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# Family Spots Manned UFO in Field

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## Flying Saucers Return To Russell Area

Flying saucers — at least an unidentified flying object — returned to the Russell area last night. A troop of five Girl Scouts and adult leaders saw a UFO in the Dorrach area shortly after 10:15 p.m.

The lighted object in the sky appeared to move west and then back east. Before it went out of sight, it emitted a blinking green light, the girls stated.

The sighting was the first in about four or five months. In August, several sightings were reported in and near Russell as well as over broad areas of Western Kansas.

home area to see if the "thing" was visible there. It wasn't, and when she looked again the object was gone.

Ms. Blumenfeld described her object as a mottled dark red, perhaps three times the size of a full moon on the horizon, and elongated. It had a "definite shape" as opposed to the formlessness of Northern lights. She has seen weather balloons, which often cause consternation when

about a half mile west of Stewartstown, heading east on Route 851 sometime after 10 p.m., when she saw the peculiar sky object at about a 65-degree angle upward. It looked to be somewhere between Stewartstown and Muddy Creek Forks.

She said she stopped her car, got out and tried to get a man to confirm her sighting "but he thought I was crazy." Then she called a couple of people in her

STEWARTSTOWN — A Muddy Creek Forks woman, driving near Stewartstown Tuesday night, became a candidate for the ranks of believers in UFO's (Unidentified flying Objects).

Only Rae Blumenfeld's UFO isn't flying. As she looked upward, the huge dark red sky object was "doing nothing. It was just sitting there — and it horrified me."

Ms. Blumenfeld said she was

## Crowded Around

At 10:45 p.m., an Eagle reporter who resides near the Emerich home joined several other persons who crowded around the boy's telescope.

The reporter said the object was stationery and seemed to be about the size of a quarter.

He said it seemed to have an oily texture and changed from very bright colors to dull ones as it appeared to spin.

The adults around the telescope suggested that the object might be a planet or a star, but the boy said he hopes to contact his science teacher for an explanation.

Earlier in the evening several city residents reported spotting an object with green and red flashing lights "scooting" through the skies over the city.

The reports said it was seen hovering above Mt. Penn and a home in the 200 block of Reed street.

A group of students at Kutztown State College, about 30 minutes before the Donahower family was roused, reported that they were watching an object with red, white and green lights circling northeast of Kutztown.

They said they had been viewing the object through binoculars but had failed to gain permission to use the college's observation tower.

A spokesman at the traffic control tower of the Reading Municipal Airport suggested that the red and green lights were caused by airplanes. He said if they were caused by anything alien they would probably have a different electrical system.

Of course the control tower spokesman didn't touch, fold or mutilate the object.

Maybe, there's a scientific explanation, maybe there isn't. But the skies over Berks County are offering something which causes skeptics who see the objects to waver.

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County woman seeks identity of UFO

sighted, and does not believe it was one of those.

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GALLAGHER  
Eagle Staff Writer

Skeptical about all the sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects which have been reported over Berks County during the last week???

You say you don't believe in anything you can't touch, fold, or mutilate???

Me too.  
But the group of persons in the county who have seen something in the night is growing and the most recent and most startling sighting comes from the Robesonia area.

Clyde O. Donahower, Robesonia, R.D. 1, was awakened around 1:30 a.m. today when he heard a rumbling noise followed by a screeching sound.

According to his wife, he woke her and asked her if she had heard the noise. "I'm a heavy sleeper and I told him that I hadn't heard anything."

She said her husband got up to investigate and then called to her. "He couldn't believe what he was seeing and he wanted me to see it."

"It looked to be sitting on a hill in a field near the house, but it may have been hovering beyond the field."

## Couldn't Judge Size

"I can't say how big it was because it was hard to judge the distance, but it seemed to keep changing shape as it changed color. The shape change probably was caused by the change of the lights, I don't know."

She said the object was a pale red when she first saw it and then it slowly began changing to a pale green.

The couple and their eight-year-old son watched the object for about 20 minutes and at one point they saw something moving inside.

It was a black figure . . . like a stick figure, only thicker, moving in the center. It was bending over and moving about. It was really scary. We were frightened and fascinated at the same time."

"My husband said that the thing lit up so brightly just before I came out, that he thought it was going to explode."

Finally Mr. Donahower's fascination gave way to concern and he called the police.

According to Police Chief Norman Brunner, Heidelberg Township, Mr. Donahower was so shook up at the time, that he dialed the operator. "He said he couldn't think of who to call, he was so excited," Chief Brunner commented.

Mrs. Donahower said that just before police arrived a pickup truck pulled away from a nearby dairy farm and the "lights started dimming" until the object "went out."

"We didn't see it take off or anything. It just faded out when the pickup truck turned off a dirt road."

"I was so doubtful of what we were seeing . . . I'm really pretty skeptical . . . It was like a weird apparition. Our son was 'very quiet' during the whole thing and that's not like him."

When Chief Brunner arrived at the home around 2 a.m., he questioned the Donahower's separately.

"All their stories were consistent," Chief Brunner said, "I'm sure they saw something."

## Find No Evidence

Police and Mr. Donahower walked into the plowed cornfield where they thought the object might have landed but they could see no signs of disturbance to the ground.

While the early morning sighting in the Bunker Hill area is the first report of an object which may have landed, it is similar in its color description to several sightings which were reported Tuesday night in the Reading area and Kutztown.

Several Cherokee Ranch residents gathered around the telescope of Michael Emerich, 12, of 5107 Mohave Road, who had spotted an object in the sky south of Temple.

The boy reported that he watched the object for about an hour and that it changed its color from white, to green and then various shades of red. He said the changing color pattern was repeated several times while he watched.

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## Fire ball seen

A fire ball, described as a green ball of fire with red sparks, was seen Wednesday night in various parts of the county, according to Urana Clarke, amateur astronomer.

Reports received by Miss Clarke said the fire ball was seen about 10:30 p.m., coming from the center of the sky and heading toward the Paradise Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Johnston saw it while driving on the Swingley road. Also reporting the fire ball were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schaeffer and Mrs. Faye Ricci of Livingston and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sasse who live eight miles northeast of Clyde Park.

"If anyone in the Paradise Valley saw the fire ball," Miss Clarke said, "I would appreciate a telephone call, 222-0383. The information will be sent to the Meteor Research Center in Ottawa, Canada."

Even a reporter sees them

# Missourians claim UFO sightings

By WILLIAM CLARK  
News Staff Writer

PIEDMONT, Mo. — As the "show-me" state, Missouri is about as unlikely a place as there is on earth for people to be talking about — let alone believing in — Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's).

But many residents of the valley town of Piedmont in southeastern Missouri have seen the light, or lights, and are now demanding answers to the mystery spawned by UFO sightings.

Bright, multicolored lights have been observed hovering, looping or passing swiftly overhead in the night skies sporadically since Feb. 21.

There is no official or accurate count of either the number of sightings or how many people in Piedmont (pop. 1,906) have seen the phenomena.

And there probably are as many scoffers in the Piedmont area as believers, because with a subject as "far out" as UFO's — seeing is necessary to believing.

I saw. I believe something very unusual is occurring over this rough, mineral-laden terrain on the eastern slopes of the Ozark Mountains.

Local speculation ranges from secret military experiments with sophisticated weaponry or low-level satellites, to swamp gas, to light reflections, to — you guessed it — flying saucers piloted by alien creatures from outer space.

On what she recalls as the "bright, moonlight night of March 14," Mrs. Maude Jefferis, a widow and high school teacher of photography whose character, says Piedmont Mayor Roy Anderson, is "beyond reproach" — photographed one of the UFO's at apparent long range.

Then at dusk Tuesday, March 27, Mrs. Jefferis went into a remote, heavily forested area south of Piedmont known as Brushy Creek in hopes of "photographing it at close range."

With Mrs. Jefferis on the three-car expedition were Dennis Holvis, manager of Piedmont radio station KPWB and the acknowledged local authority on the sightings; Dennis Keeney, a KPWB announcer; Carl Laxton, a Piedmont real estate broker with an expert knowledge of the countryside; a photography pupil of Mrs. Jefferis; and myself.

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The scenes along the highways, at intersections, in valley clearings and on hilltop vantage points reminded me of "Chicken Little" — everyone was out staring skyward.

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For me it was a screeching, roaring, perilous chase of the other vehicles around-tight, tree-lined curves and up and down hills and valley's to the observation point at Miller's High Place.

I knew I was there when I saw the other cars — doors open and lights out — dead ahead in my headlights.

All was quiet and very dark. The skies were partly cloudy and there was no moon.

Off to the left, down a slope on what appeared to be a lookout point, shadowy figures could be seen. I approached them, and found Mrs. Jefferis, her camera already set up on a tripod and wide open, as she put it, facing the sky to the northeast.

"That," whispered radio station manager Holvis, a 29-year-old former St. Louis and military policeman, "is what we call a docking."

He pointed toward what to my eyes was a dim, red light low in the sky.

IT APPEARED to be similar in color and size to the red, aircraft-warning light blinking atop two towers (those of Holvis' radio station and a cable television transmitter) to the southwest.

"Are you sure that's not just another (transmission) tower light?" I asked.

"Watch and see for yourself," he replied.

The light did not regularly blink on and off, as did the aircraft-warning lights. For perhaps three minutes it remained a steady, red speck.

Then it became noticeably brighter, taking on a yellowish hue and emitting twinkling, star-like rays on all sides of what now appeared to be a sphereshaped object.

My skepticism was shaken and a shiver inched its way up my spine.

William Clark, a Detroit News staff writer and newsman of 20 years' experience, is the only reporter to be an eyewitness to the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) seen repeatedly over southeastern Missouri since Feb. 21. He spent three days in the hills and valleys around Piedmont, Mo., interviewing mystified public officials and residents to determine if the UFO's were something other than a hoax. Then, last Tuesday evening, he was among hundreds of skywatchers in the Piedmont area who spotted what many had waited days or weeks to see — the unexplained objects.

This is his report.



WILLIAM CLARK

## Sky mystery solved

Special to The Daily News

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. — It was cold, blue and as big as a basketball when it fell out of the sky.

There was all sorts of speculation Monday after the unidentified object smashed into the ground near Herb Krug, 18, as he worked on his parent's farm near here.

Was it a meteor? A comet fragment? A piece of a man-made satellite that decayed in orbit and fell to Earth?

IT WAS NONE of these, ac-

cording to Dr. K.B. Dickman, chief of pathology at St. Joseph's Hospital in nearby Marshfield, where melting particles of the object were rushed by the Wood County sheriff's office for analysis.

"Preliminary evaluation... revealed that the most likely source is an aircraft (septic) holding tank," Dickman reported.

North Central Air Lines confirmed that it had a jetliner flying over this area at the time Krug saw the object drop out of the sky.

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It became more pronounced when the light again became a red glow and began to float or loop about much like a kite would in a stiff March breeze.

We were observing from a plateau, real estate man Laxton said, about 700 feet in elevation. The air there was still.

**THE LIGHT CONTINUED** to move about a relatively limited area — always remaining low in the sky.

Distance from the sighting point to the light was unknown but Laxton and Holvis estimated the distance from the plateau on which we stood to the aircraft-warning lights to be "six to eight miles."

The light on his tower, the radio station manager said, is approximately 10 inches in diameter.

I thought: If the UFO is moving about in the vicinity of the tower lights — then it must be similar in size to the tower lights; if it is a large spaceship size object — then it must be hundreds, perhaps thousands, of miles away.

Occasionally, and for varying periods of time during the next two hours, two other unidentified lights were visible to our left — or to the west of the original sighting.

The second and third lights were paler in color than the original and more stationary, though I saw each of them move at least once.

**AT NO TIME** can I recall seeing more than three of the mysterious lights on at one time. I say "on," because they would occasionally blink off in a way that I can only describe as being similar to what one sees when the switch of a distant porchlight is turned off.

At one point, two pale-yellow lights "came on" close to and on either side of the red light that had been our original sighting. After a few minutes, they disappeared.

At about 10 p.m., we left the hilltop and attempted to drive to the area over which the original sighting appeared to be.

From the valley roads, the lights could not be seen. But Mrs. Jefferis was "sure it was right over my house." We drove there and Mrs. Jefferis' neighbor — a Mrs. Frances Coder — insisted the light had been "hovering right here."

"It was flat on the bottom and looked like it would roll on its side," she insisted. "For a time there were two of them together."

Whatever or wherever it was, it was no longer visible. "From my knowledge," said Piedmont Police Chief Gene O. Bearden, "there have been more than 600 sightings since the first one on Feb. 21."

**THE INITIAL SIGHTING** was made by Clearwater High School basketball coach Reg. Bone and five of his players. They saw "a bright shaft of light beaming down out of the sky" while returning home from a game.

Not all of Piedmont's leading citizens are eager to admit seeing the UFO's.

Bearden finally confided that he was one of the first to see the strange objects but "didn't tell anybody about it."

Since then, Bearden says that he, two of his patrolmen and County Sheriff Luther L. Tibbs have "observed it and followed it several times. But sometimes it travels at tremendous speed. There is no sound."

Bearden said he has not kept an accounting of sightings but adds "all the people who have sighted it are reliable people."

Because of the nationwide publicity over the sightings he worries about "the possibility of crackpots getting into the act with balloons, remote control devices, or whatever."

"It is something the government is experimenting with," said Bearden, "I think they could at least let us know so we can ease our people's minds."

"We've got people back in the hills—some of them in their 80's—they're afraid and bolting their doors at night. We've asked for help—Dennis Holvis has contacted Washington (the offices of Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Missouri, and Rep. Bill D. Burlison, D-Missouri) but nobody's doing anything about it."

**SOME RESIDENTS** are, however, enjoying the national publicity that has resulted from the sightings.

"I'll tell you it's put Piedmont on the map," said John Carter, a plumber who has lived in the area for 62 years.

Others say in one breath—"it's the greatest thing that ever happened in these parts." And in the next—"It's spooky and I'm plumb scared."

Piedmont has little to offer in the way of history. Some Civil War actions were fought in the area and "according to legend," said Mayor Anderson, "Jesse James robbed his first train four miles from here."

Off-Season tourist business is booming as a result of the UFO sightings. "I understand that for the service stations and drive-ins," said Anderson, "last weekend was as good as last Fourth of July."

Also benefiting is the weekly newspaper, The Wayne County Journal Banner. Its article last week on the sightings helped boost sales to 4,575 copies. "I printed 200 extras," said news editor Harold Ellinghouse, "and sold all those, too."

Ellinghouse was one of the skeptics at first. He waited until his March 22 edition to report the Feb. 21 sighting. He has not seen the lights but knows "something's going on."

He said there has been no official investigation of the sightings by any government body and then added, "It seems to me the military would check out these reports — unless they already know what it is."

Mayor Anderson has not made an official request for an investigation. "I don't see any reason to be alarmed. If there was something that was here to harm someone, I would do something," he said.

**THE MAYOR** up for reelection this week, said he has not seen the mysterious lights. "I haven't looked for any because I have had other things to do," he said. "But there are many reputable people who have sighted these objects."

One of Anderson's constituents, Lena McGee, proprietor of an official

we've got quite the stories around here. There's one man, they say, who shaved his monkey and painted him green as a result of all this UFO talk."

A female customer added, "I guess I'm going to have to get me a pair of green pantyhose."

Others' talk of "little green men" more for comic relief than for concern they feel over the mysterious lights in the sky.

"This small Ozark community is sending a plea for someone to come to help us," said radio station manager Holvis. "There is no nighttime radio in this area, no aircraft radar, and because of the terrain and minerals (lead, copper and zinc) in it — TV reception is spotty at best."

"When you put all this together, it makes an ideal area for someone to be experimenting with new weapons, or UFO's to be operating over."

**THE PIEDMONT** area has had an unusually wet winter and spring. Army Corps of Engineers' records indicate that 28.88 inches of rain — two-thirds of the normal annual rainfall of 42 inches — have fallen since Oct. 1, 1972.

Casual water can be observed in almost all level places. Clearwater Lake above the dam is 31 feet above its normal maximum depth of 40 feet. There are numerous springs and some underground caves in the area.

Some people suggest light reflections off the water as a possible explanation for the strange lights in the skies.

Only one of the 25 "multiple-witness sightings" that Holvis has taken taped or written statements on — is a daylight sighting.

"Two students at Southeast Missouri State College were driving toward Piedmont about 4:30 p.m. on March 22," said Holvis, "when they state that just above the treetops they spotted an object that glistened in the sun. It was a metallic color, moved rapidly and had an ovalshaped bottom."

**SOME WITNESSES** say they have seen an object "about 30 feet" in diameter. Radio announcer Dennis Keeney could not estimate the size of the thing he says he observed from "75 or 100 yards away."

Keeney said "I was so excited and the lights were too bright" for him to make an accurate guess as to the size of the UFO.

Keeney added these details:

"I was driving in my car when the thing appeared right in front of me. I stopped the car in the middle of the road. It appeared to have a tripod on top that spun. The lights were like an electric welding torch."

"I snapped a picture (the Polaroid reproduction shows a small white ball with blue rings and a long hazy tail) and it just went poof! I didn't even see it leave — it was just like a rocket."

"Then my car radio came on. I can't remember having turned it off. My (car) engine wasn't running, either. And I can't remember turning it off. Maybe it stalled out or maybe that thing shut it off — I just don't know."

Holvis, Keeney and others calling for an official

have found an ally in their state representative, Jerry D. Howard.

Howard says that on Monday he plans to "introduce a resolution in the Missouri legislature that would require some action on the part of the state to investigate this phenomena."

## 'Whirlwind' Perhaps Was Spaceship

By John Mullet

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (UPI) — According to Joseph F. Blumrich, when the prophet Ezekiel saw that "whirlwind out of the north" back in the 6th century B.C., it was a spaceship.

Blumrich is chief of the systems layout branch of the program development office at the Marshall Space Flight Center. And he figures that "whirlwind" was a large rocket ship with four helicopter rotors descending from a mother ship in earth orbit.

Blumrich said he has been analyzing the technical possibilities of Ezekiel's description in the Old Testament 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," said Blumrich, who has a book on the subject coming out soon in Germany. He said in a telephone interview that the ship Ezekiel saw "was dependent on an orbital station. 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," he said.

Ezekiel's description, in the first chapter of his Old Testament book, says a "whirlwind came out of the North, a great cloud, and a fire unfolding itself, and a brightness was about it..."

Blumrich says he believes the rocketship was shaped like a cone with concave sides, using atmospheric drag to decelerate through the atmosphere, then slowing its descent first with braking rockets and, finally, with four rotor blades for the final few thousand feet to the ground.

Blumrich says that in his book he doesn't go into the possibilities of where the spaceship originated because the problem "is just too tremendously big. I'm trying to prove they were here. Of course I realize fully that according to our present knowledge it's practically impossible. It would have had to come from out of the solar system."

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# Fact or fiction?

Thousand Oaks, Calif. News Chronicle

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## They did indeed see something

By KAREN COZZENS

Last summer two 14-year-old Conejo youths saw something that scared the dickens out of them, but they were afraid to tell anyone but their parents... fearing the ridicule that would be bestowed upon them.

Seven months later two 15-year-old Conejo youths saw what they believe to be an unidentified flying object. They captured the phenomenon on film.

Still wishing to remain anonymous, one of the young men in the first duo explained that he and his friend were camping in his friend's back yard.

"We were looking up at the sky and saw something half round and very bright. My friend got really frightened."

He described the object as half round with "three diamond shaped" things on it. These were brighter than the rest of the "ship" and were pretty big.

"It went too fast to be a jet," he explained, "and it made no noise."

He further emphasized the speed of the object by adding that a light seemed to be coming from it and also advancing before it.

He described the object as looking flat surfaced and then, when it banked, taking on a saucer shape.

Although he did not tell his teachers, the Colina Intermediate School youth did tell a "couple friends."

In this case the young man's parents believed what he told them. His father relates that for five or six evenings the family sat up watching in the same general direction — to no avail.

The man is definitely sure that his son saw something "very unusual"

something that sounds like an air craft of sorts, but not the conventional type.

Although he was convinced by his son's apparent fright and sincerity, he preferred the young man's name not be used.

A call to the friend who had also been sleeping out brought several other theories and descriptions into the limelight.

"It was large and either grey or silver. There was no moon, but we could see it pretty good with the binoculars," he explained.

He added that it was flying pretty high and gliding effortlessly — again the report that there was no noise.

He too related seeing the diamond-shaped objects on the side of the UFO and recalled seeing a row of circles on top of the diamonds.

Before the events of that night the young man had read a lot about UFO's but has never seen one before or since. Prior to the sighting he didn't really take them seriously — now he does.

"Again emphasizing the event he said "It really scared the heck out of us."

Months later the second sighting took place.

"We were filming a movie — "Treasure of Death" for a class," explained one of the youths. Using still photography the youths had mounted the wording for the title shot on a piece of glass and were shooting skyward to catch the effects of the

clouds.

Richard Coimbra and Curt Huettner, the photographers, are both 15-years-old. Both feel that people wouldn't pay attention to their sighting, and figure nobody would believe them.

"It (the object) was silent. There was no hum, flame or smoke and it looked to be rotating. We saw it for about 30 seconds then it went behind the trees and clouds and out of view," one boy explained.

They estimate it was perhaps 800 feet in the air and one half to three quarters of a mile away from their site. Curt believes the UFO to be in the vicinity of 70 feet in diameter.

Both feel that it was traveling "about as fast as a jet."

Prior to seeing the object, the youths report noticing three or four regular commercial planes in the area and at first mistook the UFO for a plane — they are convinced it was not.

Curt believes it was some type of flying device being tested by the United States government.

He has been interested in space and has been reading about what the government is doing in the area of space exploration. He believes if it really had been an UFO or a foreign object, it would have been seen on radar.

Richard, on the other hand, feels intelligent life from some other galaxy may have been piloting the ship, reporting that both his father and grandmother have seen UFOs in the past.

Whether or not either of the Conejo sightings are valid remains unanswered.

All four boys, strangers to each other, are convinced that they did see something.

As the one father pointed out — "the boys saw something very unusual."

The question remains — what?



### What is it?

Kurt Huettner and Richard Coimbra believe this picture they took depicts an actual UFO sighted while they were filming a movie for school. Questions remain and there are more to ask, concerning the object. The boys are among hundreds of people throughout the country who have reported such sightings. For the most part the identifications are left up in the air.

Redding, Calif.  
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## Police search for saucer

Redding police combed both sides of the Sacramento River above the Diesthorst Bridge during the otherwise quiet pre-dawn hours Sunday morning, looking for the source of an eerie

sounding, oscillating wail.

At one point from Middle Creek Road, officers could see the vague outline of something large reflecting dimly in the moonlight across the river.

With suspicions that it could be a craft from outer space, three policemen hiked into river bank area about two miles north of the Redding Elks Lodge.

The police dispatcher contacted Federal Aviation Administration Flight Service Station in Red Bluff. They advised that however unlikely, the wierd noise could be coming from radiosond balloon that might have been forced down in unusual wind currents.

Officers discovered that the shape they saw from across the river was a small sotrage shed. The noise penetrating the night air was an audible burglar alarm.

Police said there was no apparent entry to the building, and that the alarm was probably set off by the wind.

Owner Scott Carter was roused from

### ays UFOs Exist

Editor of The Bee — Sir: UFOs are not fictitious, but factual. Many people have reached the point where they believe them to be now considered as part of a fairy tale that was derived from a child's story book. But certain identical indications that support a possible existence of UFOs cannot be denied because they include bizarre incidents, such as UFO crashes, sightings and actual photographs of these so-called "flying saucers."

We must become aware of the fact that we are not the only intelligent beings of life that exist in this universe. Out of the billions and billions of planets and solar systems, there is always the possibility of at least one planet which will contain a greater amount of intelligence upon it. To those people who disbelieve UFOs exist, I have but one bit of advice to them: do a little more research on this topic. A UFO BELIEVER. Reedley.

Fresno, Calif.  
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MAR 21, 1973

I Won't Say It's Alien

## Wood River Junction Watches Its Saucer

By THOMAS GARIEPY

On the night of Feb. 10, William E. Fallon had just left his home on Burdickville Road in Wood River Junction when he saw that the ground ahead was bathed in light. He looked up and saw what has become a familiar sight to many villagers — what some call the flying saucer of Wood River Junction.

Mr. Fallon backed his car to his house and got his wife, Mary. Together, the couple watched as the oval object, about 30 feet in diameter, made a pass over their home at an altitude of about 150 feet.

This was not the first sighting of a UFO in the area in the last month, nor was it the last. It was, however, the clearest sighting of the saucer, which has been seen by a variety of people on about 30 occasions.

Apparently southern Rhode Island is in the midst of a "flap" of UFO appearances, according to Donald R. Todd, of Perryville, whose hobby is investigating such reports as a field investigator for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO).

According to his report to APRO, a group which tries to document such sightings throughout the world, the objects have been seen in many villages of southern Rhode Island, from West Kingston on the east to Rockville on the north, the Dunn's Corners section of Westerly on the south and Stonington on the west.

No matter where they are sighted, the appearance of the objects sparks an interest in sky-watching. The Fallons, for example, have on many occasions driven the Wood River Junction area looking for UFOs, passing cars parked at the side of roads, their occupants similarly looking upward.

Reports of the sightings have apparently stirred persons in other areas to look for the objects. Recent police reports from Westerly and Stonington indicate that residents have reported seeing a bright object in the sky.

Police said that light turned out to be a reflection of a spotlight which a Groton shopping center was using for a special promotion.

The "saucer" spotted by the Fallons appeared to be ringed with bright white lights, flashing in an indecipherable pattern.

Inside the lights was what seemed to be "like a sidewalk that was spinning," Mr. Fallon said. This, too was lighted, and encircled what

After the object flew from the area, Mrs. Fallon called a friend, Mrs. Ann Gardner, who had reported seeing a similar object four days earlier. Mrs. Gardner told her that the object was then flying over her house.

Mrs. Gardner, her husband, Kenneth, and their two children live in a ranch house atop Shumunkanuc Hill in Charlestown, a short distance from the Fallons. From their picture window, the Gardners have a good view of the sky in several directions, and have seen the brilliantly-lit object several times, they report.

Although there have been only a few close-up sightings like that of the Fallons, the object has appeared at a distance over a wide part of southern Rhode Island.

Viewing a UFO on March 12 through field glasses at a distance of more than a quarter of a mile, this reporter saw a bright white light surrounded by numerous flashing red lights.

The object was seen slowly flying northeast near Shumunkanuc Hill. It was also sighted later that night near Route 112 in Carolina.

From the hill, the noiseless object appeared to circle around, heading back to the southwest. Midway across the field of sight, its lights suddenly went out, and it was not seen again until the later sighting.

The pattern and configuration of its lights did not resemble that of identifiable helicopters seen in the area on other nights. A spokesman at the Quonset Point Naval Air Station said no Navy helicopters had been in the area at that time.

Kenneth Gardner also says he has seen the object closely. This sighting occurred Feb. 6, as he was driving to the Wood River Junction Post Office. It was the first reported sighting.

"I was down at the post office when I saw this light lighting up the clouds," he recalled. A few seconds later, the UFO, similar to that described by the Fallons, became visible, traveling toward Shumunkanuc Hill.

Mr. Gardner recalls driving home and telling his family, "If you want to see something really strange, take a look outside." With the family watching, the disc flew by the house and "went halfway around again and then the lights went out," he said.

Mr. Gardner is an unflappable man who seems to take a reasoned approach to everything. But this object, he

"I was in the Navy for three years and I think I can identify about any type of plane or helicopter they've got," he said. "This was not any plane or helicopter as we know it."

"I'm not going to say what it was," he said. "I don't know. I won't say it's alien or anything like that. All I know is that I've never seen anything like it in my life."

For people without the hillside view of the Gardners, there are plenty of country roads to travel in search of the saucer. The Fallons, and apparently many others from the area, take advantage of them several times a week.

Their patience was rewarded March 1, with a sighting on Shumunkanuc Hill Road. "The whole center of this thing was a bright glow," Mrs. Fallon recalled. "There was a very sharp white line around the perimeter. Then it started getting brighter and I lost all detail."

"Then an airplane approached, and the object changed to a dim, orange-red and went off to the northeast," she continued. Observation of the color change confirms several other reports that the objects dim to a dull red or will, from a distance, appear to darken completely.

These changes often come as airplanes approach, witnesses say.

Although many explanations for the objects have been advanced, none seems to fully explain what these people have seen.

The pattern of lights, ability to change color or hover, and noiselessness appear to rule out the possibility of their being airplanes or helicopters. In addition, a spokesman at Quonset Point Naval Air Station reported that the Navy is not testing any type of experimental craft matching the description of the UFOs.

The theory that the objects are lights reflected off clouds or through the atmosphere cannot be disproved, but witnesses are skeptical of this possibility. Reflections would not appear so close to the ground, they say, and would not be likely to appear over such a wide range of time.

No matter what the objects are, many people in Wood River Junction will continue to watch. Mrs. Gardner, now a veteran of UFO sightings, approaches the matter calmly, but with a tinge of impatience in her voice.

"I just wish the thing would land," she said recently, pointing to her front yard, "right out there."

There is no guarantee that "the thing," whatever it may be, will be in the area much longer. But as long as sightings are reported, there probably will be a small band of residents in the fields and at the sides of roads, looking and wondering.

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## UFO's sighted in area

SAYLORS LAKE — Unidentified flying objects were reported sighted over Saylor's Lake Thursday night by 11 West End residents and the state police at Stroudsburg.

Police said the objects were reported at 9:30 p.m. by Mrs. Shirley Pfeiffer of Saylor's Lake.

She said she saw a total of 40 unknown circular objects flying from 500 to 2,000 feet above the lake. Mrs. Pfeiffer said some of the objects were red, others white and the rest were a configuration.

State Trooper Jeffrey Hontz said he arrived on the scene at 10 p.m. and said he saw four objects but didn't know what they were. His description agreed with Mrs. Pfeiffer's.

Mrs. Pfeiffer said the objects couldn't be planes because they didn't make any noise.

Police said late Thursday night they had no idea what the objects were.

The objects were first sighted by Alan Pfeiffer at 7:25 p.m. as he was walking home. He told his mother and a group of neighbors watched the objects for two hours before calling police.

Police said an airport in New York City was contacted but they were unable to pick up anything on their radar.

A spokesman for the Naval Air Station in Willow Grove said they didn't have any sightings in the Saylor's Lake area on their radar.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

By Marilyn Mather

I sighted three UFOs the other night. Well, I don't know what they were. They were strange.

I was looking out the window and saw this headlight driving along the crest of the hill.

A motorcycle, I thought, but then I realized there was no road there and probably not very good ground even for a bike.

Anyway, it couldn't have been a motorcycle because, it turns out, the light was up in the air. And then I saw another light traveling around in the sky and then a third. They couldn't have been planes, because they were too close and too... footloose and fancy-free? Something like that.

# UFO Sighted Over City

being about 15 feet in diameter, 40 feet high and traveling at an altitude of 300 feet. It was reportedly colored blue on one side and white on the other, with an overall yellow iridescence.

Satterlee told police that the "huge" bullet-shaped object had been descending rapidly, then tipped on its side and

An unidentified flying object was reported to Oregon state police Sunday evening by John Satterlee, 1215 NW 29th St. According to the report, Satterlee was traveling east on NW Grant Avenue at 10:20 p.m. when he saw a large object in the sky over the northeast city area. The object was described as

Investigating officers checked the Albany and Salem police departments but were unable to turn up any additional information.

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## Death of UFO Pilot?

Seattle, P.I. March 23, 73 CR: MATT Williams

### Texas Grave May Hold Space Secret

DALLAS — (AP) — A team of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) investigators are combing a cemetery in the ghost town of Aurora in North Central Texas for the grave of a UFO pilot reportedly buried there, the Dallas Times Herald said in its Sunday editions.

The newspaper said Hayden Hewes, director of the international UFO Bureau in Oklahoma City, confirmed that scientists are searching the abandoned weed-covered cemetery for the spaceship pilot's grave.

Hewes told the newspaper the search was prompted by newspaper

reports of April 1897 that a spaceship had collided with a windmill and exploded, and that the pilot had been buried in the town's cemetery.

The Times Herald said it located published reports of the crash that said "the body of the pilot was dismembered. However, enough remains were picked up to determine it was not that of an inhabitant of this world. It was given a Christian burial."

According to reports, the crash was the climax to a rash of hundreds of UFO sightings in North Texas cities and towns from April 14 through April 27, 1897.

The April 18, 1897, edition of the Times Herald quoted Dallas residents as saying that crowds had formed to watch a cigar-shaped object with blinking lights hover over the city and then disappear at high speed.

"During nightly visitations of the aerial monster over Dallas residents held lawn parties to sit outside and wait for its appearance," the Times Herald reported.

The day of the crash the UFO was sighted over Aurora at about 4 a.m., according to reports. It collided with Judge J. S. Proctor's windmill and went to pieces.

T. J. Weems, U.S. Signal Services officer stationed in Aurora, was quoted as saying the pilot carried some papers that appeared to be a log of his travels written in some unknown hieroglyphics.

The pilot was buried at noon, pieces of the spaceship, scattered all over the area, were taken by sightseers.

Hewes said his searches have located the cemetery and remains of the windmill and other landmarks.

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## UFO visits reported here

By MICHAEL WENTZEL  
Staff Writer

Mrs. Sharyn Semmel used to love her rural home in the wooded countryside two miles outside of Hamburg, Pa.

She loved her home until "it" arrived.

The "it" is a flying object which is rounded in the front. There are red lights in the front and white lights in the back that flash in sequence.

**THE FLYING OBJECT** moves slowly and makes no sound.

Mrs. Semmel has seen the flying object at least five times.

Early Monday, her neighbor — Mrs. Joyce Zetlemoyer — spotted the craft hovering above the Semmel home.

Stan Gordon, director of the Westmoreland County Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Study Group, said the description of the craft is the same as that given by state police. (GREENSBURG)

"There was a sighting last week by a state trooper and at least a dozen others near Stroudsburg," Gordon said. "The descriptions of the UFO are the same." (PO CONRAD)

Gordon's group is a network of professionals, engineers

and scientists who investigate UFO reports across the state.

"WE HAVE HAD over a hundred reports already this year," Gordon said. "Usually, we can explain away 95 percent of them. We haven't been able to explain these away."

A craft with the same description was spotted near Gordon's home about 30 miles west of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Semmel first spotted the UFO March 8.

She was driving up Focht Lane toward her home with her 3½-year-old son who spotted it first.

"It was flying very low. We couldn't hear it," she explained. "It flew away very slowly."

The craft returned in about an hour then flew off.

"I tried to forget about it," Mrs. Semmel said. "I was still awake a few hours later and I saw it hovering over the woods."

SHE SAW THE craft again the next night.

"I began to think I was a little funny in the head," the 25-year-old woman said. "I called state police. They said that no plane was in distress."

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## Area visits by UFO reported

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She checked the Blue Mountain Academy and its planes do not fly at night.

Mrs. Semmel—who is more than eight months pregnant—saw the UFO again March 12. "I'm more than a little scared," she said. "I think maybe they know I'm pregnant and want to find out how all that works."

Then, at 3:45 a.m. Monday, Mrs. Zetlemoyer spotted the craft.

"IT WAS BRIGHT and flashing," she said. "I can't describe it but it was exactly as Mrs. Semmel said it was. It was hovering over their home."

Gordon, director of the UFO group, believes in the craft.

"We have a lot of information. We have received reports from many countries throughout the world," Gordon said. "The reports carry the same description as the Semmel description. There is definitely something out there and it is not from this planet."

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## Flying Saucer? It Looked Like a Snake

—The object was of "great significance" and "a sign of good luck," said Radio Uganda, quoting President Idi Amin. The radio said Gen. Amin was among several persons in Kampala who saw "a spectacular object, covered with something like smoke" descending into Lake Victoria around noon. The report said Amin estimated the UFO was about 10 miles distant. "After some seven minutes," the broadcast said, "the object was seen lifting off like a rocket being fired, but moving gently. When disappearing into the sky, the last portion of it was seen like the tail of a big snake." The broadcast also quoted Amin as saying—"Any person who might have seen the object is advised to go for prayers in their respective places of worship."



# Whole Flock Of 'em

CR: John F. Schuessler

## Flew Over Again

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By Ed Wilks

Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

PIEDMONT, MO.

THE BROWN SHOE CO. has a factory here, up at the north edge of town where State Routes 49 and 34 merge to become Main Street, next to McKenzi Creek. There also are more than a few small shops and businesses in town, and three large sawmills and a couple of quarries in the area. Most of the construction workers who live here drive the 130 miles or so to St. Louis every day to find jobs.

So it is that Piedmont's population of about 2000 is employed. Of so it is during the day.

At night, almost everyone is at work looking for the UFOs — Unidentified Flying Objects — people have been sighting for more than a month in the dark Ozark sky of this foothill country in Southeast Missouri.

Police Chief Gene Bearden estimated that about half the people in town have reported an unusual sighting. He's among them, and he's a believer, although perhaps a bit more discerning than some.

In the front row of a crowd of sky-watchers a week ago at the city dump, up on a hill southeast of town where people usually stand a tornado watch, Bearden preserved order when one of the watchers spotted a blinking white light through the blackness and haze to the northwest. "There's one!" went the cry, followed by a "where?". But Bearden would have none of it. "That's a car coming down Ridge Road," he said. Bearden was right and the excitement died, although he conceded that he might have been wrong. "It might be on Bluff View Road," he hedged.

ERASMUS OMMANNEY is a stranger to Piedmont, and so, too, is Kenneth Arnold. But what each has had to say would not fall on deaf ears here.

Ommanney was standing outside a hotel when he saw it. What he saw was a bright light, which "immediately resolved itself into a clearly defined disk." It disappeared, he said, amid a discharge of brilliant orange clouds.

Ommanney never made it to Piedmont and Wayne County, Mo., so far as anyone is aware. Neither did Arnold, though no one could call it an oversight by either. Ommanney made his sighting in Wales on Aug. 26, 1894. Arnold, who lives in Boise, Idaho, saw his UFO on June 24, 1947 — the first such sighting among contemporary Americans — and it led to a 20-year study of such reports by the Air Force.

So don't dismiss the folks of Piedmont as country kooks (as opposed to city kooks). They know what they have seen and they've even taken photographs of what they have seen, although they still will accommodate skeptics. If what they have seen is a hoax, they'd like to have somebody prove it.

Through the summer of 1947, sightings of UFOs were reported in 43 of the then 48 states, Nevada, North Dakota, Mississippi, New Hampshire and Rhode Island were the only states with clear skies.

The St. Louis area was up there with the leaders in UFO reports. They'd been seen in Pattonville and Ladue, in north St. Louis and East St. Louis, in University City and Florissant.

BY THE END of 1947, sightings had been reported in London, in Manchuria and in France. From Teheran came the report of "star-like bodies that explode." In the United States there were reports of objects "as big as a five-room house, shaped like a wash tub," and others that looked like "drifting ice floes."

A priest in Wisconsin reported that he was "holding for the Federal Bureau of Investigation a metal disk 18 inches in diameter with gadgets and wires around a hole in the center." The object, he said, had crashed into the yard of the rectory accompanied by an explosion. Later, he recanted. He had found lettering on the object, he said, which read, "High-grade, 100 per cent Steel." He decided that the UFO really was a circular saw blade.

In San Francisco, an officer of the California Highway Patrol reported seeing "a dozen bright metal objects about the size of footballs whizz over San Francisco Bay and fall into the water."

In Joliet, Ill., a railroad engineer reported "about nine of them, in formation — flat circular objects faster than any airplane I ever saw."

Reports came in from Louisville, Ky.,

and Port Huron, Mich.; from Salt Lake City and Akron, O.; from Twin Falls, Idaho, and Bakersfield, Calif.; from Philadelphia and DeKalb, Tex.

The wire services insisted on keeping tongue in cheek, but they solicited an "absolutely no comment" from no less than Albert Einstein. They also got a denial from Orson Welles, whose "Invasion From Mars" radio program had caused a near-panic on a nationwide scale in 1938.

THE UFOs became a joke. A hat designer in San Francisco offered a flying saucer creation: four white plates perched on a turban-like foundation, or so it was described in newspaper accounts. A flying service in St. Louis dumped 150,000 paper disks, each 8 inches in diameter, over the area as an advertising stunt.

The UFO was one creation of the Western world of which even the Russians, who then were laying claim to everything, wanted no part. From United Nations headquarters at Lake Success, N.Y., the usually taciturn Andrei A. Gromyko, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, announced that he had not seen any UFO but had "heard someone attribute the sightings to the British, who were exporting too much of their Scotch whiskey to the United States."

A sighted UFO was a laugher. Or so it was until April of 1949, when the Air Force, in a 9500-word "digest of preliminary studies," said flying saucers "are not a joke." The Air Force found "no alarming probabilities" in the reports, but it conceded that 40 per cent of the sightings simply were without explanation.

True magazine did nothing to allay the fears of those who feared. In December 1949, True published an article based on an eight-month study by Donald E. Keyhoe, a former information chief for the aeronautics branch of the U.S. Department of Commerce. "For the past 175 years," Keyhoe said, the planet earth has been under systematic close-range examination by living, intelligent observers from another planet."

RADIO COMMENTATORS (at a time when radio was dedicated to more than this week's "Top 40") fed the American appetite. Frank Edwards told his listeners that flying saucers actually existed and that "they are not of this world." Henry J. Taylor replied by saying that flying saucers were, indeed, real, and that when the Air Force confirmed the news "it will be wonderful."

A disk-type aircraft was discovered in an abandoned Maryland tobacco shed by Air Force investigators. The property and the craft were traced to an inventor named Jonathan Caldwell, but his attorney disclaimed any connection with flying saucers on the part of his client. The Air Force acquiesced.

In 1950, Representative Melvin Price of East St. Louis had had enough. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee on Atomic Energy, he stated he "didn't believe in" flying saucers, just as he "didn't believe in ghosts."

But other members of Congress disagreed. Senator Clinton Anderson, former Secretary of Agriculture who went to Washington from New Mexico, where the Los Alamos atomic plant was located, was convinced that flying saucers were not figments of American imagination. He linked them to atomic work then under way, pointing out that there was too much atomic research under way in his state "to pooh-pooh the numerous eye-witness stories."

That was in March of 1950. A month later, Stuart Symington, now a U.S. senator from Missouri, but then Secretary of the Air Force, "poohed-poohed" accounts of flying saucers and "flying bananas" emanating from Texas. "There was nothing at all," to such reports, he said.

PERHAPS NOT. But seemingly well-established reports still nugged Air Force investigators. Two commercial airline crews refused to back down from their original reports of sightings in the Northwest and Southeast. And there remained the case of National Guard Capt. Thomas F. Mantell Jr., who crashed near Fort Knox, Ky., in 1948 after chasing a metallic-looking object of "tremendous" size in his F-51.

The Air Force had a ready explanation for the cause of Capt. Mantell's death: he had passed out for lack of oxygen at high altitude during the chase and crashed. But there was no explanation for what the "thing" was that he was chasing.

Then, too, there was the 1948 report by Lt. George F. Gorman of the North Dakota National Guard. He said he had engaged in a 27-minute "dogfight" with an unidentified object that outran, outmaneuvered and eventually eluded him.

The peak year for UFO sightings was 1952, when 1501 were reported to the Air Force. Investigators decided the sightings were of high-flying weather balloons, or high-flying aircraft reflecting sunlight, or reflections in the atmosphere from distant light sources on the ground, or meteorites, fireworks, flares and the like, or the planets Jupiter and Venus, or searchlights illuminating cloud layers, or jet-engine exhausts, or plain hoaxes and mirages. Later, satellites were added.

Still there were some reports that simply couldn't be filed under any of those categories.

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UFO SIGHTINGS are not new. Translations from early Latin writings referred to a "large round silvery thing like a disk" having been sighted in England in 1290. In 1704, there were reports of similar phenomena in England and in Switzerland. And, in 1897, the New York Sun reported a cigar-shaped object having been sighted over Chicago, Kansas City and parts of Texas.

But none of those reports, apparently, could compare with that of Kenneth Arnold, businessman and private pilot from Boise. In late June of 1947 he reported that while he was traveling over the Cascade Mountain range in western Washington he had sighted "shiny, flat objects—flat like a pie pan—moving at a speed of 1200 miles an hour toward Mt. Rainier at an altitude of 10,000 feet."

And thus it began. A Texas "preacher" was reported to have called Arnold and to have told him that what he had seen "were harbingers of Domsday."

In a telephone conversation last week, Paul Kiepe of Boise identified himself as an old friend of Arnold, who now, he said, had become a virtual recluse. "He's had such a bad time in his life—his wife, his family, himself—that a flying saucer would have to land on the big Arch in St. Louis for Ken to get out of his shell."

Kenneth (Saucers) Arnold, as he became known, was driven into that shell—to the point of having an unlisted telephone number a generation later—by scoffers as well as believers, said Kiepe, who described himself as "the only member of a national (UFO) society in this area." Kiepe is a member of the APRO, the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization.

Here in Piedmont, Maude Jefferis, Reggie Bone, Jean Coleman and Ken Johnson have no answer to the riddle. They only know what they have seen, and they are sticking to their stories. Unfortunately, for the skeptics who have appeared, Mrs. Jefferis, Bone, Mrs. Coleman and Johnson are all sturdy, respected members of the community.

Mrs. Jefferis, St. Louis reared and a 1919 graduate of Soldan High School (Where her late husband, Alva, organized the first school band, she said), is a teacher of photography at Clearwater R-1 High School here. All of her five students, she said, "are out trying to shoot the thing." She meant they were "shooting" with cameras, but Chief Bearden said at least two persons had told him "they'd try to shoot it down with guns if they ever saw it."

Mrs. Jefferis has several photographs of the thing that is keeping the folks here up late. One is of a gyroscope-sort of something spinning in the sky. Another is of a straight, horizontal line crossing the horizon "below another one." Mrs. Jefferis—who is "as honest as the day is long," according to Chief Bearden—is not easily dissuaded, and she said she had seen four of the "darn things" at one time.

"The one hangs there in the middle, like a communications center," she said, "and the others come up to it, as if they were making a rendezvous with it."

(J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the department of astronomy at Northwestern University who for 20 years was a scientific consultant to the Air Force in the matter of UFOs, suggested in a tele-

phone conversation that what Mrs. Jefferis's photograph of the spinning object showed "looks like a first-class lens flare." He was not, however, disputing the sightings reported in Piedmont.

(Post-Dispatch photographers disputed Hynek's "lens flare" theory. A lens flare, they said, would be widespread over the negative, rather than the small speck that appears in Mrs. Jefferis's photograph. A lens flare is defined as a reflection of light off the surface of the camera lens.)

Bone is the varsity basketball coach at Clearwater High School and he said, "I'd believe Maudie if Maudie told me something." He spoke for the town in that respect, and the town seems to hold Reggie Bone in similar esteem.

Coming home from a losing regional basketball game in late February, Bone and five of his players saw something sitting about 50 feet above ground in a field about 200 yards from the road.

"I thought it was a helicopter that had got into trouble," Bone said, "and then when it started to move off I figured I'd hear the noise of the rotors. But when it moved off—off to the tree line behind it—and didn't make a sound, I thought, 'Oh, oh.'"

Bone couldn't make out any shape to the thing, just a pattern of flashing lights that wasn't really a pattern at all, he said. There were white lights, and blue and red and amber. But not in any particular sequence.

"When I saw it first," Reggie Bone said, "I thought it was deciding whether to land or not."

IN THAT SAME general area, south of town, other persons reported the sighting, in the valley that is known as Brushy Creek. That's at Mill Spring, Mo., about 9 miles south of here.

"I went down there to see if I could get a picture of it," Maude Jefferis said, "and there were so many cars around you'd have thought there was a free circus going on."

She did get a picture—of something. "Just pin points on the negative, they were," she said, "but when I blew them up on the enlarger they seemed to have a glow about them."

Mrs. Jefferis also has seen them near her home, at Pine Hill Ranch on State Route 34 east of town. Her home is just over a hill from Chief Bearden's and when she tried to describe what she had seen, she settled for "they just seem to glare at you."

Mrs. Coleman, a girls' physical education instructor at Clearwater High School, also has seen the things—out at the dam that backs up the Black River into Clearwater Lake just west of town, and out in the Brushy Creek area. Ken Johnson has seen them at the lake, too. He owns the Piedmont Park boat dock there.

It was just a few feet from Johnson's house that some campers reported a sighting. The campers, from St. Louis County but unwilling to disclose their names, reported that they had seen a light under water along the shoreline. When one of the campers came close with a flashlight, the underwater light went out. That brought up some speculation as to an explanation.

At nearby Annapolis, Mo., according to Mrs. Coleman, there had been a story of two brothers out giggering frogs on the Black River who paddled their boat into shore in the presence of "a big, black, hovering object above them." The story made the rounds in Annapolis that the local conservation agent "had a new, silent helicopter" to hunt frogs.

IT COULD HAVE been that someone out giggering for frogs along the shoreline at Clearwater—to hunt frogs, you shine a blinding light along the shoreline of a lake or the bank of a stream—doused his flashlight at the approach of another light, which might have been in the hands of a conservation agent. Frogs are not in season.

A light directed at the surface of the water might have been mistaken at a distance for a light under the water.

The Federal Aviation Agency center at Memphis, which is responsible for air traffic in this area, reported no "unaccounted for" radar blips in the Piedmont region in the past month. But a spokesman for the center added that "we're not normally concerned with anything below 14,000 feet."

Such a high altitude range would not include the low-flying sightings reported here.

Mrs. Jefferis is sure that "the government must know about" whatever it is that the townspeople stay up nights trying to spot here. "If the government doesn't know about it," she reasoned, "why don't we have all those nosy government people down here?"

At the Pentagon in Washington, the Air Force denied having any interest. Its "Project Bluebook" has been closed down and that service now lives by the theory that "there is no threat to this nation by intelligent beings from another planet," an Air Force public information officer said.

THE EVIDENCE that was presented to the Air Force, just "did not justify" further investigation, he said. He conceded, however, that "there could be some super-secret experiment being conducted which, for reasons of security, wouldn't be mentioned."

(Hynek, who had been involved with Project Bluebook, referred to the recent sightings here and at Grand Tower, Ill., which is about 70 miles northeast of Piedmont, when he said, "Some damn thing should be done with these really good sightings." The government refuses to investigate, however, but perhaps only because "it knows more about them than it admits," he said.)

Whether an inquiry would be justified or not, persons who live in and near Russellville, Ala., recently have reported sightings similar to those recorded here. One Russellville citizen, who declined use of his name, said this past week, however, that "this is big moonshine country, too."

There is no evidence of moonshine sightings here in Piedmont, although Mayor Roy Anderson tends to refute the reports that have been made—even those of Chief Bearden and Don Shatley, one of two patrolmen on the police force.

"I've never seen anything, and I haven't gone out looking for anything," said the mayor. He did say that his "daughter has seen something, but..."

To Mayor Anderson, the reports of the "unusual sightings" hereabouts "shouldn't have any ill effect on the town." To the contrary, he said, "we're a resort town and if people come here, they leave some money here."

CHIEF BEARDEN said the same thing. "Something like this helps the economy of Piedmont," the chief explained.

Meanwhile, the townspeople—plus folks who drive in from nearby areas—are parked up at the city dump every clear night, and out on the dam and out at what is known locally as "Scenic View," although identified formally as "Stillhouse Hollow Roadside Park."

They all are doing what Mrs. Coleman said she had been doing every night lately.

"You go out after dark and look," she said, "because this is the thing you do."

And that's the most logical explanation that's been heard for what is going on



# FOREIGN

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## Man sees UFO, clocks it at 1800 mph

New Zealand

horizontally but could have been rising because our view was sometimes obstructed by houses," said the engineer, who did not want his name published.

NZPA

An unidentified flying object was sighted over Dunedin by several people last night.

Dunedin

It was "huge," bright yellow and red, cigar-shaped and travelling at a minimum speed of 1800mph.

Two groups of people reported sighting the UFO at 11.20pm, one at East Taieri and the other in Gilkison St, Dunedin.

From Gilkison St two

men, one a professional engineer, sighted the UFO travelling north for about 5 seconds before disappearing behind Flagstaff Hill.

### 'MINIMUM'

The engineer, also an amateur astronomer, calculated the minimum speed of the object to be 1800mph "because if it disappeared behind Flagstaff it must have been at least two miles away and I allowed three in my calculations.

"We watched it for six seconds during which time it travelled through about 60 degrees. This makes its minimum speed 1800mph. If it

was further than three miles away its speed would have been greater."

### LUMINOUS

The UFO was luminous and cigar-shaped with a small ball of fire following it.

The engineer said he did not believe in UFOs. "If it was a meteor it was a huge one and its trajectory was different." It was travelling parallel to the western horizon.

"I know all the planets and constellations but have never seen anything like this before. It seemed to be travelling

The two men in East Taieri, Mr Major Miller and Mr Ken Bailey, watched the UFO for about 20 seconds.

Mr Miller described it as huge, with a bright yellow nose, the yellow changing to bright red toward the tail.

"It made no noise and looked like an aircraft taking off but was going far too fast to be one.

### VANISHED

"It seemed to have a flaming tail following it and after about 20 seconds it just vanished."

Momona Airport closed at 9.20pm so no radar operators saw the UFO. The only suggestion the aerodrome superintendent could make as to the object's identification was that it was a weather balloon.

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## Claim U.F.O. 'probably fireball' discounted

NEW ZEALAND

The unidentified flying object sighted over Dunedin on Sunday night has been described as "almost certainly a fireball," by the director of Wellington's Carter Observatory, Dr A. C. Gilmore, but this description was discounted by a director of Dunedin's Begg Observatory today.

The U.F.O. was sighted at about 11.20 p.m. and was described as a "huge"

bright yellow and red cigar shape. Different groups of people watched from between six to 20 seconds.

Mr Gilmore said the description fitted that of a fireball. The observatory did not see it but he said that a fireball would have burnt itself out by the time it got near Wellington.

"Fireballs are comparatively rare in New Zealand," Mr Gilmore said. "We only get about three or four a year."

A director of the Begg Observatory in Dunedin, Mr S. D. Watts, discounted what Mr Gilmore said on the grounds that the longest a fireball would last before it burnt itself out would be one to two seconds.

"People who witnessed it watched for as long as 20 seconds. This is too long for a fireball to exist."

He described a fireball as a slow moving meteor which travelled at such a velocity that it existed in the Earth's atmosphere only one or two seconds before burning out.

A building contractor in Mosgiel, Mr Stan Smith, who reported seeing the U.F.O., said he saw parts of it dropping to Earth.

"There were large pieces dropping off it which glowed then disappeared."

Mr Watts said fireballs travelled at such a velocity that pieces could not drop off them; they would be drawn along.

"The usual size of meteors is only a speck, like a grain of sand. The apparent large size of fireballs comes from the light they give off in burning up so quickly."

The only explanation Associate Professor P. J. Edwards of the Physics Department at the University of Otago could give was that it was "a piece of man-made space junk" which had fallen from orbiting the Earth.

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Thames,  
Auckland Province (South)  
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Timaru, Canterbury Province  
The Timaru Herald  
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## U.F.O. SIGHTED BY NGATEA RESIDENTS

NEW ZEALAND

Brilliant red and white flashing lights — "a faint humming sound coming from well behind the object —" was how residents in Orchard West Road, Ngatea described a strange craft seen in the sky at about 8.30 p.m. on Friday night.

Miss Kaye Bennett, aged 21, was returning home from the township with her sister Della, when she noticed an object quite low in the sky, travelling slowly in a northerly direction. As it drew nearer they could see that there were red and white lights flashing on and off.

They immediately ran to inform their parents and neighbours of the strange craft.

Mr and Mrs N. Clarke of Orchard East Road described the experience as quite uncanny.

"There did not seem to be any sound coming from the object at first," said Mr Clark, "but as we listened we could hear a faint humming noise coming from some distance behind it.

The object seemed to be travelling in a northerly direction at a height of between 2000 and 3000 feet. Its apparent size, the brilliance of its lights and the slowness of its speed made it seem like no aircraft they had ever

## Three Timaru Residents Saw UFO

NEW ZEALAND

An unidentified flying object sighted over Dunedin late on Sunday night, and subsequently suggested to be a fireball, was seen by three Timaru residents when they were travelling toward the city, at Seadown, about the same time.

Last night Mr B. L. McLauchlan said he and Mr and Mrs A. Thomson were on the No. 1 State Highway, just east of the Timaru Airport, when they saw a brilliantly-white cigar-shaped light. It was dropping at a 45-degree angle from the south and appeared to be just over west of the airport.

(Note: On Monday the director of the Carter Observatory in Wellington, Mr A. C. Gilmore, said the descriptions of the light given by observers in Dunedin fitted that

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## SATELLITES

We all saw the mysterious object found on "Dobikin" Station near Bellata in September last year. The folk who did not see it at the annual Narrabri Festival, would undoubtedly have seen photos of it in their newspapers.

It was found half buried in the ground by an elderly stockman, and later several other objects of a like nature, were found in the same area.

It was handed over to the Dept. of Supply, and later identified as a fuel tank from a Russian space vehicle, as also were the other objects found nearby.

Now, a West Australian stockman has found a mystery satellite on a station 300 miles east of Perth, and refuses to hand it over to the Dept. of Supply. Pictures of the object indicate that it is

similar to the one found on "Dobikin". It was found by Mr. Tim Delaney of Maroubra Station, while boundary riding on this property, near Lake Moore.

Mr. Delaney is the first person to refuse to hand over a satellite found in Australia. A spokesman for the Dept. of Supply said he thought the Federal Government had the authority to compel him to do so.

When possession is obtained, the "object" will probably be sent to the Weapons Research Establishment at Salisbury, in South Australia.

## Outer space sphere found by stockman

which cluster at the flanks of rockets, and the contents may prove dangerous if the inner sphere is pierced.

There have been previous instances of items of space hardware returning to earth.

By United Nations regulations all such relics are returned to the country of their origin.

Department of Supply men, who examined the sphere, were unable to say from where it came.

car tyre, the outer sphere has a raised belt about two inches deep round its middle.

On one side of the belt are two holes, each about 1½ inches across, one open, the other partially closed, and having a smaller hole at the centre.

The interior sphere is sealed and gives off a sound of liquid splashing when the sphere, which is very light, is moved.

Experts guessed that the sphere was a propellant tank, a number of

The thin outer shell of the sphere is broken and bears the marks of heat.

The finder, stockman, Mr. T. Delaney, believes it to be part of a space satellite which re-entered the earth's atmosphere without being burned up.

About as round as a

lane.

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Cosham's U.F.O. spotters, Peter Warren (left) and Nicholas Proud.

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## Cosham 'U.F.O.' alert

An unidentified flying object flew across Cosham and disappeared over Portsdown Hill last night, according to two Cosham schoolboys.

Nicholas Proud (11) of 2, Third Avenue, and Peter

Warren (12) of 12, Third Avenue, were crossing Northern Road when they saw a large shining object about the size of a football.

"It was like a big ball of light moving slowly above us," said Nicholas. "Then it stopped for a few seconds.

When it started again Peter and I followed it.

"Peter thought it was an aeroplane at first, but it wasn't making any noise and it was going around in circles.

"Then it went away towards Portsdown Hill. Peter and I ran into the house for my father, but when we went out again it had disappeared."

Nicholas's father, Mr. R. Proud, said: "Nick and Peter rushed into the house and told me what they had seen. I went out but unfortunately it had gone.

"It was a clear night and the way Nicholas and Peter were going on, I think they must have seen something."

## Did little green men visit Joe Brant?

An unidentified flying object was sighted by at least two persons over Burlington last night.

Edward Groves, who lives on the eighth floor of an apartment building on Prospect Street, said he sighted the object going at great speed in a southwest direction over the town at about 10 p.m.

Mr. Groves said he called his wife who also watched the object which had no definite shape and seemed to land in the Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital area.

It took off again, hovered, and went down for a second time without being seen again by Mr. and Mrs. Groves.

"I heard no noise," Mr. Groves said. "That's the strange part about it."

He said there were spots of light as from a

running lights associated with airplanes.

"It was going at a terrific speed and because of the intensity of the speed I assumed it must be low," he said.

"My wife was in the room with me and I called her and she was just as amazed as I was," he said.

Mr. Groves said as the craft went down for the first time he expected an explosion.

He said after the object disappeared among buildings for a second time it stayed down.

"I have never seen anything like it," he said.

A spokesman for Joseph Brant Memorial Hospital said there have been no reports from the hospital staff of such an object.

Police also said they have no reports of the

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## Green ball in the sky

IN the Guernsey Evening Press, Friday, January 12, I read about 'Good home wanted for UFO Club.' Now here is another positive fact. On January 17, I suddenly looked out of the window. A UFO like a ball came at a high speed from the west, travelling over George Street direct to the east, and the colour was green.

These sights are not to be taken as fun: they are serious subjects. This one was one of several that I have seen and it certainly was not a

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## Defence Dept. wants to know about

### UFO's

Analysis of sighting reports of bright celestial objects viewed late last fall in the Territories suggest two brilliant fireballs crossed the Northern skies some 15 to 20 minutes apart moving from Northwest to Southeast and probably terminated in Hudson's Bay or the Atlantic Ocean, a spokesman for Northern Region Headquarters stated.

One object appears to have followed a southeasterly path passing near Peary River and Whale Cove, the other a more easterly course over Great Slave Lake and Hudson's Bay near Churchill.

Members of the Canadian Associate Committee on Meteorites who met recently in Ottawa and reviewed the sighting reports were most impressed with the accuracy of the observations received, and the response from Territorial residents who witnessed the event.

Meteorites are of great scientific value to Canada and the Canadian North is a potential source of supply.

A NRIHQ spokesman pointed out that especially during the winter period chances of a find are good as smaller meteorites may not penetrate ice cover. Unusual cinder like rocks found on ice may therefore be meteorite particles and be of scientific value.

NRIHQ Yellowknife will receive any likely samples which might be discovered and forward them to the Meteorite Committee in Ottawa. Any awards which may be made will of course be turned over to the finders.

CANADA

## Staff man sights UFO at Wapusk

A mysterious unidentified flying object which made a sudden appearance in northern skies about a fortnight ago has been sighted again.

A Leader delivery driver, Mr Tim McCaughey, watched the object, which he described as "like a blazing arrow", for more than 90 minutes as he drove from Warialda to Barraba on Wednesday night.

"It didn't seem to be moving anywhere. It just slowly disappeared as the sun rose," he said.

When he stopped at Bingara to unload copies of The Leader Mr McCaughey pointed out the object to Mr Bruce Joyce and his wife.

At Barraba it was still visible at 6.35 am when he also showed it to the Leader's correspondent there.

Mr McCaughey, who has been on the northern delivery run for 20 years "on and off" said: "I've been doing this run long enough to know what the morning stars look like."

"It had a very small light at one end and a large, extremely bright light at the other. The two lights looked to be connected by a shaft of light."

"I first saw it when I started on the journey back from Warialda. It could have been there all the time I was driving up, but I didn't notice it until it turned around."

"The object was very low in the eastern sky."

"The lights weren't consistent. They seemed to fluctuate."

Two weeks ago, Mr McCaughey picked up two hitch-hikers who waved him down after being terrified by a similar experience.

"They told me two lights such as this had appeared to be following them."

"They were really scared. One of them was ready to take to the bush at any moment," said Mr McCaughey.

"I don't blame them for being frightened."

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## Women claim UFO sighting

WAGGA. — Three women claim they say an unidentified flying object in the sky over Leeton on Thursday

Mrs. Bulgari and her two neighbors in Mallee Street, Leeton, described the object as shaped like a shark, with lights in the nose and along the side of the body.

They said that although it travelled quickly eastward it was visible for several minutes.

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## A "thing" over Coast

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SURFERS' PARADISE. — A flying saucer mystery is developing among the night-shrouded mountains of the Gold Coast hinterland.

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## Pilots see UFO

The Star's Africa News Service LOURENÇO MARQUES — A Boeing 737 jet of Mozambique's Deta Airline was followed this week by an unidentified flying object for 20 minutes on a night flight from Beira to Lourenço Marques.

The Boeing was flying at a height of 8400m and a speed of 850km/h when the aircraft's veteran commander, Captain Gilberto Costa and First Pilot Edgar Nasi Pereira saw the object.

They immediately called two air hostesses to the cockpit to corroborate the sighting.

In a report submitted to the airline's administration and the Mozambique military authorities, the crew said the object followed the airliner for about 20 minutes.

It switched from the right to the left side of the aircraft a few times with red lights flashing before disappearing at high speed.

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# FLYING SAUCER PHENOMENA!

Gosford unidentified flying objects investigator, Mr. Harry Griesberg, these days almost needs a secretary to handle the number of phone calls he is receiving.

The proliferation of telephone calls all relate to the same subject: reported sightings of mysterious objects, moving at great speeds, in the Central Coast's skies.

Mr. Griesberg, a serious-minded student of this phenomena, and normally not one to become over-excited at reported sightings until investigations are completed to its authenticity, is intrigued with their current frequency. In the past three weeks, and especially in the last week, his phone has been running hot with calls from local residents.

Many of these wish to remain anonymous, but felt they must divulge

what they witnessed to a reliable authority.

Mr. Griesberg is the secretary of the Central Coast Investigation Bureau of Unidentified Flying Objects.

He told the "Express" of some of the calls he has had.

In some cases, the mystery object was confirmed by varying sources, at different locations, all giving almost the same versions of its appearance and behaviour.

### WAR TIME "SPOTTER"

In one instance, two car-loads of people inspecting St. Hubert's island saw two objects at about 20,000 feet.

Later he received another call from a Navy electronics officer, who reported sighting an object high in the sky over the Broadwater with oscillating search-lights.

He had been watching the object from President's Hill with his girlfriend.

The man told Mr. Griesberg that he rang 2GO, the police, and relevant authorities in Sydney also.

### WAR TIME "SPOTTER"

Another woman, formerly a coastal 'spotter' during the last war, also rang Mr. Griesberg.

Another five people phoned from Yattalunga where they reported that increased in radiance as it disappeared, seeing a white object.

The research group intends to fully investigate all claims.

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## Lights in sky not explained

Lismore Police were unable yesterday to explain flashing red and green lights which were

reported in the north-west sky on Wednesday night.

Two police constables claimed to have seen at least a dozen of the star-like objects through binoculars.

Constables Max Tutt and Malcolm Eades drove a police car out along the road to Nimbin soon after midnight to investigate a light in the sky.

They found that the light was much higher in the sky than they at first thought.

Looking through binoculars, they saw a dozen more of the red and green flashes.

Const. K. Orr, of Lismore Police, also claimed to have seen the bright "star" on Wednesday night.

The lights appeared to be either stationary or travelling slowly from east to west.

Many people in Lismore and Goonellabah reported seeing them.

## Explanation given to north's UFO sighting

R. Grout, Carthage Street, Tamworth, writes:

It is surprising that in this so-called enlightened age that man still cannot observe the night sky and watch a planet rise or set, or a

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## Driver, students sight U.F.O. near Buck Mountain

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CANADA

By Irene Hardy  
At 8:00 a.m. on November 27, 1972, bus driver Lawrence Lind and his young passengers were on their way to school at Buck Creek.

The sun was shining brightly and in the clearness of the sky, there appeared before them, a brilliant, cigar-shaped object with lights flashing and exhaust quickly vanishing.

The object was first seen in

a position above the highway, north of Buck Mountain. Then it moved over toward the mountain and back again to a position above the highway. There it stood still in mid-air for about an hour. All of a sudden, it was gone. Did anyone see it go or did it vanish when all eyes were off it? How high up was it? If anyone has these answers, may we have them just for the record, please?

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satellite or plane pass over, without resorting to primordial instincts and fears in an effort to explain what he sees.

Few people would admit that all phenomena that are classified unidentified flying objects (UFO) can be explained in terms of contemporary knowledge. However, I believe that many cases of UFO sightings can be so accounted for and that the following account is one such case.

I would like to refer readers to a front-page article which appeared in The Leader on February 2 describing how a Leader delivery driver watched for 90 minutes a stationary object low in the eastern sky which disappeared as the sun rose.

It "had a very small light at one end and a large, extremely bright light at the other. The two lights looked connected by a shaft of light... (and)... seemed to fluctuate."

The driver had never seen anything like it during the 20 years of his delivery run.

There is a simple explanation that I can offer for what he saw.

At present two easily distinguishable planets are making their appearance together in the eastern sky before sunrise.

They are the giant planet Jupiter (the largest planet in our system of planets) and the mysterious cloud-covered planet Venus (the planet frequently called the "morning" or "evening star").

The reasons for their prominence in the night sky and at twilight and why Jupiter is not as bright as Venus has to do with the size of their orbits around the sun and the diameters of the planets themselves.

A fortnight ago Jupiter was rising after Venus, but by the end of last week both planets were rising at such a time and position on the horizon that they appeared joined.

Currently, Jupiter rises around 5 am and the sun rises about 6.30 am.

A similar event occurred on or around January 19 involving Jupiter and the planet Mercury.

However, because of their close rise times to sunrise, they may have been difficult to see.

Perhaps then, if people were better informed about regular events such as the movement of planets, times of visible satellite pass-overs, weather balloon launchings etc, everyone would be in a much better position to judge not only what is seen, but also what is read and heard.



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# Schoolgirls spot mystery in sky

NEW SIGHTINGS of mystery lights in the sky over Winsford have been made by two schoolgirls, and will be reported to the British Unidentified Flying Object

Research Association.

The girls, Shirley McStehin and Carol Lunt both of Mount Pleasant who are 13 and attend Woodford Lodge Comprehensive School.

One night the girls saw flashes in the sky and the following evening, looking from Woodford Lane over the Grange Estate, they saw a moving object which was travelling towards St John's Church and changing colour from red to white.

Their description tallied with the sighting near Knights Grange recently and also with other reports last August, when 40 people living in the Pulford Road-Brindley Avenue area of The Grange saw lights in the same part of the sky.

"I have never seen anything like it before or since," said Shirley. "I thought at first it was a star but a star does not change colour. It appeared to be landing before it disappeared."

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## SO AFRICA UFO follows Mozambique airliner

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Herald Africa News Service  
LOURENCO MARQUES

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## UFO Reported

MURWILLUMBAH: A number of people in the Gold Coast and Tweed areas reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object during Sunday night's blackout.

One of the people was Mr. Ron Evans, of Kirkwood Road, South Tweed Heads, who estimated the time of his observation of the object about 10.45 p.m.

He said it appeared as a big, white intense light, not perfectly round and flying at about two to three thousand feet.

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"It was a big, white, intense light," Mr. Evans said, "not perfectly round and flying at about two to three thousand feet."

"The object was pulsating and travelled slowly, with a slight up and down movement," Mr. Evans said.

"I called my wife to look at the object, and we watched for a few seconds before losing sight of it behind a building."

"The object was new to me."

"But I spent a long time in the Fleet Air Arm, and I saw every sort of aircraft you could name."

"This sighting was new to me."

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# Thing in the night mystifies drivers

3232 by JOHN COLDSTREAM

A MYSTERIOUS object claimed to have been seen hovering near a Hertfordshire road is being investigated by experts.

It is said to have made a brief appearance in the early hours one morning at the end of last week.

According to three eye-witnesses, it seemed to hang almost motionless above a field next to the A414 Hemel Hempstead-St Albans Road, near the M10 fly-over.

Jim Sutcliffe, aged 28, was driving home to Howlands, Welwyn Garden City, at about three o'clock in the morning. "Just where the road goes under the M10 bridge, I saw a lot of cars pulled up at the side," he said.

"I stopped and everyone was looking over a gate at a

big, yellow glowing ball, hovering above the ground.

"As one of the astonished watchers went to tell the police, the 'thing' shot straight up in the air and vanished," he said.

Drivers who saw the incident said the "Thing" appeared to be about 20 or 30 feet above the ground. "It looked at least 100 yards away," said Jim.

An anonymous caller told the Evening Echo that when he reached the bridge his car cut out for no reason and started again when the light rose.

St Albans police confirmed that a third eye-witness from Edgware, reported the sighting.

A spokesman for the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association said the sightings would be investigated.

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## Glowing object sighted CANADA

A Kingston man reported today he had seen a glowing object in the sky Sunday about 7:45 p.m.

David Smith, 35, a metallurgy researcher at Alcan, was travelling east on Norman Rogers drive when he saw the pinkish-purplish light. The object was hovering, he said.

"It looked like a fire from a Roman candle and was about 1,500 feet above the city. It seemed to get larger, then decreased in size. It was dropping illuminated particles," said Mr. Smith a Portsmouth resident.

"Then it shrivelled up and died," he said. The body looked about the size of a full moon and the whole sighting lasted about 90 seconds. However, Mr. Smith had no idea whether it was visible before he spotted it as he drove along Norman Rogers drive.

Mr. Smith said he is not an avid reader of science fiction though he believes unidentified flying objects are a possibility and reflect the good

chance that there is intelligent life in the universe.

He's anxious to know if anyone else saw the hovering body.

"But when I talk about it to people, they say 'Oh, is that right?' and they kind of look at you," Mr. Smith chuckled.

He is thinking of reading a few library books on UFOs — and maybe keeping a camera in the car.

see a UFO at Sylvan Friday? CANADA

Anybody notice an Unidentified Flying Object south of Sylvan Lake Friday noon?

Mr. and Mrs. Dietrich Ammeter did. They live about 3 1/2 miles south of the lake.

The object, they said, was a huge doughnut-shaped smoke-ring which moved eastward across the sky — then abruptly vanished.

Mr. Ammeter sought to get a photograph of the object but was uncertain whether his film recorded anything.

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# MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS

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## Sky 'ball of light' sparks UFO calls

SCORES of Unidentified Flying Object spotters rang the police and Manchester Evening News today after seeing a brilliant, green coloured shape with a tail in the sky over the Manchester area.

It was visible for only seconds before disappearing below the horizon. Sightings varied from Manchester and Stockport to the Oldham area.

Mr Robert Bogle, an engineer, of Tarnside Close, Offerton, Stockport, was exercising his dog at break-fast-time when he saw the object. "It was a very bright, greenish ball of light with a long tail to it. It was visible for just a couple of seconds before vanishing," he said.

Shop manager Mr Richard Hamblet of Romiley, Stockport, saw it from his car. "It seemed to be about 200 yards away and finally seemed to drop over some open land."

University technician Mr Clifford Metcalfe thought it might have been over the the Cheetham area in Manchester.

Police said they had received no reports of damage from any "meteorite" type object.

A spokesman at Ringway Airport said they had not heard of any unusual object in the sky.

## BEXLEY HEATH & WELLING OBSERVER

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## Mystery light just hot air?

WAS IT A weather balloon? That is the question asked this week after two separate sightings of a "strange bright light" over Bexley on March 4—and only four days before a "Kentish Times" feature on unidentified flying objects.

Mr Graham Roberts and his mother Audrey saw the light from their home in Bexleyheath at 6.25 p.m., while teacher Mr John Smith and his fiancée Jane, saw it from Dartford at exactly the same time.

Mr Roberts said the phenomenon headed almost directly toward their home in Red House Lane, from a south-westerly direction. Mr Smith maintained the light appeared to be over Bexley.

Said Mr Roberts, a surveyor: "Watching the light for about 30 seconds I noticed it was rising in the sky and getting larger."

"As it came nearer it became evident that it was a collection of lights resembling the shape of a spherical diamond."

"The cluster of lights—about

## EXPRESS & STAR (Wolverhampton)

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## Weather men help Tony track a UFO

West Midland weathermen have been called in by a Bilston man to help him track a "stray" UFO.

The Unidentified Flying Object has been seen by Mr Anthony Grigg of Jenkins Close over Bilston on several occasions.

He says its a bright light which always appears in the same place.

"It always comes at the same time and from the same direction," said Mr Grigg.

He added that he has called in "the officials" to help track "the recurring light source."

A spokesman for Edgaston Observatory said that now they had been alerted they would be keeping a watch out.

## U.F.O. seen for second time

TWO Duke of York's School boys say they saw an unidentified flying object over their Guston school on Friday—their second sighting in the last few months.

David Rouse and Richard Sandells, both 13, say they saw a triangular-shaped object in the sky on Friday evening. It did not seem to be the same as the previous object they saw.

"This object did not stop but turned very sharply and headed in the opposite direction," they say.

The first object gave out a humming noise, was triangular-shaped with lights on its base which flashed regularly. It remained motionless but was not a helicopter and "could not possibly be mistaken for anything seen in the air on an average day." It made off silently towards Canterbury.

## DOVER EXPRESS & EAST KENT NEWS ENGLAND

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## North Bay Nugget, Ont.

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## CANADA

## Light in the sky mystifies members of North Bay family

Harry Waghorn would like to know just what those lights he saw Thursday night actually were.

Mr. Waghorn said he was walking his dog along Hwy. 17 E., just outside city limits when he saw the light.

"There was a bit of cloud cover and above the cloud there seemed to be a light coming down from it."

"It was almost like a search-light but shining down."

He said the light was rotating, in about a 30 foot radius, turning completely every couple of seconds.

Mr. Waghorn watched the light for a few minutes as it moved slowly westward and then called his wife and daughter.

The light stopped moving westward and seemed to hover for a couple of minutes and then began to move again, disappearing in the direction of Callander.

Mr. Waghorn doesn't believe that it was an aircraft he saw. Nor does he think it was something like marsh gas.

But he is anxious to find an explanation and to locate anyone else who saw the light.

## EVENING SENTINEL (STOKE)

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## Colour film of UFO shown first at Longton

A recently taken colour film of an unidentified flying object over the Oxfordshire countryside was shown to the public for the first time at a meeting at Longton last night.

It showed an orange object hovering in the sky and was the latest in a long line of sightings being investigated by the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association.

The meeting was the first staged by the newly formed Staffordshire branch of the association who have 20 members throughout the area.

The speaker was the Chairman, Mr. R. Stanway, who spoke of the past, present and future of the association. He outlined past achievements and described projects currently being pursued in a bid to unravel the complex problem of UFOs.

Mr. Stanway said there had been no sightings locally in recent months but any mysterious flying objects should be reported by the public to his association to enable them to be checked.

## Object puzzles D'port woman

An object which flashed red, green and orange and appeared to "jump" up and down in the sky...

That's what a Devonport woman, Mrs. Anne Roberts, of Old Coast Rd., saw from her home on Monday night.

"It was too high for a plane and too low for a star," Mrs. Roberts said yesterday. "It kept flashing like an ambulance light, but in varying colors."

Mrs. Roberts said she first spotted the object in the north-eastern sky about 10.45 p.m., and watched it with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Griffiths, for about three-quarters of an hour.

For much of this time she gazed at it through a pair of binoculars.

## "ADVOCATE" AUSTRALIA

Burnie, Tas.

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**U.F.O. SIGHTED**

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NEW ZEALAND

WELLINGTON (P.A.) — An unidentified flying object sighted over Dunedin late on Sunday night was described as "almost certainly a fireball" by the Director of Wellington's Carter Observatory, Mr A. C. Gilmore.

The UFO was sighted at about 20 p.m. and was described as "a huge, bright yellow and red, cigar-shaped. Different groups of people watched from between 6 and 20 seconds. Mr Gilmore said the description of that of a fireball. He said the Carter Observatory did not observe it and said that a ball would have burnt itself out by the time it got near Wellington. "Fireballs are comparatively rare in New Zealand," Mr Gilmore said. "We only get about three or four a year."

NEW ZEALAND

# Mystery object in Dunedin sky

Dunedin (PA). — An unidentified flying object was sighted over Dunedin by several people on Sunday night.

It was "huge", bright yellow and red, cigar-shaped and travelling at a minimum speed of 1800 mph.

Two groups of people have reported sighting the UFO at 11.20 p.m., one at East Taieri and the other in Gilkison Street, Dunedin.

From Gilkison Street two men, one a professional mechanical engineer, sighted the UFO travelling north for about five seconds before disappearing behind Flagstaff.

The engineer, also an amateur astronomer, calculated the minimum speed of the object to be 1800 mph. "Because it disappeared behind Flagstaff it must have been at least two miles away. I allowed three in my calculations. We watched it for six seconds during which time it travelled through about 60 degrees. This makes its minimum speed 1800 mph. If it was further than three miles away its speed would have been greater."

Describing the UFO as luminous and cigar-shaped with a small "ball of fire" following it, the engineer admitted he did not believe in UFOs. "If it was a meteor it was a huge one and its trajectory was different." It was travelling parallel to the western horizon.

"I know all the planets and constellations but have never seen anything like this before. It seemed to be travelling horizontally but could

have been rising as our view was sometimes obstructed by houses," said the engineer, who did not want his name published.

The two men in East Taieri, Mr Major Miller and Mr Ken Bailey watched the UFO for about 20 seconds. Mr Miller described it as huge, with a bright yellow nose with the yellow changing to bright red toward the tail.

"It made no noise and looked like an aircraft taking off but was going far too fast to be one. It seemed to have a flaming tail following it, and after about 20 seconds it just vanished."

Momona Airport closed at 9.20 p.m. so no radar operators observed the UFO. The only suggestion the aerodrome superintendent could make as to the object's identification was that it was a weather balloon.

No report was made of the UFO to any of the directors of the Begg Observatory, which is not manned at present as a new telescope is to be installed.

The Otago Harbour Board radar is only used in cases of fog and was not operating last night.

## Flying saucer sighted

Army and air force officials last night received hundreds of telephone calls reporting an unidentified flying object.

Calls came from as far as Balmoral, in the Western District, Bendigo, in central Victoria, and Lang Lang, in Gippsland.

The reports came shortly after 10 p.m. from people claiming they had seen a "trail of white lights leaving a bright vapour trail across the sky."

The chief flying instructor of Pipeair Flying School at Moorabbin airport, Mr. Garth Harris, 36, said he was flying near Bendigo when "three bright lights flashed across the sky," two miles in front of his Piper Cherokee.

"It must have been doing about 3000 miles per hour and crossed from right to left of the plane in about a minute," he said.

An officer at the Victorian army barracks rang "The Age" reporting scores of telephone reports.

The RAAF is investigating the reports.

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## Those sightings mystify

THE Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre has been unable to find any explanation for the recent UFO sightings at Dover.

The TUFOIC's sighting officer (Mr K. Bennetto) said yesterday that the centre had received reports of a further eight sightings ranging from Kempton to Adventure Bay.

In the previous Dover sighting, three witnesses watched a reddish light for 15 minutes.

A Kempton witness had reported seeing a red light apparently at ground level on a nearby hill, which rose up and disappeared towards the East.

The object was seen shortly before the Dover report.

The same evening, March 28, other reports of red lights were made from the Old Beach area and Adventure Bay, but the sightings were still being investigated, according to Mr Bennetto.

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## Thing in the night mystifies drivers

ENGLAND by JOHN COLDSTREAM

A MYSTERIOUS object claimed to have been seen hovering near a Hertfordshire road is being investigated by experts.

It is said to have made a brief appearance in the early hours one morning at the end of last week.

According to three eyewitnesses, it seemed to hang almost motionless above a field next to the A414 Hemel Hempstead-St Albans Road, near the M10 fly-over.

Jim Sutcliffe, aged 28, was driving home to Howlands, Welwyn Garden City, at about three o'clock in the morning. "Just where the road goes under the M10 bridge, I saw a lot of cars pulled up at the side," he said.

"I stopped and everyone

big, yellow glowing ball, hovering above the ground.

"As one of the astonished watchers went to tell the police, the 'thing' shot straight up in the air and vanished," he said.

Drivers who saw the incident said the "Thing" appeared to be about 20 or 30 feet above the ground. "It looked at least 100 yards away," said Jim.

An anonymous caller told the Evening Echo that when he reached the bridge his car cut out for no reason and started again when the light rose.

St Albans police confirmed that a third eyewitness from Edgware, reported the sighting.

A spokesman for the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association said the sightings

## Fireball or U.F.O?

DUNEDIN — An unidentified flying object sighted over Dunedin on Sunday night has been described as "almost certainly a fireball" by the director of Wellington's Carter Observatory, Mr A. C. Gilmour, but this description was discounted by a director of Dunedin's Begg Observatory yesterday.

The U.F.O. was sighted at about 11.20 p.m. and was described as a "huge," bright yellow and red cigar shape. Different groups of people watched from between 6 to 20 seconds.

Mr Gilmour said the description fitted that fireball. The Carter Observatory did not see it, but he said that a fireball would have burnt itself out by the time it neared Wellington.

"Fireballs are comparatively rare in New Zealand," Mr Gilmour said. "We only get about three or four a year."

A director of the Begg Observatory in Dunedin, Mr S. D. Watts, discounted what Mr Carter said on the grounds that the longest a fireball would last before it burnt itself out would be one to two seconds. "People who witnessed it watched it for as long as 20 seconds. This is too long for a fireball to exist."

He described a fireball as a slow-moving meteor which travelled at such a velocity that they existed in the earth's atmosphere only one or two seconds before burning out. — (P.A.)

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