

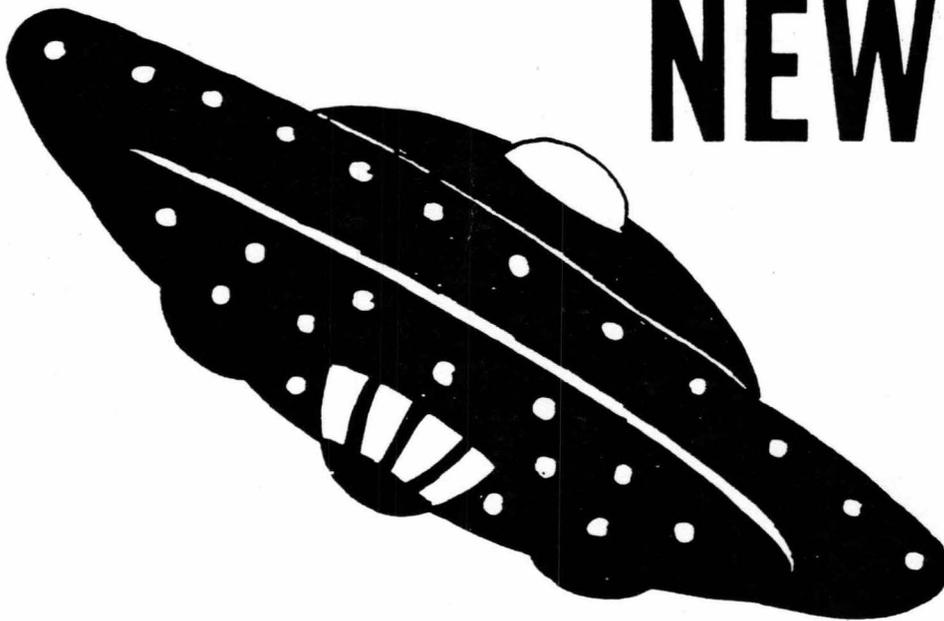
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UFO most likely FRONT PAGE a missile launch

Witnesses described it as an extremely bright white dome which expanded to 800 feet at the base and an intense light which moved sporadically. But the national sighting center for unidentified flying objects (UFO) confirmed that the phenomena seen July 19 were the result of a missile launching at Vandenberg Air Force Base north of Santa Barbara.

UFO Sighting Center Director Robert Gribble said he received eight different reports of bright lights in California between 9:45 and 11 p.m. on July 19. Six parties in Plumas County reported the phenomena in the vicinity of Mt. Hough and Grizzly Ridge. Gribble also was contacted by people in Fresno and the Sacramento area.

"A missile launching can be quite spectacular," Gribble said.

"People at a higher elevation are more likely to see its effects in the atmosphere than people close to the launch base."

Jim Potter, a U.S. Forest Service employee, watched the effects for 10 minutes from his home in Indian Valley at the base of Mt. Hough.

"It started out as a very bright, intense light in the shape of a dome," Potter said. "The ridge line cut the dome in half, but I watched it expand to approximately 800-feet across the base. It maintained a real definite edge and incredible intensity. When it reached 900 feet across the luminescence expanded to the point that the light began to dissipate."

Bill Schroeder, a deputy with the Plumas County Sheriff's

Department, was driving west on Highway 70 at 11:15 p.m. when he suddenly saw the light.

"All of a sudden the whole place lit up," Schroeder said. "There were two flashes like a strobe light. Then another very intense white light lasted three or four seconds. The closest thing to it I've seen is a spotlight from an airborne reconnaissance plane. But this was much brighter."

A second observer of the 11 p.m. phenomena described it to Sheriff's deputies as an object moving across Grizzly Peak at an extremely high rate of speed. It turned, appearing to move through the phases of the moon from full to half a quarter moon and then back to full again, Patricia

Sloaterman of Genessee said in her report.

Other observers included Chico FBI agent Dick Donner, Gary Darling and Jerry Holcomb, both employees of the U.S. Forest Service in Greenville.

"A missile launching can create all kinds of effects," Gribble said. "The vapor trail will leave smoke standing in the atmosphere until it dissipates. It can take all kinds of shapes."

Members of the Victorian UFO Research Society were still investigating the visual phenomena to determine if they could be identified as something other than a UFO.

"We're still checking it out," said Paul Norman, retired field investigator for the group based in Australia. "It could be a launching or it could be something else."

Norman, who happened to be visiting Plumas County at the time of the occurrence, said 80 percent of UFO sightings are mistaken identities, and 20 percent are considered real sightings. He expected a decision on the Plumas County case in several weeks.

"People who see things sometimes really see them" commented a local first-time observer of the strange light. "I have no idea where it came from but it was extremely bright and very real."

He conceded that he witnessed the light on his return trip from seeing the movie, "E.T."

LOCK HAVEN, PA.

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UFO Answers

Two ~~LEADERS~~ readers submitted possible explanations for the unidentified flying object sighted in Flemington on Thursday evening. One suggested the apparition was the Life Flight helicopter from Geisinger Medical Center picking up a patient from the local hospital. Another said it could have been the Goodyear Blimp stationed in Williamsport. On the lighter side, the man at the next desk tells us that it could have been a visit from extraterrestrials who wanted to observe a prime example of an Earth celebration at the 40 & 8 convention and other weekend events in Lock Haven.

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UFOs?

Arcing Power Lines Blamed For Odd Lights

By MARTIN FORBES
H&N Staff Writer

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A power outage early this morning in the Keno area accompanied by arcing power lines may have been the basis for numerous reported sightings of UFOs southwest of Klamath Falls.

Bill Scholtes, district manager for Pacific Power & Light Co., said trees blew into transmission and distribution lines near Round Lake Road at 3:51 a.m. today. That led to a blown transmission fuse at PP&L's Hamaker substation near Keno, which ignited and destroyed a 12,000-volt distribution line near Round Lake Road.

Scholtes said about 600 customers

were affected by the power outage. Service was not restored until 7:23 a.m. today, he said.

Joan Harrison, a dispatcher for the Klamath County Sheriff's Office, said she received between 15 and 20 telephone calls this morning from area residents reporting UFOs in the sky southwest of Klamath Falls.

Harrison said several callers reported seeing what appeared to be a "cop car with flashing red and blue lights" coming from the clouds. Witnesses told Harrison that the lights later changed into browns and yellows.

The sightings were reported from about 4:40 a.m. until about 4:55 a.m., Harrison said.

She said several area police officers reported seeing a similar heavenly light show this morning as did a local radio disc jockey.

According to a report logged for the Oregon State Police by Senior Trooper Bill Finnell, "Two very reliable sources, who shall remain nameless, report very strange multi-color lights dancing around in cloud formations near Keno. At the same time, the power is fluctuating. The lights are quite bright and eerie. Nobody has any problems of any type so the source of the lights is unknown (E.T.?)"

Finnell later added that the cause apparently stemmed from power lines arcing in trees.

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UFO Is Making Regular Nightly Run Over City

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Every night this week the residents of 27th St. just off Scioto Trail have been gathering in the street in a gala mood.

No, it's not a block party, but a UFO watch.

According to several residents, the orange or red ball of light has been appearing in the sky about every night for the last two weeks.

One of the residents, Martha Allman, notified Bernie Parsons of South Shore, Ky., a state section director for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), who was on hand Thursday night along with about a dozen of Martha's neighbors.

"We were all waiting about 9 o'clock," the 27th St. woman said, "and, by golly, at 9:10 that thing came right over the street just like it was making a performance!"

"I don't get excited easily, and I've never really been interested in UFOs," she said, "but when I saw it Wednesday night for the first time, I suddenly got interested."

She said her neighbors had been talking about it for the last two weeks but she hadn't paid any attention till her mother sighted it from the back porch Wednesday night

and called her to look.

That's when she called Parsons.

The investigator said the glowing object came out of the southeast right toward them, then veered and disappeared into the northeast.

He described it as a pillow-shape deep orange or amber light, although the residents had seen it earlier as red and round.

"It was shaped like a basketball and looked like liquid fire, with a teardrop shape hanging from the bottom," Martha said.

Parsons, who watched it through field glasses, said he could make out the shape of a craft which was a different shape than the light. He said it moved slower than a small airplane and made no sound. He also observed that the light pulsated slightly.

The MUFON investigator, who had never personally sighted a UFO before, said the residents have been sighting it every night between 9 and 10.

Parsons is beginning an investigation to learn if it could be a weather balloon or some other explainable craft.

He asks that anyone with information about what it may be call him at 932-4683.

Lights, Whirring Sounds Reported by UFO Spotters

SONORA,
CALIF.
UNION DEMOCRAT
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By BETSY WING

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It brings to mind the aliens and time-travelers of the Twilight Zone.

But if creatures from outer space have visited Tuolumne County this summer, they were either friendly or just passing through.

At least 10 Tuolumne County residents have reported seeing or hearing unidentified flying objects in the last few weeks.

They say they could not have mistaken street lights for space ships, or campers' lanterns for eerie lights.

They did not see bizarre extraterrestrial creatures like the ones in the movies — although one woman joked that her children are sure E.T. was trying to pay them a visit.

Most have never seen a UFO before, and one woman who saw an unidentified flying object was hesitant about giving her name.

"I think it's nutty," she said.

Marv Taylor, president of the county chamber of commerce and a student of UFO's, doesn't think it's nutty. He has been trying to explain the inexplicable for more than 25 years. Taylor began collecting information on UFOs when he was 12, and his material is now on exhibit above his real estate

office on Washington St.

So county residents reported seeing strange phenomena to Taylor, who reported it to The Union Democrat.

Jan Duchi, who works for the state employment office, saw a UFO for the first time in her life on July 27. She was watching television in her house on Draper Mine Rd. at about 11 p.m.

"I saw a white light like a star only a lot bigger," she said. "It came down right on our property behind a tree. I got kind of scared and called my husband. We turned all the lights out and just watched."

But the Duchis saw nothing more.

"My kids think it's E.T.," Duchi said.

Marty Vartanian, 18, of Cedar Ridge, and his friend Huntley Bloxham were showing visitors the view from Mount Elizabeth when they saw several orange objects.

"The next thing we saw one of them take off," said Vartanian. "About two minutes later the entire canyon just gradually lit up to bright white. After about five minutes the light gradually dimmed.

"And there are no houses near there. There's nothing in that canyon at all."

Donna Nunley, 34, of Columbia, has seen the same strange light over Columbia

three times. Looking out her window on Big Hill, she has seen a big yellow-white circular light hanging motionless over Columbia.

"It was too big and too low for a star," she said. "I was watching and it just vanished. I wasn't scared as much as amazed."

Craig Day, 18, a Sonora High graduate who works at

the Sonora Plaza Twain Cinema, was riding along Highway 108 with his girlfriend, JoAnn Lackey, when he saw a UFO. They were about four miles across the Tuolumne County line on their way back from Modesto when they saw it.

"It was this very intense dome-shaped red glow in the trees, about as big as this (theatre) lobby," Day said. "It only last three or four seconds."

Both Lackey and Day saw the same thing.

"We had just seen Poltergeist and we were talking about a lot of weird things, so I didn't give it a lot of thought," Day said.

"It wasn't the Hollywood epitome of a UFO and I wasn't out looking for little men or anything," he said.

Members of the Holt family were on their way back from Modesto via Highway 108 when they saw an odd light.

It was late the night of July 30, just below the Red Hills.

Vicky Holt, 23, saw a light shoot up from the ground. Her mother, Mary Holt, saw two lights come up from the ground, whirl around and then vanish.

"It was in the middle of the night and there's nothing out there," said Vicky.

The next night, Vicky was lying in bed at home in Sonora Meadows when she heard a "high-pitched whirring sound outside, and all the dogs in the neighborhood were barking," she said.

"Normally I would get up and look but I just had this real eerie feeling. I thought I had UFO's on the brain but the next morning I found out that Chris had heard it too."

Holt's sister-in-law, Christine, said she heard the high-pitched whir. Not only that, but since then she has sensed a "strange smell in the house moving from room to room."

Taylor, who is assistant director of the Mutual UFO Network for northern California, said the reports will be investigated by MUFON.

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What Was Object In Sky Over LH?

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LOCK HAVEN — It wasn't a bird.

It wasn't a plane.

It certainly wasn't Superman.

But something was seen in the sky over Lock Haven Thursday night, and no one knows what it was.

A Beech Creek woman told *The Express*, "There certainly was something different in our sky."

The caller is not only familiar with airplanes but has flown them. She has also seen blimps, from close enough to know that the object in the sky Thursday night was not a blimp. She is also convinced it was not a plane or a helicopter.

Some thought the object was the Lifelight helicopter from Geisinger Medical Center in Danville.

Jack and Peg Jones of Lock Haven said they may have been the cause of the "strange sighting." They were up in their plane Thursday evening and, finding a haze prevailing, they turned on all the plane's strobe lights as well as the cabin interior lights. They said they cut short their flight because of the haze.

The object probably wasn't one of the Goodyear blimps. A blimp was in the

area about two weeks ago, but was moored at the Williamsport-Lycoming County Airport in Montoursville for just one night.

The sighting was reported first, in this area, by Mrs. Vada Bruno, of 201 Grimesville Road, Williamsport. She said she saw an "unidentified flying object" over Lock Haven at 8:45 p.m. Thursday.

Mrs. Bruno described the object as "a cluster of lights traveling southward at a fast rate of speed." She said she and three friends saw the object as they were leaving another friend's home in Flemington.

Mrs. Bruno said the object appeared to be "disc-shaped and had wheels underneath."

Mary Folk, of 710 E. Church St., Lock Haven, reading of the Bruno sighting, told *The Express* that she, too, saw a strange object in the sky. She said that "it came from the Lockport area."

"It came over toward Mill Hall and had lights all around it," Folk said. She was told that other callers had voiced the opinion that it was one of the Goodyear blimps.

But the Beech Creek woman's sighting debunks

that theory.

She said she first saw the object "hovering over Lock Haven." She said it was ablaze "with very bright white lights."

"It (the object) took about five minutes to get over our home. It was very high, and there was a whole bunch of white lights," the woman said.

She described the object's appearance as "an oblong block."

"My husband and I heard no motors, but we thought we detected a humming sound," the Beech Creek caller said.

She said the object suddenly "turned a somersault" and "came directly over our house as it suddenly picked up speed."

"All of a sudden all of the lights went out — like someone pushed a switch — and there was nothing but darkness," the woman said.

"I'm familiar with planes, helicopters and the blimps — this was neither. We watched this thing for about five minutes. There surely was something different in our sky that night," said the caller.

What it was remains a mystery — and a topic of conversation around the area.

LIGHT IN SKY CONT

But Federal Aviation Administration duty officer Bill Nantz said it was not a plane. "We have no idea at this time what it was," he said.

It was green with a tail and very beautiful, said another caller from Jefferson, who spotted it on Berkshire Valley Road. "It was probably space junk from the Soviet space mission," he said. Another report about a similar object was called in from Long Valley.

Cindy Catalano, 21, and her boyfriend, 22-year-old Joe Perkalis, were near Troy Hills Road when they saw something orange and brown going "really fast"

across the sky. It was so bright they could even see it through the trees.

Dr. Kenneth Franklin, an astronomer with the Hayden Planetarium in Manhattan, said he hadn't seen the object, but that if it was in the western sky, there is a good chance it was Jupiter.

Jim Chanarde of the Astronomer's Club of New Jersey's Union City College in Cranford said the observatory there sighted the object about 8:33 p.m. through a telescope.

He said it may have been a kind of meteor.

Chanarde said that although the Comet Austin is in the evening sky this month it appears on the horizon and "has nothing of this brightness." He added, "Comets do not move as this did."

A tape recording at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass., noted that the comet was expected, but said it would appear fuzzy — apparently unlike the object sighted Tuesday — and could only be seen with binoculars.

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Light in sky prompts rash of UFO reports

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It's a light. It's a plane. Is it space junk?

Shortly after 9 p.m. yesterday, the *Daily Record* received calls from about 10 people who said they had seen a light shooting through the sky. Local police said they received about three calls.

Residents in Queens, Brooklyn, Rockland and Westchester counties in New York also reported seeing the stellar object.

UFOs Reportedly Sighted Northeast of Bismarck

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Sightings of an unidentified flying object north of Bismarck overnight Friday are unconfirmed, officials said Saturday.

Five people reported to authorities having seen a UFO in the sky northeast of Bismarck.

Deputies from the Burleigh County Sheriff's Department said they received two phone calls from unidentified persons shortly after midnight who said they had sighted an unidentified flying object north of Bismarck near the Missouri River.

The third call came late Saturday morning from a man who said he had seen a UFO during the night, deputies said.

Bismarck police also received two calls overnight from people who said they sighted a UFO. It was not known if the calls received by the two departments were from

the same people.

All five callers reported seeing an object with two red lights stacked on top of each other, authorities said.

Deputies patrolling the area near the river did not see anything unusual, the department said.

Neither department made any official reports of the phone conversations.

Federal Aviation Administration officials in Bismarck and Minneapolis said that pilots flying in the area reported no unusual occurrences overnight.

A controller at the Bismarck tower, and an official at the Air Route Traffic Control Center in Farmington, Minn., just south of Minneapolis, said no UFO sightings were reported.

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Eagle Creek's UFO's source of summer fun

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By Rick Beasley

UFO DEPARTMENT—"You want to come out and watch some UFOs in Eagle Creek?"

That's hardly the kind of invitation a reporter can turn down, even at the end of a 14-hour paste-up and writing stint. Besides, I hadn't seen any UFOs since somebody out at the drop zone filled a gallon jug with maraschino cherries, lemons, crushed ice and three different elixirs that made everybody look like an alien straight off the intergalactic shuttle.

I arrived at the Eagle Creek apartment Kim and Victor Greenwood share last Tuesday at about 11:30 p.m. It was obviously a good night for UFO watching. The Greenwoods have a houseful of kids in Apt. 3C, it was warm outside and Johnny Carson isn't what he used to be. Might as well watch flying saucers.

When I took this job the publisher briefed me on what he calls The Eagle Creek Triangle.

"Ron McIntyre took a bead on a glowing white ball with his shotgun," he said of Estacada's former school superintendent. "Actually tried to blast it, and it just took off."

I'm surprised McIntyre wasn't vaporized on the spot by some bug-eyed space visitor who was sore about the job a 12-gauge does on a flying saucer's tail fenders.

The Greenwoods said that a guy in 3B had also witnessed the bouncing red and blue lights that skittered across the Eagle Creek horizon, and that when one of the UFOs approached everybody's TV went on the fritz at the same time.

Leaning back against an old Ford pickup, I felt the warm summer night's breeze wash across my face. If nothing else, the UFO beat is certainly one of the most relaxing...

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CARPINTERIA, CA.
HERALD
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UFO sighting reported

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Could Carpinteria be destined for a close encounter of some kind?

Joseph Scott, 4776 Dorrance Way, told city police Thursday night he spotted an unidentified flying object descend to the ocean, and he watched it for about three minutes.

Telephoning the department at 8:35 p.m., Scott said his mother saw the object

first. He went to get field glasses and watched it hover at the water line for about three minutes, from the beach between Elm and Holly avenues. He said the object descended slowly.

He said it was round and bronze in color, with windows around it and light in the bottom. A responding officer said he was unable to see the object.

I Saw It! I Swear I Saw A UFO!

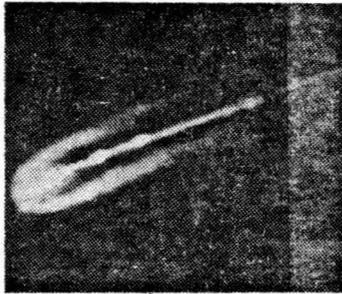
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By: Charles Rogers

It was about quarter of nine on Tuesday night. I had just parked my car in front of the house, looked in the rear-view mirror to see if any traffic was coming and eased out of the car door. A plane was on the landing path coming from west to east with its lights flashing as it headed in at about a thousand feet over Jamaica Bay before landing.

Having once been an Air Traffic Controller, I have found it a habit to look up at the sound of practically any aircraft. They fly over our area so often that it keeps my head in a constant ball-bearing state but I don't mind because I'm still amazed at flight. Tuesday night, though, it was merely a habitual gesture because it was getting dark; too dark to really see the ailerons.

As I looked up in the direction of the plane - a direct west-southwest point from Canarsie - my attention was brought to an object seemingly headed in the direction of the landing plane. The object appeared to be zooming over the tops of Canarsie's homes at an altitude of about four or five hundred feet, from



Darkroom simulation of the object seen over the East Coast as it Star-Trekked in a north-to-south direction Tuesday night. Some say it was a meteor; some say it was a UFO. Either way, those who saw it said it was spectacular.

my view, and seemed to be traveling rather fast. Not "fantastically fast" as some witnesses later reported. But fast.

At first I thought it was one of those leftover fire cracker-Roman candle affairs that someone had forgotten to shoot during the Fourth of July holiday. It was indeed firey looking, with a horizontal teardrop shape. The larger, front portion

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of the teardrop was, for the most part glowing white. The white section, however, diminished and changed to orange, with a tinge of green and blue on the tail.

The object shot from north to south, heading in the direction of Jamaica Bay or farther.

If it wasn't a Roman candle, it could've been a small plane on fire, I thought, but erased that from my mind, realizing that it was indeed going too fast and in too straight a horizontal line. Probably a firecracker, I reasoned.

I passed one of my neighbors just then and said, "did you see that?"

"See what?"

"That firey flying object in the sky."

He gave me the look. You know: THE look.

I walked over to another neighbor's front porch where he and the family were sitting and asked them the same question. They all gave me the same look and the neighbor said, "who was with you when you saw it, Haig & Haig?" Then he and his family fell over in laughter at their cruel joke.

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Glow in the sky

EDITORIAL

WHAT WAS that unidentified flying object that lit up the North Jersey night sky last week? Was it a bird, a plane, or maybe a real-life version of "E.T."?

The scientific experts say they believe the speeding, glowing phenomenon was a fireball, a meteor or an asteroid. We don't know for sure.

But it was exciting.

UFO plays scary game of tag on lonely road

By DICK DONOVAN

"Oh, dear God! It's a UFO and it's coming straight at us. It is going to hit us! We're both going to die!"

Those horrifying words of impending doom seared through Frances Collins' thoughts like a white-hot poker as the glowing starship streaked down from a darkened sky.

But with death only split-seconds away, the starship veered upward, barely missing the small van carrying Frances and her artist friend, Maggie Yeend, to their homes on the southern coast of western Australia.

Their terrifying ordeal is considered to be the best documented UFO encounter ever recorded in Australia.

A police officer and a dozen

hunters also saw the bizarre flight from space.

This astounding incident occurred along a lonely stretch of highway noted for its frequent UFO activity in recent years.

Frances and Maggie's encounter unfolded in the pre-dawn hours as they were driving to Esperance from Ravensthorpe where they had spent the day at an arts and crafts exposition.

"It's only about a two-hour drive," the woman told The NEWS. "And we left Ravensthorpe at about 1 a.m., expecting to be home by 3. But because we were exhausted, we shared the driving.

"It was Maggie's turn to drive and I was sleeping. But I was startled fully awake when Maggie suddenly screamed, 'There's a UFO coming at us!'"

"When I opened my eyes and looked out the windshield, my heart leaped into my throat.

"Down the road and coming straight at us was a huge blinding white light. It was well above the roadway, so we knew it wasn't just another vehicle.

"I remember saying to myself, 'Oh, dear God! It's going to hit us head-on. It wants to kill us and we're going to die!'"

"But when it was only a few feet away, it lifted up and just hovered over our van. Then it lagged back a few feet and followed us."

Frances said the brilliance of the white light prevented her from seeing the UFO's shape, but she was able to make out a haze of orange and yellow lights on starship's underside.



"It made absolutely no noise and it followed us almost until we reached Esperance," Frances added. "Maggie said, 'I'll bet when we get close to home it will move away.' And she was right. That's when I was certain it truly was a UFO.

"Just before we reached the outskirts of town, a dense cloud of vapor shot out of the blinding light and zip! Just like that, it shot off to the size of a pin-point.

"Then it started getting bigger again, as though it was coming back. But it moved out over the bay and just hovered there."

Frances and Maggie drove to the home of Police Constable Bob Cordon. When he heard their eerie tale, he drove to the waterfront and saw the hovering UFO with his own eyes.

"It was at least 20 times larger than a star," Cordon declared. "And don't anyone try to tell me it was only the planet Venus. It was a UFO!"

ANDERSON, IND.
HERALD
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'E.T.'s here'

A frightened young boy screamed to his family, "E.T.'s here," Monday night while playing outside.

Little boys will be little boys, but this time, the little boy wasn't kidding, as his family soon found out.

Dismayed by the strange sight, the family, who wished to remain anonymous, curiously watched what they considered to be an unidentified flying object for some 30 minutes as it hovered over their Markleville home.

Space clones knock on suburban doors, but ignore UFO seminar

By APRIL LINDGREN
Record Staff Writer

The extraterrestrials were conspicuous by their absence at a seminar devoted to the topic Thursday at the Conestoga Inn.

However, many of the more than 110 people attending the first night of the three-day discussion on UFOs didn't seem to notice. Others seemed convinced there was an E.T. or two around, even if it was only in spirit.

"I don't want to say too much about this because they might come after me, but I've been visited by the men in black," said Tom Grey, a Mississauga orange juice salesman who has studied UFOs for 30 of his 40 years.

"They're extraterrestrials and are sinister in their appearance. It was May 15 at my apartment in Mississauga. One knocked on the door and he had pure white skin and red lips. They wear black suits, black hats and drive black Cadillacs and they all look identical. I would say they are clones."

Grey said he wasn't home at the time of the visit, but that his 10-year-old daughter answered the door. The visitors left after being told Grey wasn't home.

"I think I was paid the visit because of certain research I've been doing in Guyana. I believe I've stumbled onto the sighting of a hostile type of craft and someone is going to great lengths to prevent me from researching it."

Grey said he is a member of the Northeastern UFO organization, a group which has been monitoring sightings over Lake Ontario since the early 1970s.

"And we've uncovered a hornet's nest of activity between Niagara-on-the-Lake and Oakville. I've lost count of how many UFOs I've seen."

He said his most memorable experience with UFOs was in 1976. "I was at the office of a research group member in West Hill and I was a

little depressed because I hadn't seen a UFO since 1957. I said to him that my chances of seeing a UFO are one in a million — three hours later (at about 6:30 p.m.) I had a bonanza sighting.

"I was on the (Highway) 401 near Scarborough Town Centre and I looked over to my left and saw a strange light over Eatons and it wasn't part of the plaza. I thought, 'My God, if this is real, there's a UFO sitting over Eatons.'"

The white, glowing object rose vertically into the air, travelled horizontally for a distance and then settled about 400 feet off the ground for about 20 minutes, Grey said.

"I called all the radio and television stations and they all said, 'sure, sure' (and never showed up). Then at about 6:55 the craft dimmed out completely and then glowed red and disappeared."

The Stratford director of the Southern Ontario UFO Research team which looks into reported sightings in that area was also at the seminar.

"My strangest experience was last year at On-

tario Place," said Pat Delafranier, the mother of two children. "I was thinking about what was rumored to be out there on Lake Ontario and then a very good looking young man walked by."

The man, she said, disappeared behind her and her children into the crowd and then, twice more, appeared to be walking towards them.

"It was impossible for him to do that. He had to have teleportation abilities."

Delafranier said "things are very slow in Stratford" these days as far as UFO sightings go.

"One sighting my husband and I had in 1971 was at Lakeside, Ont., at the cottage. Both of us had a feeling there was something above us and when we looked up we saw three flat, white lights separated like a triangle (on the bottom of the flying object)."

Delafranier said the lights stayed over them for about five minutes and "they had a numbing effect on us. I wasn't even interested in UFOs at the time, but this makes me think I was always destined to be involved."

John Dowdell of Acton, is an astrologer who studies UFOs because of his "interest in the unknown."

He says his first glimpse of a UFO was in April, 1976, from atop the physics building at the University of Guelph where he and some friends were observing an eclipse.

Dowdell, who has a B.A. in physical geography, said he reported his two-second sighting of the pair of objects to the Centre for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Illinois, but got no response.

There were also some people in the crowd who have never managed to be in the right place at the right time when it comes to sightings.

"I'm a fanatic and I'm still hoping to see one — I go camping a lot hoping to see a UFO," said 19-year-old Gord Glass, a Kitchener press operator.

"It seems like I've always been interested and I watch a lot of documentaries on it."



Frank Stranges points out a picture of an object in the sky taken in Switzerland three years ago.

The picture is part of a slide show.
Record Photo by Bernie Weil

CIA accepts UFOs, minister says

Flying-saucer believer looks into old government files

By MARTIN VAN NIEROP
Record Staff Writer

Frank Stranges doesn't blame extra-terrestrials for not openly landing on earth and showing themselves to humans.

In the past, earthlings have been known to fire shotguns and other weapons at innocent space travellers, Stranges said, lounging in an easy-chair in his room at the Conestoga Inn.

"I think that people have been conditioned to fear them rather than conduct an open-minded approach," said the California-based expert on UFOs.

"That's because we have come to expect bug-eyed monsters, and I'm totally opposed to that idea."

Stranges, founder and president of the National Investigations Committee on UFOs, is in Kitchener this week to participate in a three-night seminar on unidentified flying objects at the Inn. The UFO, Space and Science seminars, sponsored by the Cam-

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bridge-based UFO Research Group, start at 7 p.m. today.

The 54-year-old minister — ordained at North Central Bible College in Minnesota — and president of the International Evangelism Crusades Inc., said he doesn't consider it at all strange that he combines his evangelist teachings with a life-long interest in UFOs.

"I think there's a positive link there," he said. "Both the Old and the New Testaments are full of countless references to the fact we are not alone here in the universe."

An example is the destruction of the Twin Cities — Sodom and Gomorrah, that is.

"What scripture refers to in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah could have been a nuclear blast," the bearded preacher said seriously, citing similarities scholars have noticed between the devastation of the biblical cities and Hiroshima, Japan.

This destruction could have been wrought by extra-terrestrial agents of God, he added.

He said he spends about 80 per cent of his time in evangelical work, the rest on UFO investigation. He became interested in the latter during the Second World War after a Bible college classmate told him of his encounters with disc-shaped craft.

But since then he has had a tough time gathering data about UFOs because of what he alleges is a conspiracy of silence among official government agencies. As a result, Stranges has been calling for open congressional hearings about what he describes as UFO contacts with earth.

He maintains that such powerful bodies as the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the U.S. Air Force have been squelching information about UFOs for more than three decades. He also believes that ex-Nazi scientists have been building their own saucer-shaped flying objects in South America and have a plan to use them as global, trading aircraft.

He said he realizes some people find the whole subject a bunch of nonsense.

"They're entitled to their opinion, as I am to mine."

He says the three-hour lectures contain new information on UFOs which he and his wife Denise have gathered through their research group in Van Nuys, Calif., he said.

At the core of the lectures are once-classified CIA documents which he has obtained containing what he called proof that the agency believes there are UFOs.

"They have denied any interest whatsoever for the past 30 years, but due

to the freedom of information act (in the U.S.) this has all been released and proven to the contrary.

"Their agents have been involved in documenting sightings, landings and contacts (with extra-terrestrial craft) for many years."

Stranges believes that eventually public opinion will force open the flood of information secretly collected about UFOs.

And when that happens, there won't be "panic and mass hysteria" as some government agencies fear, he said. "People are far more sophisticated now; they're more open to new information."

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Worldwide plot to hide UFO probes charged

Toronto Star special

KITCHENER — Frank Stranges has no idea why there has been what he calls a 37-year worldwide conspiracy to cover up unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings.

Stranges, from Van Nuys, Calif., head of the National Investigations Committee on Unidentified Flying Objects, has no doubt UFOs exist.

People have been frightened of, and mocked, the unknown for thousands of years, he told a three-day seminar sponsored by the Cambridge UFO Research Group.

Many of the up to 150 people who attended each of the four-hour nightly sessions not only believe in UFOs; they claim to have either seen spacecraft in the sky or landing.

A "close encounter of the second kind" — a UFO landing without sighting an alien being — is now being investigated by the Cambridge group, president Bonnie Wheeler said.

A Cambridge-area woman — who would not give her name — said she took her son to hockey practice about a year ago and, on the way home, spotted a UFO hovering near the road.

She said she remained in her car, terrified, but felt a strong urge to leave it and approach the saucer-shaped craft hovering a short distance in front of her.

Several minutes later, the craft ascended the woman said, and she went home badly shaken.

Wheeler said her group's investigators questioned the woman for several hours before they were convinced the sighting was genuine. They are now trying to find a reliable hypnotist to work with her to find out exactly what occurred.

But Stranges is long past basic landings. He claims to be friendly with a Venusian (a being from the planet Venus), whom he met at the Pentagon — United States military headquarters — in Washington, D.C.

Stranges says the Venusian has no fingerprints, can speak every dialect and language known to man and is able to prevent any human tragedy or conflict by the force of his will.

More UFO sightings reported in Clark

CLARK — Donna Carson and her friends can be a little more confident tonight that their eyes were not playing tricks on them Wednesday night.

The 17-year-old township resident and three friends claimed they saw a formation of UFOs hovering above them Wednesday night, but felt a little uncomfortable about reporting the sighting to the Daily Journal.

However, about a half-dozen other residents of Clark and Cranford, upon reading of Carson's tale in Friday's Daily Journal, called to report similar sightings on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights at approximately 9 p.m.

Most callers concurred with Carson's story that there were about nine yellowish lights hovering about, silently.

Ann Ferko of Gibson Boulevard, Clark, said she always sits outside with her binoculars and watches the planes fly overhead. When she saw a group of lights coming into view, she knew they were not planes.

"Over the rooftops of the houses I saw what looked like a flashing lights," she said. "Then there were two more. They looked like a blaze of fire."

She said two of her neighbors also saw the lights.

"They were up so high, but it was such a clear night that I saw a plane go by and the lights were much higher," she said.

Mrs. Ferko said she witnessed what she believes was a UFO sighting in Alabama during World War II. She said that time two "pancake" shaped objects flew in quite low to the ground. She said the next day, town officials drove around the area broadcasting to the people they should not speak to anyone about the sighting.

"And nobody did, not even to each other, and it was forgotten," she added.

Driving home with her two daughters about 9 p.m. on Tuesday

night Joan Duffy of Clark looked up and noticed three bright lights that looked like stars hovering in a "perfect triangle."

"As we were watching them they disappeared one by one at about 30 second intervals" Mrs. Duffy said. "My husband said we were crazy."

The next night her 18-year-old daughter, Linda, was with three friends and they claim to have seen the same triangle of bright lights described by Donna Carson. Mrs. Duffy said the objects appeared to be moving east.

"It wasn't even obvious they were moving until we saw them leave and they weren't in the location that we saw them in first," said Mrs. Duffy.

Frank Reilly of Cranford offered his observation while driving along Raritan Road.

He said he thought he saw a squadron of helicopters heading toward the Linden Airport, but there was no sound, and no blinking lights normally adorning aircraft.

He said when he got home he took his wife outside to watch.

"She only caught the last one or two disappearing," he said.

Reilly said there were at least 10 objects which occupied "a large segment of the sky."

He said they appeared to be coming from the northeast.

One possible explanation for the objects in the sky, according to Frank Berribauer, vice president of Amateur Astronomers Inc. at Union College, Cranford, was a meteor shower.

Berribauer said meteor showers are prevalent this time of year as the earth rotates through debris in space called Persids.

However, Berribauer said meteors would be moving too fast, between five and 50 miles per second, for them to appear to be hovering as described by the witnesses.

"If the observations these people gave are accurate, that is not characteristic of meteors," he added.

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Man tells about UFO

One of two Sturgis men who reported strange lights in the sky Monday, said he "has no idea" what he saw.

Greg Hettinger, 22, and Jim Lincoln, 22, reported the unidentified flying object (UFO) about 9:45 p.m. Monday to Sturgis Police.

Hettinger said he and Lincoln watched the three lights for about 20 minutes as they first hovered over Sturgis and then traveled near Centreville before they "took off into the clouds."

No other sightings of the lights were reported to Sturgis Police or the St. Joseph County sheriff's department and Dennis Root, air traffic manager at the Kalamazoo airport tower, said Tuesday he knew of no radar reports of any UFOs.

Hettinger said he and Lincoln were eastbound on Chicago Road about 9 p.m. Monday when they saw the "red, white and blue lights, blinking on and off to my left just past Prospect Street."

He said the two men first thought the lights were from a plane or helicopter but "they were lower than what a plane would have been traveling across the city" and he said the lights were "real bright" but neither man could hear any sounds, the "freakiest part of the whole thing."

The men followed the lights north on M 66 and stopped at Wait Road. The lights then moved back toward Sturgis.

The men then drove to the Kirsch Municipal Airport and could see the lights in the northwest "either in Centreville or past" before they "took off into the clouds."

UFO over the U.S. EDITORIAL

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That was a real UFO that flew across the night sky above the eastern seaboard Tuesday—in the sense that no one seems to know exactly what it was or where it came from. We like that. There needn't be an explanation for every natural phenomenon, even in the space age.

Various experts, brushing aside the possibility that the unidentified flying object (UFO) was carrying curious creatures talking about "the Force," have suggested that the space voyager was simply a meteor, or the planet Jupiter, or a chunk of Halley's comet which passed this way in 1910 and will return again in 1985.

Tuesday's unidentified flying object also might have been a piece of "space junk," but the North American Aerospace Defense Command, which keeps track of all man-made objects up there, said nothing has come down from orbit that would correlate with this week's sighting, reported by people along a stretch of the East Coast from Long Is-

land, N.Y., to Washington. There are, incidentally, more than 4,700 man-made objects orbiting the earth this month, according to the command. That total includes communications and weather satellites and pieces of now useless rockets that helped propel them there.

Meanwhile, the earth is orbiting the sun, of course, and it occasionally flies through junk in space that is not man-made. These meteoroids, as they are called by astronomers when they are racing across the solar system, range up to tens of yards in diameter and often create a spectacular sight when they plunge into the earth's atmosphere to a flaming demise. In this final stage of their existence, the meteoroids are called meteors, or shooting stars—and chances are that that is what everyone saw the other night.

But maybe what was sighted in the sky this week was something else. For now, all we can say is that by definition, it was certainly a UFO.

Red Glowing Object'

Police View Several UFOs

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Police in Marion and Johnson counties today tracked a "red glowing object with fading green lights" from the vicinity of Southport Road and I-65 to just east of Edinburg before losing sight of it in heavy fog.

A citizen reported seeing the object approximately 4,000 feet above the horizon about 4 a.m.

The caller told State Police it was moving back and forth about 25 feet each direction.

A State Trooper tracked the UFO from the southern tip of Marion County to the east side of Edinburg where he lost sight of it in heavy fog about 5 a.m.

Johnson County Sheriff's Deputy Dave Taylor said he saw the object just east of Franklin.

"It was hovering over the area 10 minutes," Taylor said.

"It had a red glow with flashing lights" and "was about 1,000 feet high

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and it left the area."

Franklin police officers also reported seeing "at least three" unidentified flying objects.

Greenwood police contacted Weir Cook International Airport and were told the object "might be a star with gasses surrounding it."

State Police contacted Grissom Air Force Base, Peru, and were told by military officials they "had something on radar at about 6,000 feet, five miles southeast of Indianapolis." They thought it was a plane.

Another explanation to State Police from Weir Cook officials was the object "may have been some type of temperature inversion."

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SIX CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WREAK TERROR IN 30-MILE UFO CORRIDOR

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A TERRIFYING rash of UFO sightings has rattled the normally-tranquil communities along a 30-mile corridor of the plush Hudson Highlands in upstate New York.

In a cluster of tiny towns nestled along both sides of the Hudson River, these startling events have occurred in the past four years:

- A local newspaper reporter spotted a triangular-shaped object with misty green-blue lights passing over Interstate 84 near the town of Newburgh.

- An 18-year-old college student returning home from a baby-sitting job was stunned when she saw a "V" shape of lights flying low over the town of Beacon and then hovering over local homes.

- A Walker Valley couple was frightened when their home was drenched in brilliant white light that lit up the interior of the house and all of the surrounding land.

- A young couple in Walden was followed by a circular object that hovered, showered them with white lights and displayed maneuvering abilities possessed only by a helicopter. But the object was completely silent and was able to move at incredibly slow speeds — too slow to keep even a light plane in the air.

- A musician on his way home was terrified by a massive rectangular object that chased him for 20 minutes along desolate back roads and highways near Maybrook and Walden before it disappeared.

- A group of children in New Windsor sighted a diamond-shaped object aglow with lights. The next day, footprints were found in a swamp near their home.

Some of the people who have been frightened and even brought to tears by their close encounters with UFOs recalled them for the STAR.

1 Misty lights over the highway

Dick Shea, a reporter for the Evening News in Beacon, N.Y., and a U.S. Air Force veteran, recalled his experience, which occurred last April and was followed by a string of sightings which lasted clear through July.

"I was traveling west on Interstate 84 when I saw a triangular-shaped thing with misty green-blue lights coming toward me. I stopped the car, and as the thing got overhead, the lights turned really bright.

"As it went to the east, the lights turned bright orange. Other motorists stopped to watch.

"The police said it was planes flying in formation, but I was in the Air Force, and I know what planes look like. They were not planes."

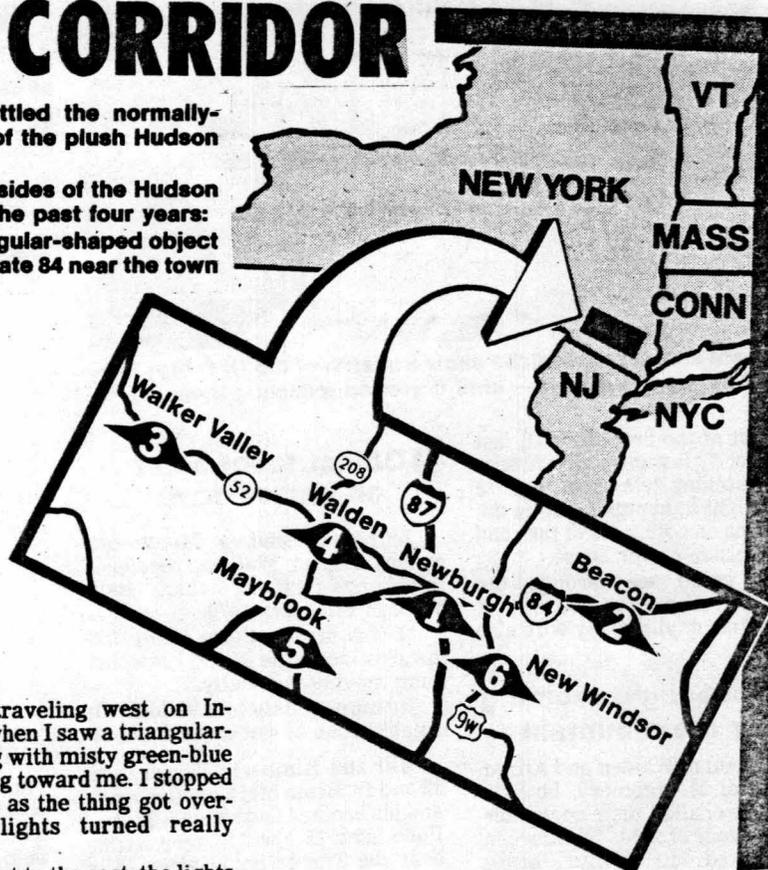
2 A silent, bright streak across the sky

Mary McCarthy, a college freshman, was walking home from

a baby-sitting job early in July at about 9:30 p.m. when "I looked up in the sky and I saw a V-shape, the way geese fly. There were many lights, green and red, very close to each other. It was moving very slowly. There was no noise.

"A couple of times it looked like it was stopped in midair. When I got home, neighbors were watching it. When it stopped, it hovered over the houses, all the green and red lights went out and in their place was a very big bright white light.

"When one of the neighbors went onto her back porch to take a picture and flicked on her light, the white light on the thing went out, the green and red ones went back on, and it flew away."



Air traffic controllers at Stewart Airport in New Windsor, near the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, received calls from ground personnel in response to calls from Beacon residents reporting the sightings.

One controller said he remembered the night because while he was being asked by ground personnel if he saw anything unusual, a pilot for a commuter line flying from Dutchess County Airport to La Guardia Airport in New York City radioed the tower and asked the controller if he was seeing or speaking with what appeared to be "four planes flying up the river."

3 An eerie snowfall in the night

A Walker Valley man, who asked not to be identified, recalled

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Lisa Diehl and Alfred Romano show a sketch of the UFO they say they tried to follow — until it started following them.

"the night of the first snowfall last November." "It was about 3:30 a.m. I was watching television when a really bright light outside lit up the whole area on both sides of the road and the inside of our house.

"You could see through the woods and behind the house — it was just like daylight. My wife also saw it."

4 Big headlights coming over the mountain

Lisa Diehl of Walden and Alfred Romano, of Montgomery, both 20 years old, recalled their encounter in the summer of 1980. "We were in a car parked outside Lisa's house talking, and I noticed these three big lights like headlights coming over the mountain," said Romano.

"It was about 1 a.m. I kept watching them, and it took 20 minutes for this vehicle to get to where we were. I know a bit about planes, and I know that you need a velocity of 120 mph for a light aircraft to stay airborne. It was moving very slowly, about 20 mph.

"After it passed over us, I thought we should follow it, so I started the car and turned on the lights and it was almost as if it noticed us. It stopped in midair and backed up. It didn't turn around. It stopped over a field and began to descend. Then all these lights came on underneath."

Lisa recalled: "The under part was round, but the lights were shaped like a flower."

Romano went on: "When it started to descend, I got scared. I drove the car up a hill and parked to look at it. I started back down again and it backed up again and was coming at us. So I went back up the hill, but this time it went back in the direction it had first come from."

5 Object follows car on horror drive

Jeffrey Greene, a 24-year-old musician from Walden, recalls a terrifying incident which took place in February 1978.

"I was driving down Route 208 towards Interstate 84 and I saw this thing moving vertically."

He immediately turned down an isolated road to get away from it,

Jill and Kimberly Turner, now 12 and 18, Brian McDonnell, now 10, and his brother and sister Billy and Ilene, now 15 and 17, were sitting near the Turner home when Billy alerted his disbelieving friends to the UFO.

Recalled Brian: "We didn't believe him at first, but then we saw it."

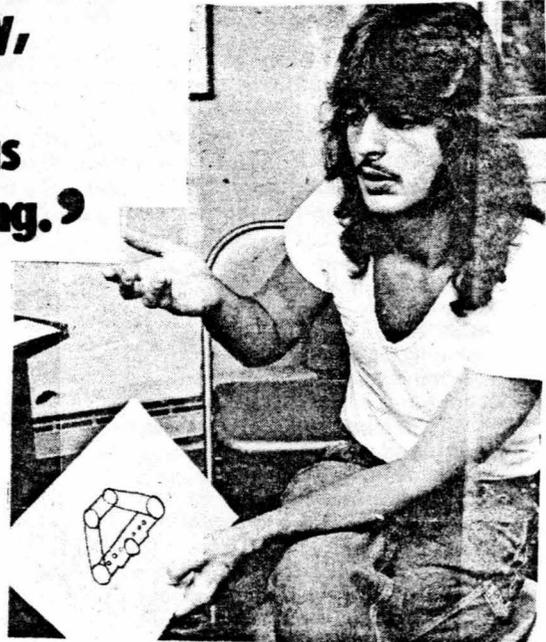
"It" continued to hover over the swampland and woods while the terrified children ran to the Turner home.

Over the next two days, Mrs. Diane Turner — Jill and Kimberly's mother — joined the children in the hunt for clues.

Said Mrs. Turner: "The swamp area is filled with reeds and cattails up to seven-ft. high and is very wet, but we came upon a large area that was completely flat and dry.

"We found footprints on the outside of the area. They were of a barefoot about 18½-in. long. There were only four toes."

'It followed my car. I'm no baby, but I was crying.'



Jeffrey Greene was terrorized by this UFO. "I tried to outrun it, but it was right there no matter what I did," he recalls.

"but I looked out the window and it was there — it was about three-quarters of the size of a football field. I was really scared.

"I was driving about 30 mph and it was following my car. I tried to outrun it, but it was right there, no matter what I did. Whatever I did, it did.

"There were really bright lights on it — pale blue, red and green. At one point I pulled into a driveway and this light like a beam lit up the whole inside of my car.

"I was crying. I'm not a baby, but it was really frightening. I floored the gas pedal and crossed over onto a highway. I didn't see it anymore.

"But as I started back home, I looked out the window and it was there again.

"So I floored it and got to the town of Maybrook and it was gone. That was the last I saw of it.

"At the same time that I saw that, police were finding the carcasses of dogs that were skinned alive in the area."

6 Huge footprints left behind in the swamp

On April 10, 1980, five New Windsor youngsters sighted a diamond-shaped object above a wooded area near their home. It drenched the area "in every color of the rainbow."

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'Strange objects' light up city skies

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"It's a plane. It's a bird. No, it's a ..."

Actually no one is really sure what those unidentified flying objects are thousands claim to see in the dark skies above.

Up until a few days ago, there had been no reports of spotted UFOs in Washington County this

summer, however this all changed Wednesday.

About 10 p.m. the Johnson City Police Department began to get several calls from people claiming they were seeing things in the sky.

A city police dispatcher said Wednesday night several people called saying they had seen bright lights in the sky above West Market and West Walnut streets.

The people claimed the sky was being lit up by the "strange ob-

jects," the dispatcher said.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service said he had not seen any strange objects hovering over Johnson City.

He said it might have been the reflection from the setting sun on the cloudy sky, adding that the reflection could throw off some different shades of light on the clouds.

One police spokesman said somebody probably had just seen the movie "E.T." and just gotten carried away.

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Skywatchers Clog Streets

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The Portsmouth hilltop area was teeming with hundreds of curious residents Sunday night casting their eyes skyward.

Streets were so clogged with binocular-bedecked skywatchers that cars could hardly get through, and parking spaces were at a premium.

The observers were watching for—and got—a good view of the unidentified flying object which hilltop residents' say has been making nearly nightly visits over the area.

The brightly lit object appeared about 9:30 p.m., seemingly out of nowhere beneath the cloud cover over the 27th St. area and slowly moved northward parallel to Scioto Trail, a few blocks east.

Bernie Parsons, Kentucky section director for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), who again observed the object Sunday night, said he is continuing his investigation. Several different leads have been provided and are being checked out.

Anyone with additional information as to what the nightly visitor might be should call Parsons at 932-4683.

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Unidentified object sighted

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A lot of Bucks County residents were probably wishing upon what they thought was a falling star last night.

An unidentified flying object, described by a Fairless Hills resident as a "ball of fire gliding across the sky," was sighted across the county at approximately 8:35 p.m.

Ed Fox, of the Dogwood section of Levittown, Bristol Township, also described the object as a ball of fire, adding it "left a trail of bright orange flames behind it" as it moved across the sky. Fox, who consulted a compass when he saw the object, said it was moving northwest by north to southeast by south.

Chris Kaess, of Churchville, who also saw the object, described it as having a "five-foot-long tail of flames."

"I'm 39 years old," he said, "and I've never seen anything like this before."

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UFO hotline receives four calls in one week

The search for E.T.'s interplanetary
cousins continues to expand on the North

Shore as Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON) members receive more reports of UFO sightings in the area.

MUFON investigators Linda Seal and Marge Christensen say that in the week following publication of an article on their UFO tracking activities (*The Region*, Aug. 18) four new sightings were reported on their hotline, two from Danvers and two from Hampton, N.H.

According to Christensen, all of the sightings came from people who previously had no idea where to turn to for help investigating their UFO experiences. The most recent sighting among the new reports occurred in 1978, she says.

Christensen says the most interesting of the new reports is one of the Danvers sightings in which a resident claims to have had a close encounter with a UFO.

Meanwhile the investigation of the experiences of the Beverly resident who reported being abducted by a UFO continues, and the MUFON investigators say it's getting more interesting each day.

Seal and Christensen say they're certainly inclined to believe the person's account of an encounter with alien beings, and while they don't know if the encounters are real, they note that many people from all over the world are reporting very similar experiences.

Many of those persons, including the Beverly resident, the MUFON investigators note, have a very high degree of credibility.

In the latest hypnosis session last week, Christensen reports, the Beverly resident described highly technical energy-creating devices while a scientist was in the room listening to the account. Christensen says the scientist was very impressed by the session, and he left completely convinced that the Beverly resident had no prior knowledge or training relating to the kind of energy systems described.

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UFO HUNT CENTRES ON SADDLEWORTH

UFO sleuth David Bezer is trying to solve the mystery of a shining object which has been spotted several times in Saddleworth.

The bright, cylindrical-shaped object, has been seen on six occasions high at the side of the Wharmton television mast at Grasscroft.

Reflecting

"It's certainly very baffling. We have no idea what the object is," said 38-year-old David, an official investigator with the British UFO Society.

It was first spotted by a 77-year-old Uppermill man in April, and its last sighting was just before 3 a.m. on May 26.

Now, David, of Stephens

Road, Stalybridge, is anxious to trace anyone else who may have seen the mystery object.

"We have made exhaustive checks which have ruled out aircraft or the possibility of a star reflecting on the mast.

"On at least two occasions, the object hovered by the tower for about 20 minutes before moving away.

"It has been spotted from Uppermill and Mossley, and I would like to contact anyone who may have seen the shape," he added.

"It is completely unexplained. The more information we can get, the better."

David can be contacted on 338 6068.

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Mystery object splits in two

A MYSTERIOUS cigar-shaped UFO was spotted over Worcester last night.

The brightly coloured object "grew and grew" before splitting into two.

"When they split, they went off in two different directions and disappeared, said an eye witness, sixteen-year-old Christopher Whippe.

Christopher of Whitehouse Close, Worcester, spotted the object at Lower Wick at about 10.10 p.m.

"I've never seen anything like it before," he said. "It was eerie — like something out of 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind.'"

"It was at a great height; it must have been something larger than a jumbo jet," he said.

DUNDEE EVENING TELEGRAPH
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DUNDEE UFO PROBE

THE mention of UFOs immediately conjures up images of flying saucers and space men but very often they turn out to be nothing more than a plane or weather balloon.

However, when a UFO is spotted it is not treated lightly and every report is checked out by BUFORA — the British UFO Research Association.

Dundee is at present under investigation with the reports of a UFO above the city last month.

The Edinburgh office of BUFORA have appointed one of their investigators, a police officer, Stephen Burnett, from Edinburgh, to probe the mystery.

"This sighting is of particular interest to us," said Stephen.

"With so many people in different places reporting

having seen it, we have an advantage with this one.

"Using a triangulation method it may be possible to establish the exact position of the object and from that its size.

"This has never been possible before with light in the sky reports as the number of witnesses has been low, usually one or two."

Mr Burnett pointed out that all this information would not necessarily prove the object was "alien" and may not even reveal what the sightings were. However, the results of the

investigation could well help BUFORA or the RAF radar operators at RAF Leuchars narrow down the possibilities of what the object may have been.

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MYSTERY OF LIGHTS NEAR CASTLE RUIN

MYSTERIOUS lights in the night sky have left a Highfields family wondering what they were.

Birmingham Airport meteorologists could offer no explanation for the red, green and white glow which hovered in the sky near Stafford Castle for two hours on Sunday.

The lights were seen by the Merritt family of Tennyson Road, Stafford from 10.30pm to after midnight. A policeman too saw the strange phenomenon.

Dorothy Merritt said she first saw the glow when her 19-year-old daughter, Michelle, pointed it out, after coming home with her boyfriend.

"There was a really bright white glow over towards the castle," said Mrs Merritt. "Later it had a red and green light with it.

"It looked round, like a ball and it didn't move for a long time. Then it moved just a little bit towards the town."

Mrs Merritts other daughter Mandy, aged 15, and son Anthony, aged 11, also watched the light with binoculars.

"They got quite excited," she said.

PLANE

After a while they told the police and a constable came round.

"He saw the same thing too," said Mrs Merritt.

"All I want to know is what it was. It couldn't be a plane because it stayed still and I don't think it was a helicopter either because it was there for so long.

"I wouldn't say I had seen a flying saucer, but I'd love to know what it was."

"We know nothing about it," said a spokeswoman for Birmingham Airport meteorological office. "We can't explain it."

SOUTH WALES ARGUS
NEWPORT AUG 14 1982

And the next object

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a mystery

A BRIGHTLY coloured moving mystery object in the Gwent skies had bewildered both police and local residents.

The UFO - described as bright red and green with bands of light splaying outwards from a central point - was spotted hovering over Markham.

For two hours Mr David Edwards, of Coed-y-Brain House, Aberbargoed, together with family, neighbours and police called to the scene watched the object.

"It hovered for quite a while very high up and then shot off very fast," said Mr Edwards.

He telephoned Rhoose Airport who said that they knew of no aircraft in the area when the mystery object was spotted between 11.30pm and 1.30am.

"There was one central object with bits shooting from it," said Mr Edwards.

"I was watching with binoculars. About six people must have seen it altogether. I would never have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes.

Inspector Graham George of Bargoed police confirmed that one of his men had watched the object. Its origins were a mystery, he said.

Stroud UFO?

A strange flying object has been seen in the night sky over Stroud.

Mr. Eric Harper, of London rd., was walking his dog last night when he spotted a white ball followed by a trail of sparks heading over the top of Rodborough Fort and rapidly approaching the town centre. A police spokesman said: "We have reported the incident to the appropriate air control bodies,"

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Stroud UFO mystery

Stroud police have been called in to solve a "lights-in-the-sky" UFO mystery.

They were alerted on Monday when a Stroud man walking his dog in London Road, reported a ball of light hovering above Rodborough Fort.

The ball, giving off bright sparks moved off at great speed below the level of the clouds.

"We have reported it to the Air Ministry," a police spokesman said.

Some close encounters that puzzle Jenny, the UFO expert

EIGHTEEN months ago a young schoolteacher was invited to the House of Lords to tell a select committee all she knew about UFO's. For Jenny Randles, who has given up her teaching career to become a fulltime writer and UFO investigator, deals in alleged "close encounters" with alien beings, UFO landings, and photographs of mysterious objects in the sky.

As an investigation co-ordinator with ASSAP (The Association for the Scientific Study of Anomalous Phenomena), a national scientific organisation, her job is to evaluate all the evidence scientifically — and find rational explanations.

In most of the cases, she reckons, she can. It's the remaining few unsolved ones which concern her.

She has had nine "sightings" herself and managed to dismiss eight of them. The ninth — three balls of light in the sky over Wiltshire — she has never been able to explain and it continues to puzzle her.

But one of the most amazing UFO mysteries she has had to investigate involves a Yorkshire policeman's encounter at Todmorden, West Yorkshire.

For PC Alan Godfrey it had started out as just another night shift touring Todmorden in his Panda car. But less than an hour before it ended, he had come face to face with a UFO which blocked the road in front of him.

He tried to radio in to his headquarters but could not make contact, so he decided to make a sketch of the object hovering a few feet above the ground. It was about 20 feet wide, he said later, and the top was domeshaped.

"Suddenly Alan realised that his car was no longer in the same spot, but several yards further along the road. He looked back and the object had disappeared," recalls Jenny.

Craft

"He didn't realise it then, but from the reconstruction we did later, there was a 15-minute gap in his memory."

Some time later, under hypnosis, Alan recounted being taken into the "craft" he had sketched and meeting the aliens inside.

"I am sure Alan had a genuine experience," says Jenny, who arranged for his story to be investigated. "Four other police officers from Halifax were chasing a stolen motor-cycle across the moors when they saw a bright object in the direction of Todmorden at about the time of Alan's "sighting."

"They reported it. A school caretaker on a hill overlooking Todmorden saw a UFO in the valley below him five or ten minutes after Alan's recorded encounter.

By Shirley Davenport

"And a businessman who had been driving through a village just outside Todmorden at about that time went into a police station the next morning to report sighting a UFO.

"I am sure Alan saw something and his story holds up under hypnosis and every form of interrogation."

In Britain alone, there are about 500 cases reported each year, to add to the thousands which accumulate from every country in the world. And Jenny estimates that only one tenth of sightings are ever reported.

"The stranger the sighting, the less likely the person is to report it publicly. Most people are afraid of the reactions towards them. There are even examples of people being sacked because they have said they saw a UFO."

Jenny is 29, lives in Warrington, and intended to teach geology until her involvement with UFO research.

She had always been mildly interested in the subject, and after a wave of "sightings" around the Cheshire village where she taught nine years ago, she agreed to give a talk about it to the children.

"I was surprised at the number of children who came up to me afterwards to tell me of their experiences. What impressed me was the attitude of the children. They were sincere about what they had seen but didn't want to talk in front of the others.

"My reaction was that no one should feel ashamed at having witnessed these things and that someone should help them. It just snowballed after that and I became more and more involved."

Despite her scientific training, Jenny says she keeps an open mind where UFO's are concerned.

"I am only certain of one thing — that it is wrong to dismiss UFO's as lies, delusions or illusions. Anyone who says they know what they are is not being completely honest.

"I am convinced there must be several different explanations. But there are too many people willing to accept everything at face value. However, I didn't want to go to the other extreme, like the more negative of scientists, who have a vested interest in proving none of these things exists. I am heading towards the conclusion that there is a psychological or psychic explanation."

She has seen very few photographs of "flying saucers" which convince her of space-ships crewed by little green men, either. Most of them have been scientifically proved to be hoaxes.

Psychic

However, one or two exist which are difficult to ignore. Probably the best is that taken by an American farming couple in Oregon thirty years ago, showing a structured disc with a turret on top. The couple had time to take two photographs, in daylight.

"Both these photographs have been subjected to every type of investigation going, right up to the present day," says Jenny, "and every piece of research concludes that the object measures a hundred feet in diameter, and that it was photographed about a mile away from the camera.

"Either it's a fake because they managed to build a hundred-foot model and got it to fly while they photographed it a mile away, or it is something else."

In her experience, Jenny has found that most UFO "sightings" turn out to be conventional aircraft or unusual atmospheric conditions.

"There's a nine-to-one chance of finding a natural reason for the sighting."

Jenny has a theory that there is a deliberate effort, at times, to discredit ufology.

The more ridiculous UFO stories can be made to look, the more scientists will shy away from wanting to investigate them."

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UFO reports

Sir, - I write for a UFO magazine, and, while on holiday in Whitby recently, I visited the Gazette offices and found a number of interesting cuttings about unidentified flying objects seen in the Whitby area. 3128

I have visited and interviewed several people mentioned in these accounts but I am sure that there were other witnesses to these sightings who have not come forward for fear of ridicule.

I would be very pleased to hear from anyone who has seen any strange objects or lights in

the sky or on the ground. All information will be treated in confidence.

In particular I am interested in finding out more about a green, comet-like object seen over Whitby on the night of 30 June 1981 and also objects seen in the Whitby area in October and November of 1979. Any UFO sightings/strange experiences connected with RAF Fylingdales are also of great interest. - Yours, etc,

Richard Lloyd Parry

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Birkdale,
Southport.

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UFO 3128 spotted over town

MR. PETER Rainbow did not really believe in unidentified flying objects until he saw one hovering above the Express Lift's tower in Northampton.

But now, after his son Peter (16) and he concentrated on the mysterious space saucer through a pair of field glasses from a bedroom window, he is not so sure.

"It couldn't have been an aircraft because we saw it turning round before it suddenly shot off," said Mr. Rainbow (43), who is unemployed and lives in Greenwood Road, Northampton.

Mr. Rainbow feels certain some other Northampton sky watchers might have seen the mysterious object around 11.00 pm on Sunday.

He described the spaceship as about 150 feet in diameter with five bright lights at the base. At one point he saw the centre of the base come down and it looked as if another craft emerged.

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Our children also 3128 sighted object in sky say families

THERE have been more reports of the mystery airborne object seen over Northampton at the weekend.

Mrs. Annette Rolfe did not believe her children when they said they had seen an unidentified flying object over the town. And Mr. David Boniface did not believe his children when they also reported a UFO.

But both parents feel it is more than a coincidence that a similar object was spotted over Northampton by Mr. Peter Rainbow, as reported in the Chronicle and Echo.

Lorraine Rolfe (11) was outside the Deer's Leap pub in Bellinge with her sisters Jeanette (10) and Teresa (14) when they spotted the mystery object in the sky at about 11 p.m. on Saturday.

Lorraine, of 31 Kingscroft Court, Bellinge, said: "It had about five lights on it and a ring of lights round it.

"It was moving slowly and we saw it for about five minutes. I was very frightened."

"We told my mum and dad but they did not believe us until they saw the story in the paper."

Jason Boniface (12) was camping in his garden at 2 Riverside Court, Kisingbury with his brother, Simon (10) and their friend, Simon Massingham (12) when he saw what he first thought was a shooting star.

"It was round and had five different lights. It was moving very fast—20 seconds later it was gone," said Jason.

Mr. Boniface said: "The lads reported seeing an object in the sky at about 11 p.m. on Sunday, but I said it could not possibly be true.

"I just dismissed it until I read the story in the Chronicle and Echo."

Mr. Mark Brown, of the British UFO Research Association, commented: "It sounds from the descriptions given that we can rule out the object being a conventional aircraft."

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LANCASHIRE EVENING
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Sky mystery

STARTLED villagers have reported mystery night sightings to flying saucer "investigators". The UFO Society was called in after residents spotted white lights circling in the sky between Kirkham and Blackpool.

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MORE
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PERSEIDS**

Scotching theories of mystery spacecraft Mr John Warburton, of Hill Top House, Ombersley, said:

"At the moment, the earth is passing through a meteorite shower. It was probably a large meteorite, burning up as it hit the earth's atmosphere. It can cause an effect like a fireball."

Mr Warburton said the cloud of dust — known as the Perseids — lasts from August 12 until the end of this week and appears every year at the same time.

It is possible to see between four and ten small meteorites like falling stars across the sky on a clear night. Another shower — the Ursids — appears in December.

"They appear in the sky for about a second and shatter into fragments," Mr Warburton said.

"UFO sightings can often be explained as meteorite showers. It is the most likely explanation but it is difficult to be absolutely certain. Perhaps it was — and perhaps it wasn't."

**OLDHAM EVENING
CHRONICLE LANC'S
UFO spotted
hovering over
Manchester**

A UFO was spotted hovering over Manchester last night.

An eye-witness in Oldham said: "I thought it was a plane landing until I realised it was standing still. It changed shape into a triangle then rounded out at the bottom before turning into an oval shape."

"The thing was very bright and glowed and eventually became smaller and smaller and disappeared."

A spokesman at Jodrell Bank confirmed today that they received reports of sightings.

**CLOUCESTER ECHO
CHEITENHAM
AUG 31 1982
Flash of light in the
sky**

SIR.—I have just enjoyed a 10-day break in Cheltenham and the surrounding Cotswolds; very beautiful and everywhere so clean.

I was at Charlton Kings on Sunday evening, August 22, at approximately 8.30 p.m. and happened to look at the sky when a very fast streak of light flashed across from a south-easterly direction to north-westerly — not at the speed of a lightning flash, but very very fast.

Conditions were of fairly high broken cloud, and few minutes after a very high vapour trail appeared in the break of cloud. I found this moment of the "flash" rather breathtaking, and wondered if your readers had reported it to you.

ALFRED J. MONKS

65, Lewis-road,
Mitcham.

**Strange
object
flies past**

**SOUTHERN
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A SOUTHAMPTON family were left shaken and stunned after a strange object flew past their home at about 9.30am this morning.

The black doughnut-shaped object flew soundlessly over the Alexander family's home at West End Road, Bitterne, heading in a north-easterly direction and maintaining a constant height and speed.

"Sometimes it would flip over and we could see the hole or concave part in the middle," said Mrs. K. Alexander.

Mrs. Alexander, who was alerted to the strange object by her 12-year-old daughter, said the object was too small to have been a plane or a helicopter.

"I would just like to know if anyone else saw anything like the thing we saw," she said.

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TWO more sightings of a mystery UFO have been reported in Worcestershire.

Mrs Rosemary Hughes was out with her dogs in the orchard at High Trees Farm, Lenchwick, near Evesham, when the ground near her feet started to glow.

The four dogs were also bathed in an orange light and looked up at her in alarm.

"I looked into the sky and there was a big fireball going overhead with a smaller object just behind," said Mrs Hughes. "It was radiating a glow from an orange halo around the centre which seemed to be burning with a white heat."

"It took a few seconds to pass by and then suddenly disappeared."

Fruit picker Mr Richard Baldwin, of Henry Street, Evesham, was standing nearby. "He came over and described exactly what I had just seen," Mrs Hughes said.

The first sighting of the UFO was reported at 10.10 p.m. by Christopher Whippe of Whitehouse Close, Worcester. He saw a brightly-coloured cigar-shaped object which grew in size before splitting in two.

Mrs Hughes told the authorities at RAF Churchdown in Gloucestershire, who took a statement to pass on to officials in London.

A spokesman at Edgbaston Observatory in Birmingham said today that he could not identify the shape. But he added: "It was a clear night and they could well have seen something."

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Aliens have seized us nine times, say couple

EERIE space creatures have repeatedly terrorized a couple who have encountered extraterrestrials at least nine times since childhood.

On at least three of those frightening occasions, Bob and Betty Luca claim they were abducted — forced aboard giant starships and subjected to grueling physical examinations.

Under hypnosis, Betty, who is 44, startled UFO investigators with vivid descriptions of two fantastic voyages to the weird beings' planet.

And when Bob, 42, was hypnotized, he told investigators he first encountered aliens when he was five years old and was once abducted by the strange creatures in broad daylight.

"I was driving down the beach when I saw this circular spaceship," he says. "I pulled over, and the next thing I knew, I was on board."

Though they have never met the space creatures simultaneously, the couple, who live in Cheshire, Connecticut, describe them in remarkably similar terms.



BOB AND BETTY LUCA have been taken aboard spaceships three times and once Betty, who re-created her experiences in these dramatic drawings, was zapped by an alien (right) when she protested



"They aren't very big — no more than three or four feet tall," says Betty. "They have large heads with big, catlike eyes, tiny holes for noses and ears, and thin slits for mouths."

"They're totally bald and have skin that's gray as clay. Their hands are clawlike — each with just three fingers."

Bob says the aliens wear shimmering, form-fitting, blue uniforms and boots.

He adds: "The scariest thing about all this is that we know it'll happen again. We're convinced we're part of a bizarre experiment."

Betty, who had her first close encounter when she was seven, recalls one of her experiences with the extraterrestrials in amazing detail:

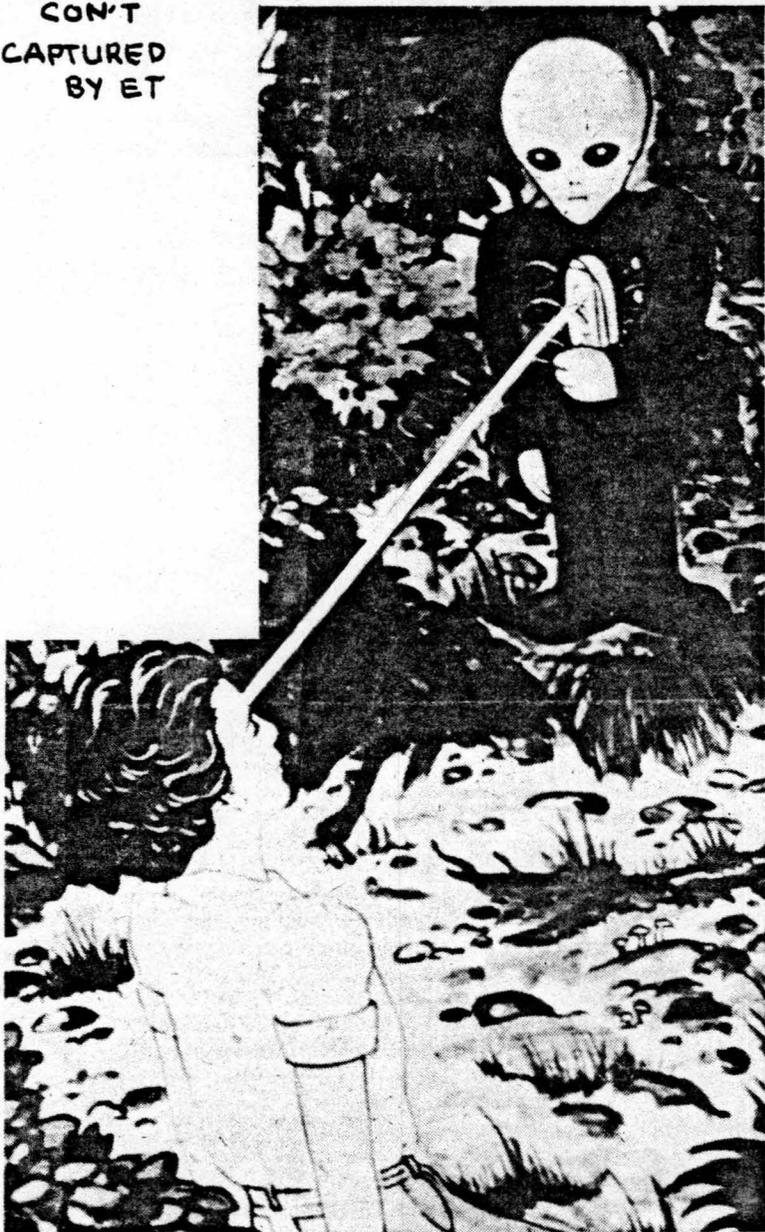
"I was living in a small town in Massachusetts. It was night, and suddenly the lights went out."

"I noticed a reddish-orange glow flashing through the kitchen window. Then five of these strange-looking beings materialized right in the house."

"They told me I had to go

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**'It's scary
— we know
we're part
of a bizarre
experiment'**

you-can imagine — reds, golds, deep blues, yellows and greens. I saw a glass-domed city, huge pyramids and gigantic statues of animals I couldn't identify."

Suddenly, Betty was back home again. "I don't know how long it lasted, but UFO experts tell me I was gone for just three or four hours.

"I know this all sounds crazy, crazy, crazy," says the homemaker. "But my story has been verified through every kind of 'truth' test there is."

And that claim is verified by veteran police officer Larry Fawcett, of Coventry, Connecticut.

"I sat in on all the hypnosis sessions and grilled Betty on her experiences for a period of two years," Fawcett told GLOBE. "She has taken polygraph and voice-stress tests — either of which could easily unmask a fraud.

"I'm convinced that every word of her incredible tale of multiple abductions is 100 percent accurate."

Despite her bizarre brushes with the aliens, Betty says she's sure the creatures mean no harm. "In fact," she says, "I'm sure they brought Bob and me together."

"That's true enough," says Bob. "I was traveling around the country and stopped off at a town in Florida. I had never told anybody about being aboard a UFO, but when I heard there was a girl in the area who'd had similar experiences, I decided to look her up. It was Betty.

"It's almost like it was planned," he says, "and that gives us both a chilling feeling."

— JOHN BLACKBURN

**'...they mesmerized
me with their glare'**

THE ALIENS were small, bald, had gray skin, big eyes, tiny holes for noses, and thin slits for mouths, says Betty

with them, and when I protested, they mesmerized me with their glare and escorted me to a hill behind my house where the spacecraft had landed."

Betty says the aliens ushered her into the spaceship, which was stuffed with futuristic equipment, and placed her in a sophisticated laboratory where her body was scanned with com-

plex instruments.

"I was trembling with fear," she recalls. "They jabbed needles in me, and I felt excruciating pain. I screamed, and they gave me a sweet, red liquid to drink that calmed me."

The next thing Betty remembers, she was on another planet. "It was strange and beautiful," she says. "Absolutely gorgeous. Every color

