UFO sighted in the Northwest on election night, prompting a flood of telephone calls, was only a satellite re-entering the Earth's atmosphere, the FAA says.

The type of satellite, which was sighted from as far north as Everett, Wash., to as far south as Eugene, Ore., was a "classified matter," an FAA spokesman said.

Central Oregon police agencies said scores of callers reported the UFO about 7 p.m.

The FAA spokesman indicated the object probably broke up as it entered the atmosphere. There was no report that it landed.

Elizabethtown man reports seeing UFO

By MARGUERITE DROGO
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ELIZABETHTOWN — Donald Wood says he had a tendency to discount UFO sightings. "I always said I'd have to see it to believe it," he said. Well a few weeks ago, as he and his wife, Ruth, sat watching television in their home on the Wadhams Road, Wood became a believer.

As Wood described it: "It was a very brilliant white light over or just west of Elizabethtown. Its brilliance and size were 100 times greater than that of the planets we sometimes view in our skies. There was no movement of the light in any direction for about five minutes."

At first Wood thought it might be a helicopter, but when he went outside to listen for the engines, there was only silence. He called his wife out onto an open deck where he was standing. She verified that the object was not moving or making any sound as it hovered very low in the sky.

Wood said they had watched the object for about eight minutes when it suddenly began to move eastward. According to Wood, it gained speed as it moved from its position. The white light faded in brilliance until it finally disappeared. Instead two widespread trailing lights with a dark green or bluish tint became visible. These lights appeared to be part of the rear portion of the craft, Wood said.

Wood estimates that it took about 10 seconds for the craft to move

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from its standstill position in the west until it disappeared from ground view heading east. He said it accelerated gradually from a standstill to a very high speed not attainable by any helicopter.

Wood phoned the sighting into a government office maintained to record the sighting of UFOs. He was told that if there were any other sightings in the area he would be contacted. So far, Wood said, he has not heard from the office. He did, however, hear from a person in Olmsteadville in the south-west portion of the county who said he saw a similar sight at around the same time.

Although he doesn't believe in visitors from other planets, Wood said he is puzzled by what he saw. "I never thought much about UFOs before, but now I've seen one."

What are strange red-and-white lights of Murl?

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By Jay Hamburg **FRONT PAGE**

Are alien space vehicles gliding across the night sky of Wayne County, perhaps keeping tabs on us fellow earthlings? Or are the mysterious lights reported by the residents of Murl merely some unusual, but totally explainable, natural phenomena?

Those questions cannot be decided for sure yet, but Ann Stephenson of Murl is certain that she has seen the puzzling lights that seem to change from red to white, shrink and grow and drift together and apart. And the other witnesses, which include her husband, her two sons, her sister and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bell, are just as certain.

Mrs. Stephenson described the lights

as white with a yellow tint - about the same size as the lamp of a street light. In fact, that's what she thought they were when she first spotted them about three years ago above the Jim Cross farm.

"We were coming home from church," Mrs. Stephenson recalled, "when I noticed them and said to my husband, 'Oh, look, Willard. Jim Cross must have gotten some outside lights.'"

However, when she and her husband got closer, it became obvious that the lights were too high for that. And when the circular white lights began to move...well, you can imagine.

Both Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Bell

laugh a little self-consciously when they talk about the circles of light, knowing that most people don't believe things like that and that they themselves wouldn't believe it either, if they hadn't seen them with their own eyes and in front of witnesses.

And it does seem important to round up all the witnesses in order to present a clear case to the people who investigate these sorts of things. For instance, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. has a bureau that looks into unusual short-lived phenomena like the lights of Murl.

If you talk with Mrs. Bell or Mrs. Stephenson and her son, Wallace, you feel like they are level-headed,

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clear-minded people. They don't go around saying space invaders took them on a UFO ride. They merely try to describe what they saw.

Mrs. Stephenson said that there are two circular lights which seem to hover a little above the tree line. Sometimes only one is visible, but usually there are two.

The lights move slowly and silently, sometimes drifting far apart and sometimes coming close enough together to appear as one, then moving apart again until one drifts out of sight behind a mountain.

However, the lights sometimes appear stationary. Mrs. Stephenson said that she and her family have watched them

for over an hour at times, although the twin white spots do not seem to come out on any regular schedule.

Another interesting feature of the unusual, nighttime lights is that they apparently turn red. Mrs. Stephenson said they glow a bright, blood red. And sometimes they shrink gradually from sight, then reappear just as gradually.

The lights were last visible about two weeks ago, according to Mrs. Stephenson.

Another witness, Donna Bell, who works at the Wayne Health Clinic, had heard about the lights but had never seen any until about two months ago during a thunderstorm, very early in the morning.

About 5:30 a.m., the booming weather woke her and she got up to check if a window was open. When she looked out she saw a light just like Mrs. Stephenson had described it - about the size of a street light.

Donna woke her husband, Jerry, and together they watched the antics of the puzzling light for about fifteen minutes.

The light they saw has two short, dim rays shooting down from it, but the rays did not reach anywhere near to the ground. Mrs. Stephenson also confirmed that the lights sometimes appear to be surrounded by short rays.

While Donna and Jerry watched, the light moved slowly above the treeline and disappeared behind a mountain. When it came back into sight, it was red.

That was the only time the Bells have seen the eerie-yet-madcap circle of light.

And Donna indicated that after her husband found out the story would be in the paper, he would just as soon have wished that the strange light was only a dream instead of a wide-awake mystery.

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Mystery Surrounds Local UFO Sightings

Much mystery still surrounds the sighting of an unidentified Flying Object (UFO) which was observed early Friday morning hovering over the Silverton-Ravenswood area.

Mike Brown, of Ravenswood, reported the first sighting to the sheriff's department at 2:52 a.m. He said the UFO was "disc-shaped" and was hovering over I-77 at Silverton. He said that the object had flashing red, yellow, blue and green lights.

Deputy sheriff Len Jones responded to the area. Ravenswood patrolman Buck Kohlstedt and auxiliary officer Tim Abel drove onto the approachway to the new Ohio River bridge and while there, sighted the object.

"I've seen stars before, but I've never seen anything like this," Kohlstedt said while viewing the object through binoculars. Kohlstedt said that the object had a cigar-shape for a while and then transformed into a sort of disc-

shaped design. He added that it seemed to change colors.

A Hutton's Trailer Park resident, Tom Smith, also saw the UFO.

"It hovered real low for awhile," he explained. "You won't believe this, but a piece of it broke off and, instead of falling to the ground, it went straight up into the air."

"I don't know anything about gravity but, what kind of aircraft has four different colors, changes size and hovers all at the same time," he added, with a note of disbelief.

The National Weather Service reported seeing no UFOs on its radar screen at the time of the sightings.

However, a NWS spokesman, Ken Batty, said that two sightings had been made the previous week. A research balloon was later identified as being responsible for those two sightings.

"It's definitely the season for UFOs," Batty explained. "The clear October nights make for long-range viewing from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m."

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No Close Encounter Here

Concord's mayor also saw those unidentified lights hovering in the sky. But he thinks they belonged to the Air Force.

Thursday night, residents of Warner, Franklin and Northfield reported seeing a strange pattern of lights moving slowly and silently through the sky.

"I don't know what I saw," one witness said, "but it wasn't an airplane. No plane could go that slowly without falling down."

Well, Martin Gross saw them too. And he thinks he does know what they were.

"I don't pose as an accredited ground observer of aircraft," he said. But...

"I would say they were Air Force fighter bombers."

Gross said he watched the lights move in a triangular pattern in a northwesterly direction, then slow down and head eastward. "And finally, I was able to hear a very, very light jet roar. It was a clear night. I don't know how high they were, but I would say probably 40,000 to 50,000 feet."

He stopped to watch because the lights produced "a very striking sight," he said. He assumed they were some kind of navigational lights.

"All I know is I didn't think I had an encounter of the third kind. Or even the second kind."

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Unidentified flying object seen in northern Missouri skies

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⁷⁴²⁴ MACON, Mo. - Strange sights were reported in the skies over northern Missouri during the night, but a state trooper who saw the same thing says he believes there was nothing mysterious in the air.

North-central Missouri residents from Ridgeway in Harrison County to Kirksville in Adair County reported sightings of unusual objects during the night.

Their descriptions of the object

varied from triangular to cigar-shaped. Some said there was a single flying object, while others reported there was one object that split in half or that there was one large flying object followed by up to a half dozen smaller ones.

Trooper C.L. Harlan of the Highway patrol headquarters at Macon said his office received a number of calls about unidentified flying objects but he said he believes they were seeing only an airplane. Harlan said he saw it himself

and believes there was nothing to be alarmed about.

"It had revolving lights underneath and wing-tip lights. It had its landing lights on," he said of the flying object. "They were picking it up on radar."

Harlan said he believes the plane was a military craft on night maneuvers but noted that many commercial planes fly over the area. "this is quite an airway. there are a lot of planes flying through here," he said.

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Waymansville Woman Reports UFO Sighting

⁷⁴²⁷ A Waymansville woman says she won't soon forget what she saw near her house the night of Oct. 29 - an unidentified flying object.

Karen Probst, who lives on Road 930S west of Waymansville, told The Republic she woke up that night after hearing her dog barking.

She said she went to her bathroom window and looked across a field. Just then, she saw a bright light that "had the color of a flame," she said.

She said the light stayed in one place for several seconds. Suddenly, without warning, the lights started zig-zagging faster and faster. She said she saw some smoke or steam blow out the back.

"It started picking up speed and then, came right at me." She said she ducked beneath the window. "I got the feeling it

knew I was watching it," she said.

She said her husband was asleep in their bedroom, but she did not wake him up.

Asked her reaction to what she saw, Mrs. Probst said, "It was the most fascinating thing that ever happened to me."

She said she reported the incident to the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department.

The sheriff's department confirmed they received a report of the incident, but said they believed no one else reported seeing the light.

Mrs. Probst said she did not pursue the matter further until she was told by someone that other people throughout Indiana had reported seeing the lights.

"I'd like to know if anyone else around here saw it," she said.

Local man says he saw UFO

⁷⁴²⁹ At least one Mount Vernon resident, Jim Smith, is willing to admit he saw a UFO Tuesday night, although local authorities have no record of their involvement with the sighting.

According to Smith, who was up early Wednesday morning listening to his scanner, he heard a request from Knox County sheriff deputies to the Federal Aviation Administration for a radar check. Smith said the request was for the elevation and angle of the UFO from the airport.

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After hearing about the UFO, Smith put his scanner in his car and drove towards the UFO on Ohio 229 east.

"It (the UFO) looked like it was over Gambier, but when I got to U.S. 62 it looked like it was to the left about 5-10 miles. At first I thought maybe it was something Kenyon had set up," he said.

While traveling in his car, Smith said he thought the city police officers he spotted near the Eastern Star Home, New Gambier Road and the local radio station, were looking towards the east for the light in the sky.

The FAA indicated the UFO was probably one of several planets which are shining brightly this time of year. The radio calls were also heard at the News and the state patrol post, but police and sheriff records include nothing about the sighting.

UFO Reports Increase

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Just before press time, there were further developments following up on the earlier sighting of a UFO by Donald Wood of Elizabethtown. The "airing" of the TV 3 news item on Monday evening regarding the UFO sighting, flushed out two other observers of similar phenomena, from Port Henry, who told of still more people in that area who had made many similar sightings in recent months.

Ms. Sylvia Lang and Dorothy Harvey, had read the earlier Valley News report of Wood's experience, and realized it lent credence to what they and others in their area had been sighting. They took no action at the time, lest they be ridiculed as observers often are. But, after the TV 3 report they decided there might be more to this than to be fearful. Acting on it, they came Tuesday morning to see Mr. Wood and compare notes on observations. Though the sightings were at different times and dates, they take on significance enough to make it practical to encourage others who might have made sightings themselves, come forth and enable comparisons, such as Mrs. Stewart reported earlier from Olmsteadville.

An even more significant outcome of the visit to Wood was their mention of the rumblings and shaking of houses windows that people in Port Henry vicinity have experienced more recently. Wood had also heard rumblings, unlike the blasts of nearby mining in North Lewis, which had been unexplained and had not been heavy truck passings or anything such. It seems the Port Henry people tend to associate this rumble phenomena with the abandoned mines in the vicinity, but since this would hardly account for being heard and felt in Elizabethtown, it is wondered whether others are hearing similar sounds and whether they might be traced to earth faults or pretend potential earthquakes in the mountain region.

The Valley News is willing to act as a "reporting center" for any who have had or might have future experiences similar to either of the above phenomena. Reporting of exact place of observation or place of experiencing rumblings, and the exact time, would facilitate coordination of the reports in one place, then their being "checked out" with authorities concerned, seismograph stations, or others, with the hopes of ultimately confirming or dispelling concerns that many people may have and been heretofore unwilling to report. Reports may be mailed to Valley News, Elizabethtown, N.Y. 12932 or phoned to 873-6368 as promptly as possible, particularly immediately after further sightings or rumblings. We will then update our readers when appropriate.

UFO Sighter Tells Lions Of Experience

By MAC McLEMORE
Dispatch Staff Writer

A vicious celestial power source lies in the Atlantic Ocean and opens periodically to engulf air and sea traffic traveling within its range.

That's the contention of Chuck Wade of Howard, Ga. who said he once saw an unidentified flying object near his family's farm in south Georgia.

Wade gave Cordele Lions an eerie talk about UFOs and how they are connected with the Bermuda Triangle in the Atlantic. He said that hundreds of airplanes and ships have disappeared without any trace, adding he believes the area is a power source for inter-planetary space traffic.

Theorizing, Wade feels that the base is under the ocean and occasionally power is generated. He related on the 1945 disappearance of five military aircraft. Search vehicles, Wade recalled, covered the entire area without finding the slightest trace of the missing planes.

The Bermuda Triangle is an imaginary triangle that links Bermuda, San Juan, Puerto Rico and Miami. Within one spot in the triangle, Wade said he firmly believes that a fourth-dimension exists and has caused the unexplained loss of planes and ships without any trace.

Relating a personal experience he had with a UFO, Wade said that in 1968, after returning from Albany on a date, he saw a strange light as he turned onto a dirt road leading to his family's farm. Wade, at the time was stationed at Eglin Air Force Base near Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.

He said a super-secret squadron had been stationed at the sprawling base a short time before he went home on the weekend break.

As he neared the UFO, Wade said he speeded up and the object followed him until he got into the house. The next morning, his brother confirmed seeing the UFO and said he had fired shots at the strange "visitor."

Wade related this sighting to the surveillance squadron at Eglin and said he believed it

was part of a government project, although confirmation was never forthcoming.

The pilot of one of the 1945 military planes, in his last transmission, said, "I don't recognize them, they look like they're from outer space." Wade was recounting the flyer's spotting of a UFO in the Bermuda Triangle.

"I believe that in the area of the Bermuda Triangle there is a power source that directs celestial travel and the beacon is activated on occasion," Wade said.

The beacon causes disorientation of travelers in the triangle.

Referring to the Air Force's "Blue Book" project on UFOs, Wade said 90 percent of the sightings can be explained but that the remainder are "unanswered."

He further stated that no physical evidence has been found to substantiate the existence of UFOs. But, Wade added "I accept UFOs as a reality."

East Porterville Resident Reports UFOs

By TERRY WINCKLER
Recorder News Editor

Again, eyes in East Porterville have seen mysterious, multi-colored, rotating, unidentified flying objects rise from the eastern foothills.

Reports of oddball sightings have been coming into The Recorder for nearly two years, and the latest person to call in — who wishes, like the objects, to be unidentified — said he has viewed one consistently for 18 months.

But, Wednesday night when eight of them popped up over Black Mountain, he couldn't contain himself.

"Just after dark they rose maybe 4,000 feet above the hills and seemed to hover, rotating

and changing colors from red, white, green, blue and orange," he said.

One of them was larger than the others — "a mother ship?" he wondered.

They moved around, but mostly they were stationary. As with other sightings he has made, they sometimes would disappear but then would reappear. They still were visible to him, his family and neighbors when he retired at 11:30 p.m., he said.

In his opinion, "there is no way they could be helicopters or other aircraft."

The sightings duplicate those of an East Porterville man who was fishing about 3:30 a.m. on

Lake Success about six weeks ago. Instead of catfish, he received the scare of his life when a similar object silently emerged from the hills of the Tule River Indian Reservation.

As the fisherman dashed home to security, the object still was visible.

Wednesday's viewer said he has been curious in the past about "those things in the sky." But not until Wednesday night's multiple appearance was he motivated to tell someone like a reporter.

The sheriff's office, he said, didn't appear interested when he called them.

There was reluctance in his

voice as he described something else he has seen and never reported — sightings made sometime ago over Pyramid Lake on the Interstate 5 Grapevine.

He thought the first object was "one of them Highway Patrol airplanes." When four suddenly materialized he thought differently. They exhibited the exact appearance of those he saw in Wednesday night's skies.

"I kept my mouth shut because people might think I was an eccentric," he said. And because he fears people still may think that he's going to keep his name secret.

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UFO sighting reported

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By Jim Schultz

Weed police officer Pat Hogue dubbed it as "a close encounter of the worst kind."

That's how he felt about a UFO sighting early Thursday morning over the southern shoulder of Mt. Shasta.

Loren Gelwick, a service station operator at the Woodside 76 gas station at the south end of Weed reported a bright light at about 5 a.m..

He was not the only one.

The Weed police reported receiving several calls from residents who also said they saw the object.

Weed merchant Dennis Tinsman told police he saw the object and studied it for a while through the scope on his rifle.

Officers in Mount Shasta, Dunsmuir and Yreka were alerted by radio, but none claimed to see the bright object.

Officer Hogue did see the object, however, but said all it looked like to him was a bright star.

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UFO drives family's car on amazing midnight ride

A man, his sister, wife and children were terrorized by a UFO after it took control of their car — and the astonished family somehow lost an hour from their lives.

The incredible incident left John Mann and his family stunned and — they still suffer recurring nightmares about the unexplainable encounter.

John says he and his sister, Frances Farrow, were in the front seat, and his wife, Gloria, and his daughters, Natasha and Tanya, were in the backseat as they drove near midnight through the countryside near Stanford-in-the-Vale, England.

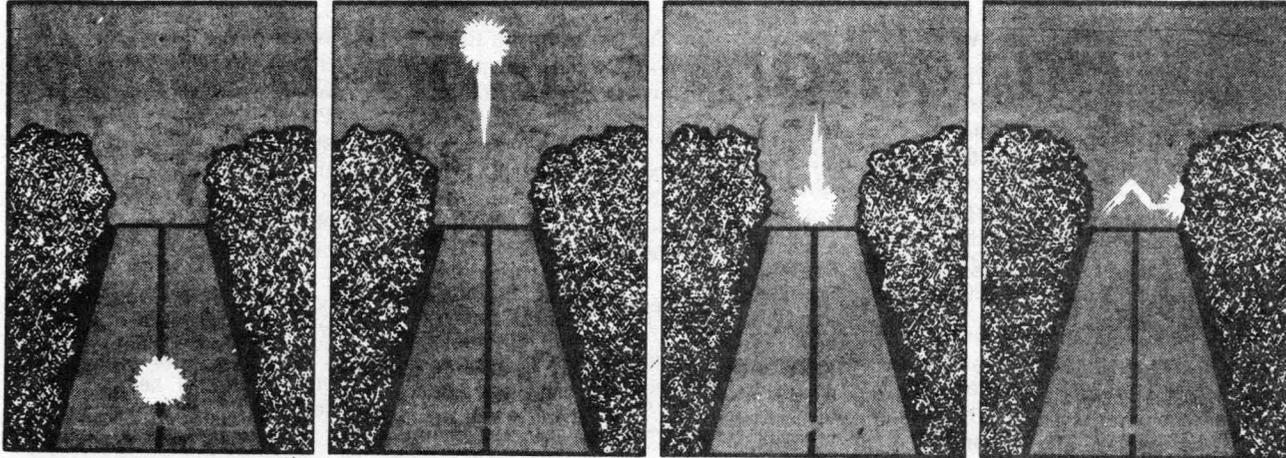
Suddenly, he says, a brilliant white light appeared in the sky and he briefly joked with his wife about UFOs. Then a black object obscured the moon and a loud noise filled the air.

John stopped the car and got out to see what was happening and he saw a huge UFO overhead. He jumped back in the car and started driving — and discovered that his car was under the control of something else.

He says they were taken down a strange road through mysterious countryside before they finally reached their home.

John says when they checked the clocks at home they discovered the short ride had unexplainably taken an hour longer than it should have.

Student Investigates Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind in County



A mystery light that shot up, down and sideways was spotted between Pine Glen and Pottersdale.

By CINDY OLNEY
Times Staff Writer

If a Centre Countian looks out his window and sees a silvery, saucer-shaped object hovering on the horizon, what should he do?

He'll soon be able to report the sighting to the Centre County Unidentified Flying Object Research Center, if Ernie Dabiero of Milesburg gets his wish. Mr. Dabiero said he hopes to establish a headquarters where people can report, with full confidentiality, any close encounters of the third kind.

The center will include investigators who will look for explanations of sightings, a file of UFO reports and a library of resource material, Mr. Dabiero said.

"People don't report these things because they're afraid others will think they're kooks," he said.

Mr. Dabiero, 19, and a second-term education major at the University, is an investigator for the Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research in Irwin. He began, and is the only member of, the center's branch in Centre County.

His interest began when he was 13, he said. He has corresponded with authors and UFO researchers and belonged to a study group at Bald Eagle Area High School, he said.

He's trying to generate more interest in UFO research and expand his branch, he said. Also, he would like to operate more independently of the main chapter, he said, because it often seems to forget about him — it neglects to send him newsletters and

organizational information. He said he'd eventually like his center to operate as a separate organization.

Most of the reports Mr. Dabiero has on file are passed along through high school or family friends. He related two stories he has collected, the first of which he said has some logical explanations.

A Port Matilda resident told him he had observed shiny, aluminum-like aircraft that "hummed like an airplane." It hovered for a moment, then disappeared around the side of a mountain. The man insisted it wasn't

an airplane or helicopter, but Mr. Dabiero said he's not convinced.

"Whenever anyone calls me, I have them write down every specific detail. Then I look it over and try to think of every possible explanation. I check star charts, see if the University has put up weather observation equipment — anything," he said.

He can't explain the next story, he said. As a father and son from Pine Glen were traveling from Pine Glen to Pottersdale they saw a "flying thing that looked like a lighted helicopter," the son said. It was flying unusually close to the ground.

As the two drove over the crest of a hill, they noticed a red light, like a motorcycle tail-light, on the hill ahead. As it reached the top, the light shot straight up in the air, then down again, and zigzagged into the woods.

Through Mr. Dabiero said he's skeptical about most UFO stories, he can't figure out what they saw that night.

"I'd say 95 percent of me doesn't believe in UFOs, but another 5 percent of me really wonders about strange incidents, like this one," he said, adding that he is involved in research to satisfy his own curiosity and to put others' minds at ease.

Personally he had encountered only one sighting that he couldn't explain, he said. As he and his brother were driving up a hill near Bellefonte, they saw a brilliant light floating at a 50-degree angle overhead. It remained there for a moment, then suddenly disappeared.

"But it could have been a lot of things — like headlights of a car on the other side of the hill," he said.

Most people don't know where to go when they see something unexplainable, he said.

Police officers will check any UFO complaint, police chiefs from Bellefonte and State College said. They usually don't investigate in any depth, though, Chief Elwood Williams Jr. of State College police department said, and such calls are infrequent — averaging "maybe one a year."

Two other men collect information about UFO sightings.

Louis Winkler, a professor of astronomy at the University,

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researches, writes articles and lectures about UFOs "as a hobby," he said. However, the University has no formal research projects for UFOs, he said.

Also, the Mutual UFO Network, a national organization headquartered in Texas, has a representative in Port Matilda. Scott Crain, a manager for Crain Lumber Company, has been a state section director for MUFON for five years.

Both Mr. Crain and Dr. Winkler said they get their leads to Centre County sightings through newspapers and acquaintances. Mr. Crain said people just don't know he works with UFOs and Dr. Winkler said "few people call

the University because everyone there thinks it's all humbug."

"That's the problem — there's no public awareness. I want people to know of a place they can come without fear of ridicule," Mr. Dabiero said.

He hopes he can work closely with Mr. Crain and Dr. Winkler once his group is established, he said. He'd also like to expand into investigating any "paranormal" occurrences, such as hauntings or sighting of Bigfoot. He's even more interested in Bigfoot than UFOs, he said.

Those interested in participating in Mr. Dabiero's organization may contact him at 355-1113 or write to P.O. Box 651, Milesburg, Pa., 16853.

MOUNT VERNON KY.

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UFO's Reported to State Police

State Police received a report Sunday evening, about 7:24 p.m. of UFO sightings near Livingston. State Police reported finding nothing in the area; however, Mrs. Ann Senters of Livingston reported to the Signal that her son first spotted the strange objects and called his father. Mrs. Senters said that by the time she went to look that, still visible to the naked eye, were four cylindrical-shaped objects with lights front and back and one large light in the center.

The objects reportedly were traveling a zig-zag pattern in a south westerly direction.

According to Mrs. Senters, neighbors and a friend, that she called, who lives in Brodhead also saw the objects.

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UFOs Visit Area to See Nation's New Leader?

Election Day in the Rochester area was topped off at midnight Tuesday with a call to police by an agitated woman who reported twin UFO sightings.

"There were two of them," the caller from Viola Township told police. "They had bright blue, green and red flashing lights."

One was in the northwest sky and

the other northeast, she said.

Although Rochester Airport tower operators reported nothing on the radar screen, one pundit suggested extraterrestrial visitors might be making a quick check to see who won the elections.

"The election outcome could have literally far-reaching effects to space travelers," the pundit cracked.

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No one will admit who saw UFO

Someone saw a UFO early this morning in Knox County, but apparently no one wants to admit it.

Between 4 and 5 a.m. today a number of radio calls were heard on the law enforcement frequencies on the radio scanner in the News office. The messages described a light that changed colors from green to red to blue, and traveled in several different directions, pausing over Gambier and Danville. When first spotted it appeared to be over the intersection of C.H. 14 and C.H. 8.

A dispatcher at the state highway patrol post heard the traffic, which could not have been a trooper since none were on the road at the time.

Radio logs at the sheriff's office and police station made no mention of the messages, and no one at either location knew anything about them at 9 a.m. today.

Whoever was sending the messages asked for a call to the Federal Aviation Administration in Columbus for a radar check. The FAA told the News today someone called, but there was no record of who made the call.

Despite the mystery of who was making the calls, the FAA reported nothing unusual on the radar and indicated several planets are particularly bright this time of year as they move through the sky.

According the radio messages, the UFO made small circles in the sky, changed directions to head east, dropped lower in the sky and then changed directions to head south.

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Did UFO Visit Valle Crucis Community?

BY SANDRA SHOOK

Mysterious lights sighted in the Valle Crucis area have one resident of the community completely baffled.

She has not only seen the strange lights once, but twice, the second time in the accompaniment of her husband.

"It was weird seeing something flying this slow," says Uldeene Potter, who resides atop Ayer Castle Mountain.

"There is something to this, but I don't know what it is," she said.

The first of last week about 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Potter says she first spotted the strange light moving from her kitchen window. Later she watched it from her outdoor porch travel along Watauga River, crossover, and travel to a dark field near Rocky Face Mountain and land.

She, and her husband this time, spotted it again Monday night, about the same time, moving in the same direction, adding to her bewilderment and amazing her husband.

"I watched that night (last week) until it flew toward a light that was flickering red, a clear amber or something," she said. "It flew straight to this thing and then I didn't see it anymore."

"It looked like it was on the ground."

Mrs. Potter said there was no sound at all

from the light, but it was clearly moving above the trees, but below the mountain.

She estimated that the light she saw was more than three miles from her home, which has a view overlooking Hound Ears, Valle Crucis, and Beech Mountain.

"The one that was flying," Mrs. Potter said, "was just a light, just a clear light. It looked round..."

"I just couldn't believe it," she said. "The main thing was it was moving so slow."

"It just puzzled us that it was just a round object flying, moving slowly like it was following the river or the road, and then it just crossed over and went over to where these lights were at the foot of Rocky Face Mountain."

Mrs. Potter said that both sightings took place for about 45 minutes each and each instance was about identical to the other.

When she first told her husband about the sighting she had seen, she says he didn't pay too much attention. But when he saw it, the second time, Mrs. Potter said: "He just didn't have any idea what it was. He said, 'Could it be a UFO?'"

Mrs. Potter says she has never really been interested in UFOs and is sorry she felt that way. "Because after seeing this I would know more about what I was seeing," she said, if she had known more.

Mrs. Potter, 68, whose husband is retired from Bristol Myers said that she has contacted others in the community to see if they had seen any of the unusual lights, but none had.

The Watauga County Sheriff's Department says there has been no reports of unusual lights from the Valle Crucis area, although recent reports have come in about a bright white light in the sky around dusk.

A spokesman for the department said they had checked with Appalachian State University personnel and found the object reported was the planet Venus.

Since the sightings she, her husband, and several friends kept vigil from the porch of the Potter home to see if the mysterious lights might be seen twice. They saw nothing unusual Tuesday night.

"I'm going to continue looking," Mrs. Potter said, adding that she is even going to try to find the location where the light landed.

An easy answer to what she saw, she says she doesn't have.

A UFO?

"I guess it would have to be," Mrs. Potter said. "I wish I knew."

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**Some wait and watch, but
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no more UFOs reported**

The unidentified flying objects sighted late Tuesday evening in northern Missouri, whatever or whoever they were, apparently did not make a return engagement on Wednesday night.

According to three local sources who were said to have been eyewitnesses to the phenomenon Tuesday night, no strange, kite-shaped objects were seen Wednesday night, although the witnesses and numerous others held impromptu vigils in the cold nighttime temperatures, waiting for another glimpse of "those things."

There still has been no exact explanation made on the reports of lighted, flying objects sighted across a wide area of north Missouri between 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. Tuesday.

REDDING CALIF.

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'Glowing red balls' seen in county skies

By PAT LAKEY

Redding police and Shasta County sheriff's officials received several reports of strange lights in the sky Tuesday night in what apparently was a mass sighting of unidentified flying objects in Northern California.

Officials at the Federal Aviation Administration tower in Red Bluff said the Shasta County sheriff's office called at 7 p.m. saying several persons had reported seeing orange, red and white lights in the sky.

The FAA referred the calls to Bill Murphy of Redding, an independent investigator who has studied UFOs since World War II.

The FAA said the lights were reported throughout Northern California and were seen by several airplane pilots. They were described as being in groups of three red-and-orange glowing balls that left vapor trails in their wake. The lights were reported during a four-hour period that began about 7 p.m.

Single white lights also were seen over Shasta County, according to Murphy.

"The FAA center in Oakland said two dozen pilots reported seeing the lights when they stopped counting," Murphy, 50, said. "They weren't showing up on radar and they didn't make a sound.

"The Redding area is the only place where white lights were reported, but I received calls from several people who saw them."

Rhonda Barry, 35, of Shingletown, is one who reported seeing the lights.

"It was beautiful, just gorgeous — I got out of my car and called for them to come back," Mrs. Barry said today.

"I was driving on Highway 44 about 7 p.m. when I saw two big, bright white lights. They left vapor trails behind them, followed by six to eight more vapor trails without lights. They flew right across the sky."

Murphy said the National Weather Service station in Salt Lake City attributed the lights to a meteor shower in the constellation Taurus, but Murphy discounted that theory.

"Government officials are also saying that it was orbiting material from a space launching, but reputable UFO investigators are saying both explanations are extremely unlikely," Murphy said.

"I don't buy that meteor-shower stuff," Mrs. Barry said. "I shut off my ignition and everything was very dark when I saw those lights. Those were no meteors."

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UFO Sightings Reported Here

The Langlade County sheriff's department received three calls between 11:22 and 11:42 o'clock Thursday night of unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings.

The three female callers told authorities they saw a red and green shining light east of Antigo and that the object was moving.

Investigation of the incident was assigned to Deputy Keith Svoboda.

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UFO Takes Look at City, Then Leaves

Evidently, the occupants of an unidentified flying object spotted last Wednesday hovering over Rice Lake did not appreciate what they saw and continued on their way.

No further sightings have been reported since last Wednesday evening, when a group of kids turned in a UFO report to city police around 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Others who reported seeing the strange lights in the night sky were Mark and Michelle Gonske.

According to Mark, he and his wife had just returned home, when Michelle saw two bright lights hovering over the city.

As the Gonskes watched, the brilliant white lights, which were blinking rapidly, moved over their home and continued to the northwest.

Mark said at first he was sure the lights were on an airplane or helicopter, but as the object came overhead, all that could be heard was a low hum such as that of a small electric motor.

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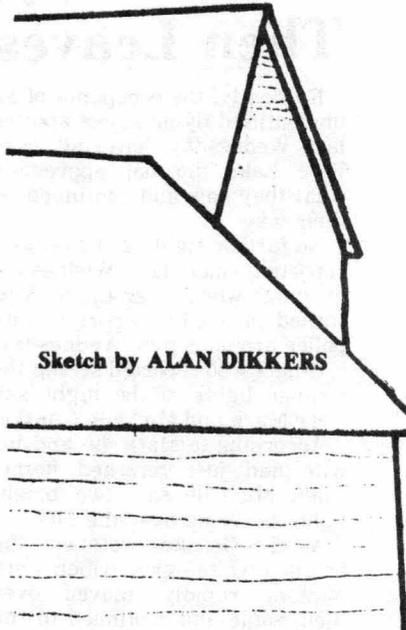
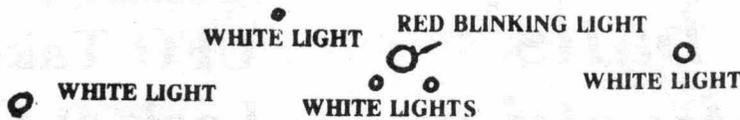
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Additional reports of unidentified flying objects have been made to local law enforcement offices, but none have been confirmed. Police report two calls.

One male, who did not give his name, reported seeing red and green lights about 1:10 a.m. one morning last week above the high school. He reported hearing no unusual sounds.

The sheriff's department had at least one report in the eastern part of the county, but it was found to be a low flying airplane.



By SANDEE GRIGGS

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was seen by several area residents on the evening of October 21. It was first reported to the *Herald* office about 9 p.m. by Alan and Marty Dikkers who saw the object from their home on Grant Street.

The boys' mother, Pat Kielas, was on her way to the grocery store when she heard a noise and saw the strange lights. She called her sons who then tried to follow the object but lost it as it headed west out of town.

Alan Dikkers drew the above sketch of the object to put it in perspective with the surroundings. A distinct outline was not visible but the size could be estimated by the lights. There were red blinking lights and white stationary ones. It was flying low, just above tree-top level, and made a sound comparable to a helicopter or low plane.

Area residents witness UFO

The Edward Groops, who live near Svea, also witnessed an object. Rev. Groop, pastor of the Svea Lutheran Church, said his wife returned home in the car about 8:30 and saw the object. She honked the horn to get the attention of her husband and son who came out to watch the strange object.

They described the wingless flying object as being about 100 yards long with green and red lights at the back, a series of three white square window lights near the center and a large white light at the front. He said it was moving slowly and made little or no noise.

Calls to local law enforcement agencies and airports have revealed no concrete answers as to exactly what the object was, or if there were more than one UFO. Talk around the high school, where several students compared their sightings, was that it was a group of helicopters that were transporting something and got lost. That report is also unconfirmed.

She finally had to tell someone, saw a UFO in Woodruff

MINOCQUA LAKELAND
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An unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported over Woodland Lake about 12:30 a.m. during the last two weeks, a woman who lives near the site told the *Times* on Thursday, Oct. 16.

"I got up about 12:30 a.m. and walked over to the window," said Mrs. Wilda Organist, who lives on the second floor of the Woodland senior citizen apartments in Woodruff.

"There it was, moving over the lake. It was pulsing red, yellow and green lights." Mrs. Organist said she couldn't accurately estimate its size.

"I felt like everyone does about these things. You really don't believe it at first, but there it was." The object was drum-like in its appearance.

"I thought that such reports on UFOs were hogwash. Now I don't fully believe it or disbelieve it. It was there for four or five minutes. It made no noise. Yet, it was a marvelous sight indeed.

"I didn't believe a friend of mine who saw one years ago. You have to see it for yourself. And who will believe you? It could have been something from our country or the Russians or from another planet. Who knows?"

"It was too close to deny that it ever happened."

Mrs. Organist doesn't remember the exact date, but it was around Oct. 1. She hesitated in calling authorities thinking that no one would believe her. Finally, she said, "I just had to tell someone. Perhaps someone else in the area saw the same thing and will talk about it now."

Whatever it was, Mrs. Organist is convinced she saw a real unidentified flying object.

Several Report Sighting UFOs

By DEBBY BAKER
Globe Staff Writer

UFOs? Who knows?

But, whatever it was, something caught the eye of several Joplin star gazers, including a policeman, who reported erratic activity in Tuesday's clear, night sky.

A police department dispatcher said "10 to 12 or more" callers reported seeing moving, lighted objects — objects unlike any they had seen before — flying the skies.

He said most of the calls came in between 6 and 7:30 p.m. from residents in the southwest part of town.

Patrolman Ken Steele said that at about 8:30 p.m. he observed a phenomena that he described as "weird looking."

Steele said he was standing outside his patrol car as a back-up officer on a call in the 900 block of Ohio Avenue when he saw a bright red light shoot up in the sky.

He said the light was small and was "way high when I saw it. Then it flashed and spread out in all directions. It was going up at an angle. That's why I knew it couldn't have been a falling star."

He said he tried to get the attention of the other officers at the scene, "but they were across the street with their backs turned." Steele said he contacted the dispatcher who had told some of the officers that sightings were being reported.

When he saw it, Steele said, "I thought, Oh, no!"

Then he got on the radio and told the dispatcher, "You know what you told me about earlier. I just saw one."

The dispatcher said one of the earliest reports came shortly after 6 p.m. from some people who said they stood in a grocery store parking lot at 20th Street and Maiden Lane and watched an object resembling a "fireball" rotate in the sky. At 7:10 p.m., he said a caller informed him that she was watching a similar happening when her

house lights and television went off. He said that was the only house where a blackout was reported.

Four Joplin men gave a more descriptive account of what they saw Tuesday night.

Ron Butler, 24, said he and a friend, David Lee, 25, also of Joplin, were leaving Butler's house at Fifth Street and Empire Avenue about 6 p.m. when they saw four reddish-lighted objects traveling "evenly spaced in a single-file line" at a slow rate of speed.

Upon arriving at another friend's home in the 200 block of North Gray Avenue, Butler said he and Lee "alerted" two friends there and the four of them watched the objects.

"They were heading east to west, and about the time we got to house and got the other guys outside they stopped and formed a square and then went into an arrowhead shape," Butler said.

He and his friends said the objects were visible for about 15 minutes.

"Then one on the east side began to fade. It was a ball of light that split. Then the rest of them similarly flared up and disappeared," Butler said.

Another Joplinite, Rhonda Wright, 20, a resident of the 1100 block of Monroe Ave., said she was awakened about 3 a.m. Wednesday by a flash of light outside her bedroom window.

"I had a feeling there was something outside the window and the dog next door was going nuts. So, I sprang up out of bed and looked out the window. Something was hovering straight above over a telephone pole. The light was so bright I couldn't hardly see a shape."

She said the intense, yellowish light continued to pause overhead for about 15 minutes "like seeing the sun real close." Then it appeared to move off, becoming smaller, and disappeared.

Phillip Knoppe, an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration at the Joplin Municipal Airport, said he received a report of lights in the sky at about 7 p.m.

"I went outside, but I never could see anything myself. But I heard that plenty enough people saw some lights."

He said he did not know of any commercial air traffic passing over Joplin at that time.

But sightings were not limited to the Joplin area.

Strange sights were reported in the skies over northern Missouri during the night.

North-Central Missouri residents from Ridgeway in Harrison County to Kirksville in Adair County reported sightings of unusual objects, according to a report by the Associated Press.

Their descriptions of the objects varied from triangular to cigar shaped. Some said there was a single flying object and others reported there was one object that split in half or that there was one large flying object followed by up to a half dozen smaller ones.

Trooper C.L. Harlan of the Highway Patrol headquarters at Macon said his office received a number of calls about unidentified flying objects, but he said he believes they were seeing only an airplane. Harlan said he saw it himself and believes there was nothing to be alarmed about.

"It had revolving lights underneath and wing-tip lights. It had its landing lights on," he said of the flying object. "They were picking it up on radar."

Harlan said he believes the plane was a military craft on night maneuvers, but noted that many commercial planes fly over the area. "This is quite an airway. There are a lot of planes flying through here," he said.

An FAA official in Joplin said he was checking Wednesday night with military bases in the area to see if any maneuvers were going on Tuesday, but he said he did not believe there had been.

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Flying Objects Cited

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Strange objects were reportedly seen in the skies over Trenton Tuesday night by area residents, approximately between the hours of 9 and 11 p.m. Several persons called the city police station to report what they said were lights or strange objects flying in a westerly direction.

The sightings were reported from several locations in north central Missouri ranging from Ridgeway in Harrison County to Kirksville in Adair County.

Some individuals described the objects as cigar shaped, while others said they saw triangular objects. Some said there was a single flying object, but others said they saw an object that split in half or that there was one large flying object followed by many smaller ones.

Trooper C.L. Harlan of the Highway Patrol headquarters at Macon said his office received many calls concerning unidentified flying objects. But he said the persons were probably

only seeing an airplane. Harlan said he saw it himself and that there was nothing to be alarmed about.

"It had revolving lights underneath and wing-tip lights. It had its landing lights on," he said of the flying object. "They were picking it up on radar."

Harlan said he believes the plane was a military craft on night maneuvers but noted many commercial planes also fly over the area.

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Driver says she saw UFO shaped like 3 full moons

Police said a woman claimed she observed a UFO (unidentified flying object) that was shaped like three full moons while she was driving a car last night on I-84 near New Britain.

The object was still growing in the sky when sighted by the driver and her mother at about 9 p.m., according to the police report.

The driver said she momentarily tried to follow the object before it disappeared. No other UFO sightings were reported last night.

Other reports

Complaints filed with the police included the following: Theft of a woman's coat valued at \$60 off a vending machine at an East street restaurant and a battery worth \$75 from under the hood of a car at 122 Willow St.

Listed as stolen were a 1979 car, owned by Gerald LeBrun of 188 Allen St., from his home at 9:30 a.m. yesterday, and a 1979 car, owned by Spring C. McClendon of 102 Prospect St., missing from 189 Glen St. at 11:50 p.m. yesterday.

Chinese are shocked by sightings of UFOs

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AMERICA'S leading UFO expert is to visit China to investigate what may be the world's most-witnessed appearances of flying saucers.

Dr. Allen Hynek, scientific director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., has accepted an invitation to Peking by a special commission that is now gathering details on about 100 separate sightings.

At least one of them involved hundreds of thousands of people when whole villages and towns spread over five provinces in

south-central and east China reported seeing "saucer and cigar-shaped" objects flashing through the sky at mind-boggling speeds.

Dr. Hynek, a professor emeritus of astronomy at Northwestern University in Illinois and former Air Force UFO consultant, said: "This is something new and potentially exciting."

Meanwhile, Lu Wung of the New China News Agency's Washington, D.C., bureau said: "Our government in Peking has set up a special commission to investigate this phenomena."

Dr. David S. Bean, an expert on Eastern defense matters and a security adviser to President Johnson, added: "One of the most interesting aspects of the sightings is that they did not take place near the Chinese border."

"When I first heard about them I thought that Soviet M-25 reconnaissance planes might be responsible. But no foreign aircraft would venture that far into Chinese territory. Apparently, there's no question of the Chinese Air Force being responsible."

North Missourians report strange lights in night sky

FRONT PAGE

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By SCOTT GORDON
C-T Staff

In what was likened by one eyewitness as a replay of Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds", and by another as an episode of Star Trek, a number of north Missourians sighted strange, bright lights flying about in the skies over northern Livingston County and over several other adjacent counties Tuesday night.

The phenomenon has people all across the area buzzing today about the "flying saucers," seen either by themselves, their families or friends.

Close Encounters?

Regardless of how one explains it, "something" definitely was flying around the region, based on statements by dozens of eyewitnesses who reportedly swamped law enforcement and news agencies with telephone calls, telling of their own "close encounters."

Area sheriff's department and Highway Patrol airwaves were active with discussion of varying reports of the "lights in the sky."

Strangely, no reports were received by the Livingston County sheriff's department or the Chillicothe police department in connection with the sightings.

Residents of area towns as near to Chillicothe as Chula and Farmersville, to as distant as Kirksville and Huntsville sighted objects ranging in description from huge, cigar shapes to single, small, kite-like forms with lights at each corner to still others which noted one large object followed by a half-dozen small ones.

Began Around 9:30 P.M.

The first sightings were believed to have occurred between 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to a source at radio station KTTN in Trenton, who said he, too, saw one of the craft.

Reports came first from the areas of Ridgeway, Gilman

City, Jamesport, Jameson, then Trenton, Laredo and Chula, the KTTN announcer said.

In fact, the calls of sightings came into the Trenton radio station so rapidly that additional help was reportedly needed to handle all of them.

Kite-Like, With Lights

The Constitution-Tribune talked with several persons in the area who said they saw one or more of the flying craft, which were basically similar in description.

The most widely-reported configuration seen Tuesday night was that of a triangular shaped object with lights on each of the four corners, and a red light hanging down from the center on some type of appendage.

Wilda Ireland, who lives near the eastern edge of Chula, had this report when contacted by the C-T:

"My daughter saw it first, when she looked out the window, and she called for me to come and look. When we first saw it, it was coming from the southwest, and looked like two headlights placed close together."

"Then, as it got closer to the house and went over the north side, we went out into the yard and saw the shape of it."

"It looked like a kite, with lights on all points and a red light hanging down from the center."

From there, Mrs. Ireland said, the object disappeared from view.

"Later, my son called and told me to look out to the east, where we saw two very bright lights, like the headlights close together, and other lights. It was going west at that time," Mrs. Ireland said.

The Chula resident said that she was not frightened of the object, which showed steady lights and made a slight humming sound when it went over the town for the second time.

Mrs. Ireland said her son saw the object through binoculars, and that he said there were short, stubby wings on the object's sides.

A resident of the lake area in Trenton, Steve Palmer, reportedly also saw the craft through binoculars, and described the object as a triangle with three lights and a red light in the center.

Palmer was one of the few who saw short, wing-like protrusions on one of the craft.

"It looked like it had two short, stubby wings," Palmer said, "and something with a red light was hanging from the center. There were lights at the front, and they were blinking. It looked like something out of Star Trek."

Other eyewitnesses reported seeing one of the objects jettison another flying craft while in midair.

Unidentified Flying Objects

Robert Gribble, an official with the Phenomenal Research Center, based in Seattle, Washington, said that a large, cylindrical object was spotted over Huntsville, near Moberly, at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday, which ejected several smaller craft.

"Two witnesses said it was

similar in shape to a huge cigar with swept wings, and passed overhead with a rumbling sound. Then, about six objects smaller than it flew out of an opening in the rear of the craft and flew off in opposite directions at high rates of speed."

"At this point," Gribble said, "the Missouri sightings would have to be classified as unidentified flying objects."

According to KTTN, officials at Strategic Air Command headquarters in Omaha and at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois reported that no military planes were operating in the northern Missouri area Tuesday night, and no flight plans had been logged at the Trenton Municipal Airport.

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Some Dismissed The Sightings

Despite the large number of reports, their similarities and the wide area in which sightings were made, some sources discounted the reports of unidentified flying objects.

The Associated Press said that an officer with Troop B of the Highway Patrol in Macon, C.L. Harlan, said his office received a number of calls about unidentified flying objects but that he believed they were seeing only airplanes. Harlan said he saw an object himself, and believed there was nothing to be alarmed about.

Harlan reportedly said that the brightly-lit object was probably a military aircraft on maneuvers.

Regardless of any hypothesis on the type or origin of the craft seen Tuesday night over northern Missouri, one can be certain that the eyewitnesses and others will be watching the nighttime sky with an increased interest in the coming weeks.

MYSTERY 'UFO' LIGHTS IN SKY

SURREY MIRROR REDHILL

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MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS which appeared in the night sky over Reigate and Redhill have sparked off a wave of UFO reports . . . and experts admit they are baffled.

The first sighting came from an Earlswood woman a month ago. Miss Albana Bastin of St John's Road was lying awake in bed at 3am.

She said: "I was restless and the curtains weren't drawn. I saw this large triangular shaped object just above the houses. It hung there for about 20 minutes and then suddenly just shot off."

On Sunday night 30 people reported seeing the mysterious light as they left the Sovereign Youth Centre in South Park, around 9.30 pm.

**BY DAVID
BURTON**

Sally-Ann Russell aged 15 of Priory Road was so frightened by the experience she had to be driven home.

She said: "It was too big to be a helicopter or anything. I don't know what it was but I was very frightened and wouldn't go home alone."

A spokesman at Gatwick's con-

trol tower said they too had received a report of a UFO sighting about the same time from a man driving his car in the South Park area.

"He said: "We have no idea what it could be. It's quite exciting."

The Ministry of Defence confirmed the reports were on their files and they had investigated. They thought it was probably a weather balloon.

But Mr J. Bate at the Bracknell Met Office said: "The times of the sightings do not coincide with any of our launches and they would not appear as they have been described. I've no idea what it could be."

Bristows Helicopters in Nutfield also scotched suggestions it could have been a helicopter.

A spokesman at Bristow's control tower said: "It certainly was not anything to do with us. We have been doing some night flying recently but not on a Sunday and the first sighting is ruled out because we stop our exercises at midnight."

The incidents have now been reported to the British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association, who are investigating.

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'Rat-men' examine 2 humans aboard UFO

A concert pianist and her friend were kidnapped by horrible rat-faced beings who took them aboard a UFO and forced them to undergo terrifying physical examinations.

That's the incredible story the woman and her young male friend told later when questioned under hypnosis. Without the hypnosis, they had been unable to explain two hours that mysteriously were missing from their memories.

The puzzling gap of amnesia happened right after Brazilian musician Luli Oswald, 55, and her friend Fauze Mehlen, 25, spotted a fleet of UFOs pop out of the ocean as they drove along the coast near Rio de Janeiro.

"When they came out of the water, it was like a mushroom with water spilling over it," Luli recalled. "Then we noticed a big black one ahead of us. It must have been 300 feet across with a dome on top."

Suddenly Fauze, who was driving, was unable to control the car which began weaving back and forth across the road. The doors of the car began opening and shutting on their own.

Shaken, they drove to a restaurant for a cup of coffee . . . only to find it closed. They

Their mouths were like slits. Their skin was sticky and gray'

checked the time — and discovered to their astonishment that it was two hours later than they thought.

Luis Franca, the restaurant's night watchman, remembers their arrival.

"The man was panicked and she was trying to calm him down," he said. "They told me what happened. The curve where they had their trouble is where others have had trouble.

"A friend of mine said his car was chased by a UFO there, and his car started shaking."

Luli learned the truth about the two missing hours when she was hypnotized by Dr. Silvio Lago, formerly of Federal University of Fluminense, Brazil.

"I can see the two (small UFOs) above us," she said in the trance. "I'm feeling sick, nauseated. Our car is being grabbed by the top! A light from the small ones is holding us, the light clasps the car!"

"We're being held prisoners by this light! It's horrible!"

Luli began crying in terror.

"We have entered the black disk from the bottom. The car is

inside the UFO but we are outside the car.

"They put a tube in my ear. There were tubes everywhere . . . they pulled my hair! They looked like rats! Oh, how horrible! Their ears were like rats — huge, horrible ears. Their mouths were like slits.

"They touched me all over . . . they had very thin arms. There were five of them. Their skin was sticky and gray . . . perhaps it wasn't skin. It could have been some covering."

Luli said she saw Fauze lying unconscious on a table, "looking dead." Then the aliens began examining him with a strange ray of light.

"It smells like sulfur and it's bothering me. It troubles me a lot and I don't like it. I can't breathe," he cried.

The "rat-men" somehow communicated without talking to each other, but Luli said one of them spoke with her,

"He said they came from Antarctica, that there is a tunnel which goes under the South Pole. That's why they come from the water. Others are extraterrestrials."

Following the examination, she said, she suddenly found herself back in the car with Fauze — and then they were back on Earth.

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UFO Sighted From Olmsteadville

When Mrs. Earl Stewart of the Hard Scrabble Road of Olmsteadville read the account of Elizabethtown resident Don Wood sighting a UFO in the Times of Ti, it rang a bell.

She had been out walking after dinner the same night (October 18) and saw a very bright light exceptionally low for about 10 minutes. She tried to get her husband to look at it, but he did not confirm it. Comparing notes in a later long distance call to Woods, she mentioned that it had changed colors as she looked at it. Woods had seen a similar phenomena at 9:30 p.m. that same night.

Wood speculated as to what it could be saying, saying, "It could be right out of Plattsburgh, but I can't believe it could be kept a secret from anybody this long."

This past weekend Channel 3 TV contacted Woods and planned to interview him, but cancelled out when weather turned bad.

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UFO sighted in New Lenox

Two separate sightings of apparent unidentified flying objects were reported by the Will county sheriff's department late Monday and early Tuesday.

In the first incident, reported at 10:50 p.m. Monday, a New Lenox man said he observed an object hovering near his home, on Heatherway lane, in the Country Creek subdivision, for approximately 20 minutes.

He described the object as a green circular light flashing on and off, topped by a smaller, flashing green light.

At approximately 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, three sheriff's deputies reported another sighting at Briggs street and I-80 in Joliet.

The National UFO center in Seattle, Wash., was notified of the sightings, according to the sheriff's department. Officers who observed the second object were Lt. Karl Sicinski, Sgt. Jay Mau and Sgt. Gay Luchowski.

Taking the mystery out of the unexplained

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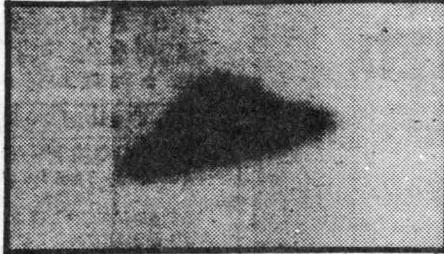
FOR SEVEN days starting tomorrow, the skies will be liberally sprinkled with unidentified flying objects as the Earth passes through a meteorite belt known as the Orionids.

This is a fair warning to UFO-spotters not to believe what they see. It is times like these that muddy the waters of objective assessment, according to Brian Innes, editorial director of a new weekly magazine called *The Unexplained*, which will build up over a period of 120 weeks into a fascinating encyclopaedia.

"Particularly in the field of UFOs, we are anxious that people should learn to distinguish by elimination, and in the magazine we will give details of questions people should ask themselves, and the way in which they should report sightings.

"For a start you have to eliminate such things as balloons, lost kites, flights of birds, planes and helicopters.

"Scarcely a day passes without a report of another UFO, but these phenomena, observed by thousands of



The UFO season is about to open as the Earth passes through a meteorite belt.

by GERRY ANDERSON

people and supported by photographs, films, recordings and radar plots, must be susceptible to explanation.

"What is striking is that very little formal scientific investigation of the many sightings has been carried out. These sightings may be wholly explicable in terms of mass-hysteria, self-delusion or some deep psychological need, but the explanation ought to be made.

The majority of photographs of UFOs are undoubtedly fakes, and those with good credentials are so blurred, distant and ambiguous that they simply add a further dimension to the problem.

The surest proof, of course, would be to get hold

of a UFO, and there are persistent rumours that the United States Government has indeed obtained a UFO, and witnesses have sworn affidavits to that effect. The US Government, however, will neither confirm nor deny the rumour.

One of the strangest encounters on record concerns captain James Howard and the crew and passengers of the BOAC Stratocruiser Centaurus on June 29, 1954.

The airliner had taken off from Idlewild bound for Newfoundland when it was given a message from ground control that there was a hazard ahead. At 19,000 feet, on the port side of the aircraft, the crew saw a large metallic object surrounded by six smaller

objects, but the large object seemed to be changing shape all the time.

Captain Howard called up control: "We are not alone." Control replied: "We know." Howard said: "What is it?" Control: "We don't know, but we've scrambled a Sabre jet from Goose Bay to investigate."

When the Sabre arrived on the scene, the pilot reported two images on his radar scope — one for the Centaurus and one for the strange object. Suddenly the six small objects bore down on the large one and disappeared to merge into one end of it. The large one vanished from the scope.

The radar scope verifies this, plus the experienced crew and 30 passengers, which would seem to put it beyond the bounds of imagination.

The magazine, which deals only with the scientific approach to the world's mysteries, drawing on recognised experts from all over the world, attempts to bring together for the first time the most comprehensive survey of the mysteries of mind, space and time ever undertaken.

And that covers everything from Big Foot to spontaneous human combustion.

WORCESTER EVENING NEWS

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Beverly Burton, aged 13, a pupil at Samuel Southall School said: "It wasn't a helicopter or an aeroplane, and it was quite frightening."

Beverly, of Cedar Avenue, said the object was ahead of her as she looked towards the post office from the Astwood Road junction.

"It was travelling very fast and then it just vanished."

The object was also spotted by Jayne Hancocks, 14, of Troutbeck Drive, Warnold, who gave the *Evening News* a similar description.

The Ministry of Defence knew of no planes flying over Worcester at 4.45 p.m. yesterday.

CHILDREN were frightened by an unidentified flying object on their home from a Worcester school.

The girls say they saw a large silver egg-shape flying through the sky over Brickfields post office, complete with five flashing lights.

WORCESTER EVENING NEWS

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More UFOs spotted

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MARTIAN madness has continued to spread in Worcestershire with reports of UFOs over the Vale of Evesham.

Vale UFO spotter, Mr Gordon Gregory, told the *Evening News* he had heard of reports of strange flying objects in the district over the last five weeks.

"Judging from people's descriptions, they seem to be quite like the UFOs spotted recently in other parts of the county," he said.

Mr Gregory, who lives in Elmley Castle, said the circular silver objects had been seen hovering at between 200 and 300 feet above the ground.

"They seem to stay in one position for a while and then shoot off very fast," he said.

Nuneaton 3128 UFO sightings

An Unidentified Flying Object buzzed houses in Nuneaton at the weekend.

The UFO — described as a yellow ball of light — was seen in the sky at Hill Top and Whitestone around 7pm on Saturday.

One eye-witness was Mrs Nancy Howe of Hill Top, who sighted the mysterious light above the rooftops near her home.

"It was very low above the houses", said Mrs Howe, who was walking home from work at the time of the sighting.

"It seemed to be bobbing up and down — jerking as if it were in trouble."

"I rushed in home and got my husband Bob and my son. And the three of us watched it for a while.

"We just didn't know what to make of it. At one stage, it looked as if it might land — but then it flew off towards Coventry."

The UFO was also spotted by Tribune photographer Ted Cottrell who described it as a yellow ball with a flashing red light.

Officials at Baginton said they had no knowledge of aircraft in the area at the time of the sightings.

The UFO is now being checked by the Hinckley Aerial Phenomenon Investigations organisation.

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Lynda's UFO 3128 has silver lining

RECEPTIONIST Lynda McVan had a close encounter of a very odd kind. It was the strangest thing I have ever seen."

The unidentified flying object she saw shooting over Accrington was ball-shaped.

"I could not believe my eyes," said Mrs McVan, of Spring Street, Accrington. "I was in the car with my husband and little boy and I saw it pass overhead.

"It was like a silver ball and it was spinning and flashing as it travelled from west to east. My husband did not see it, but

Mrs McVan, a receptionist at Cloggers, Great Harwood, was in Lonsdale Street, Accrington, on Tuesday night when she made the sighting.

Then, yesterday, she heard reports that a similar object had been spotted by a dozen people from Perpignan, near the Pyrenees.

The object was said to resemble a yellow ball, at an altitude of about 1,500 ft.

Accrington police have received no reports about the object seen by Mrs McVan.

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Pupils 3128 say 'we saw UFO'

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Dozens of schoolchildren say they saw an unidentified flying object in the sky over Brierley Hill and Dudley.

The pupils from Bluecoate School, Beechwood Road, Dudley, compared notes after the encounter on Wednesday night and about 25 say they saw the UFO.

Vanessa Meese and Elaine Adams, both aged 15, said it was spotted in several places between Brierley Hill and Dudley between 8 p.m. and ten.

They said it was an oval shaped object with a reddish and orange light at the bottom.

Dudley police said no UFO reports had been made.

Food for UFO thought

The villagers of Llanerchymedd in Anglesey will never forget the evening of Friday, September 1, 1978 — the night they were 'invaded' by beings from another planet.

A large egg-shaped object landed in a field in the village, shedding a brilliant light over a wide area. Several witnesses saw three grey-clad figures emerge from the object, and cattle in the field ran away in panic.

By the time the police arrived on the scene the object had departed, and after investigation by UFO experts and the RAF, life returned to normal in the village.

The incident is recounted in *The Encyclopaedia of UFO's* (New English Library, £12.95) a mammoth study which takes a detailed look at various aspects of a fascinating subject.

The close encounters of the third kind, such as the Llanerchymedd landing, obviously provide the most colourful of the 350 articles. Other examples are:

- The Villas Boas abduction, which involved a Brazilian farmer who claimed he was taken aboard a space-craft and was seduced by an extraterrestrial woman.
- The case of the Wisconsin farmer who was given four 'pancakes' by three men in a silvery object in exchange for a jug of water.
- The celebrated Hill abduction, involving a married couple who recounted, under hypnosis, being taken on a craft and examined by aliens.
- The Venezuelan who was attacked by a hairy dwarf from an alien craft after going behind a hedge to relieve himself.

But the encyclopaedica, which includes 250 illustrations, is not merely a list of sightings and encounters reported by possible cranks — far from it.

It is a serious and objective work, edited by Ronald D. Story, probably the world's greatest authority on UFOs. Apart from actual incidents, there are articles on UFO experts like Erich von Daniken, on bodies set up to investigate the phenomenon, on relevant scientific aspects — anything, in fact, to do with the subject.

Story presents the facts accurately and fairly, and whatever your views on the existence or otherwise of UFOs, this excellent book certainly provides plenty of food for thought.

UFO may have been a balloon

TWO EYE-witnesses who spotted the mysterious flying object on Worcester's skyline on Wednesday believe they saw a balloon.

"It was travelling very slowly with psychedelic lights. I'm sure it was a balloon," said one man who watched the object travel from Blackpole to Warndon.

An alert was raised after two schoolgirls saw the object in the sky at 4.45 p.m. The Ministry of Defence said they were unaware of any planes flying over the area at the time.

Riddle of lights

STRANGE lights in the night sky near Gainsborough in the early hours of Saturday morning were seen by a number of people and the mystery still awaits a clear explanation.

Lights, described to The News by one observer as spherical, slightly orange in colour and with a short hazy trail, were seen from the Laughton Common area at about half past midnight on Friday.

This sighting was by a man and wife travelling in a car towards Gainsborough and the man said the light appeared to be travelling fairly slowly from east to west, complete a 90 degree right turn and then descend.

"It was a clear night but it was difficult to estimate distances and we drove along Carr Lane to Stockwith and back to Morton to see if we could find

where it had dropped but found nothing," he added.

At more or less the same time Gainsborough police received a call from a man at Haxey who said he had seen what appeared to be the same light and thought it had dropped somewhere near the river Trent. He suggested it might have been a parachute flare.

Police from Gainsborough, Scunthorpe and Nottinghamshire checked one object being to see if any boats were in distress but found nothing and a similar negative results came when calls were made to RAF stations in the district.

Yet another report of a similar object being seen came in this week, on Monday when a bus driver reported having sighted a light, again in the area north of Morton, late in the afternoon.

OAP's close encounter of the first kind

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TWO strange spinning-top shaped objects were spotted flying over Black Fan Road, WGC, last week by a Panshanger pensioner.

Now Joseph Jones, 69, of Aldbury Grove, WGC, wants to know if anybody else saw the UFOs — unidentified flying objects — flying above the town.

Mr Jones was walking home from his part-time job at printers Duolith Ltd when he saw the UFOs about 4.15 last Friday afternoon.

He said: "They seemed to be about five feet across, and a darkish colour. I thought they were balloons at first, but they were shaped like spinning tops, and they had something that looked like an iron bar hanging below them."

"They were hovering, and then they slowly began to go down, disappearing behind the trees. I never saw them after that."

Mr Jones said he saw a police panda car at the time, which seemed to spot the UFOs, and race off in their direction.

However, a police spokesman said that no reports of anything unusual had been received.

EXAMINED

ON ALIEN SPACESHIP

'We flew over a desolate landscape'

THIS IS John Mann's story, reconstructed after hypnosis:

I did not get lost on a road that doesn't exist. What really happened is that the spaceship hovered in front of the car about 100 feet off the ground.

Eight or 10 shadowy figures walked silently to the car and returned with the others. We walked towards a brilliant column of light. As we entered the light beam we seemed to float upwards.

I remember being in a large circular room.

There were three men wearing close-fitting metallic silver suits with balaclava-type helmets.

One of them said in perfect English: "Welcome to our ship. No harm will come to you."

"We wish to examine you." He asked me to step

through a door and leave the others.

Two women came into the room. One told me to sit in a sort of dentist's chair and strapped my wrists to the chair arms.

An intense beam of light shone onto my face. Then one of the women pulled something black down from the ceiling. I was left completely dazed. I could hear a woman's voice saying, "Wake up, John, wake up."

The man returned and told me he was called Anouxia and said:

"Do not be alarmed. Something is coming and we must move a short distance."

The floor seemed to tip to the left. Anouxia said:

"You are very fortunate to have been in the engine rooms when the ship was moving."

When I asked what power-

ed the ship, he said it was a process they were prepared to bargain with for the possibility of living peacefully on earth.

He then told me he wanted to show me a film of his home. I felt the film was taken from an aircraft and I was actually on board.

We flew over a desolate landscape of rocks and I could see a craft about the size of a bus emerging as the rocks parted.

The film ended and I joined the others in another room. Anouxia indicated we should step out through the open hatchway.

As soon as our feet touched the ground the shaft of light moved away and a man who had accompanied us walked slowly backwards into the light saying, "You will remember nothing."

'The aliens told me they would like to live on earth'

FRANCES FARROW now remembers quite vividly what happened to her during her "lost hour."

When John was taken for his medical, I was separated from Gloria and the children and taken into another room.

I was escorted by a man with a plain white disc on his silver uniform to a room where there were about 15 to 20 people.

The man told me he was Uxiaulia, an explorer pilot from the planet Janos.

He told how Sarton, the planet nearest their sun, came too close to Janos and started

to disintegrate and shower them with meteorites.

He said a nuclear power station was hit by a meteor and set off a chain reaction which devastated the rest of Janos.

He told me explorer space-ships from the master base ship — temporary home of Janos survivors — had been sent to find a new home for their people.

From what they had seen of earth, they would like to live

here. Then I was taken to a room where the others were waiting.

Both John and Frances remember a woman offering them colorless fizzy drinks.

Natasha and Tanya refused their drinks and the woman said: "It doesn't matter; they are too young to remember. Besides, no one would believe them."

John asked if the drinks were alcoholic and was told: "No, it is to help you forget."

"You must forget because you will be exploited. In time you will remember. You will meet us again and you will know us."

Household shocked by backyard UFO

WHATEVER IT WAS that landed in Jerry McAlister's backyard, it was out of this world.

It happened early one morning recently when McAlister of Anderson, S.C., was rudely awakened by "this awful racket outside my window."

"At first I thought it was a helicopter fixing to crash. It was a shrieking noise that actually hurt my ears," McAlister recalled.

"But when I got to the window I saw this terrific light — it was sort of like floodlights — lighting up my whole backyard. The light hurt my eyes it was so bright. I called to my wife who was asleep and she got to the window in time to see the light and hear the noise."

"Then my daughter Shirley got to the window and saw it. Then it turned sideways and swished over the

pine trees." McAlister, who asserted he's "never been one to believe" in UFOs, said the object he saw was round, about 70 feet long and "thick as a two-storey building."

Thrilled

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

"I felt like bursting into tears. I'm so thrilled that I got to see something so great."

McAlister was not the only witness that night. Men from the Anderson sheriff's department saw it, along with at least six other witnesses, plus radio and television news people.

But what was the object? That's the question nobody has the answer to.

UFOs haunt town

UFOs ARE TERRORIZING the residents of a scenic little New Hampshire town. Over 60 sightings in just four years have turned picturesque Hillsboro into a town haunted by flying saucers.

"There are too many coincidences. There's got to be something going on here," said Ronald Ellis, publisher of the Hillsboro Messenger. "It's not someone's imagination because these people are too credible."

Another Hillsboro resident, Robert Giglio, 51, believes the saucers operate from a base near the town.

"There's a pattern to the sightings. Many are large and the same shape. And they make no noise. But the most unusual thing is that so many people have seen them so

close," Giglio said.

Mysterious red lights are one of the most common types of UFOs seen. And brightly-colored cylindrical objects have come considerably closer and even landed on lonely mountain roads late at night.

Saucer

A young couple spotted a saucer at treetop level one night last winter.

"It was yellowish-blue and looked like a giant Contac capsule standing on end," reported Billy Gould.

The capsule hovered above them making a humming noise and, just as suddenly, accelerated and disappeared quickly.

Police officers and other Hillsboro authorities have sighted glowing lights and strangely-shaped craft on different occasions.

Giglio took photos of a strange light that experts declared were authentic.

"I think we need a federal investigation of these sightings," said Giglio. "Why would anything from outer space want to come down here? There are no mineral deposits or military bases. They can hover over more interesting areas."

PROVIDENCE VALLEY NEWS

Hi Neighbors,

We think we live in a little part of the country where we have all the peace and solitude we want; but once in a while we have a rude awakening that jars us up to reality of the weird things that can happen close to home. Just such an incident like that took place last Wednesday morning over near Ghent, when a young farmer spotted a UFO hovering over him.

A young area farmer who was plowing early Wednesday spotted a bright flickering light.

The young man, who wants to remain anonymous to avoid being "bugged" about the UFO, called law officers. Thompson was roused from sleep at 4:20 a.m. and went out to investigate.

The farmer had called his parents out to view the object after he'd watched it for half an hour.

"My curiosity got the best of me," he explained. "I wanted to prove to myself that I wasn't seeing things."

The parents also acknowledged viewing the object.

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The young man said the UFO appeared to be about a mile high, was red in color at first and followed him to the farmhouse.

"When I got to the house, it was like someone was holding a big flashlight up in the sky, the color became yellowish white," he continued.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Thompson said that he noticed "a very bright object that appeared to be directly above County Road 8." It appeared to be "much closer than the stars that were visible, as the sky was clear and there were no clouds in sight."

Thompson said he and the farmer watched the apparent UFO about half an hour. It came closer for a time, and the light intensified and became hazy at alternate moments, "then moved back and forth north to south several times."

Even a dog ran toward the object and barked at it. Thompson said the object hovered

over his vehicle as he drove to Marshall, lingered over the city about five minutes, then moved off to the northeast.

He has reported it to the UFO center in Seattle, Wash., but has not heard further from that office.

I'd say that is getting close to home. Maybe we should have night spotters on duty. It's hard to say when they will come over our place next. To me it's mysterious going on. Maybe we are better off not knowing what it's all about. But the time will come when it will all be explained. Until then, we will go about in our comfortable ways.

Many report UFO in Illinois night sky

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Two Men Sight Possible UFO

Rodney Wycoff and Terry Enney, had a strange experience while driving home from work last Thursday evening.

Both men, employed by Johnsons Feed in St. Croix Falls, claim they sighted unusual flying objects at about 6 p.m. that evening.

Wycoff, who lives in Deronda, explained that he was giving Terry a ride to his home in Osceola. They were headed south on Hwy. 35 and as they passed Green Implement and reached the top of the hill, Wycoff said he sighted two large balls of white light that seemed to cross the road from east to west.

"I looked over at Terry and asked him if he had seen anything," Wycoff said. "He said yes and told me to stop, the truck 'right now'. We couldn't figure out what in the world the lights would be."

Wycoff said that he then pulled his truck over to the side of the road about 1/2 mile north of Osceola and they both stepped out of the vehicle to get a better look.

"The lights were constant and seemed to be circling from east to west at a very high speed. The two lights were very bright and totally white, they never blinked or dimmed. I've never seen anything like it," he said.

The men observed the objects from the highway and then decided to travel on to Terrys home on Chieftain Street, about two

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Experts on unidentified flying objects are seeking more information on reports of UFOs seen in night skies over eastern Will County this week.

Estelle Postol, administrator of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston said more information will be needed to determine whether reports from police officers and hundreds of residents Monday night and early Tuesday all concern the same object.

From several witnesses' description of the object as a "bright light," Mrs. Postol said, it sounded as if they might have been watching a star or other astronomical body.

Mrs. Postol, who received some calls about the Will County sightings, said the length of time an unidentified object is observed "is a very important point to us."

"Generally when people watch an object for one hour, they are looking at an astronomical body, because an hour is a long time for an object to be observed, particularly if it's described as moving,"

she said.

"Often witnesses watch the motion of stars, which is movement, and don't equate that with stars because they think of stars as stationary..."

She added, "The closer to the horizon they (stars) are the faster they seem to be moving. But we would have to get a great deal more information from the witnesses."

The center is operated by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, a professor emeritus of astronomy at Northwestern University.

Robert Gribble, spokesman for the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, said the national center plans to interview witnesses to the sighting. He said lights moving in the sky are not uncommon and that similar reports are received each week.

Among the witnesses was Jeffery Poppenbarger of New Lenox, who told Will County police he saw a flying object out his south bedroom window shortly before 11 p.m. Monday.

He said that object was rotating back and forth, and that on top of it two green lights appeared to be

flashing on and off. Poppenbarger said he viewed the object for about 20 minutes, after which an airplane appeared to fly under the lower light and the light disappeared momentarily, he said. It went back on, he said, and then the object vanished.

Lt. Karl Sicinski, a Will County sheriff's deputy, said he and Sgt. Jay Mau saw a flying object about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday as they drove in their car.

Sicinski said they first noticed the object, displaying a bright light, on the horizon in the southeastern sky. He said it suddenly began to move at an extremely high rate of speed in a southeasterly direction across the horizon and then appeared to make a sweeping circle in the sky before becoming stationary, he said.

Elwood Police Chief Walter King said he observed "something very strange" in the southeastern sky this morning. After hearing reports about an unidentified object on a police scanner at his home, King said he drove to the edge of town.

He described the object he saw as "a large bright light that seemed to get bright and then dim

blocks north of Osceola High School.

"When we got to Terrys we stood in the front of his door, and they still were up there, it was incredible," Wycoff said. "We could see them over the treetops still circling. After just a few minutes a third ball of light appeared and my mouth dropped open."

"All three were circling when the third one accelerated very rapidly, and passed the other two. As it passed, it turned to its side and we could see that it was a circular shape, like a saucer," Wycoff said.

"It seemed like they were playing tag up there or something. We stood there astonished watching them. We didn't even think to call the police until they disappeared," he added.

"We weren't really scared. I think I might have been if they would have been flying closer though," he said. "I was more amazed than anything."

At first the men thought they were seeing lights from the airport, but after arriving at Terrys home, they could see the airport lights, and the balls of light, Wycoff explained.

All three objects were the same size, though the last one sighted by the men seemed to have more acceleration power.

Wycoff estimated that the objects were flying about 3-4 miles south of Osceola, but didn't guess the altitude.

The men sighted the objects for a little more than one-half hour, before the third object seemed to lead the first two away.

No information was available from local police to verify the incident.

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Watch two UFOs over Lake Tomahawk

Several persons reported seeing two unidentified flying objects over Lake Tomahawk about 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25, near Kroh's Landing.

One of those who saw the objects told the Times they called the Minocqua Police Department and a squad was sent to the scene.

"The policeman watched it for 10 to 15 minutes, too," said Dale Kroh.

"Mrs. (Ruth) Klippel reported that she had seen several over the past few years," said Kroh. "I was at her house on the 25th when she, in a matter-of-fact way, said 'there's another UFO.' I looked outside and there was.

"It wasn't a star. The object was some three miles away and was reflecting on the lake. We looked at it through binoculars and it looked circular.

"The lights were flickering—red, green and white. Just as they were about to go out, the sequence would start again. And then it appeared to turn on an axis. We could see it was cone shaped. It was moving slowly. It was near the horizon then it moved to some 45 degrees in the sky."

They watched it for some one and a half hours. The object didn't make a sound, according to one witness.

Another object was then sighted at a distance of 10,000 feet. The second object appeared to circle the first one. It, too, featured a light display.

"This one was going about the speed of a plane, but it wasn't, as it circled the other object, changing directions."

Kroh added, "It was a very interesting evening, to say the least."

Mrs. Celeste Nowak also reported seeing the same two unidentified objects on Tuesday, Nov. 25. "They weren't stars," she said.

Mrs. Klippel told the Times on Monday, Dec. 1, that the object, whatever it was, was "cone shaped" with red and green flashing lights. "You could see the colors in the lake. I've never seen one this low before.

"It made no noise and just hovered for an hour and a half or so."

Mrs. Klippel said she has observed several unidentified flying objects within the past "three or four years."

"This is the first one I've seen this year," she said.

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Mysterious light sighted over Bohner's Lake reflected overtime hours

By Kevin Rezel
of the Journal Times

BURLINGTON — For a brief moment Monday night residents at Bohner's Lake thought they were being monitored by UFOs as a mysterious light hovered over the lake, flickering against the charcoal-clouded sky.

Town of Burlington Police Chief Thomas Ackley, who responded to the 6 p.m. call, put any thoughts of little green men with eight arms and a score of eyes out of his mind as he set out to find the origin of the strange light.

"You could see it from anywhere. It looked like a light circling in the clouds."

A statement in the police log from a caller said it looked as though "the world was coming to an end."

Ackley said the eerie light was about 200 feet in diameter, illuminating the water below.

"I figured it was a reflection off something. I tried to get below it."

Ackley said he went south on Fish Hatchery Road and 15 minutes later he uncovered the source: the B.R. Amon & Sons Inc. sand and gravel pit on Schaal Road, three miles away.

The light turned out to be a reflection produced by welders working at the pit, Ackley said; no alien vessel, just employees working overtime.

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Mysterious Light Easily Explained

BURLINGTON, Wis. (AP) — The caller told of a mysterious light that seemed to be hovering over Bohner's Lake.

Town of Burlington Police Chief Thomas Ackley checked it out when the call came in one night last week.

"You could see it from anywhere," he said. "It looked like a light circling in the clouds."

Although the caller, according to the police log, expressed the view that it looked as though "the world was coming to an end," Ackley figured it to be some type of a reflection, and he set off to try to determine what caused it.

About 15 minutes later, he had his answer—the light was a reflection coming from the B. R. Amon & Sons Inc. sand and gravel pit, about three miles away. Welders there were working overtime that night, Ackley said.

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2/3 of Soviet UFO Sightings Are by More Than One Person

Two-thirds of 256 UFO sightings analyzed by Soviet scientists involved more than one witness — and 15 percent were described as "mass observations," reports Omni magazine.

The study of UFO sightings in the Soviet Union was published in 1979 by the physics and astronomy branch of

the USSR's Presidium Academy of Sciences.

Of the 130 UFO witnesses who listed their occupations, at least 66 percent had impressive qualifications — 25 percent were scientists, 17 percent were engineers, 11 percent were pilots, 7 percent were laboratory workers and 6 percent were servicemen.

Stalking an Elusive Prey

By MICHAEL DOUGAN
Of the Daily Pilot Staff

Some people might see Willard Nelson of Villa Park and John Herrera of Fullerton as modern-day unicorn hunters.

Although both are serious-minded men working in technical fields, they continue to seek what may not exist and believe what, to many, is unbelievable.

Nelson and Herrera are field investigators for this country's two largest UFO research organizations.

In their spare time, they interview people who allege to have seen things not of this Earth. They visit the location of sightings, taking careful notes and charting azimuth, speed and direction.

And they patiently evaluate the observers for signs of mental disturbance or motives that might indicate a hoax.

Their work brings them in contact with people who Herrera says remind him of Exedor on "Mork and Mindy." Others cannot tell the difference between a planet or a police helicopter and a visiting ship from outer space.

But they say most people who make UFO reports are sane, honest and, often, still in a state of shock caused by their experience.

Such was the case with two women recently interviewed by Herrera.

After moving into a new house in Van Nuys, they set out to look at the local junior high school where one would send her child. They saw the school...and

"The gal that was driving saw this thing drop out of the sky behind the school building," said Herrera, an investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), based in Tucson, Ariz. "Then it came around the corner in front of them."

"It," the women claimed, was a disc-shaped object topped with a dome that was surrounded by apparent port holes. Rising from the dome was an antenna-type structure with a light on its tip.

"It was about the size of an auto, I guess," said Herrera. "It's hard to tell. The ladies were so excited, they were exaggerating everything."

"It pulled back (when it 'saw' the women's car) and tilted up on its side and it remained there and hovered motionless for a few seconds, then it shot back up into the sky," Herrera said.

"They tried to follow it in the car, driving like crazy," he added. "The passenger was petrified. She wanted the other girl to stop so she could call her dad."

When the call finally was made, "her dad was wise enough to put the tape recorder on. They sounded quite excited. It was very convincing. There's no doubt in my mind that they saw what they said they saw."

Three months after the event, he said, one of the women still weeps when she discusses it. "The driver was really awed by the thing," Herrera added. "She thinks it has something to do with religion."

In fact, both researchers said many people who sight alleged

UFOs, particularly in "close encounter" cases where the object is within several hundred feet, are emotionally and psychologically affected by the incident. Sometimes the problems are so severe they require

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professional help. More often, the observers simply are obsessed with thoughts about what they saw. They want it to come back, to land, to make contact.

Nelson, who works for the Mutual UFO Network with international headquarters in Sequin, Texas, gave an example: In 1978, a local pilot spotted a flying disc crossing beneath his plane as he approached Los Angeles Airport. At the same time, he felt some type of psychic waves emanating from the strange craft.

"(The sighting) had parapsychological effects for about two weeks," said Nelson. "The last we heard of him, he was thinking of going out in the desert somewhere and sitting and waiting to contact somebody; he didn't know who. We were kind of worried about him."

Both investigators were led into the eclectic field of UFO research by sightings, either their own or a relative's.

"If I hadn't seen one, I could give you a dozen good reasons why they don't exist," said Herrera, a technical writer for an electronic instrument company.

Herrera's close encounter came years ago as he and his brother drove down a highway in rural Colorado. A large, disc-shaped object emerged from behind a clump of trees, hovered momentarily at a 30 degree angle, then buzzed the car and shot skyward.

When they tried to report it, "nobody wanted to hear about it," he said. "Even my own dad just broke out laughing. I got so mad I just tried to forget about it for awhile."

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"That's what the news media has done, conditioned people to think it's nonsense."

Nelson, a research and development engineer for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft Corp., has never seen a UFO.

But, when his wife's sister saw a moon-sized object hovering near her home in Georgia, flashing red and green lights, he became intrigued. After studying the available literature, Nelson was convinced that something remarkable is happening in our skies.

Still, both investigators admit that 90 percent or more of the alleged UFO sightings can be traced to a misinterpretation of either natural phenomena or manmade aircraft, such as weather balloons and satellites.

"This girl I knew called me once. She had gotten up at 2 a.m. and seen a UFO and felt telepathic messages," said Herrera. "I was really impressed.

But she came in about a week and a half later and said she'd found out it was the morning star (Venus)."

Although both researchers believe that the UFO phenomenon is real — meaning, as is often said, that credible people are seeing incredible things — they are at a loss to explain or define it.

Almost all of the existing evidence is in the form of reports. There is no physical proof that they know of (although rumors persist that the federal government possesses several crashed UFOs and the bodies of their humanoid — but not human — occupants.)

"The more you get into this the fewer explanations there seem to be," said Nelson. "The data is so soft.

"When I got into this I thought it was hardware from outer space, like everybody else. Now I don't know."

Herrera, too, said he no longer supports the so-called "nuts and bolts" hypothesis, in which UFOs are considered to be actual mechanical devices.

"But I'm highly convinced that there's an intelligence (behind them)," he said. "Probably a life form far different than ours. And, obviously, they've been here for a long time."

Noting that UFOs often are reported to appear and disappear capriciously, to change shapes in midflight and to affect radar only on occasion, he speculated that they might be a type of energy projection similar to a hologram.

"The whole thing makes us ask ourselves, 'What is real? What is reality?'" said Nelson, who admits to rounds of discouragement and frustration.

But — until the day a "ufonaut" lands and asks directions to the White House, or some natural (perhaps psychological) explanation is proven beyond doubt — Nelson and Herrera say they will be among the thousands of amateur "ufologists" collecting data for the files of their organizations.

In time, they note, those files might reveal a pattern, a program, an answer.

And they suspect that answer may change the way man looks at himself and his place in the universe.

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Hundreds Call In To Report UFO

Associated Press

Callers from Washington to California to Colorado reported sightings of unidentified flying objects last night, a private organization said.

Calls to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle started at about 7:05 p.m. and were still coming in three hours later, said spokesman Robbert Gribble, a retired Seattle firefighter.

"We stopped counting after the first hundred calls," he said.

Gribble said the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., had confirmed that space hardware was re-entering the earth's atmosphere.

The sightings were reported from callers in northern California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Colorado, he said.

Medford-Jackson County Airport officials in Oregon said they received about a half-dozen calls of sightings

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China eyes UFOs

Peking, China —UPI— UFO fever has finally hit China.

The official Xinhua News Agency said people in all walks of life have been gripped by curiosity toward unidentified flying objects.

"Sightings of these intriguing phenomena are reported in the Chinese press from time to time," it said.

The agency said some 300 "UFO-logists" have organized themselves into China's first academic society investigating the strange blips of lights dashing across the sky.

The popular Peking Evening News last month carried a photograph, reputedly the first taken in China of an UFO.

Three campers sleeping out near the Great Wall of China took the photo. Their accounts said the object looked like a triple star in an inverted T-shaped configuration, surrounded by a halo light.

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Oh, no, no! It was no UFO

By CHRIS PECK

Spokesman-Review staff writer

The northwest sky lit up the night Ronald Reagan won the presidency.

It wasn't a divine message.

Rather, a satellite, probably launched by the United States some years ago, re-entered the atmosphere Tuesday night and sparkled and burned across the Northwest sky.

"It looked like a large meteorite to me," said Brian Gunnari, an air traffic controller at Felts Field Municipal Airport in Spokane.

"It was at exactly 7 p.m. It looked larger, much larger than an airplane landing. It was brighter than a street light."

"There were two objects side by side, trailed by a tail of fire.

"I looked at it through the binoculars and saw 50-100 objects behind it that made it appear to have a tail of fire."

The burning globes were sighted from Portland and Seattle in the West, across Washington and as far east as Missoula, Mont., and Salmon, Idaho.

Police switchboards lit up from Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, in the north to Walla Walla, Wash., in the south as residents home watching the election returns were treated to an unexpected show in the heavens.

The Spokane International Airport tower received 40 calls about the objects.

"It was two very bright lights in the southeast sky," said controller Gary Straub. "We thought they were airplanes at first, but nothing showed up on radar."

Most viewers of the burning satellite were amazed at the length of time it stayed aloft.

"I must have watched it for two minutes," said controller Gunnari at Felts Field.

And Darleen Ochs, 14, was walking along Nixon Street in Spokane when she sighted the burning globes shortly after 7 p.m.

"They were dropping out of the sky, over the northwest horizon," she said.

"They were ovalish, and had a really long tail. It seemed like there were flames shooting out of it."

Some confusion occurred along official channels about the origin of the shining objects.

The Federal Aviation Agency in Seattle told callers the lights were meteorites.

The National Weather Service in Spokane speculated the lights were "bits of the planet Jupiter" coming into the atmosphere.

But at the headquarters of the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., Lt. Col. William Arbogast cleared up the confusion Tuesday night.

"We have determined it was a man-made object re-entering the atmosphere," he said.

"Our command points said that it did not survive re-entry. It probably burned up before reaching the earth."

Arbogast said the air defense command could not be sure exactly which satellite it was that burned up over the northwest sky since the command monitors more than 4,000 man-made objects in space.

He also could not give any dimensions on the size of the satellite.

But Arbogast said the objects may have burned particularly bright because they "skipped" across the atmosphere at re-entry and made an additional orbit around the earth.

At Felts Field, controller Gunnari's sighting added to that theory.

"There were the same size when they disappeared when I first saw them. There were still going, I know that," he said.

UFO sighted in Ridgfield

RIDGEFIELD — A crew member on a south bound Union Pacific train reported he saw a UFO with red and white blinking lights flying over the railroad tracks in Ridgfield at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, October 5.

At 12:30 a.m. Ridgfield officer Bernard Molloy took the UFO report from the train crewman, who called the police department at the train's first stop. The crewman said the UFO hovered about 400 feet above the ground over the Burlington Northern Railway tracks in the area of Pacific Wood Treating Corp.

He described the craft as triangular in shape, and about 300 feet across with multi-colored lights. Officer Molloy said he was told by a dispatcher at the county Regional Communication Agency, which forwards calls to the Ridgfield police department, that the agency has handled numerous reports from the north Clark County area of UFOs matching that description.

The police also:

—responded to and investigated a complaint of criminal mischief at

View Ridge Middle School on Monday, Oct. 6. Someone kicked a hole in the panelling by the front door. No arrests have been made.

—investigated a report of a juvenile carrying a gun. The subject was gone on arrival.

—investigated a complaint of reckless driving in the city park. A possible suspect was warned.

—responded to Harry's Tavern in reference to an individual without identification.

—on Tuesday, Oct. 7, responded to assist an ambulance with an injured subject and responded to a false alarm at the Ridgfield Wildlife.

—responded to a disturbance on Oct. 8 in which one subject was using obscenities against another.

—took report of vandalism to a subject's car on Oct. 9. Police also investigated a possible attempted break-in and took a report of large amounts of garbage blowing around the area of a local business. The business owner was warned.

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