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GAFFNEY So Carolina QUEST By RODGER PAINTER

"What is truth?"—Pontius Pilate

UFO WATCHING

A different kind of outdoor sport apparently is becoming more and more popular in our area. The activity is called UFO watching, or chasing the flying saucers, so to speak.

I don't know if this area is presently undergoing a "UFO flap" or whether interest was generated by our story of the Highway 18 UFO landing and simply more people are watching. It is known that UFO flaps do occur in certain areas at certain times, when the UFO seems to concentrate its interest on a particular area, and UFO reports are frequent in that area for a period of weeks or sometimes months. Such seems to be the case in our area at the present time. Anyway, in our investigations of the Highway 18 landing we have come across more UFO reports here than ever before.

One of the most interesting reports we received, other than the landing, came from a woman in the 99 Island area of Blacksburg. She said she was traveling south on 99 Island Road, which is Secondary Road 43, about 10 p. m. January 3, when a domed, saucer-shaped object suddenly flew over the top of her car. The object, which had an assortment of various colored lights spinning around its bottom, appeared to be at about the height of a utility pole when first seen. The UFO, which was larger than a car, dropped down behind some trees on the left side of the road and proceeded to follow the woman's car for about half a mile down the road. The object then sped off and disappeared from view.

The flashing lights, which appeared to rotate counterclockwise around the bottom of the craft, were arranged alternately in various colors—red, blue, green and white, the witness said. The object itself, which was dark except for the flashing lights, appeared to be constructed of a shiny, silvery material, as observed in the light given off by the flashing lights. When the car sped up or slowed down, so would the UFO. The woman noticed that her headlights, which were on bright, dimmed when the UFO was near.

If you plan to participate in the sport of UFO watching you may find the following comments helpful. First of all you will need some idea of just what a UFO is. As a science teacher friend of mine points out, a UFO is not a bird and it's not a plane (though it might be occupied by a superman). Seriously though, he says UFOs are not stars (shooting or otherwise), planets, comets, earth satellites, balloons, helicopters, nor any other such conventional objects.

What the UFOs are—the embarrassing truth is we don't know what they are. If we did, we wouldn't be trying to find out.

The most popular and commonly held theory is that UFOs are spacecraft from some other planet. However, I have found no convincing evidence to support such a conclusion. Indeed, I feel the spaceship theory may be fostered to divert us from looking elsewhere for the origin of the UFO and to generally discredit the flying saucer mystery (little green Martians, and that sort of stuff).

Another theory is that UFOs are some type of classified, government craft—either ours or theirs. If this is the case, we certainly are wasting a lot of time, energy, and money building planes and rocketships.

Others theorize (are you ready for this) that UFOs are time machines visiting us from our future. This theory also fails to comply with all observed facts related in UFO reports. I think if the UFO problem eventually is solved, the answer will be much more surprising than any of the present theories.

According to the Air Force, who chased the UFO for more than 20 years (and who never caught one, by the way): the UFOs pose no threat to our national security; there is no evidence UFOs are spaceships from outer space; and UFOs do not represent any technological advancements beyond our present capabilities. These conclusions are interesting in themselves, and should be carefully studied to see what may be between the lines.

If you encounter a UFO, the first thing to remember is don't panic and don't run away. If they want you, they probably can get you anyway. What we suggest is that you stop and observe. If you have a pair of binoculars or a telescope, use it. If you have a camera, make a picture. Wouldn't it be better to say "here is a picture of the object I saw," than to merely say "I saw a UFO"?

Under no circumstances should you approach a UFO too closely or attempt to make physical contact with the object and-or its occupant(s). Some persons have reported being burned or experiencing electrical shock while attempting to do so. If they want to contact you, that's a different story; but let them do the contacting, not you.

Use all your senses in observing the UFO. What shape is it? How large is it? What color is it? What is it doing? Do you notice any sound? Does the UFO have any effect on nearby objects? These are a few of the things you should note; and write down what you observe.

Once you have seen the UFO, what should you do? Whom should you tell about it? The Air Force says it is no longer interested in the UFO and is referring sighting reports to local police offices. Needless to say, police are ill-equipped, inexperienced, and perhaps even less interested in handling such investigations. However, it still might be a good idea to make a report to them so it will be on record.

There are numerous UFO investigative groups in this country who have a more serious attitude on the subject. Two prominent ones are the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization at Tucson, Arizona, and the National Investigations Committee On Aerial Phenomena at Washington, D. C. In this area, there is UFO investigator George D. Fawcett at Mount Airy, N. C., who is presently cataloging sightings in N. C. and S. C.

We would suggest that you report your sighting to a serious UFO investigator. And, by the way, we are serious UFO investigators, too, so don't forget us.

As George says, happy hunting!



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QUEST

By RODGER
PAINTER

"What is truth?"—Pontius Pilate

WATCHING THEM WATCHING US

On the front page of last Friday's Ledger was the story of a Cherokee County youth who claimed he saw a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object), or "flying saucer," if you will, and its occupants, landed on Highway 18, about 13 miles south of Gaffney.

There have been several inquiries from persons interested in the story and several reports from persons who said they have seen similar objects. Many persons asked if the youth really saw what he said he did or was his story some sort of joke?

During my investigations of the incident I have found no reason to disbelieve the story other than its unbelievable nature, and I feel the story cannot be dismissed solely on those grounds. However, I hasten to add that I have found no physical evidence that the reported event actually occurred. We have only the boy's word that it did.

Such is the case with many reported UFO sightings. It seems that UFOs seldom leave any physical evidence that they appeared. The youth's story is similar to stories being told by persons all over the world. As Dr. J. Allen Hynek, former scientific consultant to the Air Force on UFOs, points out in his book, "The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry," if UFOs are merely figments of people's imaginations, then their imaginations are certainly limited, because most of them tell basically the same story.

If the Highway 18 UFO is a figment of the youth's imagination, what did he have to gain from telling the story other than to invite ridicule from his fellows? If the story was indeed a fantasy contrived as a joke, there appears to be an unmistakable "flaw."

In his description of the "men" he said were observed standing around the landed UFO, the youth said they appeared to have an undulating motion about them. As he put it, "They sort of wiggled like a worm." If the story was indeed a figment of the youth's imagination, why would he include a fact such as this which would tend to discredit the entire story? It is such inconsistencies in UFO reports which tend to make them even more credible.

Following publication of the youth's story, another local youth phoned to say he had observed an object, similar to the drawing in the paper, in a field in the same community about two years ago. The youth refused to identify himself and declined to be interviewed, so his story cannot be verified.

However, we did interview a Gaffney woman, whose name we are withholding, who said her car was followed by a "bright light" in the same area as the reported landing. The woman also was traveling south on Highway 18, four nights before the reported landing, when she noticed a glowing object, shaped like a "flat disc" with "a lot of red lights around the bottom," keeping pace with her just ahead of her car. The object, which appeared silver in color, "like sunlight reflecting from a piece of aluminum," paced the car for a considerable distance down Highway 18 and continued to follow after she turned onto a secondary road. Finally, the object seemed to merge into a larger object and the larger UFO, which had been stationary, then moved away.

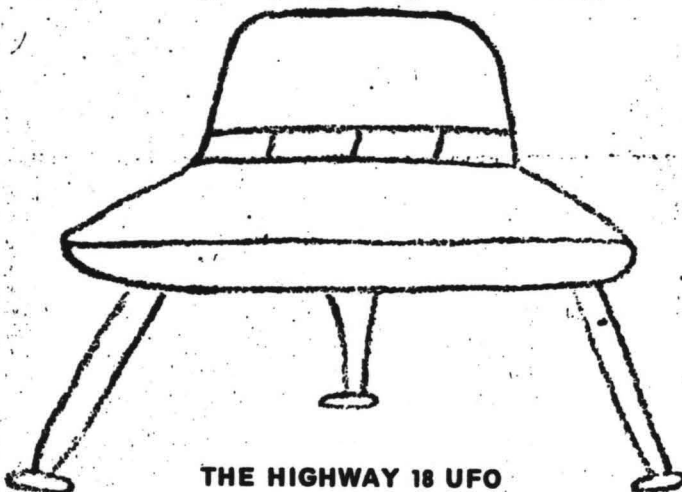
A teenage Gaffney girl said she observed a glowing oval-shaped object, last Tuesday week, which appeared to follow traffic on I-85. That object, also seen at night, was yellow with "white lights blinking on and off and going around on its bottom." The girl noticed a "bad static" on the car radio which prevented the radio from receiving signals from any radio stations, including FM stations.

Included with the story of the Highway 18 landing was a drawing, made by the youth, of the object he claimed to have seen. That drawing is reproduced here, along with a photograph from "Saga's UFO Special, Vol. III," published in 1972 by Gambi Publications, Inc., Brooklyn, N. Y. The magazine is a collection of UFO articles which appeared previously in "Saga."

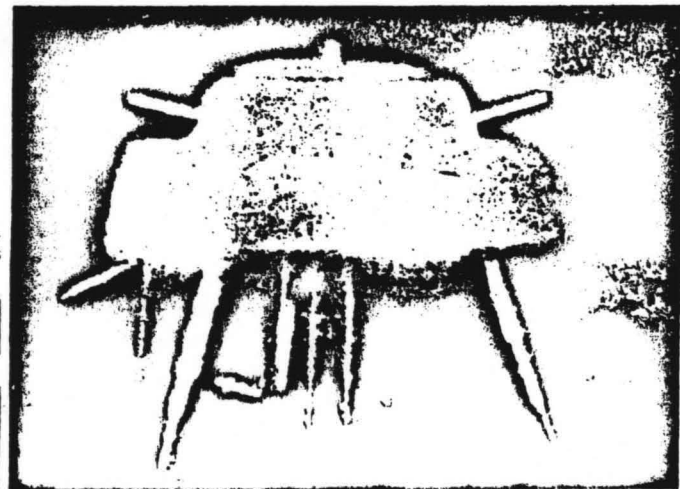
The photo was included with an article on UFO occupants by Timothy Green Beckley and no explanation of it was given other than the caption, "Antonio Ribera spotted this saucer near Barcelona, Spain." We reproduce the photo merely for comparison with the Highway 18 UFO drawing.

According to a recent newspaper article by UFO investigator John Keel, a surprising majority of all known sightings tend to occur on Wednesday. Keel notes that sightings tend to peak around the 10th and 21st of March, April, July, August, September and January. He says an unusual number of sightings seem to occur on the 24th.

Keep watching; they apparently are watching, too.



THE HIGHWAY 18 UFO



UFO REPORTED PHOTOGRAPHED IN SPAIN

Mount Airy TIMES, Mount Airy, N. C., Feb. 16, 1973

Fawcett Reports UFO Sighting In Mount Airy

A localsighting of an Unidentified Flying Object has been reported by George D. Fawcett, well-known Mount Airy UFO investigator.

The UFO was sighted Saturday night, February 3, at 8 o'clock. Witnesses, Fawcett said, described the "blood-red circular" object as 18 feet in diameter "and/or much larger" and giving off smoke or exhaust on its outer edges. It revolved as it moved up into the sky from almost ground level.

The UFO, he said, was seen by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams, 507 Lovell Street, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, 413 South Street.

Both made independent reports to Fawcett, he stated, without knowing of the other's

experience "and were very much relieved to hear that others had seen the same object at approximately the same time."

The Jones family reported the UFO moved at about a 45-degree angle above the old Kroger store on Willow Street in a northeast direction, while the Williams family saw it move toward the North Main Street-Dry Bridge direction.

Both families were watching TV when they were distracted by a "sudden flash of brilliant red light that lit up the inside of their homes from one end to the other," Fawcett said.

He stated that Williams went outside his home to investigate and saw the strange object "move up into the sky."

Jones and his 14-year-old son, Ricky, ran outside to view the UFO, while Mrs. Jones and the couple's other five children, who were frightened, remained indoors.

Fawcett said he feels sure other witnesses saw the object but, fearing ridicule, remained silent. He requests anyone else who saw the object to report it to him at his home, 607 North Main Street. He said he will keep the reports confidential, if so requested.

Sky-watchers Found Looking Up When Night Falls

CR: George Fawcett
By Bill R. Gibbons
Ledger Editor

The Gaffney Ledger, Feb. 21, 1973 GAFFNEY So. Carolina

Hundreds of people lined the roadsides in the Draytonville Community Tuesday night casting their eyes skyward.

Object of their search was one of several "phenomenon" reported in the area skies from 8 p. m. until midnight. Farmers, businessmen, housewives, school teachers, youngsters with their dates came on bicycles, on foot, in

cars and trucks to gaze at the skies.

Reports that four lights had "chased" a car on Highway 5 in Blacksburg and that an object had "lit" in a field in the Cashions Crossroads Community only added to the excitement of the evening.

No one had the binocular concession, but it might have been a profitable venture.

Many of the sky-gazers admitted having seen some strange object in the sky

either last week or this.

"I am 48-years old," said one Gaffney man, "and I have never seen anything like what my family and I saw Sunday night."

He said he was hesitant to say anything about what they saw because, "folks would think we are crazy."

The Sunday night sighting occurred in the Draytonville Community also. The man and his wife, who were out scanning the skies again

Tuesday night, agreed that the "things" they spotted were not any kind of ordinary aircraft.

He said his family sighted four objects in the skies, flying in formation. The three lead objects were cylindrical, cigar shaped, and about the size of a "target sleeve" used for target practice and pulled by an airplane. However, target sleeves do not have lights and are pulled behind aircraft.

The man said these objects were in front of a much larger object which was egg shaped. The larger object was said to be about the size of three automobiles. The sighting was said to be from about 300 feet away.

All four objects had superstructure and inside were bright lights, almost every color, and the glow would go from dim to bright as the "things" traveled from

west to east at a fairly slow pace.

"I know aircraft when I see it and this was no airplane nor was it any kind of helicopter," the man said.

The man and his wife agreed that the only sound made by the objects as they passed overhead was a gentle hum. "It sounded very much like an electric motor running," the man said.

"I don't know what it was," he added, "but I've never seen

anything like it in all my life."

Dancing lights, bright glowing balls of light, flashing red lights, three and four lights in formation, were all among the reports of those gathered in the Draytonville Community Tuesday night.

Several aircraft passed over the area, but were quickly identified as aircraft by persons who had brought binoculars and telescopes.

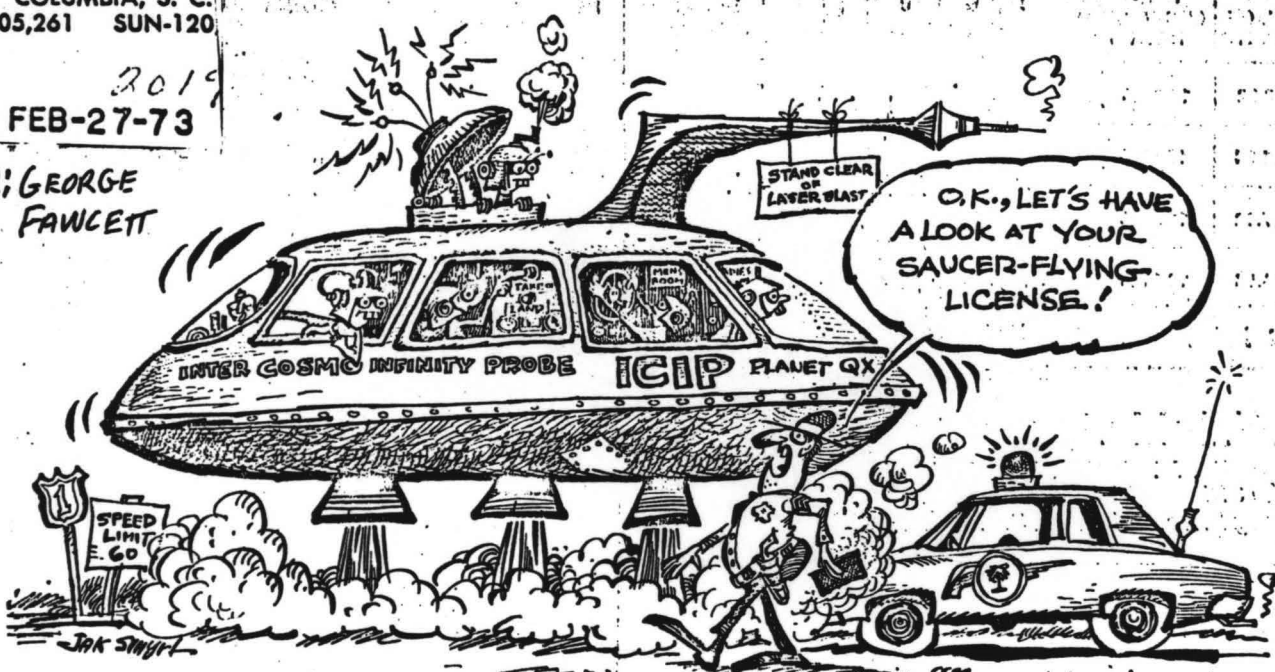
On a high hill near Broad

River, just off the Old Ford Road, the "observation point" for the new Cherokee County recreation known as "UFO watching," several moving objects were pointed out to this reporter. Since we couldn't identify the object, mainly because of the great distance between us and it, we have to concede it was unidentifiable...therefore it would have to be categorized as an Unidentified Flying Object, a UFO.

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UFOs Being Seen Again

By JACK TRULUCK
Staff Writer

Back in 1966 two Gaffney policemen walked into the station house and told other officers they had seen a flying saucer land on the Buford Street extension in their city.

The policemen said they saw a little man, "the size of a child," about four feet tall get out of the saucer. The ridicule these men received from their colleagues and the public made them regret ever having mentioned it in the first place.

For a long while they were the butt of every flying saucer joke anybody could conceive, despite the fact that under normal circumstances the officers' credibility would not have been questioned.

Since early January of this year Cherokee County, of which Gaffney is county seat, has been in and out of the news regarding flying saucers.

People who have never believed in flying saucers now contend they have seen them. This time farmers, businessmen, school youngsters, school teachers, housewives and policemen say

they have viewed the phenomena. So far, nobody has come up with pictures.

Reportings have been in the hundreds. They have varied from hazy, distant sightings to close-up, detailed descriptions. At night as many as 50 cars are parked in the Draytonville area with saucer watchers. They bring telescopes and binoculars.

Unidentified flying objects range in size from "as big as a house" to the usual description of "15 or 20 feet wide."

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They are at times described as "cylindrical, cigar shaped," "triangular," and "round like a saucer, with a cabin on top." Lights generally are red or orange, but sometimes white, blue and green.

During the past week a growing pastime of Cherokee Countians has been "flying saucer watching."

Rodger Painter, a reporter for The Gaffney Ledger, in company with several people saw four "unidentified flying objects flying along together in a straight line Sunday before last, and again last Wednesday at Draytonville.

He estimated that the objects in the first sighting were "four or five miles away," and in the latter "a mile or two." Among those with Painter on the first sighting were a high school science teacher. Along with painter on the second sighting, Wednesday, were a former city councilman, the managing editor of a newspaper and another man.

The most vivid accounts of the sightings come from a girl in the Ninety-Nine Island section of Cherokee County and a youngster in the Draytonville community.

In early January, the girl reported a saucer "came across the road" above her car and hovered there as she traveled. She described it as being "a flat disc with rotating lights around the bottom." She could not see the top of it to tell whether it had a dome during the brief time it hovered there.

On Jan. 19 a 16-year-old youngster said he came upon a saucer on Highway 18, 13 miles south of Gaffney. The saucer, which had landed on three legs, had a dome with "red, yellow, white, blue and green lights rotating around the dome." It was about 15 feet in diameter and somewhat higher.

The youngster said he saw 12 men standing around the saucer. They were wearing white coveralls "with buttons, buckles and belts all over the clothing," the youth said. He described them as being of "average height, and all of them with black hair."

They were shaped like "Earthlings," (arms, legs, etc.) but appeared to "wiggle," he said. The undulations were described by Painter as "like seeing something through a gaseous haze."

The dozen men apparently became aware of the youth's presence and turned their heads in "unison," the boy said.

He departed hurriedly. Two of the youth's school teachers said the youth was reliable.

A Gaffney police officer said he had seen "what appeared to be a big ball of light." He said the object moved too rapidly for any planes or aircraft that he knew of, and that it could decelerate to a stop almost instantly, and as quickly resume its fast flight.

The officer said others on the police force had seen the flying objects and that one officer saw one hovering over the city's reservoir. In this instance the strange object had a dome and a saucer shape beneath. All its lights were white.

A spokesman at the police department said police "used to send a car out to check reportings," but they had become so numerous, they had stopped doing this.

When asked what the police car would do if it found a flying saucer, the policeman said, "I don't know." (Presumably the saucer which landed on Highway 18 could have been given a parking ticket.)

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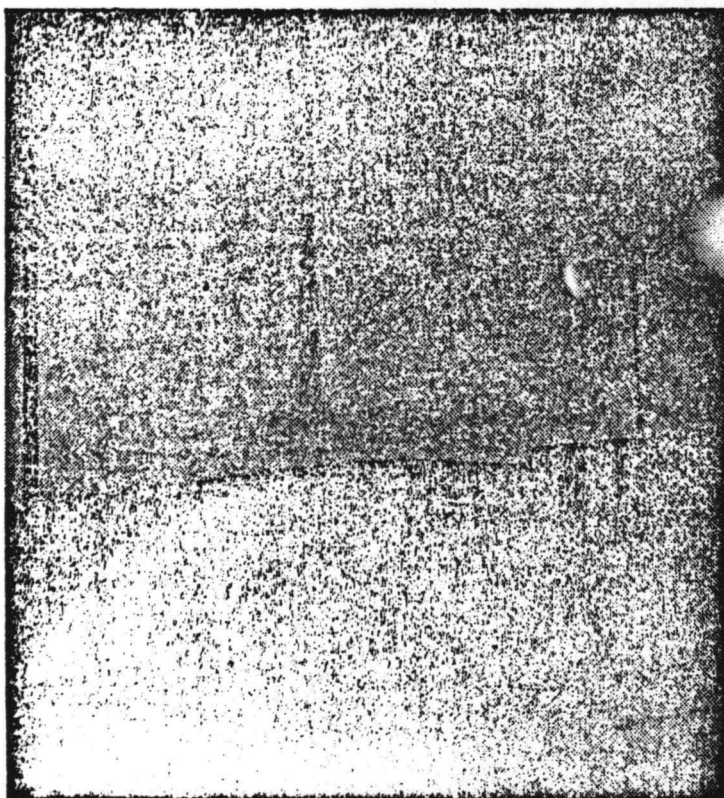
An unidentified flying object was seen Sunday-night, in the Muhlenburg area, by Mrs. Daniel Jenkins, her eight-year-old son and a number of motorists who stopped their cars near the Jenkins home.

The description was given as "A huge light that circled the area, then remained motionless for an estimated three minutes after which it slowly ascended and disappeared." A similar object was reported in that area, about two months ago, by a Trumbower youth.

THE CHARLOTTE NEWS
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Letters To The Editor

CR. G. FAWCETT



Gerald Summey, Who Originally Reported Seeing The UFO, Shot This Picture Of The Object (Left Of Street Light) With A Nikkormat Camera With 50mm Lens, 1/125th At F2, Focused On Infinity

Did They Really See A Flying Saucer?

Mount Airy

Editors, The News:

I believe The Charlotte News should be commended for its approach to the UFO enigma that has puzzled the world for over a quarter of a century.

Instead of saying it wasn't so, the editorial policy was go out and find out if it's not so. The Charlotte News' staff writer and photographer went out and found instead that it was so and brought back three eyewitnesses' reports and two photographs to prove the point. This is the best and the most courageous approach to the UFO topic by the press that I've observed in over 25 years of serious study, research and investigation.

And it reaffirms a well known scientific principle . . . don't ridicule, don't censor, but do investigate, as it's far more profitable.

The Jan. 23 UFO story was and still is a case in point of this principle.

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UFO Following Cars in Missouri

Hovering Bright Light Reported by Hundreds

PIEDMONT, Mo. (UPI) — A UFO researcher said Friday the "Piedmont Unexplained," which hundreds of local residents have reported hovering over the Ozarks countryside or following cars down the highway, may be a mining expedition from outer space. Another UFO was reported sighted in Illinois Thursday night.

"This could be the most significant, best-documented sighting in history," Hayden C. Hewes, head of the "International UFO Bureau" in Oklahoma City, said of the object seen in Piedmont. Area residents, accustomed to such sightings since 1942, have remained calm since Feb. 21 when Piedmont High basketball coach Reggie Bone said a bright light followed a car carrying him and five players. The object appeared on a desolate road between Piedmont and Ellsinore, Bone said. The light stopped and hovered over a field about 100 yards away before quickly rising out of sight.

Hewes said his UFO logging bureau has a photograph showing what looks like flying gyroscopes as well as reported cases of interference with

television sets at the time of nearby sightings.

Another UFO was reported sighted in Grand Tower, Ill., Thursday night. An operating engineer said he saw an oval shaped object 25 feet in diameter with "red pulsating lights around the edge" hovering over a 66,000-volt trans-

former yard operated by Central Illinois Public Service Co.

"When it moved the lights would grow dimmer and then would brighten when it was still," said Oscar Wills, 57.

"I walked about 200 yards to the transformer yard and got almost to it before it moved

away. It went right over me. It was about 1,500 feet up and was making no sound."

Wills said that after the object disappeared four jet aircraft which he presumed were military planes made 12 to 15 passes over the plant on sweeps into Illinois and Missouri as if they were looking for something.

'EYEWITNESSES' TELL OF SIGHTINGS

The GAFFNEY
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What Are They Seeing Up There In The Sky?

By Rodger Painter
Area News Editor

A large group of persons lined a knoll in the Draytonville Community Wednesday night and watched four, mysterious red and yellow lights flying slowly in a straight-line formation just above the horizon.

The lights appeared to pause and hover a moment, then continued their flight in an easterly direction.

Suddenly, a brilliant flash of light lit up the ground on the horizon just below and in front of the objects. The flash was followed by a sequence of three

more, identical flashes in the same area on the eastern horizon.

Stunned observers, some of them watching through binoculars, said the flashes appeared to be huge explosions on the ground or the flash of some giant cannon; however, no evidence of an explosion has been found.

The four objects in the sky—the lead object being somewhat smaller than the other three—continued their flight until they disappeared from view.

The sighting was just one of many reported almost nightly in

Cherokee County for the past several weeks.

Interested persons, from all walks of life, load their families into automobiles and head for the country, in order to get away from the city lights and the street lamps, in hopes of seeing one of the unidentified flying objects reported plaguing this area since the early part of January or the latter part of December.

Persons in cars, pick-ups, and even camper trucks, some of them packing sandwiches and coffee and carrying portable heaters to ward off the night chill,

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Ledger has been following the hundreds of reports of UFO sightings with interest. There has been so much interest and so many reported sightings, it seemed to us necessary to report what local citizens say they have seen in the skies. We neither support nor do we discount these reports. As of this time we have not been able to substantiate all the sightings as identifiable objects nor have we been able to get any real response from any aeronautic officials. Thus, we feel this report is justified on the basis of its tremendous interest, the number of people involved and the nature of the findings we have indicated from those agencies who should be, but seem not to be, concerned. Area News Editor Rodger Painter has personally interviewed as many of these people as possible. This is his report of those interviews.

line the roadsides and hilltops or travel the isolated country roads, trying to glimpse one of the

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They Are Seeing Something In The Sky, But What Is It?

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strange flying objects. And see them they do—almost on a nightly basis.

Interest in the UFOs, which increased in this area when the Ledger published the story of a local youth who said one of the objects had landed on Highway 18 south of Gaffney last January 19, has now reached a peak and persons who have seen them are calling for a reasonable explanation of the phenomena. However, no reasonable explanation has been offered by any responsible agency and the mystery has only deepened.

Following publication of the highway 18 landing story, a Blacksburg area woman told us that her car was followed on the night of January 3 by a circular-shaped object which had colored lights rotating around its bottom. The object followed the car a distance of about one-half mile down Ninety-nine Island Road.

Her report was only one of many similar incidents reported during subsequent weeks, one of the most recent occurring

Wednesday night when three flying lights followed a car in the Mount Ararat Church Community.

Another woman reported that four brilliant white lights paced her family's car along Highway 5 near Blacksburg late Tuesday night.

Still another couple said that they had been followed at Draytonville by a UFO on two separate occasions last week, the first on Tuesday and the second on Friday night. One of the objects flew so close to the auto that the woman said her husband exclaimed, "Well, this is it! They're going to pick us up!" Two weeks earlier, the couple saw a UFO, which made a humming sound when it rose, hovering in the area.

The UFO which followed the couple Friday night was joined by a similar object, and both objects stopped and hovered nearby and appeared to flash red lights at each other. They then flew off in different directions. The woman noted that their radio had gone dead when the UFO flew over their auto Tuesday

night at about twice the height of a utility pole.

Four weeks earlier, a woman said her car had been followed in the Asbury-Rehoboth Communities by a light which seemed to merge with a larger light.

Another witness in the Asbury section last Sunday said three smaller lights appeared to emerge from a larger light, and the four flew off in an easterly direction. The same four objects, or similar objects, were reported about the same time Sunday night by observers in at least five different areas of the county.

One family watched the objects as they swooped down just above the tree tops, as though they were going to land, and crossed the road in the White Plains area. Turning their car engine off, the family noticed a humming sound apparently coming from the objects. The UFOs made a wide, sweeping turn, climbed into the sky and headed toward the Draytonville area where they were observed by witnesses there.

One man, who said he was close enough to observe the objects' superstructures or fuselages, said the three smaller objects were cylindrical-shaped, while the larger UFO was egg-shaped. They had rotating or flashing lights around them. The objects traveled in a straight-line formation, with the three smaller ones going ahead of the larger. The witness noticed a whining sound, similar to that of an electric motor as the UFOs passed some 300 feet over his head. He said, "They definitely were not helicopters. I am 48-years old, and I've never seen anything like them in my life."

Observers on a hilltop at Draytonville watched through binoculars as the objects continued their easterly flight and disappeared in the distance.

At least four persons in the Draytonville Community reported having seen a glowing, white triangular-shaped object landed on a hillside in a pasture February 11. A second, similar UFO was hovering above the landed object. The men stopped their car and the hovering object then turned red and flew away at a rapid speed. The frightened men also fled. Two of the men reported that their car was followed later that night by a similar UFO. The object, which flew lower than the surrounding trees stopped and hovered each time the car stopped. Finally the object flew away but was reported again later that night.

One man reported earlier in the evening that a glowing object, which appeared to have antenna-

like devices on its side and a window near its top, had hovered near his home.

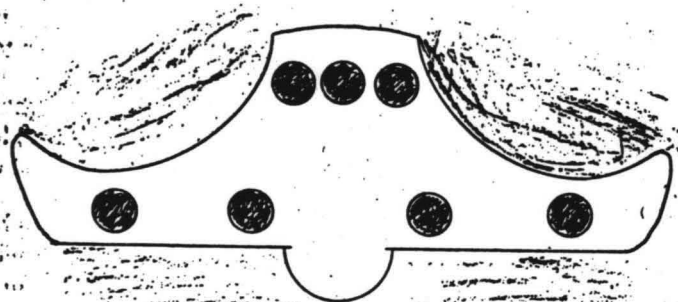
Others last Monday night reported a triangular-shaped UFO, with yellow lights all over it and a red light on the back, traveling west. The object stopped, hovered awhile, reversed its course and disappeared as if its lights had been turned off.

Another man reported observing a bluish-gray light hovering near the road off Green River Road near Highway 29 late Tuesday night. The light suddenly became brighter, crossed the road, and disappeared behind some trees. The man noted hearing a sizzling sound, like that of an acetylene torch, when the object had first started rising.

A Blacksburg woman said she saw a silver, cigar-shaped object traveling in a northeasterly direction as she hung out her wash Thursday morning.

Though the UFOs have been reported mostly in the Draytonville section, they have been seen in virtually all areas of the county. Reports have also come from Macedonia, Beaverdam, White Plains, Asbury-Rehoboth, Sarratt, Grassy Pond, Corinth, Cashion Crossroads, Ninety-nine, and other areas.

Attempts at explanation of the phenomena have ranged from power company helicopters checking the lines to Army war games, and from airplane landing lights to weather balloons to will-o'-the-wisp. However, most persons who have seen the objects are reluctant to accept any of the conventional explanations.



WHAT IS IT?—A drawing, made by one of the witnesses, shows a flying object which four local youths said crossed the Wilkinsville Highway above their car late Thursday night. The object was described as being about the size of a small house and as having a rotating, white midsection with a yellow glow around it and flashing red, orange, purple and yellow lights.

SEATTLE P.I. MARCH

UFO sign of good luck, says Amin. 5, 1973

President Idi Amin of Uganda saw an unidentified flying object splash down in Lake Victoria Saturday and then take off like a "gentle rocket," radio Uganda said yesterday.



AMIN

The radio said Amin was among a number of people who saw "a spectacular object covered with something like smoke" descending at about noon into the lake, some 10 miles away.

"After some seven minutes, the object was seen lifting off like a rocket being fired but moving gently," the radio said. "When disappearing into the sky, the last portion of it was seen like the tail of a big snake."

According to the radio, Amin said the object was of "great significance" and "a sign of good luck to Uganda." He added that all those who had seen it should attend prayers. 3-5-73 CR: M. Williams

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UFO Sighted In Russell County

DORRANCE — A sighting of an unidentified flying object has been reported in Russell county by a group of five Girl Scouts and their adult leaders.

The girls said they watched the blinking green light move west and then back east.

The sighting is the first reported in Russell county since the rash of sightings last August.

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That thing in the sky has Blacksburg agog

By JONATHAN SEGAL
Gazette Staff Reporter

BLACKSBURG, S.C. — The wind was kicking up more than usual on the chilly Wednesday night as residents of the small town here prepared for bed.

Suddenly, a silent but brilliantly glowing object was observed moving across the sky. It then hovered over Whitiker Mountain which caresses the northern border of the community.

The bright pulsating colored lights were seen by frightened motorists and townspeople simultaneously on each side of the mountain.

Through the sleepy town of Blacksburg the news traveled like wildfire.

"UFOs"

Assistant Police Chief Robert Childers received a call at 9:30 p.m. from Sue Moore, who excitedly described a strange object darting about the sky and then settling on the mountain.

"The Thing had pulsating red, green, blue, and white lights surrounding the perimeter," she claimed. She and her husband and 14-year-old son watched the Thing from their yard.

"Once it came directly toward the house and scared my son," she continued, "so he ran inside the house."

Childers, a veteran officer who knows almost all 2,700 residents of the town, scrambled into his white police cruiser and

drove toward Mrs. Moore's home, located about a mile from the mountain.

When he arrived at the home, Mrs. Moore pointed out the unidentified flying object hovering on or near the top of the mountain.



HARRY COOK. . .looked through binoculars.

"I saw strange white and red lights up there," confirmed the assistant chief. While Mrs. Moore continued to watch the Thing, Childers jumped into the police car and drove toward the mountain.

As the policeman approached the foot of the mountain, he was flagged down by a motorist who was flashing his lights and blowing his car horn.

"The man's eyes were almost popping out of his head," remembered Childers. "He told me that he had seen an object with strange flashing lights cross the sky and then hover on the mountain."

"That man was really excited," he added.

Childers said he drove around the mountain until he came to the dirt access road leading to the top. But when he drove a short distance up the hill he found a chain blocking his path. So he backed down the mountain.

The distressed motorist was Eston Carroll of 1109 E. Wynn Circle in Gastonia. He was driving back to Gastonia with his wife and children after visiting his mother-in-law in a Gaffney hospital.

Carroll, a retired truck driver, said he was driving north on Interstate-85 when he and his family spotted an object with pulsating colored lights darting across the sky and heading toward Blacksburg.



ESTON CARROLL. . .It looked like this.



SUE MOORE. . .called police

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ASSISTANT CHIEF ROBERT CHILDERS. . . saw something too

READING, PA.
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UFOs Spotted By Residents Of Pocono Area

STROUDSBURG, Pa. (AP)—State police here have confirmed reports by residents that strange objects with flashing lights have been seen over the Pocono resort area.

Trooper Jeffrey Huntz, sent to the Sailors Lake area Thursday night after police received several phone calls from residents, said he saw four of the objects pass overhead, all traveling west to east.

"But don't ask me what they were," Huntz said. "It was like a Christmas tree flying in the air." He said there was no noise and believed the objects were flying at an altitude about 1,500 feet above ground level. Most had white lights, according to Huntz, but some had blue lights.

One resident told police she and her neighbors spotted 39 objects between 7:25 and 10:45 p.m. Thursday.

The New York air traffic control center could not identify the objects, saying they were flying too low. John Doster, chief of the Federal Aviation Authority district office at the Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton airport, said he had not been notified of the incident but believed the objects may have been military airplanes.

A spokesman at the Pentagon told the Allentown Morning Call that no military aircraft were scheduled to fly over that area, however.

FOLLOWED "THING"

He followed the Thing to the mountain, where he found Childers and told him of his sightings.

"It was a beautiful and silent thing traveling across the sky," he said. "I had never seen a UFO before and wanted to get a good close look at it."

Meanwhile, 20-year-old Doug Lee was returning from Gaffney with his girlfriend. "All of a sudden a bright light flew by toward the mountain," said Lee.

Lee quickly drove to his home at 201 Chestnut Street in Blacksburg. He found his brother Frank, a 21-year-old textile worker, in his car watching the brilliantly glowing object with binoculars.

"The Thing was so bright I couldn't even make out its shape with the glasses," explained Frank Lee.

He concurred with the other observers saying he saw blue, red, green, and bright white lights. "It wasn't like any light I have ever seen" it glowed brightly but didn't give off a beam of any sort," Lee added.

And on the south side of the mountain, 19-year-old Curtis Martin saw the same object while driving on Highway No. 5 toward Blacksburg. Martin, son of a deputy sheriff in Cherokee County, confirmed the description given by the other youths.

In the town itself, Harry Cook heard the police traffic about the unidentified flying object on his police monitor. He too tried to look at the Thing through binoculars but was unable to determine the shape because the lights were so bright. "It was mostly white lights but occasionally red lights flashed," explained Cook, a service station employee.

At 10 p.m. Craig Reynolds, 16 and Bobby Davis, 17, were pumping diesel at the truck stop on Interstate-85 about five miles north of Blacksburg.

"Two UFOs came over the mountain and hovered. They had blinking colored lights," agreed the youths. The boys ran into the truck stop and yelled at the teamsters to come out and see the objects. "A bunch of the truckers and also our boss, came out and saw the Things," said Davis. He added that Craig became frightened and ran.

"Finally one took off toward Gaffney and the other toward Grover," added Davis as he pumped gas into 50-gallon truck tanks.

Childers, an affable and open-minded officer, spent Thursday afternoon with The Gazette reporter tracking down the UFO stories.

MAYBE A FIRE?

Early in the afternoon, before the interviews with the townspeople, the assistant chief speculated that the mysterious lights were really a fire on the mountain set by Duke Power Co. to clear land.

As the afternoon faded into night, as more and more people confirmed the UFO reports, Childers admitted grave doubts about the fire explanation.

"I sure would like to believe there was a fire there Wednesday night," he said, "but too many people saw the thing for it to be only a fire."

He said he personally did not observe the object move across the sky but did witness the strange glow of white and red.

There was a fire on the mountain on Wednesday afternoon, but no one could really confirm that it renewed itself during the night.

The people interviewed were very vehement that what they saw was not a fire or an airplane.

"How could a fire move across the sky, hover, and have pulsating colored lights," responded the witnesses.

"It definitely wasn't a fire," said Mrs. Moore. "And it was flying to slow and low for an airplane."



BOBBY DAVIS AND CRAIG REYNOLDS. . . We saw it and so did the truckers.

None of the townspeople said they observed anything like a fire on the mountain that night.

"And if anyone tries to tell me the lights were swamp gas I'll punch them in the mouth," threatened Frank Lee.

Childers explained that sightings of UFO have been reported to the police in the Cherokee area for the last several weeks. He said Wednesday the incident was the closest sighting to Blacksburg.

Cherokee County Sheriff Ernest Harrington has refused to comment on the number of UFO reports coming to his department. Unofficial sources claim that hundreds of sightings have been reported recently.

After the numerous sightings in Blacksburg Wednesday night, the citizens of Blacksburg armed themselves with binoculars, cameras, and telescopes and waited for the objects to reappear Thursday night.

The vigilant townspeople were disappointed as the object apparently didn't return. But Blacksburg Police Chief Johnny Wright said approximately 75 persons in the nearby community of Draydonville reported similar sightings.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service in Charlotte said he knew of no unusual weather Wednesday that could cause the strange sightings.

A plane did crash that night, but it went down in McDowell County in North Carolina after taking off in Banner Elk. It is not thought that the plane crossed the South Carolina line.

The mystery is now — and will probably always be — unsolved. But as this paper went to press late Friday night, those people in Blacksburg who were still awake undoubtedly cast their eyes upward.

To watch and wonder.

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LIGHT IN SKY SUNDAY REPORTED TO SHERIFF

An unidentified light in the sky was reported to Sheriff Gary Von Cadow at 10:01 p.m. Sunday, February 11.

The first call on the strange light came from Mrs. Robert Ward of Dayton.

The light in the eastern sky was visible for about 45 minutes and appeared to change color from red to green to yellow.

'It came out of a lake'

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The folks in Piedmont, Mo., say strange things are happening in the sky above their Ozark town. Arrow at right indicates one of the multi-colored spinning objects one resi-

dent thinks must be a 'newfangled invention the goverment is playing tricks with.' Streaks in the time exposure photograph indicate stars.

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And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire.

Ezekiel: Chapter 1; Verse 4

By CHARLES J. OSWALD
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

PIEDMONT, MO. — Clyde Morris thinks those strange objects seen regularly in the sky over this little Ozark town are not Biblical but some "newfangled invention" the federal government is playing tricks with.

Omer Fears thinks the weird, bobbing lights may be marsh gas or an experimental device in search of a lost silver mine but he won't commit himself until he actually catches a glimpse of it.

As he says, "I'm from Missouri and I'm going to have to see it before I believe it."

THE THEORIES were presented over a breakfast of country bacon and fried eggs at a downtown cafe here where the primary topic of conversation was the unidentified flying objects seen almost every night for the last month hovering over the Ozark Mountains.

Hundreds of residents of this leadbelt town 126 miles south of St. Louis claim to have seen the objects and some admit they are a little uneasy about the recurring lights in the sky.

Miss Jean Coleman and Miss Cathy Leach were driving across Clearwater dam about 9 p.m. Wednesday when they reported seeing the object surface from the reservoir side of the lake and take off.

The two women said the water took on a reddish glow and a disc-shaped object surfaced. It made no sound as it rose from the lake and soared over a mountain top.

The object turned from red to multi-colored spinning white, green, red and amber lights before it disappeared, they told authorities.

THE FIRST SIGHTING was made by Piedmont High School Coach Reg Bone and five athletes as they drove along the lonely road from Ellsinore to Piedmont following a basketball game on the night of Feb. 21.

A bright light followed their car then stopped and hovered over a field about 100 yards from the road where the coach and boys were able to distinguish four intense amber, green, white and red lights.

Without a sound the object rose straight in the air and disappeared over a mountain at a high rate of speed, the witnesses said.

There was no sound, no turbulence and no heat from the object.

Since then hundreds of residents have reported sighting the strange objects hovering over Clearwater Lake, shaking houses and skimming across the country side.

Gene Bearden, chief of police, said he's seen the lights and received hundreds of reports but he doesn't "know what to think of it."

"My first impression was that it is something McDonnell-Douglas or the government is experimenting with. Obviously they haven't harmed anyone and don't seem to pose a threat," Bearden said.

Ken Johnson and his family were driving up the switchback road leading to their home overlooking Clearwater dam at 9:30 p.m. March 12 when they saw a bright white light hovering about 800 feet above the lake.

Johnson, a licensed pilot and owner of a boat dock near the dam, said when they got to the top of the hill the object seemed to change its course and come at them.

"IT WAS ABOUT an eighth of a mile from the dam when it disappeared in mid-air like somebody turned off a light bulb," he said.

Dozens of witnesses interviewed separately gave similar descriptions of the phenomenon which they described as a bright, white or amber light that suddenly and mysteriously blinks off.

Wesley Howard and his wife, Gladys, their daughter, Jennie, and Mrs. Opal Faulkner were driving along highway 34 near the Black River about 9:30 p.m. March 15 when they saw a weird amber colored object "beaming rays" over the tree tops.

"It appeared to be about the size of a bushel basket from where we were. It glowed for about 20 seconds and then blinked out," Howard said.

Tom Martin, 14, and his friend, Kevin Kinard, 16, were camping on top of Bluff View overlooking the lake with eight other Explorer Scouts on March 19 when the boys saw a circular shaped glowing object skim across the water and disappear.

LATER THE SAME WEEK, five men fishing in the pre-dawn darkness on the lake started their outboard engines and headed for shore after seeing several disc-shaped objects hovering over the water.

Strange bubbles have been reported coming from the lake where Hayden Hewes, director of the International Unidentified Flying Object Bureau, Oklahoma City, believes the craft may hide during the daylight hours.

A farmer on the outskirts of town was watching television one night last week when he heard "a terrible rumbling sound and the whole house began to shake."

"At first I thought it was my dog scratching himself and shaking the floor," he told friends. "Then the television started acting up and went off."

"I went out to see what had happened when I looked up I saw a bright light hovering about 80 feet in the air over the house. Then it moved away and disappeared," he said.

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Mrs. Maude Jefferis said she took the photo on the top of this page. 'They (the objects) seem to blink signals to each other, then speed off in different directions and disappear,' she said.



Ken Johnson, left: 'It disappeared in mid-air like somebody turned off a light bulb.' Police Chief Gene Bearden, center: 'My first impression was that it is something McDonnell-Douglas or the government is experimenting with.' Omer Fears, right: 'I'm from Missouri, and I'm going to have to see it to believe it.'

—Globe-Democrat Photos by Jack Fahland

CANADA

Mexican Indian statues thought to represent ancient spacemen probably pictured football players instead, a Toronto professor says. Dr. George Owen, chairman of New Horizons Research Ltd., says that a race of Mexican Indians who lived between 1,000 and 3,000 B.C. were "nuts for ball games" and played a form of football dressed in helmets and stone padding in I-shaped stadiums. The book and movie Chario's of the Gods, suggests that the statues might have represented prehistoric spacemen.

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MRS. MAUDE JEFFERIS, who teaches photography at the high school, claims to have taken time exposure photographs of several flying objects from the porch of her home behind the Pine Hill Drive-In Theater. The pictures, taken by a Crown Graphic camera with a 135 mm. lens at F 4.7 with a 10 minute exposure on Royal Pan 4 by 5 inch film from 11 to 11:10 p.m. on March 14, shows an object shaped like a child's top or gyroscope hanging in the western sky.

"When you look at it through binoculars it appears to rotate like a gyroscope," she said. "Closer observation revealed spinning or swirling white, amber, green and red lights."

Mrs. Jefferis said she has seen as many as four objects in the sky at one time. "They seem to blink signals to each other then speed off in different directions and disappear."

WHILE THE SIGHT of strange objects in the sky might raise goose pimples on the necks of some timid souls, the pragmatic Ozark people are taking things in stride.

"You'd think if the federal government didn't know what these things were they would send the Army in to investigate them. There ain't been one federal agent in town," Fears said.

"You reckon the American government has got something we don't know about?" Morris said, mopping up the gravy from his plate.

Study group investigating

UFOs sighted in Norwin Area

moreland County UFO Study Group were dispatched to the areas within minutes after the calls were received. It was evident, however, that the witnesses did not report the sightings until the objects departed from the areas. Because of the large number of reports that the study group has to check out, witnesses to last night's sightings are asked to send a detailed written report with sketches of what was seen to the Westmoreland UFO Study Group, 6 Oakhill avenue, Greensburg.

throughout the area from the Greensburg, West Point, Carbon, and Latrobe areas.

UFO investigators from the West-

Dozens of reports of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) were reported last night throughout central Westmoreland county, with the majority of the reports originating in the Jeannette-Norwin area. Between 9 and 9:30 p.m., reports of a formation of five to six round objects, very bright, and orange in color, were observed hovering over the area for more than 10 minutes.

Preliminary reports from the witnesses indicated that the objects broke up into two separate formations and then moved in the direction of McKeesport. About 30 minutes later, witnesses near Derry and Pleasant Unity reported similar sightings as well as reports of a large cigar-shaped object appearing low in the sky that made a complete stop, then reversed its direction while remaining completely silent.

Between 10 and 11 p.m., several other reports from the Apollo area were received of three amber objects in formation. Other reports were received

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Shy but friendly sky visitor haunts Brushy Creek area

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By JOSEPH T. GALLAGHER
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

A shy but friendly unidentified flying object that follows automobiles has been spotted by at least a dozen residents of Piedmont, Mo.

They call the UFO shy because it only appears on dark nights and zooms away before anyone can get close to it. They consider it friendly because it brightly illuminates the highway in front of cars moving down Route 49.

THE FIRST SIGHTING near the town of 2,000 about 135 miles south of St. Louis was made on the night of Feb. 21 by Reg Bone, coach of Clearwater High School, two assistant Piedmont team managers and three players returning from a basketball tournament at Essex, Bone said.

Bone said he was driving the school's driver education car along U.S. 60 near Elsimore when he and the five boys saw a bright shaft of light beaming down out of the sky.

As the car pulled onto Route 49 near Brushy Creek, one of the boys, Randal Holmes, said he yelled out, "There's that thing we saw back on Highway 60."

Bone said he stopped the car on the shoulder of the highway and he and the boys got out to get a better look at the bright but silent flying object.

"It looked like it was about 50 feet off the ground and maybe about 200 yards away — it was impossible to determine the size or shape because of the darkness.

"ANYWAY," Bone said, "we all saw four lights — like maybe coming from portholes — red, green, amber and white. We figured they were about three or four feet apart, all in a row."

Cary Barks, who is listed in the Who Is Who of American

High School Students because of his academic excellence, said, "We stood there and watched it for five to 10 minutes.

"Then it went directly up in the air with absolutely no noise and just disappeared over a hill."

Word spread quickly around Piedmont and the next night, Mrs. Kathy Keith, her brother, Roy Burch Jr., and his wife were driving near the Brushy Creek area when, they said, they spotted the object blinking in white, green, amber and red.

"Red seemed to predominate," Mrs. Keith said, adding, "All of a sudden it started bouncing around, and the lights started blinking again."

AS THE OBJECT began moving along the highway, Burch said, he attempted to catch up with it in his car.

"Roy started speeding up to get close to it. He was doing about 70 but we lost it," Mrs. Keith said, "We got to the Brushy Creek area and there were some other Piedmont people there — Bob Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Almon Coleman — standing on the road looking at the thing hovering over the field.

"One of the men had a pair of binoculars but it was so dark he couldn't figure out what it was. It stayed at the same height for about 10 minutes," Mrs. Keith said, then disappeared over a hill.

TWO MISSOURI State Highway Patrol Troopers, Jerome Burford and Alton Blake, who live in Piedmont, say they have driven up and down the road at night but have seen nothing.

Others like Craig Twidwell, Tim Martin, Fred Allen and Barks — who were in the car with coach Bone when they saw the UFO — say there is something strange going on near the water of Brushy Creek.

'Flying Christmas Trees' Spotted Over Saylors Lake, Pose Mystery

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CR: GEORGE FAWCETT

ALLENTOWN, PA. EVENING CHRONICLE

State police in Stroudsburg last night confirmed reports that strange objects with flashing lights were seen flying over Saylors Lake.

Trooper Jeffrey Hontz, sent to the area after residents called police, said he saw four of the objects pass over the Monroe County Lake from west to east. "But don't ask me what they were," Hontz said, "it was like a Christmas tree flying in the air."

The objects, he said, were flying at an altitude of 1,500 feet. Most had white lights. Others, he said, had red or blue lights. "I'm assuming they might have been airplanes, but there

was no noise. Whatever it was shouldn't have been flying that low at night."

Mrs. Howard Pfeiffer of Saylors Lake said she and 11 other residents saw 39 objects pass over the lake at 15-minute intervals between 7:25 p.m. and 10:45 p.m.

She said the round objects were about the size of a child's wading pool and took about three minutes to pass over the lake.

"They came in slowly from the west," she said, "then picked up a tremendous speed and went like the dickens until they were out of sight."

Maj. Larry Brown, a public

information officer in the Pentagon, said the Air Force was conducting no operations in the Stroudsburg area.

"As you know, we've been out of the unidentified flying object business for a long time," Maj. Brown said. "If there have been any such sightings, I would suggest contacting some in the scientific community in your area."

Air traffic controllers at Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton Airport said they had no way of tracing the strange objects since the field is not equipped with radar.

State police notified the New York Air Traffic Control Center,

but were reportedly told by controllers there that they could not identify the objects because they were flying too low.

John Doster, chief of the Federal Aviation Administration District office at A-B-E Airport, said he had not been notified of the incident at Saylors Lake, but suggested that the objects were military airplanes.

"I believe in flying saucers, but that's just too many."

Some sources didn't rule out the possibility that the objects could have been part of the aurora borealis, Northern Lights, which occurs in March and April as well as late summer.

C-10 Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, Thursday, March 22, 1973

Hebrew Prophet's Account

CR- FRITZ KRON

Ancient Spaceship Gains Credence

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (UPI) — A space agency engineer said Wednesday he believes the Hebrew prophet Ezekiel saw a spaceship land 2,600 years ago.

Working from Ezekiel's descriptions as written in the Old Testament of the Bible, Joseph F. Blumrich said it appears that a large rocket ship with four helicopter motors descended to Earth from an earth-orbiting mother ship in the sixth century B.C.

Blumrich, chief of the Systems Layout branch of the Program Development Office at the Marshall Space Flight Center, said he has analyzed the engineering credibility of Ezekiel's book for three years "and I came to the conclusion that the prophet indeed saw such a thing."

"My conclusion is that this was what we nowadays call a shuttle vehicle," he said in a

telephone interview. "It was dependent on an orbital station. And size and performance match the shuttle vehicle that goes from that orbital station to the ground and back."

"The thing is a very feasible vehicle and a very good design. There's good engineering behind the entire design."

Blumrich said he believes the rocket ship was shaped like a cone with concave sides and that it used atmospheric drag

to decelerate in earth's atmosphere. Then it slowed its descent with braking rockets and finally used four rotor blades to descend the final few thousand feet to earth.

Ezekiel's description of the event, in the first chapter of his book in the Old Testament, starts by saying "... a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire in folding itself, and a brightness was about it ..."

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CR: MATT WILLIAMS

UFO Mining Its Business?

Is UFO Mining Its Business?

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Ellsinore, Bone said. The light stopped and hovered over a field about 100 yards away before quickly rising out of sight.

Hewes said his UFO Logging Bureau has a photograph showing

what looks like flying gyroscopes as well as reported cases of interference with television sets at the time of nearby sightings.

He theorized the object may be on a mining mission to this lead-rich area of the southern Missouri Ozarks.

Another UFO was reported sighted in Grand Tower, Ill., Thursday night. An operating engineer said he saw an oval-shaped object 25 feet in diameter with "red pulsating lights around the edge" hovering over a 66,000-volt transformer yard.

PIEDMONT, Mo. — (UPI) — A UFO researcher said yesterday the "Piedmont Unexplained," which hundreds of local residents have reported hovering over the Ozarks countryside or following cars down the highway, may be a mining expedition from outer space.

Another UFO was reported sighted in Illinois Thursday night.

"This could be the most significant, best-documented sighting in history," Hayden C. Hewes, head of the "International UFO Bureau" in Oklahoma City, said of the object seen in Piedmont.

Area residents, accustomed to such sightings since 1942, have remained calm since Feb. 21 when Piedmont high basketball coach Reggie Bone said a bright light followed a car carrying him and five players.

The object appeared on a desolate road between Piedmont and

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UFO Is Reported At Ugandan Lake

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — "A spectacular object, covered with something like smoke," dropped into Lake Victoria Saturday, then took off again several minutes later, Radio Uganda said on Sunday. "After some seven minutes, the object was seen lifting off like a rocket being fired, but moving gently," the radio said. "When disappearing into the sky, the last portion of it was seen like the tail of a big snake."

Among those who saw the object, the radio said, was President Idi Amin. He told Ugandans it was "a sign of good luck" and urged anyone who had seen it to go and pray.

Stanford Analysis CR:FRITZ
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Mystery Calls From Space?

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI) — ly which star in the sky this message came from."

Bracewell said he has studied material sent to him by Luanan and it is "very suggestive but now requires confirmation."

The Stanford scientist believes people on Earth should be constantly alert for communication from outer space. He said an intelligent being, wishing to communicate with similar beings elsewhere in the universe, would send a television signal that would identify the sender's location.

He said Luanan's interpretation of the 40-year-old series of radio signals "circumvents the television idea and is more in the nature of the Morse code." But if it is correct, its identification of the Constellation Bootes as the source is "just as clear" as if it were a television of the picture of the constellation.

"We have to be extremely careful not to throw away anything which might be 'the message' from elsewhere in the universe," Bracewell said.

"The person who hits on it could quite easily overlook it completely. You could be tuning your radio for the news or music and hear the voice saying 'this from outer space' and you would keep turning the dial... let us develop an attitude of extreme attentiveness and alertness."

The mysterious radio signals, and other similar ones received from time to time, have been the object of study by many scientists, Bracewell said, but have never been adequately explained. Some scientists now believe the intervals indicate the signals came from a satellite orbiting the earth.

The Scottish astronomer, he said, "has hit on a clever idea for interpreting the signals... he has indications as to precise-

ness."

CR:LOU FARISH

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Alien Astronauts Came To Earth, Author Claims

NEW YORK (AP) — Erick von Daniken insists that alien astronauts visited the earth in ancient times. To back him up, he has a pair of worldwide best sellers that have recently become paperback phenomena in this country.

"Maybe not all the theories in my books are correct," von Daniken said in an interview here Monday. "But there is no doubt that we were visited from outer space long ago."

Von Daniken, 37, a Swiss innkeeper by trade with no formal higher education, wraps an old theory with new words in his books.

The theory is that visitors from other worlds landed on earth in prehistoric times, created the rudiments of human civilization and departed.

Recast by von Daniken in the jargon of contemporary technology, the visitors become astronauts and their vehicles become nuclear rockets.

"Chariots of the Gods?" and

"Gods From Outer Space," von Daniken's books, were published in Europe in the late 1960s. Translated into 32 languages, they have now sold more than 20 million copies, according to The Trade News Service, a publishing industry magazine.

The American editions, published in 1970 and 1971, enjoyed relatively good sales. More than one million paperback copies of "Chariots of the Gods?" had been sold at the end of last year.

Early in January, a film based on the books was shown on network television. Sales soared.

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First UFO?

Has anyone seen anything unusual in the skies recently? Something other than birds, airplanes, jets, satellites and other recognizable airborne objects?

We weren't going to mention it, but since reading about a reported UFO sighting in Rutherford County a few days ago, well--just for the record, we saw something traversing the skies of Hudson on the night of Tuesday, Jan. 2 that we couldn't identify.

It was about 11:30 p.m., and we had just left the office and were walking down Legion Road when we saw what at first appeared to be a star--but we quickly realized that this "star" was moving--slowly, erratically, unlike any aircraft we are familiar with. We are no judge of distances, so we won't even attempt to state how high in the sky the object was. It was high enough so that we could not discern any shape, but we could clearly see two lights, one red and the other a pale blue, which blinked alternately. These were on opposite sides of the object. We estimate that 15 minutes were required for the object to travel across the sky. Altogether we watched it for at least 15 minutes and probably more. Unfortunately, no one else saw it, at least from where we were. After all, most good Hudsonians are snugly encouched in their beds or at least watching the late movie on TV between 11:30 and 12 midnight, when our viewing occurred.

One more important thing--the object was SILENT. No sound could be heard save the noise of the 321-A traffic and the C&NW train whistle which reverberates nightly around midnight here.

The Rutherford County sighting is considerably more bizarre and was at relatively close range. We understand from the account, published in a recent issue of THIS WEEK, the Forest City weekly newspaper, that photographs were obtained and other, perhaps more tangible, evidence was gathered. We won't discuss it here, but we await further reports from the case. If anyone wishes to share similar experiences with us, feel free to contact the editor.

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'Objects' Again Seen In Monroe

The mysterious flying objects reportedly seen over Saylor's Lake near Stroudsburg Thursday apparently returned again last night.

James Uccio said he saw three more of the brightly lighted, noiseless objects pass over the lake about 8 p.m.

"Everyone here is really fascinated," Uccio said. "We are hoping to see more and are really wishing one of them will land."

Saylor's Lake residents said they saw 39 objects Thursday.

Portholed UFO seen at Pass

EAST LONDON — A massive unidentified flying object, 30m in diameter, with portholes as big as doors, was seen near Queens-town by East Londoners, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sucknow, of Hereford Road, Amalinda.

Mr. Sucknow, local manager of a security firm, his wife and two small children were travelling from East London to Johannesburg.

At 12.30 a.m. on Monday they had passed through Queens-town, nearing Penhoek Pass, when they saw what they took to be a long train curving towards the road.

Mr. Sucknow told his wife he had noticed no level crossing sign.

Suddenly they realised the object was six to eight metres above the ground. It was moving slowly and silently towards Dordrecht.

HOVERING

After hovering above the road it picked up speed, but when about 90m from the road slowed down again.

"It glowed with an orange light and was emitting orange smoke. I couldn't see the top because of the dark, but it was much bigger than a Boeing," Mr. Sucknow said.

"The inside of the car became icy cold. I was dumbstruck — it was as if the 'beings' in the craft were watching the car."

There were no other cars on the road at the time. Mrs. Suck-

now, looking back, saw the object disappear in the distance.

"I've always been sceptical about these flying saucers. They have to be seen to be believed," Mr. Sucknow said.

EPIDEMIC

His experience was similar to that described by two railway truck drivers during last July's UFO epidemic.

Near the Fish River Bridge on the Port Elizabeth-East London road, Mr. M. Struwig and Mr. T. Breed of Port Elizabeth saw a luminous red object shaped like a baby's bottle about 100m in diameter.

On Thursday last week inexplicable explosions, rumblings and puffs of smoke in the sky were witnessed by at least 20 people in Queens-town and the surrounding area.

Mr. R. Bushell, a municipal employee, reported seeing a gold and silverish cylinder travelling towards Tarkastad.

Mr. P. E. Pugh, of the farm Brampton Grange, near Queens-town, said he had also heard an explosion and seen puffs of smoke in the sky between 2.30 and 3 p.m. last Thursday.

SHOOTING STAR

One of Mr. Pugh's farm labourers had reported seeing what looked like a shooting-star, and called Mr. Pugh.

"We both saw the puffs of smoke and heard the explosion," Mr. Pugh said today.

"The puffs were definitely not a jet trail and within two minutes they had disappeared," Mr. Pugh said. —DRC-DRR.

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HERE AND THERE BY JOHN CRAIG CANADA

People have been sighting unidentified flying objects for many years but I didn't realize people were seeing them in this area. I was listening to a hot line program from a local radio station and here are some of the weird but thought provoking things people phoned in to the station.

One courting couple in Fort Erie were parked behind a barn at 2 o'clock in the morning when they heard a swishing sound and observed the darkness changing to light. A mushroom shaped ob-

ject landed at the end of the barn which was as high as the building and gave off a greenish light. It stayed for a short time, then took off.

Another man phoned in to say he had been driving along the Thorold Stone Road and observed a light travelling alongside him, but up in the air. The object kept pace with him and he thought it was a helicopter from the Falls, but suddenly it roared away at a speed no hovering craft could equal.

The weirdest phone call came from a lady in the area who saw a craft land in a field nearby as she drove her car along the highway. She stopped her car to watch the strange machine and that's all she remembers. She came to, driving her car miles from the spot where the sighting took place and claims that some-

thing on the unidentified object took her mental powers and transported her away from the landing scene.

These unusual sightings have been going on for longer than you or I will ever know. If you don't believe me, blow the dust off the family Bible and turn to Ezekiel in the Old Testament and read a few verses.

The prophet Ezekial wrote "And I looked, and behold a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it: and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber. Also out of the midst came four living creatures. They had the likeness of man and everyone had four faces and four wings. Read the whole chapter, it will astound you."

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UFOs OVER

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There have been an unprecedented number of unidentified flying objects — UFOs — sighted over Rhodesia recently. Five were spotted over Salisbury in October and four more were seen in November and several in December.

This is a big increase in sightings compared with last year, when only one UFO was reported over Rhodesia.

As yet no one has an explanation for the sudden increase in Rhodesian sightings. But Mrs. Pauline Charles, an official of Salisbury Science Fiction Alpha Group, has claimed that UFOs are attracted to flaws in the earth's crust. Members are trying to discover whether such flaws exist in Rhodesia.

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UNUSUAL SIGHTING REPORTED IN NORTH

An unusual sighting was reported seen in the sky yesterday morning over a wide area of northern New South Wales.

Independent reports of the sighting have come in from centres as far away as Stanthorpe and Barraba.

Mr. Ron Farrant, of Sunnybank, Brisbane, who travels for a car accessories firm, called at the 'Examiner' Office yesterday afternoon to recount what he had seen that morning.

Mr. Farrant was travelling from Brisbane to Armidale and was near Stanthorpe when he sighted the unusual object in the sky. That was about 4.15 a.m.

Mr. Farrant said the object appeared to be a huge wing with a dazzling light at one end and a smaller one at the other.

He could not judge the size of the object nor its height, but remarked that both lights must have been facing the one direction rather than one trailing the other because both were visible to him.

He said the brilliant lights were linked together by a "wing" — shaped something like a cigar.

He was certain that it was not an aircraft as the lights were far too bright and large and were wrongly positioned for a conventional plane.

As well, the object was not moving.

Mr. Farrant watched the object for some time, all of which it was stationary

but he eventually lost sight of it because of low cloud movement.

He thought the object could have been several thousand feet high and some miles away, but it was clearly visible in the eastern sky above Stanthorpe.

Mr. Farrant said he had observed a similar object over Melbourne about five years ago. On that occasion many others reported a similar sighting.

A report similar to Mr. Farrant's was also made at Barraba, with the description of the object and the time of its appearance corresponding.

Spate of flying saucers

A recent mass sighting of an unidentified flying object occurred on the Central Coast in the Avoca, and Point Clare districts, Mr. Harry Griesberg said yesterday.

Mr. Griesberg, secretary of the Central Coast Unidentified Flying Object Research Bureau, said he would fully investigate the sightings this long weekend.

"I intend to interview the people

made these sightings", he said.

"Sometimes, if we can draw lines on a district map from where the various sightings occurred, we can roughly gauge the flight course of the object", he said.

Mr. Griesberg said an expert had predicted that 1973 would be noted for unprecedented sightings of UFO's in east Australia.

Anyone who saw the mystery object is asked to contact him at 25354 after 1 p.m. tomorrow.

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Books on space visitors rocketed to world renown

CR: John Musgrave

NEW YORK (AP) — Erick von Daniken insists that alien astronauts visited the earth in ancient times. To back him up, he has a pair of worldwide best sellers that have recently become paperback phenomena in the United States.

"Maybe not all the theories in my books are correct," von Daniken said in an interview here. "But there is no doubt that we were visited from outer space long ago."

Von Daniken, 37, a Swiss innkeeper by trade with no formal higher education, writes of the theory that visitors from other worlds landed on earth in prehistoric times, created the rudiments of human civilization and departed.

Recast by von Daniken in the jargon of contemporary technology, the visitors become astronauts and their vehicles become nuclear rockets.

Chariots of the Gods? and Gods from Outer Space, von Daniken's books, were published in Europe in the late 1960s. Translated into 32 languages, they now have sold more than 20 million copies, says The Trade News Service, a publishing industry magazine.

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The paperback publisher, Bantam Books, said 2.5 million copies of Chariots of the Gods? and 1.4 million copies of Gods from Outer Space have been printed.

UFO sighted near Kimba

Kimba police are investigating the sighting of an unidentified flying object on the Kimba-Iron Knob road last Sunday.

The object was sighted by a Kimba man, Brian Hunt, and his companion, Sharyn Finckler, while travelling toward Kimba, about 32 miles from the town.

They told police that at about 9.50 p.m. they saw an orange light which appeared to be about 10 feet high and 5 feet across about 30 yards from the side of the road.

Hunt said he had clearly seen the figure of a man who he described as looking like a modern-day astronaut, suspended 2-3 feet above the ground in the middle of the light.

He was dressed in what appeared to be a white space suit.

The couple drove to Kimba where they reported the sighting to police. Constable P. Sumner, who travelled back to the scene with the couple,

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C-I Unusual Sight

Some of our citizens report having seen a rather unusual sight in the sky Friday morning around nine o'clock. The whole sky appeared as a pink dome, lasting a few minutes. The people became rather concerned at such a beautiful sight and their thoughts ran to Falling Meteors or ?? As it was a foggy morning and the trees were heavily laden with hoar frost, it was concluded that the rays of the rising sun on the ice particles created this beautiful sight. It is quite possible this was seen elsewhere also.

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