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'Unidentified Flying Object' Sighted

By Angelo Maschio

It wasn't an illusion that made an unannounced intrusion on the Eden scene starting at 8 p.m. Thursday, February 3.

And two Eden residents vouch for this. They note their experience in a talk with a News reporter despite the fact they are a bit uneasy in the telling of the story.

It was about 8 p.m. Things were quiet at Bob's Mobile Homes on NC 14 in south Eden.

Henry H. Harris Jr., manager of the firm looked out the window towards the general direction of Central Animal hospital. Suddenly he saw it, a bright light, below cloud level, something like a star but not a star.

"It was like a very bright street light but it wasn't as big as a street light," Harris told The Eden News.

It then occurred to him to get someone else to take a look to see if what was there was really there.

"Am I seeing things?" Harris asked Perk Brown Jr., salesman for Bob's Mobile homes.

Brown stretched, got out of a chair and ambled towards the window.

"Yep, I saw it, too," he told this newspaper.

Then he added, "I hated to say I saw it and tell people I did because they might think I was 'losing it.' You know how that is?"

"But, someone else said he saw it so that made me feel better."

Brown, too, said the object in the sky looked like a big, bright ball.

The fact it was below cloud level took away the possibility it could be a star. But it did look a lot like the North Star, Harris noted.

After they watched it a while they got sick of the vigil and quit.

But about 8:30 or 8:40 p.m.

the thing looked like the size of an egg and very red, Harris reported.

He said he was kidding with

brown with a remark, "Someone is watching us."

Then, about 8:45 p.m. the object, star, spy, plane, space

craft or star — whatever it was, was gone.

But both Harris and Brown swear by the stars they saw it.

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Second Sighting Of UFO Reported

By Angelo Maschio

Apparently the UFO's find Eden interesting.

At least Miss Carolyn Radford, of the city's Draper section, is inclined to believe this.

She saw an unidentified flying object and tracked its course Monday night for about an hour before it headed for Reidsville. This was the second time within a week that such an object has been seen in this area.

Two of Miss Radford's colleagues at WLOE-WEAF in Eden — Jeff Fain and Ralph Emerson — called her at her home about 8:45 p.m. Monday.

She and a friend immediately set out towards the radio station where Fain and Emerson said they saw the object around the broadcast tower.

Miss Radford said as she approached the Boulevard the object looked three times larger than a large star. It was reddish. Then as she drew even nearer to the station it appeared to be about twice as big as a star but its color appeared to

be green with blinking lights.

The object would go forward, turn, dip and then stop; then it would back up, she said.

All of this was happening around the radio tower.

Miss Radford said she and her friend drove to a service station on Bridge street and the object kept pace with the car.

Then the object disappeared, she said. They headed back towards the Boulevard and saw the object near the tower and then suddenly, it headed towards Reidsville and disappeared from view.

Miss Radford said Fain is getting ready just in case it comes back. He's got a high speed camera and film.

Of course, there are always those who laugh at things that can't be related to logic or universal truths, so those who hold to them are sort of way out, she admits. But phenomena around us ought to be investigated. "By learning we know and by knowing we're better people," she concludes.

AUSTRALIA
Flying
objects

seen
over
city

People living at Belmont, Wallsend and in the Port Stephens area last night reported seeing unidentified objects flying over the Newcastle area.

Mr. R. Smith, the proprietor of an airstrip at Wallsend, said a star seemed to be moving horizontally over the R.A.A.F. Base at 9:10 p.m.

A second bluish white light was seen by Mr. Smith at 9:35 p.m. He said this light flew directly over Newcastle moving south at 170 degrees. It took one minute to disappear.

Mr. Smith said the object was flying at an altitude of 40,000 feet. It must have been travelling somewhere in the 1000 miles-an-hour bracket to have disappeared so quickly.

Base told

He and other people reported the sightings to Williamstown R.A.A.F. Base. Similar reports from civilians were made to the base last week.

The base last night was unable to identify the sightings but a spokesman said it was believed they were of civilian aircraft.

A sighting by a Nelson Bay resident was a civilian aircraft, he said.

UFO SIGHTED
NEAR DARTMOOR

A sailboat-shaped light followed an RAAF instrument maker all the way from Hamilton to Dartmoor on Tuesday night, it is reported from Mount Gambier.

The airman said that he and a friend were driving from Hamilton to Mount Gambier about 9:30 when they saw the unidentified flying object which had red, green and white lights.

The airman said he had pulled up twice because the light had come close to the car.

He stopped another car driven by Mr. W. L. Bramall of Ditchy, who also watched the object.

The airman said the light did not descend smoothly like an aircraft but came down in steps.

He said the object could still be seen when he got to Mount Gambier.

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Weird Balls Ferry sighting

They saw the 'something' and it scared them plenty

By ALAN R. BERRY
R-S Staff Writer

BALLS FERRY — Four teen-age boys and one of their fathers, in separate incidents Wednesday night, claim to have heard — and seen — a strange, unearthly creature near here.

It started when the boys headed out after dark, in the rain and mist, to "fish" at Battle Creek, they said.

First, the boys said they saw a

brilliant glowing object pass over their car.

Then, after arriving at the Battle Creek bridge and parking the car, they heard a strange noise and a scream in the brush, just off the road.

Suddenly, "We heard a blood-curdling scream," John Yeries, 16, of Anderson said.

"I threw the light over in the brush and there was this weird thing,"

The "thing" appeared "hunched over" about 50 feet away. It turned to one side and ran, Yeries and Darrell Rich also 16, said.

The youths described the figure as about seven-foot-tall, dark green or brown in color, with a large "ear" shaped like a tear drop.

It appeared to have no hair, they said but had lumps over its body "like" (Continued on page 17)

'Something' in the night

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pouches in a flight suit."

Their reports are in conflict as to whether what they saw ran over a nearby levee embankment or along it.

Rich said: "I was wondering what it was, and at the same time I was turning to get out of there."

The boys' younger companions, Yeries' brother James, 14, and Robbie Cross, 15, were already running for the car, parked scarcely 100 feet away near the Battle Creek bridge, they said.

"I heard a scream, kind of close," James said. "I ran back to the car. Robbie ran back, too. Then John came back and said he'd seen it. We took off."

The boys apparently reached the car in a panic. It was locked, for one thing, they said. And for another, they couldn't get it started and had to push it.

With John driving, they finally turned the car around and headed north, they said.

They said they had a strange feeling they were being watched and followed.

Darrell said he watched out the rear window and saw what appeared to be "firerackers popping" on the pavement behind the car — only there was no sound.

John said he saw much the same thing, through the rear view mirror.

Then they saw a number of fiery objects, some blue and white, some orange and red, moving erratically along the

road in the open fields on either side.

At one point, Darrell said, he'd seen two "glowing balls" come together in the sky, and one had suddenly shot straight up and disappeared.

At another point, two of the boys reported, they saw a glowing object that had the appearance of a human figure along the road.

All agreed to seeing a number of strange lights.

After they reached the intersection of Deschutes and Dersch roads, they saw no more lights, they said.

They took Robbie home "because he was pretty scared," they said. Then they went to Darrell's house and reported the incidents to Darrell's father, Dean Rich.

Rich owns and operates a welding shop in Anderson. He is also considering running for the Anderson City Council this year.

The elder Rich said he got out a pistol and returned to the bridge scene with his son and the Yeries brothers.

"I thought maybe they were pulling my leg," he said. "But they seemed very scared."

He said he and the boys had walked out into the walnut orchard about 100 yards, when suddenly he heard a very weird "commotion" somewhere in the darkness in front of them.

"It sounded like a real deep growl," the elder Rich said. "It was a real weird type of sensation."

"It was something, a meaning, I've

never experienced before."

The boys ran, he said. "They left me alone, and I got the hell out of there, too."

The commotion and growling, a long, spine-tingling "eeeeaaaaaghrrrr" by Rich's imitation, continued until he'd "backed up kind of sideways" the entire way to the car, he said.

"It was an eerie thing," he added. "It could go bad on my name, verifying something I didn't see," he said. "But it was not a peacock, a bear, a mountain lion, a bobcat . . . or like anything I've ever heard before."

There was no sound of brush breaking, he said. Whatever it was apparently was in one spot. But there might have been more than one, Rich added.

"That was what made it so fearsome, that there might be more than one, that we might stumble into a whole passel of them."

Rich and the boys agreed, the "thing" seemed to be warning them to leave the area.

"I think that all it was trying to do was to scare us away," Rich said. "And it succeeded."

Rich and the boys went to the Anderson police who in turn called for a Shasta County sheriff's deputy.

The deputy investigated the immediate bridge scene with a spotlight but had neither seen nor heard anything unusual, he said.

Nothing unusual had occurred on the return trip, all agreed.

But something had happened there, Rich maintains.

He said whatever he heard, it was "eye-opening." It had happened — something weird — "very close to home."

His son, Darrell, was philosophical. "I wonder if we saw something we shouldn't have, because we've (the youths have) been doing a lot of goofy things lately."

An Anderson policeman who said he knows two of the youths personally said he doubted the incident was any hoax.

"They seemed completely sincere," he said. "There was no hint of the funnies or something else. They were really scared."

This clip will be also reprinted in our Fortcana service, due to its unusual nature.

U.F.O. Sighted

Skeptics Scoff and Observers Wonder

The sighting of a glowing object moving mysteriously across the southwest horizon shortly before midnight Monday has at least 15 policemen representing five towns and two counties rubbing their eyes in disbelief.

Not one of them will admit it was a "U.F.O.," Air force parlance for "unidentified flying object."

But they know what they saw.

"Too many of us saw it," reported Excelsior policeman Mike Weber. "It had to be something."

"I still don't believe what I saw. I'm still skeptical," said Chaska police officer Bill Noll.

Mound police, at least their chief Pat Wilson, just won't talk about it. They didn't even write a report on the police call which came in about 11 p.m. from the William D. Pletsch residence in Minnetrista, describing the object and asking police to investigate.

Said Wilson, "I talked to the investigating officer and he said since he couldn't explain it, he just wasn't going to write a report."

But eyewitnesses at the Woodend Shores Pletsch home said two Mound officers responded.

"AT FIRST they didn't see anything," reported 14 year-old Susan Pletsch, "but later they came back and said about 15 policemen had seen it. They asked the boys to get in the car with them and go over to County Road 44 where the other police were looking at it."

The boys, Pat Pletsch, 17, Mark Pletsch, 15, and Doug Stevenson, 16, con-

firmed the slowly moving, lighted object was the same thing they had seen floating over their neighborhood.

Susan said one of her brothers had spotted the object first. After alerting the others in the family, he called the neighbors. The senior Pletsches were not home, but those who watched it for more than an hour included Susan, her brothers Pat and Mark, a sister Maggie, 13 and Debbie Shaughnessy, 18, as well as Doug Stevenson.

"It looked like a flying saucer, all different colors," Susan reported. "It moved up and down and sideways."

They estimated the thing to be about 200 yards from their house and said it turned various colors, purple, green and white.

BY THIS TIME word had spread on the police radio. Excelsior police received a call from Mound at 10:55 p.m. seeking confirmation of the sighting. Weber and two others, Charles Crepeau and Harley Lindus, viewed the object from the Excelsior-Shorewood line on County Road 19.

At that time, according to Weber, the glowing sphere appeared about 1,000 feet overhead, moving west and slightly south. The colors changed, he said, from red to green to white. The officers were joined by a Shorewood policeman, Dennis Seigfried, who also saw it.

The men then drove over to County Road 82 and Mill St. in Excelsior and again watched the glowing light appear to

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Minnesota
(Sun)

rest over the town of Chanhassen. Crepeau photographed it with a telephoto lens.

Meanwhile Walt Thiede, a Carver County sheriff's deputy, received a call from his dispatcher saying the Hennepin County sheriff's office dispatcher had asked for assistance in identifying the object. Thiede met four Hennepin County squad cars at the Conoco station in Chanhassen.

I SAW something in the southwest. I didn't see it close. I couldn't say it had any shape," he reported.

He called Bill Noll, Chaska police officer, who met Thiede at Highways 5 and 41.

Noll said he got out of the car and "saw a gleaming object moving in an easterly direction. It had an orange glow. It went right over me, very slowly."

He reported the object made no noise

as it passed over his head, although others had said they had heard a "humming sound."

About 11:45 p.m. the shining object appeared to disappear.

Hennepin County sheriff's deputies checked with the metropolitan airport where officials there tried to pick it up on the radar screen. They found no trace of it.

SO FAR, the only explanation offered comes from Sgt. Frank Kloss, Hennepin County sheriff's office.

"For 46 years (his age) I've seen the same star in the sky," he scoffed.

Adding that certain temperature and humidity conditions can make the star appear magnified and glowing, he said it may appear to move because the earth is moving.

He'll have a tough time convincing most of his fellow police officers.

Charleston Daily Mail
Charleston, W. Va.

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Kanawha Valley Leader
Nitro, W. Va.
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UFOs Back?

Swain On Date Ses Light

Young lovers, beware. That light suddenly flashed in your face may be from an "unidentified flying object."

An 18-year-old youth from St. Albans said he was driving around that city with his date about 7 p.m. yesterday when the interior of his car was suddenly illuminated.

He wished to remain anonymous, but said he got out of his car for about 10 minutes and observed a "kind of long, reddish kind of thing which appeared to have a white, flashing light on the bottom."

He said the object appeared to be over the River Lake Estates area of St. Albans and made two big circles before disappearing in a southwesterly direction.

A Charleston resident, Mrs. Helen Masters of Boone Street, said she was looking out a window for her paper boy when she

also saw an object in the sky. She said she first thought it was a jet, but it stayed in place about 20 minutes.

She said later in the evening, she began thinking the object could have been smoke from a jet reflecting the sunlight. She said there were no clouds at the time.

A spokesman from the National Weather Service at Kanawha Airport said his office had not received any calls about any UFO and said the NWS had not released any weather balloons, although the Huntington office released one about 7 p.m.

An air traffic controller at the airport said the tower received one call, and the description given controllers, fitted that of an aircraft.

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THEY'RE BACK AGAIN
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Mrs. Masters said she, at first, thought it was a jet but it stayed in one place about 20 minutes.
A South Charleston resident also sighted the UFO and agreed with the Charleston people that the thing they saw was "orange in color". They said it hovered over the Albans area for several minutes and then vanished.

No flying saucers, or as officially titled unidentified flying objects, have been sighted in the Kanawha Valley area for some time.
But once again UFOs have apparently put the area under surveillance.
Three persons said they spotted such an object last Friday. All described it as fish shaped.
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'Ball of fire' sighted near Oil Trough yesterday

ARKANSAS

CR-LOU FARISH

With the advent of cold weather and the dropping of sap and leaves in Arkansas, also went the state's "monster season." A sensational season which saw numerous reports of a giant hairy critter in the southern part of the state and many of our very own three-toed version of the waterbound Loch Ness ruffian, but weep no more, monster lovers. Apparently,

with freezing temperatures also came unknown visitors from the sky, at least according to reports received from Oil Trough last night.

Twenty men, including a deputy sheriff and two state policemen from Batesville, searched for what was at first believed to be a downed airplane near this small northeast Arkansas community last night, but could find nothing after searching the woodlands near here for more than three hours.

James H. Shaw, of Thida, Ark., first reported seeing the glowing sphere about 7:30 p.m. while enroute from Newport to his house near Oil Trough.

"I was out of the truck at the time," said Shaw, "when I happened to glance up and notice what looked sort of like an airplane in flames. I watched it over the timberline for five minutes as it slowly dropped toward the earth, until finally disappearing behind the trees. I'm positive it crashed somewhere in the woods."

As of midnight last night, no plane wreckage had been located and the search was discontinued.

"I know I saw something on fire," said Shaw, a native of the

area, "and I know it fell in the general area where we were searching."

Shaw said he planned to return to the hill area today to continue searching for wreckage.

Editors note: Who knows, maybe the coldest day of the year recorded yesterday, was too much for Whitey and he radioed for an interplanetary taxi?

Object grew with approach

Shaw said the object grew larger as it fell toward him. "At first," he said, "it was about the size of a small saucer and it grew larger as it fell toward me until it reached the size of a plate just before it dropped into the tree line."

The former Oil Trough school employee, now garage owner, said he went to Oil Trough following the sighting and reported it at the local store, then began driving toward where he felt the object might have fallen.

Shaw said when he reached the Blacklands community, he noticed a reddish glow of about 14-foot diameter in the timber on a nearby hill and radioed his wife to ask a local resident if anyone lived in that area. The reply was negative and Shaw called the Independence county Sheriff's office and the state police to report what he felt sure was a plane crash.

Mystery Fireball Spotted By Thida Garage Owner

LOU FARISH

ARKANSAS

NEWPORT — Police officials and volunteers searched the woods seven miles southeast of here Wednesday night for plane wreckage after James H. Shaw reported seeing a fiery ball in the sky. Shaw told authorities he was driving from Newport to his home at Thida near Oil Trough when "I happened to glance up and notice what looked like an airplane in flames."

"I watched it over the timberline for five minutes as it slowly dropped toward the earth and finally disappeared behind the trees," Shaw said.

Shaw, a garage owner, said he drove toward where he thought the object might have fallen and spotted a reddish

glow about 14 feet in diameter in the timber on a hill near the Blacklands community south of Oil Trough.

He said he found that there were no houses in the area with lights that might produce the glow. He notified authorities and an Independence County sheriff's deputy, two state troopers and a number of volunteers searched the area for three hours Wednesday night.

Shaw continued to search the area Thursday, still fearing he would discover a plane crash, but also on the lookout for a possible meteorite.

"I know I saw something on fire and I'm positive it fell in the general area where we were searching," he said.

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Salem, Oregon
Capital Journal

'Damndest, biggest fireball' sighted by Silverton couple

A Silverton area couple saw a ball of flame falling toward earth about 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, but no one could say today what it was they spotted.

The National Weather Service was called, but it couldn't say what the object was, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wolfe reported. Officials at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry also were in the dark.

Earlier this week there was a meteor shower near the big dipper and this may have been a possible answer in the sighting last night.

Wolfe, III, 3, Box 712, Silverton, said he saw the fireball as he and his wife were driving home Tuesday evening.

"It was the damndest, biggest fireball—you call it what you want to—that I've ever

seen," he said. His wife thought it was a plane going down in flames, but Wolfe didn't think it was, not at the speed it was traveling.

He said it remained in sight for about two seconds as it plummeted down "from south to north, with at least 1,000 times the magnitude of any star I've ever seen."

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ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Friday, Jan. 7, 1972

Dec. 20, 1971
Anaheim, California
(Bulletin)

The Loch Ness Monster Again

A few columns back I opened an "occult" area of interest to the Soviets by taking a swipe at the U.S. Air Force. Those who wish to read my clarification here as an apology to the winged service may do so.

December 17 marks the second anniversary of an Air Force surrender, the end of a 21-year-old research project called "Blue Book." It was their study of unidentified flying objects (UFO's).

In part the announcement of the termination of "Blue Book" read:

"As a result of investigating UFO reports since 1948, the conclusions of Project Blue Book are: (1) No UFO reported, investigated, and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of being a threat to our national security;

"(2) there has been no evidence submitted or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as 'unidentified' represent technological developments or principles beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge; and

"(3) there has been no evidence that sightings categorized as 'unidentified' are of extraterrestrial vehicles." And with that the book closed, promising only that the Secretary of the Air Force would continue to handle information requests.

Many "ufologists" have questioned the Air Force position, labeling it political and cowardly; others have suggested that Air Force investigation has turned up many things the public should not know and thus has come to try dampening down UFO research. Of course the Air Force disagrees, saying simply that the payback in this area is not sufficient to justify spending much money here.

Some points: first, many strange and bizarre folk inhabit the various "flying saucer" cults, some of whom claim communication with little green men and women from space, some of

whom have, said Chou En-lai, John Lennon, Otto Preminger, Robert Welch, and Robert McNamara are part of a cosmic plot—and that all are somehow bound up with the death of President Kennedy. Such folks might get on the nerves of serious career military officers.

Second, on the other hand strange objects not identified or explained have been



LOWELL PONTE

seen throughout the world, tracked by radar, chased by Air Force planes—and reliably reported to much more than a thousand miles per hour while conducting sophisticated maneuvers. Clearly such things cannot all be explained as natural occurrences such as "marsh gas" (a favorite rationale).

Third, in addition to such reports—many hundreds of which have not been explained away—some intelligent people have been interested in the phenomena, calling it "things from outer space" or merely a strange happening to be investigated.

Notable here (remember my speculation that politicians would begin pursuing the occult?), just before his death Sen. Robert Kennedy wrote to Saucer News magazine, describing himself as "a card carrying member of the Amalgamated Flying Saucers Association" and in favor of "more research regarding this matter." But then such folks might get on the nerves of career officers.

The Air Force may have closed its book, but the UFO's continue, a recent one in England being witnessed by 10 police constables and numerous civil-

ans last Aug. 16. In our neighbor to the north, 46-year-old Arthur Bray, a former pilot in the Royal Canadian Air Force and Navy, wants the United Nations to coordinate a worldwide UFO investigation.

The retired Lt. Commander Bray has filed an elaborate 99-page plea to this end with the Special Committee on Science Policy of the Canadian Senate. He has also sought the support of Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in having Canada place his investigation proposal before the UN General Assembly. He's a career military officer, not a kook, and what he's seen and studied about UFO's has sufficiently gotten on his nerves to prompt action; he worries that the Soviets, actively researching in this area, might be the first to communicate with intergalactic aliens and from them gain superior and dangerous knowledge.

And indeed the Soviets are researching UFO's, even if Russian opinion is somewhat split as suggested by columnist V. Lyustiberg of the Moskovski Komsomols, who deems Flying Saucers a capitalistic aeropsychological opiate to hallucinate the oppressed. "When it becomes necessary to distract the reader from tough problems," he has written, "Western leaders have three ready sensations which never fail: flying saucers, the Loch Ness monster, and the abominable snowman."

So now that you know what I'm up to, I have but a suggestion and a request: that if interested in UFO's you read up on them, a useful book being "The Age of Flying Saucers: Notes on a Projected History of UFO's" by Paris Flammonde (Hawthorn: 1971), and that you let me know if you've had any experiences with such phenomena.

As to whether UFO's were and are a "aeropsychological" plot, this I'll take up in a future column.

Oct 21, 1971 *LATE*
Forest Grove, Ore.
Wash.-Co. News-Times

Mystery object in sky puzzles

Clyde Evansizer of the Terminal Cafe thinks he may have to join the society of Unidentified Flying Objects!

Saturday about 5 p.m. while driving toward Hillsboro with Mrs. Evansizer, the two spotted a large barrel-shaped black object in the sky about 1,000 feet up. Wires extended upward from the object and were joined in the center as if the object were suspended.

Is it some new kind of kite? Is it a bat? Is it superman in disguise?

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Bright Object Fools Mariner

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI)—An extremely bright object in deep space fooled a navigation device aboard the Mariner 9 Mars satellite into pointing the probe in the wrong direction, scientists learned Monday.

The problem was solved by new commands sent from project controllers after 47 minutes on Sunday and the Mars television probe was sending back pictures as normal on Monday.

A spokesman for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory here said the unidentified object was much brighter than the star Canopus, which the craft uses as its navigation reference in space.

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Jan. 5, 1972
Grants Pass, Ore.
Daily Courier

UFO Spotted Over County

A UFO (unidentified flying object) was reported to the Josephine County sheriff's office Tuesday.

Phil Sepull, Pay Less Drugs, told sheriff's deputies the UFO appeared east over the freeway. He described the object as a large flaming ball that dropped below the mountains.

Sheriff's deputies were unable to locate the object.

METEOR SIGHTED

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Wilkins are telling about sighting what they think was a meteor as they were driving west on 101 near McDonnell Creek about 9:50 p.m. Tuesday.

It appeared to be a "good-sized" meteor. The object was round, yellowish in color and was trailing a brilliant green and white flame.

The Wilkins say it appeared to be descending in a southerly direction at a high rate of speed.

Feb. 9, 1972
Port Angeles, Wash.
Evening News

Local news briefs

UFO, for sure

The other evening, near 9:30 p.m., we were sitting in our new room which has a rather commanding view of the entire Valley. As we have stated before, our one ambition in life came through with the building of our new room last summer. We have always wanted a room with a combination fireplace, view and television.

We were engrossed in a television production, taking time out now and then to glance at the myriad of lights which comprise the city and valley at night. The fireplace was going.

"There goes a missile," the wife suddenly exclaimed.

A missile? we thought. Hardly possible this week with most of Vandenberg out on Yuletide leave.

We leaned forward from the couch and sure enough saw a bright light streaking in the sky, but there was something wrong. The missile, if it was a missile, was heading for the city. We jumped up from the couch and went to the wide window to get a better view. The bright white light



was certainly coming our way.

"Get your new binoculars," the wife said.

We groped for the binoculars on a shelf while still attempting to keep our eye on the white ball in the sky. It was comical, in a way. The binoculars were in their leather case. We struggled to extricate them. We put the glasses to our eyes and discovered we had forgotten to remove the four lens caps. We frantically threw them off and managed to get a fix on the white ball but we were sadly out of focus. By the time we were in focus, we got only one momentary, clear look at the apparition or whatever it was. It disappeared into what we thought was a fog bank.

"What was it?" the wife asked.

"Beats the devil out of me," we declared. "It was no missile and it was no airplane."

The object was extremely bright but two areas of the circular object were brighter than the rest, like two strobe-light eyes. Closer examination of the evening showed there was no fog nor were there clouds in the sky. Where did the object go?

We didn't think any more about it and retired at 10 p.m. We no sooner hit the pillow when the wife came

running into the bedroom.

"I just saw another one and it landed near the hospital," she declared.

We are both reasonably sensible people and we have heard unidentified flying object stories many times during our life.

Now we are certain we have seen them.

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Wednesday, February 2, 1972

Arkansas Meteorite Seen Sunday Night

A meteorite with a blazing tail was spotted in the skies over Conway County about 10 p.m. Sunday.

There were reports that it had fallen north of Morrilton. The Morrilton Police Department received several calls that an airplane had crashed in the Birdtown area but authorities found nothing.

Sightings of the meteorite also were reported at Little Rock, Hot Springs, Searcy and in other areas of Conway County.

CR - Lou Farish

The strange UFOs of 1897

For approximately a ten-month period, between November of 1896 and September of 1897, metallic, cigar-shaped aerial vehicles were sighted throughout the United States.

If you cannot immediately recall our earthly aeronautical time schedule, Orville and Wilbur Wright did not accomplish the first successful, man-carrying, powered airplane flight until December, 1903, and that initial voyage was no more than a hop, skip, and a jump.

Yet the airships were seen by hundreds of sober, respectable citizens, and a good many men and women claimed to have spoken with the aviators of the mysterious craft while the objects rested on the ground.

Three occupants of one airship told two farmers in Springfield, Illinois, that they were terrestrial inventors, who had stopped to repair their electrical equipment. The aviators, two men and one woman, said that they would make a full report of their airship to the government just as soon as the Spanish-American war was over.

In Rockland, Texas, an airship settled down in John Barclay's pasture, and one of the aviators asked the astonished farmer if he would provide him with some lubricating oil. The mysterious pilot gave Barclay a ten-dollar bill and told him to keep the change.

A former senator from Harrisburg, Arkansas, was given an extensive explanation of the airship and its origin after he came upon an airship's crewman hauling water from his well at 1:00 a.m. According to the aviator, he had inherited the secret of suspending the laws of gravity from his uncle. For seven years, the strange pilot said, he had labored to build the airship and to fly it successfully. Now after a visit to the planet Mars, he would place it on public exhibition.

Frank Nichols, a prominent farmer who lived near Houston, Texas, also surprised midnight visitors quenching their thirst at his well. One of the crew proudly informed Nichols that they had solved the problem of aerial navigation. He told the Texan that their craft was constructed of a newly discovered material that had the



property of self-sustenance in the air and he claimed that the motive power was highly condensed electricity. According to the mysterious aviator, five of the airships had been built at a small town in Iowa. At that very moment, he told the astonished farmer, an immense stock company was being formed and within a year the machines were certain to be in general use.

There were dozens of recorded instances in which the crews of the unidentified airships made contact with men and women across the West and Midwest. In each instance, the aviators quite obviously lied to the contactees who happened upon them and their temporarily grounded airships. Whoever they might have been, the mysterious aviators were not terrestrial inventors.

Speaking in reference to the airships of 1896-97, British aviation historian Charles H. Gibbs-Smith has said with certainty that the only airborne vehicles carrying passengers which could possibly have been seen anywhere in North America in 1897 would have been free-flying spherical balloons. Gibbs-Smith commented that it would have been highly unlikely for these balloons to have been mistaken for anything else, and that no heavier-than-air flying machine was flying or could fly then.

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Strange Sight In Sky; Was It A Meteor?

"It was like a big red ball, with a long tail of fire" - that's the description by two Morrilton youths who were on their way from Oppelo to Morrilton shortly before 10 p.m. Sunday.

The boys - Danny Hill, 16, and Ronnie Epperson, 14 - apparently were witnessing a strange event witnessed by numerous other persons across central Arkansas at about the same time.

Others, in other areas from Little Rock to Harrison, believe it was (a) a falling star, (b) a falling meteor, (c) a falling plane, or (d) simply an unidentified flying object.

The Morrilton-Oppelo observers had this version:

"It was traveling fast, from the west, and it was angling downward. We watched it about five seconds, and it seemed to be about 100 feet from the ground. It seemed very close and looked like it fell to the ground. It was about five minutes before 10 p.m."

Hill and Epperson surmised it might be a meteor, or even a space ship - that was when they first saw it. Now, they lean toward the "meteor" theory. Both agree it fell

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Flying
'cigars'
weren't
pic in
the sky

THE mysterious objects spotted by a Basildon couple over the town last week were seen by four other people several miles away.

Now unidentified flying object experts are stepping up their investigations to find out what the bright cigar-shaped objects could have been.

Early on Tuesday morning, before daylight, Miss Eileen Louth, 23, of Linstead Link, Basildon, looked from the kitchen window at her parents' home and saw two "things" moving across the sky to the north of Basildon. She called her boyfriend, 30-year-old Mr. Jo Romero, who had been staying with Miss Louth's parents. He saw one of the objects moving across the dark sky in the opposite direction from west to east.

Both Miss Louth and Mr. Romero said the objects were making no noise. They made no vapour trails and looked larger than an aircraft.

Joke

About 20 miles away in Danbury, a small boy, recording the weather for a school project, was also watching similar objects.

Ten-year-old Philip Little called his father, mother and grandfather.

Mr. John Little said: "We all saw two bright cigar-shaped objects high over the Foulness area. As we watched one moved away at a high speed and the other remained still for several minutes then followed it."

Mr. Little, an electrical engineer, said he joked at the time saying it could have been a new kind of weapon, but later when he read reports that Miss Louth had seen the objects he took it more seriously.

Mr. David Baxter, an official of Contact U.K., the UFO investigation society, said he was looking into the reports.

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Lights above Whenuapai

A strange light which has been seen in the sky at Whenuapai during the last two weeks seems to defy logical explanation.

Some residents believe it is an unidentified flying object — several of which have been seen in the area in the past.

Mr and Mrs H. Bishop and their son have all seen the light which appeared for four nights in a row over pine trees to the west of their house.

It looked like a gigantic star, and was very bright, Mrs Bishop said.

Mr Bishop said it would have been about half the size of the moon. A pilot during the war, he said it definitely was not an aeroplane or a star.

The light moves down over the trees and can be seen for about 10 to 15 minutes. After about five or ten minutes, the Bishops can only see it from the end of their drive.

Other people have also seen the light, including Mr Bishop's brother who lives in a neighbouring house. He saw it at about the same angle as the Bishops.

Another resident of Whenuapai has been fascinated by strange lights over the district, but is not prepared to say whether they are UFOs or not.

But, he said, they are definitely not aeroplanes or stars.

Another sighting was made from Whenuapai when a light was seen over Bethells Beach.

The lights have only been seen on clear nights.

Mr Bishop said the light they saw did not have a definite edge like the moon, but twinkled like a star.

The Bishops are interested in astronomy and are certain there is no star equal to the size of this recent sighting in the universe.

This light is not the only one

they have seen. Sometimes they see a stationary light to the east of the house. This appears to be a long way off and does not resemble the latest sighting.

From

"MERCURY"

Hobart, Tas.

29 DEC 1971

UFO No 17 over Margate

A UFO was seen hovering above Margate last night — the 17th reported sighting in the past three weeks.

And the investigation officer for the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre (Mr K. Bennett, of Sandy Bay) said last night most of the sightings were similar.

They covered an area from Lachlan to Margate to Llanherne.

The latest sighting was reported by a Blackmans Bay man travelling from Howden towards Margate.

He was about two miles from a bright low-flying object which moved across the sky in a southerly direction and disappeared behind a hill.

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Burnie, Tas.

Family of 5 see U.F.O.s

The Bradley family of five, of Stowport, last night reported the sighting of U.F.O.s.

Philip (16) first saw the strange objects about 10.30 p.m. and they were still visible 20 minutes later.

"I've never seen them before," Mrs. Veronica Bradley said.

"At first, when Philip told me, I went outside to check because I thought they were only seeing things," she said.

Philip first saw two U.F.O.s, about half the size of a full moon, then a third one appeared.

They were moving slowly towards the horizon in a west-south-westerly direction.

Mrs. Bradley said they all appeared to be rotating.

She said they were very bright, fading to light orange, and disappearing, then reappearing as brightly as at first.

The U.F.O.s were also seen by Mr. Kenneth Bradley and two other sons, Stephen and Kenny.

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U.F.O. with flame trail seen' over Trentham

An unidentified flying object—in the shape of a spherical object with a flame trail like a blow-lamp—was sighted over Trentham early this morning.

It was while on his way to work that 49-years-old Mr. Frank Meredith, of Flat 123, Bradwell-lane, Bradwell, spotted the object as he approached the traffic lights at Trentham on the A34 Newcastle-Stafford road.

He works in the planning office of Wedgwood's at Barlaston, and at the time had three colleagues with him in his car who also saw it.

He told the Sentinel: "I am a grown up man and not a crank. This object did not look like an aeroplane. It appeared to be very high in the sky and if it had been an aeroplane, it would have been a mere speck. It was a definite spherical object and looked like a ball."

Travelling fast

It appeared to be travelling fast, and was going away from him. If it had been an aeroplane he said he would have expected a vapour trail. Instead it had a "whitish red flame" at the back making it look like a blow-lamp.

"Suddenly it stopped and the flame disappeared," he said. "It looked just like a large electrified bulb. It appeared to hang in the sky for a few seconds and then the flame appeared again and it shot off."

"It looked similar to an unidentified object shown on the television news the previous evening."

"By the time I got to the office it had almost disappeared. I checked round to see if anyone else had seen it, but no one seems to have. This thing gave the impression of being very controllable. I had it in sight for upwards of five minutes," he said.

UFOs must be taken seriously

AS someone who has studied UFO phenomena for many years I would like to comment on Mr. Bown's letter (Nov. 18), which, to my mind was nothing more than a reiteration of the commonly-held view that all UFO phenomena can be rationalised as being explicable, an opinion which I find to be thoroughly unscientific and a crass over-simplification of an extremely complex and controversial subject, the study of which involves meteorology, cosmology, psychology, physics and believe it or not, parapsychics!

Even in this enlightened technological age, with man reaching for the planets, there persists this heCenCric notion that we are 'the only intelligent beings in existence, and that extra-terrestrial cosmonauts are an impossibility.

We have "teetered" into

outer space in our ridiculously inefficient rockets. What do we know of space-travel? Is it possible to exceed the velocity of light? Is space flat or curved? Are space-time continuum warps a feasibility?

At our present stage of development, these concepts are beyond our comprehension and understanding, in the same way that a computer would be incomprehensible to Neolithic Man.

UFOs must be taken seriously, because they might represent the most significant thing that has ever confronted us.

—Gordon D. Hamilton-Grey,
30, Elgin Street,
Northampton.

it appeared to stop.

I checked it against other stars in the area and found that this was indeed the case. The object remained stationary for over four minutes, then set off again at about 150 degrees to its first course — almost doubling back on itself.

A few minutes later it changed direction again till it was travelling at some 90 degrees to its original course. Both these changes of direction were quite sudden and sharp.

A few weeks later, I was extremely fortunate in observing a similar occurrence through my telescope. The object appeared in exactly the same way as before but this time its aerobatics were not so spectacular — it merely changed direction once.

The tremendous egotism of the human race in thinking that it alone is the sole occupier, even ruler, of the universe astounds me. Are we really the only people who can send even mindless machines wandering about in Space?

— S. J. Gilbert,
56, Laurel Walk,
Kempston,
Bedford.

Two sightings

I AM by no means a UFO fanatic but I would like to hear the explanation of Mr. P. Bown (Letters, Nov. 18) for the following:

At about 11.30 pm on August 27, 1968, I spotted a bright star-like object making an elliptical traverse across the sky. I immediately took it for a man-made satellite but was confounded several minutes later when

That U.F.O. is spotted again — over Tean

The unidentified flying object sighted over Trentham early yesterday has been spotted again—this time over Tean.

The sighting occurred just after 8 a.m. to-day — an almost identical time to yesterday's sighting.

Mrs. Patricia Layland, aged 28, of 2, Oakhill-close, Upper Tean, was in her living room with her husband Paul, also aged 28, when she saw the object high in the sky travelling in the direction of Uttoxeter.

"It was almost identical with the description given of the object sighted yesterday," Mrs. Layland told the Sentinel. "It was like a ball of fire with a white flame trail."

"It was going slowly, and appeared to be hovering in the sky. Then all of a sudden it just went."

"It was definitely a flame at the back, just like a blow-lamp."

Mrs. Layland was sure it was not an aeroplane. "The sun was just beginning to rise, I have seen aeroplanes in the morning before, and you can tell when it is an aeroplane," she said.

And for the second time in two days a workman on a Meir sewerage site saw an unidentified flying object on

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UFO sighted by two city women

An early morning trip for hamburgers turned into an unidentified flying object quest for two young Christchurch women on Saturday.

Driving along Cashmere Rd at about 2.50am Judy Wicking

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saw what they at first thought to be a large fire at the end of the road.

However the "fire" appeared to be moving.

"We thought it may have been the moon in the distance, but the moon doesn't move that quickly. It was a very large oval shaped, orange glow. It was terrifically big, bigger than the moon or the sun have ever appeared before," said Judy.

As the object appeared to be near ground level the two women decided to drive up the Port Hills in an attempt to get higher than the object so that they could look down on it.

"By the time we got as high as we could it was just disappearing over the horizon," said

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By Frank Megargee

Two glowing red, green and white objects, connected by a thin stream of light, hovering for more than an hour in the night skies over Easton on the Eastern Shore . . .

A saucer-shaped object with an amber beacon on its dome and a string of belly lights zooming out of the night near Westminster. . .

These are just two of a number of unidentified flying objects seen in Maryland's skies in the last several months.

Are the UFO's coming back? No, they never left. It's public awareness of them that comes and goes. Some are reported in the press; some get into police reports. All are quickly forgotten—at least by officialdom.

So say Maryland's UFO chasers. They are dedicated, amateur investigators who volunteer their time to follow up UFO reports.

One of these is John A. Lutz, 32, a dispatcher with Baltimore's Department of Transit and Traffic. He heads an informal group of 20 members called the Odyssey Club which specializes in investigating UFO sightings.

Another investigating group is headed by John B. Carlson, 26, an astronomer. A former instructor at the University of Maryland, he now is studying for his doctorate in astronomy at College Park.

Capital-Area Subcommittee

His group is the capital-area subcommittee of the privately supported National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomena in Washington. One of a number of such subcommittees in the nation, Mr. Carlson's team reports to NICAP on UFO sightings in Washington Maryland and Virginia.

Of the Odyssey Club, Mr. Lutz said, "We go anywhere a sighting is reported in Maryland and conduct a full field investigation."

"Since September, we have followed up eight sightings—three on the Eastern Shore and five in the Baltimore metropolitan area."

The club's members, he said, include experts in photography, meteorology,

radiology, police sciences, mechanics and electronics, all skills that help in the investigations.

One of the most interesting was reported December 14 near Easton. Newspaper reports said only that two game wardens and a state policeman saw two objects having "red, green and white flashing lights."

But in his follow-up investigation, Mr. Lutz, after talking with witnesses, learned that the objects were more complicated. Each of the two objects glowed white, he said, and appeared to be inset with red and green pulsating lights. They were connected by "a thin strand" of white light.

Disappeared Suddenly

Their altitude was estimated at between 20,000 and 30,000 feet. They hovered in the skies to the east of U.S. 50 near Easton for more than an hour, then disappeared suddenly. "Just blinked off," Mr. Lutz reported.

The Odyssey Club files the results of its more interesting investigations with either NICAP or two other private agencies: Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, of Tucson, Ariz.; and the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained, of Columbia, N.J.

As a hobby, UFO chasing is unflaggingly fascinating, Mr. Lutz said, adding that there is always the hope of "finding an answer to unexplainable things."

Though he has found no definite answers, he has firm theories. "I believe the UFO's, the really unexplained ones reported by reliable witnesses, are extraterrestrial vehicles that have this planet under surveillance. They may be from another planet in our own system or even another galaxy, but they are always one step ahead of us."

More cautious about the extraterrestrial theory is Mr. Carlson, the student astronomer at the University of Maryland.

"I am a scientist," he said, "and no believer in the extraterrestrial hypotheses, yet I think it is one of the better hypotheses for explaining the UFO's."

"More Than We Know"

"Certainly I believe," he said, "that there is much more going on in this world than we know about."

But he pointed out that many UFO sightings are readily explainable as natural or man-made phenomena, or they may be outright hoaxes.

Two criteria that add up to an interesting UFO sighting, he said, are "the strangeness of the sighting and the credibility of the witnesses. You need more than one witness; a single witness is always suspect."

But, after discounting most sightings for one reason or another, there remain, he said, a residue of "basically unsolved cases" for which there is no natural, meteorological, astronomical or other explanation. "They just can't be explained away," Mr. Carlson said.

One such sighting, which his NICAP subcommittee investigated, occurred August 1 near Westminster.

The witnesses, he said, were the Charles Kenyon family, of New Windsor in Carroll county, including the parents, three teen-age daughters, an 11-year-old son and a teen-age cousin.

Object Loops, Passes By

During an intense thunderstorm, they pulled their pick-up truck off Route 31 at about 10 P.M. a few miles southwest of Westminster. Mrs. Kenyon first noticed the object during a lull in the storm. It looped near the truck and passed out of sight.

In about five minutes it returned from

another direction. Everyone saw it then, before it moved off.

The object returned for a third and final time. It looped close, estimated at from 100 to 200 yards, and appeared to follow a telephone line over Fitzhugh Hill beyond which it disappeared after turning on a bright white light. When the startled Kenyons drove over the hill, the object had vanished, Mr. Carlson reported.

Each of the witnesses drew sketches of what he saw for Mr. Carlson and his fellow investigators. Though there were some variations, all agreed that the object was definitely saucer-shaped with an amber beacon on its dome and a protrusion in front. Underneath it had two strings of lights; unconventional in color and formation.

"Good, Honest People"

Mr. Carlson said he found the Kenyons to be "good, honest people, who, as nearly as I can tell, saw something highly unusual. I find it difficult to explain in conventional terms."

"I would rate this sighting," he continued, "as having a moderate degree of strangeness and the witnesses as having good credibility."

Another Maryland UFO watcher who reports to NICAP is Louis E. Corbin, community affairs director for radio station WFBR in Baltimore.

For 25 years, Mr. Corbin said, he has been following up UFO reports and is convinced that "The evidence is extremely formidable that we have something in the skies under intelligent control that is beyond the confines of our technology."

In Washington, G. Stuart Nixon, director of NICAP, said his organization is supported chiefly by dues from about 5,000 members who receive a NICAP newsletter on UFO information.

On the basis of reports gathered by NICAP, Mr. Nixon said, "There is an awful lot of unreliable UFO reporting but, after discounting that, there remains a hard core of cases that add up to a substantial mystery."

"Our organization," he said, "wants to see this mystery investigated in a scientific and objective way."

UFO Chasers Will Go Anywhere To Investigate Report Of Sighting

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By VIVIAN BOULTINGHOUSE
Family Life Editor

OCEANSIDE — Beings from outer space aren't bringing green moon cheese with them on their flying saucer visits to earth but they are landing here.

This is the belief of many solid citizens. And Col. Harvey G. Wolfe is a very solid citizen.

The speaker discussed "Mysteries of Our Times" for the Woman's Club of Oceanside.

He is a retired Army officer, served in the intelligence service, graduated from the Command and General Staff College, was liaison officer to Scotland Yard M. I. 5 and Surete and Deuxieme Bureau and was a special agent who was in charge of the espionage network for Iron Curtain penetration.

During the past year he has devoted his time, talent and energies to trying to solve mysteries.

Last year, while driving in eastern Colorado (where there are only a jack rabbit and house every 15 miles) he saw a UFO land about a mile or two ahead of him.

"When I got there, I saw it had taken off," said Colonel Wolfe. "I saw four puncture holes in the ground and a scorched area from the thrust."

He immediately notified the sheriff's office and Colorado Highway Patrol. (He did not say what their reactions were.)

"This was not something of ours, the Russians or Chinese or anyone we know," he declared.

"Ships made of any metal we have would have come apart from the speed of the take-off thrust and the heat engendered.

"Space ships have been sighted in Brazil (two) and in various spots of our own country.

"Lawyers have taken testimony from people who have seen flying saucers and spoken with the beings (three to four feet tall).

"Their testimony has been tested by lie detectors. The polygraph didn't show any variations.

"The California Institute of Technology

and Massachusetts Institute of Technology said, "There is some possibility of a dimension we don't comprehend existing."

"This is a tremendous universe and it would be very egotistical for us to think that we are the only ones who can drive a car or fly an airplane or that we are the only ones the good Lord put in it. There are brighter suns than ours.

"From some other place beings are traversing the universe and coming to ours. I hope this mystery is solved in a short while."

Colonel Wolfe had a part in several investigations involving the disappearance of airplanes that left not a trace.

"In 1945, after World War II was over in Europe and two months before Japan surrendered, five U.S. Naval bombers took off from Fort Lauderdale Florida on a clear day," he said.

"One and three-quarters hours later the commander said he couldn't see where he was or the land. Then there was silence. The next thing the tower heard was that the commander was relinquishing his command. Then the new commander came on the radio, saying he didn't know where he was. Then there was the panic of total silence.

"The Navy sent out a Martin Mariner flying boat, with a crew of 13. Ten minutes later that disappeared along with the five bombers and their crews of 27 men. There was no wreckage.

"In full sight at the Miami International Airport a commercial airliner disappeared into thin air after it had received landing instructions from the tower.

"Two BOAC planes vanished in the Bermuda area. In 1948 a BOAC was two miles from Bermuda on the flight from London when it was last heard from. The second BOAC plane was one-half hour out of Bermuda when it took off for oblivion.

"In 1950 the freighter Sandra left Savannah, Ga., for Norfolk, Va., and was never seen again.

"The Sulphur Queen out of Texas and bound for Norfolk sailed for oblivion in

the Key West, Fla., area.

"In a period of four years nine ships have disappeared without a trace in the area between Iwo Jima and south of Japan. One of the research ships the Japanese government sent out disappeared, too. There was no radio call for help or wreckage.

"The Marine puzzle of 1918 is the disappearance of the U.S. Collier Cyclop that was carrying coal to Norfolk. Again no signs of wreckage.

"In 1880 a British training ship with 220 sailors did the vanishing act in the same area."

Colonel Wolfe said modern investigations looked into every possibility, even the existence of sea monsters.

Colonel Wolfe has had experiences with ghosts, too.

"After my mother died, I took some pictures of my father in his library," he explained. "In three of the 15 pictures there appeared an image of my mother.

"In Haddon Hall in England I saw ghosts coming down the stairs and in gallery."

Last year a wealthy widow in Illinois called in Wolfe and two other investigators to investigate the strange noises in her home.

"We ruled out the fact that she was mentally unbalanced," he said. "Also there were no relatives who wanted to drive her insane in order to get her money.

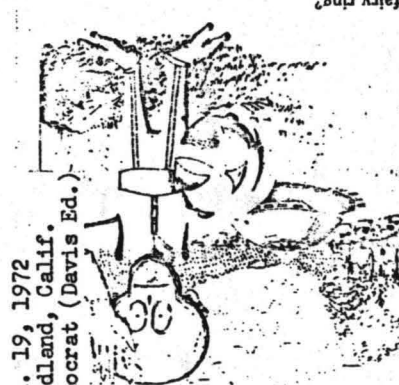
"We used all of the newest devices burglar alarm companies and the Department of Defense had available to trap intruders. We used light beams, sensor alarms, cross beams and heat sensors through which a cat couldn't pass without being detected.

"Yet Tuesday morning at 1:47 something came down the stairs and went into the library without setting off any of the systems.

"A second time a spirit, manifestation or something made of ectoplasm came again.

"You tell me what it was and I'll hire you!"

In less sophisticated times, our visitors, whoever they may be and wherever they may be from, did not have to be quite so careful. What did it matter if some countryfolk happened to come upon them as they collected soil samples? They could simply tell the bumpkins that they were "Leprechauns" buying their gold, and the greedy Earthings would run off for picks and shovels. Or they could just pass a jug around, hop up and down a bit, and the simple Earthings would believe that the "Wee People" were having a party. Later, the poor clods would even believe that the craft burned into the grass was possessed of magical properties. But now in our own nuclear age, the UFO occupants may have to be a bit more cautious. Few of us believe in "Wee People," but we do believe in astronauts and moon walks. Seldom are the UFO occupants now seen out of their craft, and it is an even rarer instance when any kind of contact is made. There is no way of knowing what our little UFO-naut meant when he wiped his forehead with the back of his hand as he left the Iowa farmboy. Such a gesture may signify peace and good will on his world. Or, perhaps, the little traveler may have been wiping the sweat from his brow as if to say: "Earth may be a great place to visit, but I certainly wouldn't want to live here!"



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The UFO-naut in the pasture

In November, 1969, one of my correspondents told of investigating a number of burnt circles in a farmer's field in northeastern Iowa. The farm family stated that the circles had been left by a UFO, and the teenaged son swore that he had seen an occupant of the craft as he went to bring the cattle home for milking. According to my correspondent, who is a businessman of high reputation, the teenager gave him the following interview:

"When I walked out in the pasture, I could see that the cattle were all huddled together near the far side. Between me and the cows was a shiny thing that looked like an upside-down milking bowl. There was a red light flashing on and off, scaring the cattle.

"I heard someone walking off to my left, and when I turned, I saw this little man coming toward me. He was three, maybe four feet tall, and he was dressed from head to toe in a white suit like our astronauts wear. The suit was tight-fitting and covered his hands and his feet, as well as his body. He also wore a yellowish-brown colored helmet and his head was completely proportion to his body. Maybe it was because he had so many brains. You know, it must take a lot of brains to come flying in from outer space or somewhere.

"His arms were awfully long, and they hung straight down. His hands looked normal, like ours, but his feet seemed to have two prongs. The wildest thing was when he took off his shirt and looked at me. His skin was colored a ghastly pale green, and his head was completely bald. No hair at all. His eyes were really big, but his nose and mouth were nothing but slits. His neck didn't have any expression at all; it was just an awkward, like someone who has been working hard and sweating, then he got into the UFO and took off."

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The strange fast-moving object seen to disintegrate high in the sky over Wirral at 8.25 a.m. to-day, could have been a meteorite or artificial satellite burning itself out, say the Meteorological Office at Liverpool Airport.

The object was reported by Mr. M. R. Baker, of Stanbury, New Ferry.

He told the Echo: "My wife and I were having breakfast and I looked out of the window, and saw this brilliant thing in the sky in bright sunshine. It was moving from south to north at a colossal speed.

"It was a green, orange and red glow, and left a whitish trail for five seconds. Then it just disintegrated.

The Meteorological Office spokesman said that this coincided with other sightings of unidentified objects in the sky recently.

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I saw that UFO too, says pilot

A LUTON man is convinced that he saw a UFO travelling over North Buckinghamshire.

Mr Richard Adams, of Stockingstone Road, Luton, who is a private pilot, made his sighting at the same time as the Gardiner family of Woodfield Green, Dunstable, reported seeing a similar UFO.

Mr Adams believes that the two sightings were of the same UFO.

He said: "I was driving up the motorway just past Newport Pagnell, and slightly to the north-west I saw what at first I thought was a military aircraft.

"It was about 40,000 to 60,000 feet up, long and slender with a vapour trail which suddenly stopped.

"It is very unusual for an aircraft to abruptly stop a vapour trail, and the more I think about it the more convinced I am that it was a rocket or a UFO."

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Mr Adams, who works in exporting in London, said he watched it for about five minutes moving from west to east. "I could see it perfectly well. It was a clear, beautiful day. Just as quickly as it appeared, it vanished. One minute there was this vapour trail, and the next the UFO had disappeared."

Mr Adams contacted the Ministry of Defence, who said they knew nothing about any military aircraft in that area at noon on Tuesday.

Mr Adams said: "I know the Americans have a rocket-powered aircraft, and I did wonder if in fact it had been brought over here."

Two Luton schoolboys say they saw another UFO yesterday.

Alan Phillips, aged 12, of Kimberley Close, and Geoffrey Eastland, of Marley Road, say that the object — orange and egg-shaped — travelled very fast over Houghton Regis and disappeared.

Rector helps probe mystery of the skies

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THERE is one thing of which the Rev. Donald Thomas is absolutely convinced. Of a mystery in the sky.

The rector of Long Hanborough, Oxford, is a confirmed "believer" — in flying saucers. And he is anxious to collect information about the current spate of sightings in Northamptonshire and other counties.

There is certainly plenty of food for thought on the UFO scene at the moment.

● A strange red object was spotted this week over Daventry.

● Four young newsboys tracked a mystery flying object over Northampton.

● And Mr. Thomas said there had been a sighting at

Aynho where light from the UFO was so brilliant that the man who saw it had to shield his eyes.

Inexplicable

Mr. Thomas is a member of the Oxfordshire branch of the British UFO Research Association. He told me: "During the past eight weeks there has been an unusual build up of UFO reports. Not all are concerned with objects seen in the sky. Some evidence relates to the inexplicable arrival, as well as the inexplicable character, of small metal objects, now under investigation."

He became convinced of the existence of mystery objects in the sky after the celebrated sighting by two Devon policemen in October, 1967.

Serious

"I listened to what they had to say, and was impressed. A Witney policeman also made a sighting. When the police say something, you know it is serious. The more you start investigating these things, the more people you come across who are convinced they have spotted UFOs."

Mr. Thomas added: "I can take you to places in Dorset and France where crops will not grow after reported landings there of UFOs."

He is seeking evidence from people who have made sightings so that a report can be compiled for the Flying Saucer Review and the Research Association.

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MYSTERY OF SPINNING U.F.O.

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A BRIGHTLY - COLOURED spinning circle of light was seen by many Islanders in the night sky on Saturday. It could be seen for over two hours apparently near the Cherbourg peninsula.

Among those who saw it was Mr. S. Makin, of Upwey, PO14, Route des Mille, St. Brelade. From 10.30 p.m., Mr. Makin watched it with his daughter until it disappeared between midnight and 1.0 a.m. He said today: "It was just like a circle of light spinning round at a great speed, and it changed colour from red to white to green to blue."

Rang Airport

"It was blue when it gradually drew further away and disappeared. We rang the Airport immediately after seeing it but unfortunately we were not put through to the Meteorological Office."

Several neighbours confirmed the description of the object this morning.

A spokesman for the Met. Office said they knew nothing at all about it.

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After Haddenham sighting,
Norman Taylor warns . . .

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Look out—there's a UFO about !

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FOR those who think they are safe in this area from trials of the outside world, that their haven is one of peace and quiet where evil cannot intrude I have one thing to say—U.F.O.'s.

Yes, a UFO has been spotted in this area. If you don't believe in them—just read on and think again.

Mrs March Hunnings, of Berry Cottage, Haddenham, was walking home late one night from a bridge evening—about 11.55 pm—when she saw a large orange object in the sky. At first she thought it was the moon, but when she realised it couldn't be, as it was in the east, she took a closer look.

Unlike the objects seen in the sky around Banbury recently this was stationary. It was semi-circular in shape with a distinct black line running vertically through it.

"I went to the Green to get a better look," said Mrs Hunnings, "but it just went out like a light being turned off."

The following week as she walked home Mrs Hunnings saw the same thing. It was inexplicable, but she never thought that it could be a UFO.

"I'm 72," she told me, "and never saw anything like it before."

This is only one of a spate of sightings in the country. The strange thing is that they have occurred four years almost to the day

from P. C. Waddup's sightings which were extensively reported in the national press. There were also a number four years before those.

It was last month that Mr Ruck Keene, an ex-RAF man, reported having seen an object in the sky in the Banbury area. It was circling, seemingly surveying the area and making sharp, irregular turns. No one as yet has any idea, how or why, this surveying is going on.

Mr Richard Colborne, of the British UFO Research Association, has been interviewing witnesses of a trail of UFO's across North Oxfordshire and Northampton including the Bishop of Crowton who saw a strange object centring around a transmitter at Leafeld.

Believe it or not, a landing has actually been witnessed in the Wantage area!

When Mr Colborne interviewed witnesses he reported that they were all very serious in having seen a tall, strange being, about 8 feet tall and they had all been frightened by it.

Among other reports is one of a woman seeing 12 to 14 small balls of light in her house for 10 to 15 minutes. The electronics in her house were disrupted and her husband has been unable to sleep easily since.

Whether or not you are willing to place any importance on such reports it is time investigation into the subject was taken seriously. If anything strange is seen it would be safer to get in touch with the authorities. Mr H. Thomas, of The Rec-

tory. Long Hanborough (FreeLand 881270) is one of the few who will take your report seriously if it is genuine. He is anxious to hear of any sightings which could be UFOs. It will be too late to start pretending they do not exist when they land.

One thing is reassuring, though, there is nothing to suggest that these aliens are at all aggressive. So if you meet a stranger, please do be polite, for all our sakes!

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ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS OBJECT OVER BURTON

Bright light but
no noise

Those unidentified flying objects are busy in Burton's skies again. Latest report of a sighting comes from Mrs. Gladys Hale of 80 Hemhurst Ridge. A believer in U.F.O.s even before she sighted the object on Sunday evening, Mrs. Hale is now more firmly convinced in their existence. "What the eye sees you have to believe," she said.

The strange story begins at 11.30 p.m. Mrs. Hale was looking through her bedroom window when she saw "a thing" moving in the sky. "It did not look big until it was almost overhead," she explained. "It was a bright light—like a glitter ball on a Christmas tree."

She could not see an actual ring of light around it but there were "slots" of light around the circumference. "Like figures on a clock only not so many," she said. "There were seven or eight of these slots round it."

As it came over, Mrs. Hale called her husband who suggested it might be an aeroplane.

"We do get a number of planes over here but it was nothing like one and there were no flashing lights and no noise. This is a very quiet area and I am sure there was no noise."

The object came from the Lichfield direction and went over Branton heading towards Stoke. "It wasn't travelling at a great speed," she said. "I had time to go from the front of the house to the back and have a good look

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Shropshire Journal, Wellington

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Four see Dawley UFO

Four people have claimed to have seen a UFO from Sheward's Mount, Dawley, on Wednesday night.

Mr and Mrs Bernard Rushton, 47 Manor Road, looked out of their bedroom window at about ten o'clock and saw an object.

Their neighbours, Mr and Mrs Jim Smith, of No 49, had rushed out of their house into their garden after seeing it through their window.

Mr Rushton described the object as having a basin or dish shaped base, a cone on top, a light on the side and a kind of strip light on the top. The base glowed, and the object was bathed in a reddish orange glow.

A. S. HAWBURY Meteorological observer said yesterday: "At this time we did see what appeared to be an aircraft which had a red blipping light. But we don't know whether it passed the Dawley area."

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Riddle of night sky 'object'

ANOTHER mystery object has been spotted in the sky over Bedfordshire.

Three boys say they saw an unidentified flying object over Bedford on Wednesday evening.

One of them, Barry Coogan, of 7 Vicars Walk, Goldington, described what he saw — a bright light over Goldington School. "I thought it was an aircraft at first," he said.

"But it stopped overhead for a few seconds and then it went really bright. After that it shot off and I didn't see it again."

A spokesman for the Royal

Aircraft Establishment at Thurleigh said: "Our flying ended at seven o'clock on Wednesday and it is doubtful whether the pilot went that far south off the circuit."

VISIBLE

"It is possible that they saw a plane doing a run in to Upper Heyford, near Oxford. They start coming down at about 19,000 feet and are at about five or six thousand feet when they go over Bedford."

"On a clear night they are visible, even up there. We didn't have any reports of UFOs on Wednesday, and this is the first we have had for a

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The truth about UFOs

by DONALD GOOD

AN ATTEMPT at explaining the modern phenomena of flying saucers, and the numerous sightings of UFOs by ordinary people all over the world, was made by a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society during a public address at the Lincoln Astronomical Society's lecture hall in Westcliffe Street, Lincoln on Saturday.

Mr Fred Gardner, of Watford, Herts, has travelled extensively overseas, done relief work in the Congo, and was ordained a minister 30 years ago. He based his explanations on the facts available that were capable of verification.

"UFO phenomena, the sighting of unidentified flying objects, has become the subject of world-wide discussion and speculation," he said.

"We have the documentary evidence of sightings recorded in reports by astronauts, pilots, scientists, doctors, teachers, and astronomers. The evidence is overwhelming."

It falls into four general categories, he said: "They speak of scout ships, mother ships, scanners and cross-shapes."

"To the average man these things seem incredible. Many good sightings are not reported through fear of ridicule. And in many cases there are no other witnesses to verify what a person says he has seen. But we do have cases where more than one person is involved."

"If you want to prove the truth of anything you must build on stone and not sand. From the residue of tested sightings, about 10 per cent appear to be capable of substantiation, said Mr Gardner.

THOUSANDS

"If only one case of a UFO sighting can be substantiated and proven then the case for these unidentified flying objects has been won. But we have today not simply one case like this, but literally thousands of unexplained reports establishing proof beyond doubt that UFOs are ever present in our atmosphere."

He said that an international petition based on a detailed questionnaire which had been completed by thousands of witnesses, some with photographs and radar screen reports, was being prepared for presentation to the United Nations.

Mr Gardner said that once you have admitted to yourself as an individual that the evidence is true, it is natural to seek an explanation.

"In my view, and the view of a growing number of other people, the proof of all this cannot be found by present scientific methods. Spiritual methods, and a larger spiritual viewpoint, must also be employed."

"I prefer to look at it from a spiritual and philosophical view to understand the metaphysics involved," he said.

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POLICE SEE MYSTERY LIGHTS

MYSTERY lights seen over Seaford Head soon after dusk on Monday set off a police search over the lonely headland.

First reports of the lights came from a woman living in Eastbourne Road, Seaford, soon after 4.30 p.m. She told police that an object which looked as though it was burning had fallen from the sky over Seaford Head and disappeared.

About the same time a police sergeant and a constable on duty in a Panda car near the council tip spotted two large red lights over the headland. After reporting the incident to Seaford police station, they went to Seaford Head to investigate.

On the headland police found workmen digging a trench for a fault in an 11,000 volts electricity cable.

One possibility and explanation for the red lights seen by the police is that they may have been the stop lights of a heavy lorry working on the site.

But the light in the sky seen by the woman in Eastbourne Road has not been accounted for.

Coastguards at Newhaven who were on watch duty at the time reported that they had spotted nothing unusual. Several cargo ships were at anchor in Seaford Bay at the time taking shelter from heavy seas.

Meanwhile, Mr Spencer Lane, 65-year-old voluntary warden of the Seaford Head nature reserve, who lives in a cliff-top cottage at Cuckmere Haven, commented to the 'Sussex Express' that the incident was not the first that had arisen over mysterious lights being seen on the headland.

He said: "I have reported lights up there on several occasions. There have been things up there which are not explainable."

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Another UFO sighting

MIL AND Mrs. David Alabaster, of 16 Lilley Terrace, Irthlingborough, were walking out with their baby at the bottom of Crow Hill when they looked up and saw a disc-shaped object in the sky.

Mrs. Alabaster yesterday said: "It was silvery, very high in the sky and at the time looked as if it was turning. It was travelling in the direction of Addington."

She was sure it wasn't a plane.

"In the last five years, we have seen 13 objects and one of them actually stopped over Irthlingborough."

Leamington Spa Morning News,
Warwicks.

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Flying saucer seen as two have cuppa

Housewife Mrs M H Deeming believes she spotted a UFO yesterday.

Mrs Deeming, of 91 Holly Walk, Leamington, told the Morning News: "I was in bed, having a cup of tea with my husband, when something came across my window at a terrific speed. It had a short vapour trail, which it seemed to drag along behind it."

HOVER

Mrs Deeming said the object seemed to hover over the antique dealers offices in Holly Walk before "suddenly disappearing."

She was not able to describe it, but said that it "did not look like an aircraft."

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Unidentified flying objects in the Scarborough area are baffling local coastguards.

Last night retired Scarborough bank manager Mr. Maurice L. Plovers and his wife saw one of the objects while on their way home to 2 Cromwell Gardens from the cinema. Coastguards at Flamborough say that they have seen the objects for the last three or four nights.

"We have been putting them down in the log as shooting stars, but we are baffled as to what they are," said one of the coastguards. "The objects seem to be a cross between shooting stars and comets. Coloured green, blue, yellow, or white, they are incredibly bright. They are so bright that a coastguard at Flamborough thought that one was an emergency flare being set off."

One night someone is going to set a flare off in an emergency and we are going to take no notice of it if we keep seeing these things," he said. The object Mr Plovers saw last night was also seen by the coastguards, were Mr. and Mrs. Plovers were walking along Westbourne Grove at about 10.20 p.m. on their way home from the Capitol. "Suddenly I saw this object in the sky, travelling very fast in a north-south direction. It was very bright and very, very big, with a long yellow tail streaming behind." Mr. Plovers said today: "I have seen shooting stars before and a long time ago I saw Halley's Comet, but I have never seen anything like this," he commented. A spokesman for the British Astronomical Association said that the Leonids meteor shower is prominent at the moment. The biggest shower is expected tonight.

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UFOs Under Scrutiny

There are three ways of looking at flying saucers — you believe in them, you do not believe in them, or you have an open mind. It may be said, too, that scientists and astronomers in general, don't believe in them. But where do you place an experienced N.A.C. pilot who believes in them, utterly and unreservedly — who not only believes in them but sets out mathematically to prove that they exist?

Such a man is Captain Bruce Cathie, an N.A.C. pilot living at Auckland, whose first book "Harmonic 33" published in 1968, propounded some amazing theories based on mathematical calculations designed to demonstrate that U.F.O.s were controlled through a system of grids placed at strategic points (which include the ocean bed) all over the earth.

In collaboration with Peter Temm, Captain Cathie has now produced a sequel, and between them, they have presented an impressive document. Like many other writers on this subject, he believes that world governments are suppressing all information they possess — and they possess a great deal. Cathie says, on U.F.O.s, lies certain catenylisms of nature and inexplicable fires in the appearance in predictable places of U.F.O.s which he believes operate on a grid system. He has plotted on a map the precise position of various sightings and found that invariably the U.F.O. positions fell in uncanny precision on the grid lines of longitude or latitude — never in the intervening spaces. The grid map he had constructed in accordance with his calculated predictions.

Cathie sets out to prove that these U.F.O.s have been visiting the earth since the dawn of history. Southland readers will be interested in one incident described by Cathie which occurred when he was staying in the Grand Hotel in Invercargill and was approached by a mysterious stranger whose conduct was, in say the least, peculiar. He tried his best to get Cathie and his co-pilot to visit a ham radio station not far out of town and this encounter developed in a strange way. It is an inconclusive incident, with odd undertones. Whether you believe in flying saucers or not, this book will make you think, for it is clear that Cathie, experienced N.A.C. pilot, still on the job, is firmly convinced that they do exist and that this world is under some close scrutiny from outer space. The publishers are A. H. and A. W. Reed.

— F. W. G. Millie

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MYSTERY IN THE SKY AT DYCE

EVERYBODY knows that the expansion in air traffic at Aberdeen Airport has meant some odd-looking craft appearing for the first time in North-east skies.

But what Mr Kenneth R. Pirie, of 61 Cotton Street, Aberdeen, saw the other day set a real puzzle.

He tells me of "what appeared to be a falling object which looked orange in the sun's rays, and had a tail like a comet. At first I thought it was an aeroplane which had caught fire."

This was at 3.45 p.m. when he was driving from Kingswells to Bucksburn. In the time it took for him to find a parking place and get out of his car, the Unidentified Flying Object had fallen only slightly in the sky and had levelled its flight.

Then it started moving slowly across the skyline before stopping; he continues, "All the time the tail was above the object." The strange craft remained stationary for about two minutes before appearing to circle two or three times. Mr Pirie tells me he thinks it was circling because the tail was first horizontal to the object, then disappeared before reappearing again.

"After circling the tail seemed to lengthen and the object started to move back in the direction in which it first crossed the sky. From where I was sitting it seemed slightly faster than the movement of the clouds."

Staff at the Met Office at Dyce hear out what Mr Pirie says about clouds. "It was cloudy for most of the day" said a spokesman, "clearing up in the late afternoon."

So what was the object? The Met Office also confirm that it wasn't a meteorological balloon, the device that's often confused with "flying saucer" sightings.

It seems to have been nothing more romantic than a North Sea helicopter. Two of them were in the air after returning from

the North Sea around the time given by Mr Pirie. There was also a light aircraft about plus the Cessna belonging to the flying club at Dyce.

From Mr Pirie's description of the object being caught in the sun's rays, an air traffic control officer explained that a winter sun can sometimes play tricks with aircraft sightings.

Confirming that the object WAS a helicopter, he added: "I've noticed very peculiar effects with helicopters when the sun's low down. They can appear to be all solid and stationary."

Burton Daily Mail, Staffs.

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U.F.O. sighting over Rolleston

An unidentified flying object—described as like a "ball of flame"—was sighted over Rolleston last night.

Mrs. A. Needham, of 13 Hawksley Drive, Rolleston, was in the village looking in the direction of The Lawns at about 6.40 when she saw the object which appeared to be hovering over the village.

At first she thought it might be a plane but later she became convinced it was not.

She described the object as being like a ball of flame, golden in colour, with a light circling around it.

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UFO was a 'football'

A KETTERING man has come forward with an explanation for the mysterious orange UFO seen over Desborough twice in a few hours on Wednesday night.

Mr. S. C. Stock, of 19 St. Mary's Road, said it was probably a "football" — a phenomena experienced by pilots during the Korean War.

He said: "A number of pilots were puzzled by orange spheres of lights which followed their aircraft. The spheres were usually seen at late autumn at about dusk.

"At that time of day the air is filled with water vapour which reflects back a mirror image of the setting sun below it.

"The sightings at Desborough match the description of a 'football'—the conditions would be about right."

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U.F.O. seen over Stafford

The glowing red ball of flame, sighted recently by a number of people over Stoke-on-Trent, has been seen again—flying south over Stafford.

Thirteen-years-old Susan Mills, of 26, Young-avenue, Stafford, was playing in the road outside her house yesterday when she saw the object.

Her father, Mr. Arthur Mills, saw the same object about two weeks ago around 8.30 p.m.

As Susan watched the glowing red dome—which lit up the whole sky—flying towards the town, it suddenly vanished out of sight.

Mr. Mills told the Sentinel to-day: "It made no noise and was flying quite high in the sky. It was definitely not an aeroplane as there were no indication lights.

"When my daughter came in last night and told me what she had seen I rushed outside but by then it had vanished. She telephoned the police and they said they would look into it."

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No solution to cause of mystery New Norfolk blast

THE cause of a mystery explosion which rocked houses in the Kensington Park area, New Norfolk, on Tuesday night, had not been found late yesterday.

The "clap-bang," as it has been described by many who heard it, followed a sighting of a mystery object which UFO Investigation Centre sighting officers said was one of the best made in Tasmania for some time.

Adults and teenagers reported seeing a "saucer-shaped object with an orange dome fitted to the concave part of the saucer."

It was said to be at chimney-top height, and hovered before taking off in a gradual climb over Peppermint Hill.

Mr K. Bennetto, a sighting officer for the Hobart-based Investigation Centre, interviewed witnesses on Wednesday, and obtained

drawings made by them. The object as drawn appeared similar to many other authentic sightings, he said.

Police have been unable to discover what could have been a routine cause of an explosion such as gelignite or even an exploding petrol tin.

Police denied having made any suggestion of the possible cause to news media.

Mr Bennetto said the only theory he could advance was that the UFO had broken the sound barrier over the residential area, causing a sonic boom similar to that caused by today's jet aircraft.

This had been experienced following other sightings in Europe and the USA, he said.

The "bang" was heard all over New Norfolk, and at Upper Plenty, about seven miles "as the crow flies" from New Norfolk.

Mr N. Feil said windows at his house rattled "and the blind flew up."

Mr V. Feil, who lives about half a mile further along the Plenty River, reported his dogs "being disturbed all night."

Although there appeared to be nobody about, one dog "had his fur bristling all night," he said.

Police and residents at New Norfolk reported another mystery object in the night sky on Wednesday. Mr Bennetto said it was

common for sightings to be made for a week or so following major sightings like the one last week in the area.

Mr Bennetto said it was obvious there were occasions when planets were mistaken for UFOs.

Venus was at the moment visible in the night sky, moving about 15 degrees an hour, and disappearing about 10.15 pm.

There was usually considerable movement in genuine UFO sightings.

"If you are lucky enough to see one low, try and get a picture of it, note the time, and direction taken by it—and call us," he said.

His telephone number is 28 5248.

Mr Bennetto thanked the public for information submitted during the past week.

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'Saucer' may be a weather balloon

A lighted flying object seen over the ranges west of Cairns and White Rock on Tuesday night was probably a weather balloon.

A weather office spokesman in Cairns said yesterday the balloons released at night had lights attached and would appear to blink as the balloon turned.

A group of people who saw the object from a location at White Rock said it was low on the horizon and the light blinked on and off.

A woman living in Balaklava Rd, Earlville, told "The Cairns Post" she and her family saw the light to the north-west, over the Whitfield Range about 8.30 pm.

The sighting from White Rock was at 8.48 pm. The weather officer said balloons were released every six hours.

The evening release usually was between 8.30 pm and 9 pm.

Winds at the time were blowing from the east and south-east which meant the balloon would have travelled towards the west and north-west.

LOW ALTITUDE

The report that the object was seen from White Rock was at low altitude.

balloon seen from a considerable distance. The Earlville observer said she saw a similar object regularly on Tuesday nights for the past four weeks and also on a Wednesday night.

On the last appearance she looked at the object with field glasses. She described it as cone shaped, like a partly-inflated balloon.

Similar sightings were made in the Cairns district last year and were traced to weather balloons.

What did they see in sky?

For Mr. Bill Radcliffe of Finch Avenue, Eaglehawk, people who say they see unidentified flying objects are no longer to be feared at.

Last night, about 8.30, he joined the ranks of those who have seen something in the sky that they could not explain.

"A neighbor called me outside and then I saw it in the western sky," he said. "My son Leigh also saw it."

"At about a 45-degree angle in the western sky, there was a very bright white light, about the size of a football and oval-shaped."

"It looked just like a fluorescent globe, travelling very quickly west on a horizontal line," he said.

"Four of us watched it for about five minutes before it disappeared behind a black cloud. It definitely was not a star and did not leave a trail."

"I am convinced now. You can only believe what you see," he added.

Mr. Radcliffe said that before the object disappeared, he and his neighbor had managed to take three photos of it.

"We hope to have them developed early next week," he said.

The neighbor, who confirmed Mr. Radcliffe's description of the object, preferred not to give his name.

Basingstoke Gazette, Hampshire

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BAUGHURST MAN SEES 'FLYING SAUCER'

A BAUGHURST man told the Gazette this week how he saw a mysterious flying object over the Wiltshire countryside. Mr. George Walton, of Kings Rise, Baughurst, said the object could be described as

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He and his wife saw it while driving along the A4 road near Marlborough in the first light of dawn.

Mr. Walton said: "We were driving to Wales to go to a wedding, when we saw this thing flying along beside the road — it could not have been more than about 500 ft. high."

"It was like a brilliant light and was giving off sparks — it was a kind of flat circular shape and it was completely silent."

"I have thought a lot about it since, it did not look like any sort of aircraft I can think of. I don't really know much about these things because I have never taken any interest in them before."

He added: "I did not report it to the police because I did not think that they would take it seriously."