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2 narrow hunt for UFO pilot's grave

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Two lifelong Aurora residents have given The Times Herald confidential information pinpointing the grave of an Unidentified Flying Object pilot reportedly buried in the Aurora Cemetery after the crash of his spaceship in the small Wise County community April 19, 1897.

The crash site at a well on the Brawley Oates property in Aurora and the small country cemetery in North Texas have been the scene of intensive scientific investigation by reporters and "ufologists" from several UFO research organizations since mid-March.

The information given Monday by the pair of residents, who asked not to be identified, led reporters to a remote area of the old cemetery where the grave and certain landmarks associated with it were found exactly as described.

The information, the residents said, had been relayed to them from a nearby community by a resident who is almost 90 years old and seriously ill with

a heart condition and high blood pressure.

The resident said he could "lead us right to the grave if it were physically possible for him to make the trip for he has visited it many times," the Aurora people said.

The Times Herald is withholding detailed information on the grave and the landmarks surrounding it to protect the grave from damage by vandals and souvenir seekers. They already have broken off and carted away a number of old handmade marker stones.

When checked with metal detectors by Earl F. Watts, a Dallas astronomer and investigator for the Midwest Unidentified Flying Object Network (MU-FON), the grave gave off the same decible signals as unidentifiable pieces of light metals found at the crash site at the well.

"The evidence linking this grave and the crash site seem too solid to be co-incidental," Watts said. "Everything checks out exactly as described."

On Monday, reporters working with Watts recovered at least two more

types of extreme lightweight and strong unidentified metal near the old well, which has been sealed since 1945.

"One is magnetic and the other non-magnetic," Watts said. "And both are so hard you can barely make a mark in them with a carbon steel or diamond point."

The samples were rushed to the laboratories of one of the nation's largest aircraft companies where complete analysis will be made.

A report on the analysis is expected in about a week.

If the report indicates some of the metals are made of materials not known on earth or are an alloy known to have been developed since the date of the crash, a court order asking exhumation of the pilot's remains will be sought in Wise County Court.

An injunction preventing digging was issued last week in Wise County Court after Hayden Hewes, director of the International UFO Bureau in Oklahoma City, told a radio network he was going to exhume the body immediately.

FLYING SAUCER IN THE NIGHT

CR: Jim Auburn
Tribune Reporter

A FLYING saucer landed on Mr and Mrs Derk Kruger's front lawn at their Queenstown home this week.

This is the latest of the UFO incidents that have had the town talking during the past six months.

Mr Kruger — down to earth and not given to flights of fancy — said this week no-one had actually seen the UFO but a strange droning in the night and mysterious "pad marks" on his lawn prove his theory.

The police were called in, and the District Com-

mandant, Lieut-Col. L. K. Knox, admits he is baffled.

Light

Mr Kruger, who has never taken flying saucers seriously before, said: "Between 3.30 and 4am on Monday my wife and I were woken by a strange droning sound.

"It was the most eerie experience I have ever had. We could hear the thing — and a dull light was shining into our bedroom.

"It lasted a little while and then disappeared. In all my years I have never had such a weird experience.

"There's something unnatural about it; something you can't explain."

Mr Kruger said he did not look out of the window "because the last thing we expected was a UFO on our front lawn."

After the noise and light disappeared they were not unduly worried.

"The only thing is we could not get back to sleep. Eventually I got up and made some coffee."

Mr Kruger went to work as usual and nothing more was said about the incident. His wife discovered the marks on Monday evening while watering the garden.

"There we saw the four pad marks, or whatever they are. I got such a fright when I looked at them that the hair on my arms stood on end."

The marks, coupled with the events the previous night, convinced the Krugers they had been visited by a UFO.

"Something definitely landed there," Mr Kruger said.

There are four oval marks, 23cm long and 15cm broad,

clearly visible as the grass is dying and turning yellow.

Baffled

Inside each oval the grass is still green. The marks form an area three metres long and 1½ metres wide.

Colonel Knox said he was baffled, mainly because of the complete symmetry of the marks. But he said there would be no formal investigation by the police "as there is very little to go on."

Mr and Mrs Kruger do not know why they were chosen for a visit by the UFO. "We are not superstitious people. All we know is that something came here on Monday morning. Don't ask us why."

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EXHUMATION OF 1897 UFO 'PILOT' BODY ASKED

CR: F. KROG

AURORA, Tex. (UPI) — An International UFO Bureau spokesman said Wednesday the organization would go to court if necessary to open a grave in a small North Texas cemetery it says contains the body of an 1897 astronaut who "was not an inhabitant of this world."

Hayden Hewes, director of the unidentified flying object investigative group, said legal means already have begun for exhuming the body.

"After checking the grave with metal detectors and gathering facts for three months, we are as certain as we can be at this point he was the pilot of a UFO which reportedly exploded atop a well on Judge J. S. Proctor's place, April 19, 1897," Hewes said. "He was not an inhabitant of this world."

An intense search for pieces

of the 19th Century spaceship have been underway since March by the UFO Bureau team, but the story of the alleged explosion of the UFO has been a legend in Wise County for more than a half century. It was first reported in Dallas and Fort Worth newspapers a few days after the alleged explosion, and reporters quoted witnesses that they had also buried the astronaut who died inside the ship.

Most residents around the small hamlet, about 60 miles northwest of Fort Worth, claim the story was always a hoax.

Hewes doesn't believe so.

"We hope by exhuming the body we may obtain some of the same type of unusual metal from either his clothing or bones that was unearthed at the well site when we checked it with metal detectors," he said.

CR: OZANNE

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TEXAS Aurora UFO site probe near climax

By BILL CASE.
Aviation Writer

Exhaustive efforts since mid-March to confirm reports that a UFO crashed at a well site in Aurora, Tex., April 19, 1897, were at a crucial stage Sunday.

Investigators from MUFON (Midwest Unidentified Flying Object Network) and Dallas Times Herald reporters have combed the area with scientific instruments in an effort to locate pieces of the reported space ship and have pinpointed a grave in Aurora Cemetery in which the pilot may be buried.

And scientists in laboratories at North Texas State University, one of the country's major aircraft companies and the National Research Council in Ottawa, Canada, are in the midst of running tests to identify metal samples supplied by investigators. NTSU conducted its search on its own.

"We are in the waiting period to see if all of our efforts

pay off," a MUFON spokesman told The Times Herald.

"More intensive investigation has gone into this case because it is the only reported case of a UFO crash in which the pilot's body was allegedly recovered and buried. The scientists report one out of seven pieces of metal is highly unusual in its properties.

"And," he emphasized, "even if analysis shows this metal is known on earth it is not conclusive proof that it did not come from space or that it was not developed and duplicated on earth by man at a later date."

Meteorites composed largely of iron, zinc and traces of other metals, some known and unknown, are constantly bombarding us from space, Dr. Tom Gray, NTSU physicist, said. "And we don't know where they come from. It is the physics of this puzzling piece of metal we recovered at the crash site that stirs my curiosity as a scientist. I would like to see if we can duplicate it."

Our deep thanks
to Mr. Ozanne
for his continued reports from
this important case. We will
print as many as space permits.

Texas Woman Recalls 'UFO' Crash In 1897

CR: F. KROG

AURORA, Tex. (UPI) — A 91-year-old woman says she remembers the night on April 19, 1897, her parents went to the spot where an airship crashed into Judge Proctor's well and the pilot was buried in the community cemetery.

"That crash certainly caused a lot of excitement," Mary Evans said Wednesday. "Many people were frightened. They didn't know what to expect. That was years before we had any regular airplanes or other kind of airships."

The Wright Brothers made their historic flight at Kitty Hawk in December, 1903. This has led some to believe the airship that crashed at the Texas well was from another planet, if indeed such an airship exists. Mrs. Evans has no doubts.

"I was only about 15 at the time and had all but forgotten the incident until it appeared in the newspapers recently," she said. "We were living in Aurora at the time but my mother and father wouldn't let me go with them when they went up to the crash site at Judge Proctor's well."

"When they returned home they told me how the airship had exploded. The pilot was torn up and killed in the crash."

The men of the town who gathered his remains said he was a small man and buried him that same day in Aurora Cemetery."

The UFO advocates have combed the Aurora area with metal detectors, radiation meters and other scientific devices in recent months in an attempt to get some tangible evidence to file with a court order to exhume the body of the alleged pilot. Pieces of metal taken from the area have been sent to various scientists and metallurgists for examination.

A physic professor at North Texas State University tested one piece and said it was unusual because it was 75 per cent iron but lacked many of the properties common to iron. The professor, Dr. Tom Gray, said it was not magnetic and was shiny and soft instead of dull and brittle like iron.

"I don't mean by my comments to indicate whether this is of terrestrial or extraterrestrial origin, but that the physics of that much iron being not magnetic stirs my curiosity as a scientist," he said. "If it proves to be a rather strange beast, then a great deal more study will have to be done on it. Right now we can only make suppositions. We cannot draw any conclusions."

The first in-depth comprehensive metal analysis reports are expected to be completed Monday night.

Although the story has been branded a "hoax" and practical joke for years in North Texas, the investigation has found three aged persons who have given detailed stories of the crash, recovery and burial of the pilot.

In addition, articles from April 14 through April 27, 1897 published in Dallas and Fort Worth newspapers list hundreds of sightings of "airships" matching the description of the one which reportedly crashed in Aurora.

"We have no plans to exhume the pilot's body at this time," the MUFON spokesman said. "However, if scientific evidence shows close relationship between the metal readings from the crash site and the grave are valid we shall consider asking Wise County District Court to issue an exhumation order allowing it to be performed by experts in accordance with instructions of the court."

"There is no intention of turning this into a circus. It is a scientific investigation and will be kept on that plain with all respect for the cemetery, its other occupants and the people of the community."

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UFO Sighting Reported Here By Local Women

The first UFO sighting in the Ste. Genevieve area was reported to the Herald last week. Mrs. Joan Siebert was filling sandbags in the North Main St. area along with friends, Mrs. Margie Klein, Mrs. Brenda Basler and Mrs. Donna Meyer, when a low flying object with multi-colored lights was noted coming from the southwest across the city late in the evening.

According to Mrs. Siebert, the object was at first thought to be a helicopter, but no engine or propeller noise was heard by the four women. The object came to a point north of the city near the women, and mysteriously disappeared.

Mrs. Siebert was unable to describe the object in a definite form, but unlike the publicized Piedmont sightings, said the lights were not rotating around the object. Mrs. Siebert's only comment was, "I don't know what we saw, but the four of us stood there

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UFOs' glow spreading— spotted in Lead Belt area

By CHARLES J. OSWALD
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

Two experienced pilots have reported chasing a glowing disc-shaped object over Farmington, Mo., before it outdistanced them in a tremendous burst of speed.

The latest sightings have been made by dozens of residents of Flat River and Farmington, Mo., just 70 miles south of St. Louis.

The bright, white-colored objects were first seen hovering in the night sky in that area last week.

SAUCER-SHAPED UFOs continue to be seen nightly by residents in the Piedmont, Mo., area. Strange shadowy objects have been reported gliding under the water of Clearwater Reservoir.

And south of Piedmont, UFO investigators are examining soil and burned plant life from a wooded area near Ellsinore, Mo., where a woman motorist said she saw a disc-shaped object land during daylight hours two weeks ago.

Kenneth Pingel, a commercial pilot with more than 5,000 flying hours, was returning to Farmington Airport with another experienced pilot, Marvin Colyer, about 10:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, when he first noticed a strange light off the left wing tip.

PINGEL SAID THE bright, white-colored object seemed to keep pace with the single-engine Piper Cherokee as the airplane cruised 150 miles an hour 3,500 feet above a forested area 20 miles north of Farmington.

"The object was circular shaped and looked off-white in color, gradually turning yellow and taking on an orange tinge," Pingel said. "It did not appear to spin."

Pingel said the object seemed to give off heat waves "like the kind you see on highways during a hot day," as it moved across the clear sky.

"We flew our traffic pattern and were about to land on the north runway. We were making our final approach when we both saw the object which appeared to give off a beam of white light," he said.

THINKING THE OBJECT was directly in the plane's flight path, Pingel said, he accelerated and pulled the plane out of its landing approach.

"It looked like it was moving at us at a high rate of speed, so I pulled back up and flew toward it. It immediately stopped, reversed its direction and flew away from us at a high rate of speed," he said.

Pingel said he chased the object at 140 miles an hour for several miles before the

UFO disappeared. Other Farmington residents also reported seeing the strange light that night.

"We're both qualified for night operations and I've flown many nights under all kinds of conditions," Pingel said. "This was definitely not a star or any kind of airplane and until someone explains to me what it is, I guess I'll have to say I saw a UFO."

PINGEL, 23, HAS been flying for nine years. Colyer is also an anesthesiologist at Farmington Community Hospital.

Jewell Hensen, Southern Missouri district representative for the United Steel workers union, has reported seeing the strange objects nightly in the sky over his Ironton, Mo., home since last Tuesday.

Some of the objects appeared to have red, white and blue lights while others seemed to emit a bright white shaft of light, he said.

"You see a red, blue and white light when you put binoculars to them. They hang in the sky for long periods of time, then move away," he said.

"I THINK IT'S AN experimental device being used by our government or another government," he said. "If our government has an experiment going, they've really got something fast because these things move."

Mrs. Raymond Stucker may have happened onto a flying saucer "nest," or landing site as she was driving toward her home in Ellsinore two weeks ago.

Mrs. Stucker told authorities she saw a large, metallic-colored disc-shaped object either landing or taking off from a grove of trees off the highway.

The object was described as circular with a band around the center and a domed top with porthole-like windows. Landing pods or stilts protruded from the bottom of the object. It made no noise as it hovered in the air.

HAYDEN C. HEWES, director of the International UFO Bureau in Oklahoma City, went to the area and found trees badly scorched to a height of 50 feet. Samples of plant life and soil were taken for chemical analysis.

Hewes says he believes the Piedmont area is a flying saucer base where alien beings may be carrying out a mining operation. The area is rich in lead, decayed radioactive material, he points out.

The red, blue and amber lights frequently reported seen coming from UFOs, could be part of an elaborate camouflage system designed to make the object look like a star when in flight, he said.

UFO Instru- mentation

Instruments designed to detect and monitor possible unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have been developed by a newly formed UCSD group.

J.F. Herr, spokesman for the organization, says that the eighteen scientists and engineers who make up the group have no conclusion as to the nature of UFOs. Although reports of unidentified flying objects continue to come in from the world, often from highly qualified observers, quantitative data on the character of the objects is scant.

To make possible the collection of hard data which correlates with UFO sightings, a series of instruments capable of detecting and measuring certain effect reportedly produced by the objects is being developed.

One of the design concepts, Herr explained, is a central processing unit where the signals from the several instruments will be simultaneously recorded on magnetic tape cassettes. Each instrument is designed to be built by persons without specialized technical knowledge, and is restricted to a component cost limit of \$100.00. Herr says that the group has perfected a state-of-the-art magnetometer with a sensitivity of 0.05 gamma at a frequency of 1 Hertz. The instrument is thus capable of measuring changes in the ambient magnetic field less than the natural geomagnetic variations. The magnetometer, which has a frequency range of 0.1 to 10 Hertz, uses a highly sensitive induction coil sensor. Five solid-state integrated circuits give the instrument a gain of 440,000, a rejection of 60 Hertz interference by 110 decibels and an extremely low noise figure. Other current developmental projects include an electrometer, an automatic camera system, and a three channel radio frequency interference detection system. The organization welcomes interested scientists and engineers, especially those with background in electronics. The design effort is voluntary and there are no salaried positions. A fund exists to cover the cost of experimental prototypes.

For further information, contact J.F. Herr at 583-8247.

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Pilots Fuel U.F.O. Story

Farmington, Mo. (AP)—Two experienced pilots have reported chasing a glowing disc-shaped object near this southeast Missouri town before it outdistanced them in a burst of speed.

The reported chase by Kenneth Pingel a commercial pilot, is only one of the latest in a growing list of alleged sightings of what many persons in southeast Missouri are calling an unidentified flying object.

Pingel said he was about to land his single-engine plane at the Farmington Airport the night of April 12 when he and another pilot flying with him, Marvin Colyer, saw the strange light off the left wing tip.

"The object was circular

and taking on an orange tinge," the pilot said. "It did not appear to spin."

As the plane made its final approach to land, Pingel said it looked like the object was directly in the plane's flight path.

"It looked like it was moving at us at a high rate of speed, so I pulled back and flew toward it," he said. "It immediately stopped, reversed its direction and flew away from us at a high rate of speed."

Pingel said he chased the object at 140 miles an hour for several miles before it disappeared. Colyer corroborated the story.

"We're both qualified for night operations and I've flown many nights under all kinds of conditions," Pingel 23, ex-

plane and until someone explains to me what it is, I guess I'll have to say I saw a U.F.O."

Since the flowing light was first seen in mid-February by a high school basketball coach and his team near Piedmont, Mo., several sightings have been reported by residents of many small towns in the area.

Some say they believe it is an experimental device being tested by our government or some other government. But many think it is a flying saucer, and as yet no one has been able to provide a logical explanation for many of the sightings.

U.F.O. investigators are currently examining soil and burned plant life in a wooded area near Ellsinore, Mo., where a motorist said she saw a disc-

UFO sightings increasing in both quantity and quality

by Lynn Berk staff writer

Consequently, today, if you seriously suggest that flying saucers are real and that they may have, in fact, landed, you are usually considered a prime candidate for the banana bin.

But there is an organization headquartered in Lawndale trying to change that image. The California UFO Research Institute believes the U.S. Air Force was wrong in shutting down its investigation; that flying saucers are real; that they are, indeed, interplanetary, and that some have conceivably landed and even communicated with a few select earthlings.

Furthermore, the people who espouse those views are composed of professionals in the aerospace and scientific field, headed, in fact, by nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman.

(Editor's note: This is the last installment of a two-part series on flying saucers. Part two is based on information from UFO Research Institute spokesman Peter Guttilla, dealing with the history of the Institute and probable explanations of the saucers.)

In the making for some 13 years, the UFO Research Institute is technically only around three years old, a data-gathering group that submits collected information on UFO sightings to consultants who, hopefully, have access to laboratories and computers.

Consultants are connected with the largest aerospace firms in the state and there are members all over Southern California, most preferring to remain anonymous because of the stigma attached to their interests. Many in the group have Ph.D's and most have masters in their fields.

The man who heads it all up, currently on a lecture tour across the country, is Stanton T. Friedman, bearded and burly. Holding a B.Sc. and a M.Sc. in physics from the University of Chicago, Friedman has had 14 years of experience in nuclear aircraft, nuclear and fusion rockets, and nuclear powerplants for space and earthbound applications.

Not exactly a crackpot background, understand. Perhaps that's why you're inclined to take him a bit more seriously when publication secretary Peter Guttilla starts telling you about the human-like beings from another galaxy who are visiting this earth — both in their crafts and personally — with increasing frequency.

Reports of landings and actual contact with aliens have been coming in ever since the enigmatic case in 1965 of Betty and Barney Hill, reported by John Fuller in his now-famous 'The Interrupted Journey.' They were an ordinary New Hampshire couple who began visiting noted psychiatrist Benjamin Simon after undergoing recurrent nightmares. Through regressive hypnosis, administered separately, the couple told of a visit on board a flying saucer and their conversation with the humanoids running the disc.

Nothing could be found in either's testimony to contradict or refute. One psychiatrist raised the possibility of a 'shared dream,' unique but not impossible, but the UFO Institute, according to Guttilla, lends general credence to the story — because, in fact, both of the Hills slept at different hours and because the story is not the only one of its kind. New Mexico, in fact, seems to be the site of a couple of similar occurrences.

Furthermore, Majorie Fish of the Institute, and a member of AMENSA, talked with Betty Hill at length and discovered the woman could recall perfectly a map the beings had shown her.

Ms. Fish, termed 'brilliant' by other Institute members, studied that map and, according to Guttilla through a 'painstaking process of elimination and analysis' was able to

determine what part of the nearby galaxy the beings probably came from — Constellation Reticulum in the Southern Hemisphere — and on the way, also discovered new groups of stars, including Zeta I and II Reticulli — probably the suns of the alien's planet.

Astronomers have read Ms. Fish's voluminous report with awe.

Ok — now that we know where they might be from — who do they look like, why are they there and what are they going to do?

'People who have seen the beings,' Guttilla pointed and generally agree that 'they are short — three, four and a half feet — with somewhat strange facial features, including wide eyes that seem to wrap around, with arms and fingers slightly longer than ours, and no nose or mouth to speak on. Indicating a telepathic communication.' They have never attempted to hurt or kill anyone, save for an occasional stun or a temporary paralysis evidently employed to keep people at a distance. And some may, in fact, be living on earth right now.

They appear to communicate only with people in small areas, unlike the sci-fi dramas that have them greeting citizens on the White House lawn.

Why are they here? The Institute won't really advance any concrete theories, but perhaps they are simply observing our progress and will intervene if we attempt to bring colonies to other planets — that's always been a popular explanation.

On the other hand — one Institute member suggests that perhaps they are here in part to mine heavy metals. Earth is the richest planet in this solar system and perhaps they are in need of minerals.

They have also been seen many times near high tension wires, perhaps signifying another need.

Furthermore, sightings have been increasing not only in quantity but in quality and strangeness indicating to some Institute members that something is brewing.

If and when they make a mass contact, the Institute believes it will be with the same kind of people they've already confronted — perhaps a farmer on an Ohio bean field. Or a backwoods couple in Maine.

Whatever they go — and whenever they decide to do it — it's obvious that the mystery of the flying saucers did not die along with Project Bluebook. People from all walks of life still observe and report the elusive object. A drunk in Chicago. An Air Force captain in the Philippines. An astronaut during a space voyage.

An aerospace worker from California. Not everybody is laughing.

(UFO Research Institute is interested in all local UFO sightings. If you see something you cannot identify, call the 24 hour answering service at 376-9626. Scientists with instruments are available on call.)

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Three sight 'UFO'

SPRING MILLS — Three sober Gregg Township adults reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object about 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, state police at Rockview said.

The three adults, who were not under the influence of any medication or other possible hallucinatory substance, police said, reported an oval-shaped fluorescent white UFO came from a northerly direction and hovered motionless over one of the unidentified person's homes.

The object gave off a very bright white light, police said, which then changed to blue and green. At one point, police said the adults told them, the outer circumference of the UFO changed to many different colors, changed direction

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Unidentified Flying Objects Seen in Area

PEVELY A number of residents in a Pevely subdivision reported seeing UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects) in that area Monday night and reported the sightings to the Sheriff's Office. That office received numerous other calls regarding UFO's the same evening, it was learned.

One of the Pevely area residents, Mrs. John Massey, said, "The objects were first sighted here about 8:30 p.m. Monday and were still here at 10 p.m. In all, five were seen, each with a bright white light and flashing red and green lights. We observed these objects through binoculars and we could see them very plainly."

In all, Mrs. Massey said about 15 persons in her neighborhood confirmed seeing the UFO's. Other reports were received from other areas in the east county, and last week a similar report was received from a woman at Valle Lake near De Soto.

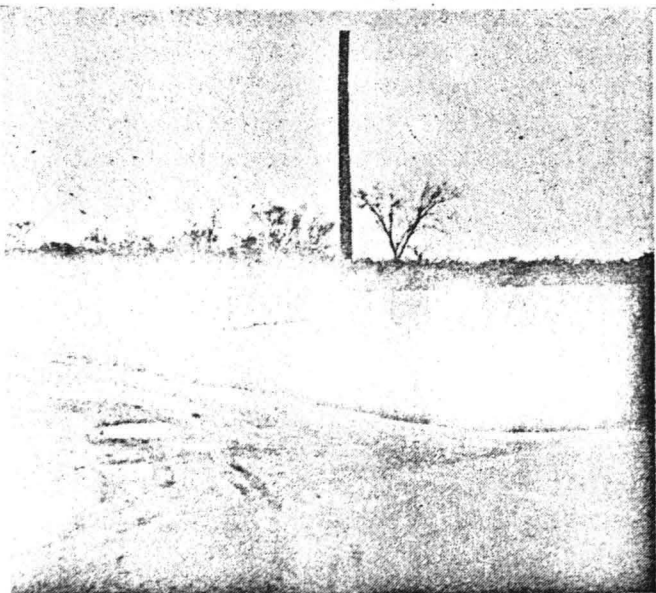
Was It A UFO?

I saw

what

I saw

by Jim Lange



Location on Old St. Louis Road where the object appeared to descend and turn slightly in the direction of Parker and Lange.

ARE THERE SUCH THINGS AS FLYING SAUCERS? LBN STAFF WRITER JIM LANGE DIDN'T BELIEVE SO UNTIL LAST THURSDAY EVENING. NOW HE ISN'T TOO SURE.

I couldn't believe my eyes when I first saw it. The brilliant image moving slowly across the sky must be a plane or a satellite or some other recognizable object, I kept telling myself. It couldn't be a UFO!

Bud Parker, a friend of mine who was riding with me, was the first to see the strange object. We were driving north on the Hillsboro Road just a little northeast of Esther last Thursday evening, when Bud sighted the object high in the sky to his right. It was moving south. The time was around 8:30 p.m.

This was our second night of searching for the strange object that was reported to have been sighted in the general area over the past few days. We had seen nothing on Wednesday evening, and we hadn't really expected to see anything Thursday, either.

I stopped the car, we jumped out, and I immediately began taking pictures of the object as it continued to move in its southerly direction. We estimated the position of the object to be moving directly over the old St. Louis road, which runs parallel to the road we were on.

When the object had passed by us, we got back in the car, turned around and headed south until we caught up with

it about a mile down the road. Again, I stopped the car, got out, and began taking pictures.

Then a strange thing happened. The object began moving backward (north) for a short pace, and then it turned slightly and began moving in a northeasterly direction. Believing we could get a better and maybe closer look of the object from the old St. Louis road, we got in the car and traveled south for a short distance, then turned onto an old road which took us to the old St. Louis road.

We continued north on the old St. Louis road for about three miles, but we couldn't spot the object. Thinking that we possibly had passed it, I turned around in the Ralph Turley driveway and headed back south.

About a mile down the road we again sighted the strange object. The time was about 8:50 p.m. This time the object appeared to be coming from the direction of the Hillsboro road, and it was heading east toward us. I pulled into a gravel road a little south of the object in the sky, we got out of the car, and I began taking more pictures.

Then, all of a sudden, I thought my eyes were deceiving me because the object seemed to turn slightly toward us and began to descend as it approached us. But apparently, my eyes were correct as Bud said the same thing aloud that I was thinking. "The object is descending and moving slightly toward us."

Judging that the object would land somewhere ahead of us in the field across the road, we jumped back into the car in an effort to get closer and pinpoint its expected landing

site.

However, as we started back down the road, the object suddenly turned and headed northeast down and across the road in front of us. Its speed was unbelievable. I was driving about 60 mph and yet we appeared to be sitting still as the object gained altitude and streaked across the sky. I stopped about a mile and a quarter down the road. We estimated the object to be over French Village by that time.

We pulled off the road and waited, hoping it would reappear. About 9:10 p.m. we spotted it momentarily over the Desloge area. The object was heading south. A short time later we again picked up the object where it appeared to be over the radio tower of KFMO radio station. Then we lost it.

The strange object was somewhat oval-shaped, and from our farthest point of observation it appeared to be about three times the size of a satellite. At the closest point of observation the object appeared about six times its original size. We had no means of determining the size of the object or its height. The object was very bright and had a slight trace of yellowish color when it was at its closest point of observation. It made no noise.

As a matter of record, the sky was overcast, thus eliminating any star or satellite. Maneuverability of the object ruled out any plane or other recognizable flying object, also.

Although I had my camera set for a four second exposure, the pictures did not take. Later, I learned that at least a 20 second timed exposure is needed to photograph objects at a distance after dark. I could have kicked myself.

What we saw was indeed strange and hard to describe. No doubt, many people won't believe me. I only know that I saw what I saw.

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Flying Saucer

reported seen

in Ferndale

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SHAMOKIN—State police of the district detail checked out another "flying saucer" report Sunday night but found nothing to substantiate sightings by residents of the Ferndale section of Shamokin.

Mrs. David E. Ritzman, 1450 W. Fern St., telephoned the state police substation at 11:15 p.m. Sunday to report that she, her children, and a number of other persons in the neighborhood had been watching an unidentified flying object (UFO) which, she said, apparently landed on the Burnside Mountain. She requested a police investigation.

Troopers William G. Heckman and John M. Dudinskie went to the scene and while there observed the lights of a low-flying plane and, later, other flashing red lights over Shamokin, apparently another plane, or possibly a helicopter. Mrs. Ritzman's son David, 13, said today that he, his mother and two sisters watched the UFO from about 8:30 until after 11:00. He said he first saw the flashing lights while he was inside the house, looking out of a window.

"It wasn't a plane," he said. "It was a flying saucer. I could see a big bubble on it and I saw silver along with the lights." He said a neighborhood girl, Brenda Kosmer, was outside looking at the UFO through binoculars and he borrowed them from her. "Through the binoculars," he said, "it was a deep red all over."

"It couldn't have been a plane," the youth said, "because a plane can't stay still like that one did before landing." He said the object remained stationary for some time before it apparently landed on the mountain. He said the UFO came across Shamokin and across the Votek School area before coming down. The UFO sighters said they all watched it take off some time after 11:00 and disappear toward the west.

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Egg-shaped UFO reported in Charleston

Mrs. Dorothy Thompson of Cleveland St. reports the sighting of a UFO in Charleston last Friday night.

Mrs. Thompson said she was getting ready to watch the 8 o'clock movie. Her TV went off, then came back on and she saw a bright flash in her kitchen. She ran into the kitchen and looked out her back door and the object was treetop high.

She said it was egg shaped, the top red and the bottom solid white. The lights did not flash, and it made no sound. The light flashed through her kitchen and traveled through the house.

Mrs. Thompson said she last saw it treetop high when it moved across Cleveland St. back of the Willis Forbey home, and it traveled over the field back of his house. The whole incident lasted about three minutes, she said.

She ran in and called her

neighbor but she wasn't at home. She called the radio station Monday morning and they reported that they had had several calls about it. Mrs. Thompson said the object could not have been a plane as it was too low, and the lights were not blinking but steady.

U.F.O.'s in Pennsylvania May Have Been Fireworks

FLEETWOOD, Pa., March 31 (AP)—A rural Pennsylvania police chief says he may have discovered the source of nightly sightings of unidentified flying objects that have excited this hill country region for several weeks.

Police Chief Earl R. Fox of Fleetwood stumbled onto a pile of spent fireworks while on patrol in the Crystal Cave area of Berks County on Thursday.

He found the incendiaries atop a mountain, an ideal spot, he said, for pranksters to launch their U.F.O.'s.

He said the fireworks bore manufacturing labels from Vineland, N. J., and from Elkton, Md., and that they purport to float motionless in the sky, radiating green, white and red colors before vanishing.

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Jersey Shore woman reports sighting UFO

JERSEY SHORE — An unidentified flying object described as being "like a star" was seen over Jersey Shore Thursday night by Mrs. Sherry Bachman, 606 Allegheny St.

Mrs. Bachman said she observed the object in the sky between 9:15 and 9:30 p.m. She said it was "like a star, but much larger and shinier." She said it changed color, from red to white to green every few seconds. The change, she said, was sudden, but not like the change of an airplane's running lights.

The object appeared to be over the Jersey Shore Cemetery. Mrs. Bachman said she could not estimate the object's distance from the ground, but at one point a plane flew over it.

At 9:30, the light disappeared, she said.

Government agencies at the Williamsport-Lycoming County Airport said they had no reports of flying objects.

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Three 'Sober' Adults Report UFO Sighting

SPRING MILLS — Three Gregg Twp. adults, reportedly sober and not under the influence of any medication or possible hallucinatory drug, reported sighting an unidentified flying object about 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, according to state police at Rockview.

The three claim that an oval-shaped fluorescent white UFO came from a northerly direction and hovered motionless over one of the unidentified persons' homes.

Police said the three told them the object gave off a very bright white light, which then changed to blue and green. At one point, the report states, the outer circumference of the UFO changed to many different colors, changed direction instantly and sped off in a northerly direction. Then, it disappeared.

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Anyone see UFO in sky?

An area woman called the Times office this morning to inquire if anyone else had "seen what I saw last night."

The woman declined to give her name because, she said, "My husband is already laughing at me. I don't want everyone else to be."

She relayed her experience this way: Last night, at about 9:35, she was on her way to the Pathmark on Route 130 in Edgewater Park when she sighted a low-flying object with "very bright lights, like car headlights."

With her attention held by the object above her, she missed her turnoff and ended up in the McDonald's parking lot.

According to the woman, the object or UFO was more or less square in shape.

"I have heard stories before about people seeing purple and red lights, but then there it was," she noted.

The most surprising thing, however, she said, was that although the UFO appeared to be moving at a very slow rate once it had passed over her "it just disappeared."

Last night's sighting was apparently an isolated incident. A phone check this morning with the Edgewater State Police Barracks and Willingboro Police turned up no other reports of "lights in the sky."

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UFO Claim Reported

A Gregg Township resident reported to Rockview state police yesterday that he and two companions had seen an unidentified flying object near their homes yesterday about 7:45 p.m.

The man told police the object appeared in the north and approached the three. It was described as huge and very bright with a fluorescent light that almost hurt the eyes and oval or round in shape.

The object was said to have hovered above the home of one of the watchers and then change colors and revolve. First the colors were tones of green and blue, and then it changed into many different colors before it moved off to the north and disappeared, the report said.

Gregg Township is in Penns Valley with most of its residents in the Spring Mills area. The caller or the location of his home was not identified by police.

UFOs, Flashing Lights Seen In Missouri Area

There have been hundreds of reports of strange flashing lights in the sky around the countryside at Piedmont, Mo., noted for its rich lead fields, and a UFO researcher thinks they are caused by a mining expedition from outer space.

"This could be the most significant, best-documented sighting in history," said UFO expert Hayden C. Hewes, who heads the International UFO Bureau in Oklahoma City.

Hundreds of people in this Ozarks community of 2,000 have reported seeing strange flashing lights, either high in the sky or at treetop level. Some say the objects that give off the light surfaced from nearby Clearwater Lake.

Reports of UFO sightings even came from Grand Tower, Ill., where Oscar Wills, an operating engineer at the Central Illinois Public Service Co. power generating station on the Mississippi River, reported an object hovering over a transformer.

"I was dumbfounded," said the 57-year-old Wills, who has worked at the plant 30 years. He said he didn't believe in unidentified flying objects until the sighting. Wills was described by the company as a "solid, dependable" employee.

The common description coming from Piedmont sightings is

that the light is red, then turns multi-colored while spinning white, green, red and amber lights. It moves without a sound and is very fast.

Hewes said his UFO logging bureau has collected three types of evidence of the brightly lit red and amber UFO. He said there have been multiple witnesses, photographic evidence and electrical interference with television sets at the time of nearby sightings.

Hewes and two assistants visited with Piedmont residents last week-end. They interviewed and recorded the accounts of eye witnesses in hopes of supplying an answer.

The photographic evidence is supplied by Maude Jefferis, who teaches photography at Clearwater High School. A picture taken March 14 from the porch of her home shows an object shaped like a child's top or gyroscope hanging in the night sky.

Reggie Bone, basketball coach at Piedmont High School, said a bright light followed the car in which he and five athletes were riding on a desolate road from Ellsimore to Piedmont. The light, Bone said, stopped and hovered over a field about 100 yards from the road. The object suddenly rose and disappeared at a high speed.

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though someone had pulled a light switch; and I stood there in the cold wind, knowing that U.F.O. watching is not as humorous as I'd previously believed it to be.

Though this was our only sighting that night, we were told that eight of them had passed over. During the past few weeks pilots, college professors, scientists, and a wide assortment of John Q. Public have seen the things. Occasionally they have appeared at tree-top level. Sometimes they hover and dart back and forth. A Team of professors from a nearby university have observed them and are planning an instrumental study to ascertain their height, speed, substance, and other properties.

The lights over Piedmont may have an earthly and explainable origin; but my skepticism about U.F.O.'s has gone out like the eerie amber light I saw that night at the city dump. I challenge anyone to see them and dismiss them as less than extraordinary.

people there milling about with binoculars and blankets in a circus-like atmosphere. Under a gorgeous sky studded with bright, twinkling stars we could see the lights of the town below. Fires were smoldering in the charred piles of refuse along the west perimeter of the area, creating an acrid, stench-

laden smoke that burned our eyes whenever the wind drifted it over the crest of the hill; and everyone was looking skyward.

We saw one! It moved parallel to the horizon and its amber colored light was as a first magnitude star. We watched it as it sped along, and no one needed to say that it could not be an airplane, a meteorite, or anything else explainable. It was an extraordinary phenomenon that made my unscientific mind feel that it had to be directed by another being.

It suddenly disappeared as



Robert H. Forister

The UFO's Are Back

This skeptic has now become a U.F.O. watcher, one of that shivering, starry-eyed band of curiosity seekers who stand on windswept hilltops during cloudless nights and scan the heavens for flying saucers, piloted by Martians or who knows whom.

Several nights ago a friend and I drove over to Piedmont, Missouri to see for ourselves if there really was something extraordinary flying about over this picturesque and friendly Ozark town of approximately 2000 inhabitants.

We arrived in town there about 10:00 p.m. and drove out highway 49 toward the city dump from which point atop a high hill overlooking the town we hoped to catch our first glimpse of a U.F.O.

The city dump area was clogged with traffic from the surrounding area. What a curious sight to see all the

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RIVERSIDE COUNTY RESIDENTS REPORT FLAMING OBJECT

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department Monday was investigating reports that a large, flaming object crashed in the desert somewhere between Indio and the Salton Sea.

Several residents of the Coachella Valley reported being awakened at 12:24 a.m. by what they thought was either an explosion or an extremely sharp thunderclap, deputies said.

One deputy said that he witnessed what appeared to be a huge, falling fireball that broke into two chunks and exploded on impact with the earth.

Federal authorities reported no planes missing or overdue in the area and it was suggested that the brilliant object was either a meteorite or a satellite falling from orbit.

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Fireworks Probed As Source of UFOs

Fleetwood Police Chief Earl R. Fox believes he has discovered the secret launching base of the UFOs that have been sighted nightly in scattered parts of the county during the past several weeks.

Chief Fox admitted that his remarkable discovery was made quite by accident. He said that he and one of his patrolmen were cruising on Crystal Cave road late Wednesday evening when they came upon what appeared to be the residue of a spent rocket.

After a careful examination of the launch site, the chief gathered up the evidence and rushed to his office to make the announcement.

Today the chief said this about his discovery: "It is my strong belief that this is the UFO."

He then produced several spent aerial bombs (fireworks) bearing manufacturing

trademarks from Vinceland, N.J. and Elkton, Md.

The chief said the aerial displays produce green, white and red colors which match the reports from area sky watchers concerning the appearance of the UFOs.

Chief Fox said these displays remain stationary then dissipate, thus accounting for their sudden disappearance from the sky. He said one bomb fuse was a cone type with lettering "Jumbo Carnival Cone Fountain" stamped on it. The other was marked "Variegated Battery Base."

"It is my belief that the sightings in the Kutztown area early Wednesday morning might well have been just this type of a gimmick," Chief Fox said.

He added that any of these bombs would be visible in the Virginville, Fleetwood and Kutztown areas from the high spot where these spent objects were located.

He said he will keep the

spent bombs in his office and await future sightings.

Although the chief's theory may tie the UFO issue into a tidy little bundle for the skeptic, it does little to explain the sight witnessed early Wednesday morning by the Clyde O. Donahower family near Robesonia.

It was the Donahower family that reported watching a manned UFO that had landed in a farm pasture within 300 yards of their home.

They reported spending some 25 minutes observing "stick" figures bending over and moving around inside the UFO.

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Nanticoke Neighbors See 'Blinking' UFO

A group of neighbors on West Union Street, Nanticoke, got together Friday night, fascinated by what appeared to be an unidentified flying object.

According to Mrs. Stella McGlynn, the neighbors stood witnessing the strange "red flashing light that appears to be coming from the West Side somewhere."

Mrs. McGlynn stated the light continued to blink for more than half an hour before she contacted this newspaper. She said the UFO was spotted high in the sky, "somewhere around White Haven mountain."

'Something up there'

Was that strange object our reporter
saw in the sky really just an airplane?

By Arthur Gorlick

"There are no flying saucers around here," the voice of Daily News reporter Keith Bromery crackled over the speaker of the two-way radio on The Daily News city desk.

"I'm in the Ned Brown Forest Preserve right now and you can see some streetlights through the mist and there are some red lights on top of some radio towers near here," Bromery reported.

"Maybe that's what all these people saw — the lights reflecting off the mist."

Bromery had been assigned to check out reports from police and residents of at least seven west and northwest suburbs that they had seen numerous unidentified flying objects Thursday night.

POLICE SWITCHBOARDS in Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates Schaumburg, Glenview, Arlington Heights, Des Plaines and Park Ridge had been flooded with calls from people reporting the UFOs.

Several people said they had seen nine objects — pulsating lights — hovering over the treetops of the Ned Brown Forest Preserve at Higgins Rd. and Rohlwing Rd. in Schaumburg.

"I'm at the Illinois State Police post in Des Plaines," Bromery reported minutes later to the city desk over his car radio.



Bromery

"You can see airplanes coming in to O'Hare Airport. Some of them are shining lights to locate the runway, I guess. Maybe that's what these people saw."

At least one state trooper from the Des Plaines post and nine suburban policemen — including four from Schaumburg, one of them a lieutenant — reported sighting the objects.

A police radio operator in Elk Grove Village said he went to the front door of the station after the calls started coming in — and saw nine white pulsating lights hovering over the treetops and moving from east to west.

A woman radio operator for the Elk Grove Village fire department reported she saw a triangular object with red and white lights.

Lt. James Dillon of the Schaumburg police said the emergency lights on his squad car were inoperable during the sightings. They worked well before — and since.

SUDDENLY, BROMERY'S VOICE barked over the speaker again.

"Something's happening. There's something going on up there," he said. "I'm not so sure now."

"I thought it was an airplane at first. Suddenly these two lights—one was just hovering overhead and the other came in from the east — they just merged."

"It looks like they came together. There's just a triangle."

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What is it?

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up there now, white lights at the corners and a red light pulsating in the center.

"It's just hovering up there. It looks like it's just standing still in the sky."

There was a pause.

"I'm not sure what I saw," he said. His voice was calmer now and he spoke more softly. "I'll call you on the telephone."

SEVERAL MINUTES PASSED before Bromery telephoned.

"I just had a cup of coffee," he said. There was a chuckle to his voice.

"It was just an airplane. But I see how you can confuse it for . . . well, something else. I can see how people could think they were UFOs."

At the Schaumburg police station, an officer who answered the phone said he couldn't talk about the UFO sightings.

"We've got an emergency situation here," he said. "We're getting too many calls in for me to talk now."

Piedmont Observer Believes UFO Landed

One of the flying saucers reported flying over the Piedmont area of Southeast Missouri may have landed near Ellsinore, residents are saying.

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Dennis Keeney, the engineer for radio station KPWB in Piedmont, said sightings have been made by several local residents every night since Friday. Unidentified flying object sighting has become the evening pastime for many area residents since the saucer-shaped objects began their tour of duty a few weeks ago.

"I saw the object myself Friday night just below Piedmont in the Bushy Creek area," Keeney said yesterday. A possible landing site for the craft has been spotted, he said, and the area is being investigated by representatives of the UFO Bureau in Oklahoma City, Okla.

"The area has been disturbed by some unknown object," Keeney said. "It's a hilly area — the usual Ozarks. Some trees have been broken and burned. We are trying not to get too specific about the landing site location because we don't want it disturbed until an analysis is completed."

Keeney said seven persons saw the saucer-shaped object Friday night. Sheriff Gene Beardon at Piedmont said he saw the object at about 7:30 p.m. Friday. The object was heading toward Ellsinore to the south of Piedmont, he said.

Efforts to obtain more information about the sightings and landing site were unsuccessful. Telephone operators there could find no listing for a UFO Bureau or the men given as director and assistant director of the

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UFOs Or Liquor

LOURENCO MARQUES, Mozambique (AP) — There was a rash of reports of unidentified flying object sightings in this Indian Ocean port, mostly from the night club district.

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SAW A POSSIBLE
UFO OVER RICHWOODS
A luminous light was seen darting back and forth like a firefly south of Elmwood in the Richwoods area Monday night between 10:30 and 10:45 p.m. After playing tag for a while the light moved steadily south and out of view, say those who saw it.

The report came to this newspaper from Mrs. Irvin Phillips. The Phillips home is near the former Elmwood school between Lonedell and Richwoods, in the area of the Franklin-Washington County line. Ricky Bliss, a neighbor, noted the light and called the Phillipses. They in turn with their daughter and son-in-law Mark and Shirley Farrow went outdoors and watched the light until it disappeared

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450 Report UFO Sightings During 1972

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), which created a stir in the United States 20 years ago, had a banner year in 1972, a Northwestern University astronomer said yesterday.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of Northwestern's astronomy department and author of "The UFO Experience," said he had about 450 reports last year.

Hynek was in San Diego addressing the Northwestern Alumni Club during a luncheon at the Bahia Hotel.

RESPONSIBLE WITNESSES

A UFO consultant to the Air Force for 20 years, Hynek said reports of UFOs have come from responsible individuals such as astronauts, traffic controllers and pilots, not just from the "crackpots and dingalings."

He was consultant to the Air Force's Project Blue Book, the final and official arbiter on all UFO reports.

The UFO phenomena he considers valid enough to investigate are "incredible tales told by credible persons." He said the word "credible" is important because "anyone can tell a cockeyed story."

At first, he said, he thought the tales about UFOs were "like the hula hoop craze," but unlike the hula hoop, reports of UFOs have "persisted not only in the United States but all over the world."

100 COUNTRIES SIGHT

Hynek, who proposed that Northwestern set up a center for the study of UFOs, said there have been sightings in more than 100 countries.

Sightings usually come in waves. France had a series in 1954; Argentina in 1953, and the United States in 1952, 1957, 1966 and 1967.

A sighting qualifies as a UFO (Continued on B-4, Col. 1)

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UFOs light suburbs and switchboards

BY RUSS MARABITO

HUNDREDS OF Northwest Suburban residents saw an unexplained display of nine bright, pulsating lights that hovered in the sky last night.

The lights, which prompted hundreds of phone calls to suburban police, sometimes zoomed off at a high rate of speed. At other times, they remained stationary for as long as 25 minutes.

Most observers of the phenomena, which appeared to move independently of each other, agreed they were hovering over the Ned Brown Forest Preserve, at Int. Hwy. 90 and Ill. Hwy. 72, in unincorporated Elk Grove Township.

"It was the weirdest thing I ever saw," said Sgt. Fred Schmidt, of the Schaumburg Police Department.

ILLINOIS STATE Police, in attempting to explain the sighting, said the lights were from planes landing at O'Hare International Airport.

The National Weather Service tended to back this assessment, explaining that a combination of fog and atmospheric conditions at O'Hare caused the illusion.

However, few who saw the display would accept this theory, explaining that the lights

would move at times and remain stationary at others. Moreover, the residents are accustomed to air traffic lights at O'Hare.

Schmidt, who witnessed the lights with at least four other Schaumburg policemen, said he was in his patrol car at Old Schaumburg Road and I-90.

"THEY LOOKED like round vapor lights," he said. "They were very large and they were pulsating," he said.

"There were nine and they were staggered," he said. "They were there between 9:30 and 10 p. m. when I saw them. Some were stationary. Others moved up and down. At one point, they disappeared below tree level and we thought they might have touched down in the preserve. Then we saw them rise up again to about 1,000 feet."

He said there was no noise from the lights. "I wasn't scared," he added, "but curious. On the other hand, if they landed next to me, that would be something else."

ELK GROVE VILLAGE Police, as well as Illinois State Police and Cook County Sheriff's Police, entered the forest preserve looking for the UFOs. Nothing was found.

Most of the sightings were reported in the Schaumburg area.

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Schaumburg 'saucers' have police pondering

Flying saucers in Schaumburg?

It certainly looked like it Thursday night, what with all those mysterious lights hovering just above the Earth.

But (un)fortunately, by early Friday no one had yet reported seeing any spacemen.

State police in the northwest suburban area came up with what they believed was a reasonable explanation. They said the "saucers" were created by mist that reflected the landing lights of the giant jets landing at O'Hare Airport.

But the Schaumburg police refused to believe it. They said they had been watching one mysterious light that hadn't moved for 15 minutes. And they promised to let us know if anyone lands.

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only when no other explanation can be found for it, he said.

"Before I even think of studying a UFO, it has to be unexplained even though it has been studied by a competent person," Hynek said.

About 80 per cent of the cases are not considered valid. "A UFO is a report that stumps the experts," he said.

Cases are not studied unless they are observed by more than one person. Hynek said he also evaluates the credibility of the person making the report and the strangeness of the experience.

He said those who report UFOs are first of all frightened, then chagrined and then disappointed. They are chagrined because the common reaction is "what have you been drinking," Hynek said.

Hynek said those who sight UFOs usually say to him: "I never saw anything like this before in my life." And "If I see something like this again, I will not say anything about it."

UFOs are phenomena that defy explanation. It would be like a 747 jet aircraft flying over the driver of a covered wagon 100 years ago, Hynek said. "Somebody knows more than he does. That's the fix we're in here."

Hynek said it could be possible that man at present does not even have the vocabulary to express what is happening when he sees a UFO.

The "simple explanation is that UFOs are visitors from outer space, although Hynek said he doubts that theory. He said there have been too many sightings for this to be true. He also questioned the theory because there have been no attempts at communication and no sonic booms, he said. "Why come from a distant solar system to frighten people?"

"How do we know there aren't other dimensions, other spheres of existence," he said.

"When the long awaited solution to the problem comes, it will not just be one step in the march of science. It will be a quantum jump. It would be like if someone talked to Plato

about television."

Hynek said a prototype word model has been developed from characteristics common to most sightings. Examples he read told of bright lights and a humming sound. If the persons who sighted the UFOs were in automobiles, the engines lost power, he said.

Hynek criticized press treatment of UFOs.

"The press frequently plays up the hoaxes," he said. "The really interesting ones, they don't bother to deal with."

Hynek said reports of sightings will be found usually in small town newspapers, not in city newspapers. A report of a UFO in Minnesota that was reported by astronaut Donald K. Slayton in the 1950's was ignored by the press because the newspaper science writer did not believe in them, he said.

1 Northwestern Alumni near UFO's discussed

The Northwestern Alumni Club of Greater San Diego covers San Diego and Imperial counties. Prof. Robert Smith, Jr., is the president of the local organization.

Squad car lights KO'd

9 UFOs sighted in N. W. suburbs

By Dick Phillips and Harold Remy

Nine unidentified flying objects, described by police as bright pulsating lights, were sighted last night by at least 10 residents and policemen in Schaumburg and Elk Grove Village.

The sightings sent police from the two northwest suburbs and state police combing the Ned Brown Forest Preserve for evidence of possible landings. None were found.

"It was weird," said Sgt. Fred Schmidt of the Schaumburg Police Department. "I feel almost too foolish to talk about it, except that it happened."

SCHMIDT SAID the UFOs hovered as low as treetop level, and soared almost out of sight. Schmidt said the objects occasionally floated horizontally.

The sightings were reported between 9:15 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., mostly in the area of Ned Brown Forest Preserve, west of Arlington Heights Road and east of Ill. Hwy. 53. Activity was reported near the WGN radio towers, but engineers for

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9 UFOs are sighted in northwest suburbs

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WGN said no work was being performed then.

Presumably no one got closer than 2 miles to the hovering spots, according to Lt. James Dillon of the Schaumburg Police Department. Two citizens, whom Dillon declined to identify; seven policemen from the two suburbs; and an Elk Grove Village fireman reported seeing the objects, he said.

"THERE WAS no engine noise, and nothing appeared on radar anywhere," said Dillon, who checked with both Glenview Naval Air Station and O'Hare International Airport.

Schmidt, apparently the closest witness, said his squad car emergency lights were inoperable during the sightings, though they worked again after the last UFO disappeared.

One person who was extremely

interested in last night's peculiarities is J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University and an authority on UFOs.

"I hope someone took pictures," Hynek said.

The professor said the UFOs matched descriptions of mysterious objects known as Nocturnal Lights. About a dozen sightings a year are reported throughout the world, he said, and all are unexplainable.

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chairman of Northwestern's Department of Astronomy in 1960, it has undergone many changes: undergraduate course offerings have increased from one to more than a dozen popular classes; a vigorous Ph.D. program has been instituted; a new observatory — the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center — was constructed in 1966, and Northwestern astronomers have participated in aspects of space projects such as Gemini, Apollo and Skylab. In effect, Northwestern has become a pioneer in both ground and space-based astronomy, thanks to the leadership of Dr. Hynek.

In addition to his investigation of the UFO phenomenon, Prof. Hynek continues to do research in stellar spectroscopy, image conversion methods in astronomy; the search for supernovae, and the lunar telescope program.

Pacific Beach, Calif.

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One of the nation's foremost astronomers and authorities on unidentified flying objects (UFOs) will shed light on that perplexing phenomenon at the spring luncheon of the Northwestern Alumni Club of Greater San Diego. The luncheon will be held Sunday at 1:30 p.m. in the Mission Room of the Bahia Hotel, 998 W. Mission Bay Drive.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, chairman of the Northwestern University Department of Astronomy, is the author of the 1972 best seller "The UFO Experience" in which he challenges those who have buried the case against UFOs.

Although UFOs "officially" do not exist, reports of sightings continue to be made. The scientific world, through the publication of the Condon Report, and the U.S. government, through the closing of the Project Blue Book files, have officially put an end to speculation about UFOs. "The UFO Experience" reopens the case for UFOs. To Prof. Hynek, the evidence of the existence of UFOs is irrefutable.

"I cannot presume to describe... what UFOs are because I don't know; but I can establish beyond reasonable doubt that they are not all misperceptions or hoaxes," he says in the preface to his book.

Dr. Hynek's statement is backed by much experience in the field. He served as a UFO consultant to the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, specifically as the astronomical consultant to Project Blue Book, the final "official" arbiters on all UFO reports. Prof. Hynek also served as associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass., as well as heading its NASA-sponsored satellite tracking program. Since Dr. Hynek became

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Kutztown Joins UFO Sighter List

Special to The Express
KUTZTOWN — Again Monday night a UFO was spotted over the eastern Pennsylvania country of Berks County. This time by some 25 people, including three police officers.

"I'm not a believer, but I saw one," said Kutztown Ptl. Paul B. Wary, after watching small red, white and green flying object hover and then disappear.

"At first I thought it was hilarious; me, an unbeliever, finding there observing these things for nearly an hour," he said.

Wary and two other officers followed the UFO with binoculars from 10 to 11 p.m. Monday as it drifted directly overhead at an unestimated light. Some 25 residents of rural area also watched.

In the past month scores of persons have reported seeing UFOs: all green, red and white, and from distances as far as 100 yards. One man said it appeared the size of an automobile. Sightings have been reported by housewives, entire families and by at least one police trooper.

Last week a county police officer discovered a pile of

'Light' Identified As Meteor

A mysterious light spotted in the sky Monday morning by dozens of persons including several sheriff's deputies and California Highway Patrolmen has been identified as a meteor.

According to the sheriff's office in Indio, Roy Ortis, a chief curator of meteors at Griffith Observatory in Hollywood Hills, made a two-day investigation of the unidentified phenomenon.

Ortis said yesterday the light was definitely a meteor. He

made his identification from the sound, size and tail of the light that over a dozen witnesses observed.

The light was seen as far away as Glamis, Calexico and Twentynine Palms.

Ortis believed the meteor crashed about six miles north-

east of the Coachella Valley.

The loud "explosion" witnesses heard about 2:30 a.m. Monday is the noise made by a meteor as it enters the earth's atmosphere.

Ortis said the meteor falls to earth after it enters the atmosphere.

Indio, Calif.
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11 People See U.F.O. Over 74 Street During Storm

Monday night the end of the holiday weekend, was a night of

furious wind and lightening storms here and throughout the surrounding areas. Tornado warnings were issued for New York.

A woman telephoned this newspaper on Tuesday, reporting a phenomenon she had seen the previous night and inquiring whether or not this office had received any other reports on the subject. She declined to give her name, saying that she is a member of many community organizations, and that she might be thought "crazy".

The woman claimed that she was visiting the home of her sister's friend, which is an apartment on 75 St. between Ridge Blvd. and Third Ave. on Monday evening. At about 9:10 p.m., she and the other visitors in the apartment, about 11 in number, began to notice what she described as "weird" lights outside the window. The sight was facing north, toward 74 St., according to the woman.

The group left the apartment and went up to the roof for a better look, because at this time they had realized that the lights were not lightening. She described the scene as being two dark clouds upwards in the sky (she could not estimate how high) and spaced a good distance apart. According to her description, lights were shining from behind the two clouds —

and flashing on and off — as if responding to each other. Within each dark cloud was a small red light, constantly traveling, in circular motion, then straight up and down, the process being constantly repeated. The woman claimed that this spectacle continued until about 10:30 p.m., and that all the people regretted that they had no camera to take pictures of the sight.

She also commented that she had thought it strange that about seven or eight airplanes had passed while this was going on, and surmised that perhaps the planes were dispatched to observe the sight. The woman said that she nor any of the people who reportedly saw this sight, notified the police, U.S. Army Air Force, or any other authorities for fear of being thought "crazy", but that she had reported it to Timothy Beckley, of the Manhattan Gazette, who she said has an interest in "unidentified flying objects."

Although our neighborhood was spared the tornado, such storms did actually spin through parts of New Jersey, uprooting trees, but wrecking littler other havoc.

UFO seen in 'city skies'

Collinsville police, who don't have too many reports of Unidentified Flying Objects, got one at 9:06 p.m. Last Mon. night.

Richard Barker, age 15, of 443 South Clinton, turned in a report of a UFO "in the southern sky."

Barker, who didn't believe in flying saucers before, isn't quite as sure now. He says he and several neighbors were sitting out on the family car when they first saw the object go over. Barker teased the others, saying it was a UFO.

Actually, he said, no one could figure out what it was. But they got another chance. The object came back, lower in the sky. It came to a dead stop about a half mile away.

While it was moving it cast a flashing red light, which changed to another color and then went back to red. But when it stopped a big white light appeared, Barker explained. The object made no sound.

The police suggested to Barker that the object could possibly be a balloon. He was most skeptical over this explanation, however.

Several neighbors also saw the UFO, although one, Charles Giovando, looked but didn't see anything.

Barker says he now believes many people don't report UFO's because "people think you're crazy."

Collinsville police relayed the sighting to Scott Air Force Base. Officials there say they get four or five UFO reports every month. They don't do any investigating, instead, they forward the reports to the FAA at Lambert Field.

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Scientists see light in sky over Piedmont

Unidentified flying objects, of which about 450 were reported over the United States last year, are probably not visitors from outer space, Air Force consultant J. Allen Hyneck said in San Diego. Dr. Hyneck offered no alternative explanation for the phenomena but said he believed there would have been some attempt at communication if the UFOs carried intelligent life. Similar unexplained sightings have been reported in more than 100 other countries, he said in an interview.

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The continuing search for the source of the mysterious lights in the sky over Piedmont-Farmington areas has turned up some interesting findings, an investigator has reported.

"Some of our observations seem to be very unusual or we wouldn't still be here," said Dr. Harley D. Rutledge, head of the physics department at Southeast Missouri State University and director of Project Identification.

THE PLANNED intensive three-week investigation of the mysterious lights is in its second week and Rutledge is careful to point out that this is no flying saucer hunt.

"We're a scientific group using scientific methods," Rutledge said. "After we finish the investigation, it will take some time to analyze the data. If we get sufficient data, I would expect to report to the scientific community next fall."

Rutledge said the Project Identification investigators have set up observation posts and are using telescopes, tele-

photo lens-equipped cameras and electromagnetic and color spectrum analyzers in their investigation.

"We are in the process of obtaining a radar unit which will be put into position at Piedmont," he said.

RUTLEDGE said the Project Identification team has made several sightings of the mysterious lights but he will not speculate on what the source of the lights may be.

Other members of the Project Identification team include Dr. James Sage, of Southeast Missouri State, and two students, Mike Mudd, of the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and John Wilson, of Southeast Missouri State.

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Things
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SO. AFRICA

From Our Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH. — An unidentified flying object (UFO), appears to have landed on the front lawn of Mr and Mrs Derk Kruger's home in Berry Street, Queenstown, this week.

Although it was not actually seen, strange events during the night and the appearance of "pad marks" on the lawn prove that authenticity of his theory, says Mr Kruger.

The marks, within a few metres of Mr Kruger's house, were inspected by Lieutenant Colonel L. K. Knox, District Commandant of Police in Queenstown, who admitted afterwards that he was baffled.

For the past six months, Queenstown has been "buzzed" by UFOs. At least six reports have been made in that time, but this is definitely the most audacious.

Mr Kruger (32) a strapping six-footer, is paymaster at a labour recruiting organisation in the town. He has spent most of his life in the country, mainly in the Transkei. He is a down-to-earth sort of man, not given to flights of fantasy. He has never taken UFO sightings and reports too seriously before.

But the experience he and his wife had in the early hours on Monday morning shook him. He still shivers when he talks about.

Between 3.30 and 4 am, his wife was woken by a strange, low-keyed droning sound. Mr Kruger then woke up.

"It was the most eerie experience I have ever had. We could hear this droning and a dull light was shining in to our bedroom.

WEIRD

"It lasted a little while, and then disappeared. In all my years I have never had such

a weird experience. There was something unnatural about it, something you can't explain."

Mr Kruger said he did not look out of the window, "because the last thing we expected was a UFO on our front lawn." After the noise and light disappeared they were not unduly worried.

"The only thing is we could not get back to sleep. Eventually I got up and made some coffee."

That morning Mr Kruger went to work as usual, and nothing more was said about the incident. His wife was watering the garden that evening when she called him outside.

"There we saw the four pad marks, or whatever they are. I got such a fright when I looked at them that the hair on my arms stood on end."

These four completely symmetrical marks coupled with the events the previous night convinced Mr and Mrs Kruger that they had been visited by a UFO.

There are four oval areas 23cm long and 15cm broad. They are clearly visible as the grass is dying and turning a yellow-ash colour. Inside each oval the grass is still green. The four form an area three metres long and one and a half metres wide.

It is believed that marks on Mr Kruger's lawn are similar to those found on a tennis court at Rosemead when a UFO was sighted there last year.

Rosemead is relatively near Queenstown, as is Fort Beaufort, where policemen shot at an unidentified flying object last year.

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Mystery object seen over district

A Casterton family watched a mystery flying object pass over the town on Monday night.

Mr Les Twigg and his family had just returned from Casterton Music Circle when their son Lennie pointed the object out.

Mr Twigg told this newspaper, he, his wife Barbara and other children David and Barble Lynne watched the object for six to seven seconds.

Mr Twigg said it came

out of a cloud bank in the north at 10 p.m. and appeared to be rising as it passed swiftly to the south.

There were two definite lights, a white one in front and a red one at

the rear and it was making a vapor trail.

Mr Twigg who works for the Victorian Forests Commission said it could have been 20,000 feet up, but there was no possibility of it being a jet.

Similar reports came from Melbourne area of a mystery flying object.

Among those who sighted it were airline pilots

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We saw a UFO!

IT WAS a UFO! A small, dark object, shaped like a balloon with a tail to it, seen heading towards Burnham from Windsor Road. And then, suddenly, bursting into flames and falling fast from about 500 feet.

This is how one witness described "the thing" which headed westwards over Slough at Tuesday lunch-time.

Mrs. Celia Porter, punch operator at Calor Gas, Windsor Road, telephoned the 'Observer.'

"I've just seen a UFO," she said. "I thought it was a large balloon at first, but then it had something attached to it. It didn't look very large, but was saucer-shaped."

In the 'Observer' offices, reporter Tom Fort saw it. "It looked like nothing I've ever seen before. Heading for Burnham, falling fast from the sky, and a thick trail of smoke behind it."

WEIRD

Sports editor, Tony Flood said: "A weird shape with smoke coming from it. It suddenly disintegrated into flames and in a matter of seconds had been completely destroyed."

Production director, Alan Blay, thought it was a meteorological balloon. "It's the only rational explanation," he said.

And Chief Inspector Charles Cranmer, of Slough Police, agreed. "No policeman has picked up reports about it," he said. "No strange creatures have been reported in the area."

But the Meteorological Office at Bracknell say that it could not have been a weather balloon. "They fly at very high altitudes, bursting at about 60,000 feet up," said a spokesman.

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CANADA

The UFO sighting season has started again. A Perthite writes about seeing a sparkling, yellow-orange to red, jerky but fast moving object in the heavens on Sunday night, April 15. Over the years there has been a growing amount of interest in the study of unidentified flying objects. Whether you believe everything you see or not it is certainly worthwhile to keep a record of each sighting as you never know what new developments may come tomorrow.

UFO landings confirmed

SO. AFRICA

Own Correspondent

PORT ELIZABETH—An unidentified flying object detector has confirmed the "landing" of a UFO in Queenstown.

The machine, owned by Mr J Gerber in this Border farming town, gave a "positive" result in tests conducted this week.

Two weeks ago Mr and Mrs D Kruger, of Berry Street, awoke during the night to hear a droning sound outside their bedroom window and found an eerie half-light shining into their room.

The next day Mrs Kruger found "pad marks" on the front lawn. They were then convinced a UFO had landed on their lawn during the night.

This week several Queens-town people who have studied UFO sightings and landings, visited the Krugers' home. With Mr Gerber were Mr Bill

Dyke, who has seen three UFOs over Queenstown in the last six years, and Miss G D Whitehead, who has also made sightings.

Mr Gerber took his UFO detector, a machine imported from Switzerland, and placed it over one of the pad marks.

The machine recorded a negative magnetic field result. But the test for gamma rays proved positive—the first time the machine has given a positive result.

According to Mr Gerber there is now no doubt that a UFO landed on the Krugers' front lawn.

The three also found a scorch mark on a black brick porch pillar near to where the UFO "landed." This was seen as further proof that a UFO had been there.

According to Mr Gerber, the pad and scorch marks and the gamma rays are consistent with findings at other "landing" sites.

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2 teenagers sight UFO in Bronte area

An unidentified flying object has been reported sighted over the Bronte Beach area.

Russell Anderson, 14, of Scarsdale Cres., said he and a friend Larry Masters, 15, spotted the UFO.

"It was in the Bronte area," Anderson said. "It was a really bright orangish yellow light."

"My hobby is astronomy so I know it wasn't a shooting star," he said.

Anderson said the object stayed in one spot for 10 minutes then "moved around a little and moved on."

"It looked rather close," he said, "and the light looked bigger than a plane." Oak-

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'It's not ours' reaction to flying object

Evening Mail Reporter

IMAGINATIONS ran riot in Slough when people baffled police and the army with many conflicting reports of an unidentified flying object seen over the town.

Everyone was agreed that the "thing"

was black and not very big. But it varied in shape from a squashed ruby ball to a most intricate description from factory girls at Calor Gas on Slough trading estate: "It was saucer shaped with a little red light at the back and smoke coming out of the bottom."

The army experimental establishment at Ascot denied the object, seen at mid-day on Monday, had anything to do with them, and suggested it might be an escaped weather balloon. They suggested that the RAF at Farnborough, in Hants, could help.

Farnborough take a philosophical attitude towards the motley assortment of people who constantly report UFOs: "Your cloud base was 400 ft. on that day so it would have to have been below that for you to see it. You must have got a good look," said a learned gentleman.

He could shed no light on the matter. And it was not a weather balloon because if any stray they are immediately reported to Farnborough he said. He suggested we tried the Ministry of Defence — "They know about these things."

The Ministry did not know the answer. Nor were they particularly thrilled by the news.

So the unidentified flying object will remain unidentified — unless, of course, the little green men it brought would care to make their presence known.

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'RED OBJECT' IN SKY

A red object was seen in the sky about 6.45 last night from near Russell Square Ballarat East. Roslyn Smith, 12, of Sebastopol road, Mt. Clear, saw the glowing object from a car as she travelled home. Her mother was driving and did not see the red glow. Roslyn said she saw it for only a couple of seconds before it moved south and disappeared. She said, "It appeared very close and travelled pretty fast."

AUSTRALIA

Lights 'draw' UFOs'

By a Staff Reporter

Those who like to do a spot of night parking at the beach should beware of flashing the car's lights — it attracts flying saucers.

This is the finding of two Brisbane men who recently lured an unidentified flying object to Kingscliff Beach, 10 miles south of Tweed Heads.

One of the men, Mr. Osborne Davis, 65, pensioner, had framed the theory that lights, flashed to a pattern, would attract UFOs lurking normally out of sight.

He was returning from a business trip to New South Wales on Thursday night with Mr. Robert McGregor, 21, when he decided to test the theory.

Flashed

Yesterday Mr. McGregor said they parked at Kingscliff and flashed the car lights in code from about 8.20 to 9.20 p.m.

Nothing happened so Mr. McGregor went to sleep in the back seat.

Later at about 12.20 a.m. a second attempt at "saucer luring" started.

Soon after a UFO suddenly appeared over the sea, he said.

"It was orange and saucer-shaped and there was a ball of light above it," Mr. McGregor said.

While they watched the saucer merged with the ball of light and separated again three times.

Later both the saucer and the light vanished. Mr. McGregor said the saucer was sighted about 15 deg. above the horizon.

Mr. McGregor said he was not at liberty to divulge the code of light flashes which had attracted the saucer.

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Mystery lights over the town again

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MORE mysterious red lights were sighted in the sky over the town last night.

Telephone calls poured into the *Telegraph* between 6.45 and 9.20 reporting the 'balls of fire' which were appearing high over Greenock Golf Course. Some callers reported as many as six lights being seen at the one time.

Glasgow Weather Centre reported today that they had no knowledge of anything unusual going on in the area.

A spokesman, however, said that these "sightings" were often found to be satellites moving very quickly and at the same time reflecting the sun, despite the fact that it was dark at the time they were seen.

At the Department of Astronomy in Glasgow University, however, Dr A. E. Roy disagreed with this theory.

"In this case objects were definitely seen. This is obvious from the number of different callers who rang you at various times, and from the information they gave you. I would say that it is very unlikely that they were satellites."

Dr Roy said that he regretted that he was unable to give an explanation as to what the lights were. He said they just did not fit in with anything astronomical.

NOT THE FIRST

"To determine what these objects are," he said, "it is necessary to know what track they are taking, how fast they are travelling, how bright they are in comparison with stars, and in what direction they are heading."

These are not the first mysterious lights to be seen over the town recently.

Only last week reports of a "bright light" and "a ball of fire" seen travelling up river late at night poured into the *Telegraph* office.

As a result of this a probe is being made by the official UFO Investigation Officer for Scotland, Mr Duncan Hogg.

To assist Mr Hogg in his work he has requested that people in the area who have seen anything unusual to contact him at 40 Chriss Avenue, Hamilton.

STRANGE LIGHTS SEEN OVER TE MATA

The Thames and Hauraki Plains districts have been the subject of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects over the past few years and last night at Te Mata, on the Thames Coast, another puzzle was added to this chain of events.

A Te Mata resident and her husband on their way home at about 7.35 p.m. after visiting friends at Tapu suddenly saw nine bright red lights on a low bush clad hilltop skirting Sate Highway 25.

The resident said the lights looked like Christmas lights strung out at long intervals.

She said they were still showing when she and her husband continued on their way home.

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GAMMA RAYS

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UFO in Colac sky

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An unidentified flying object was sighted over Colac on Monday night.

The object, a bright light trailing a heavy white cloud of smoke, was seen for a few seconds as it flashed across the sky from west to east.

It was seen by a former teacher, Mrs Margaret Elwood, of Sinclair Street, at 10 pm.

Mrs Elwood had been to a parent-teacher meeting at the Colac West Primary School and was waiting outside for her husband.

Her attention was attracted by the brightness of the object as it came over the western horizon.

She said it followed a "fairly flat" trajectory as it moved from west to east, but appeared to gain height slightly as it moved east.

Mrs Elwood said the light and smoke from the object reminded her of a rocket taking off.

The smoke was dense and white. It hung in the sky for some time but was not like the vapor trail left by a jet aircraft.

The object appeared to be a long way off and high enough for people "all over Australia" to see it.

It appeared to be about the same size as a star.

Mrs Elwood said she was not frightened by the object — "just fascinated by its great speed and lack of noise".

Pilots' report

Three pilots on a flight from Echuca to Bendigo on Monday night also reported seeing a UFO.

One, an experienced commercial pilot, reported that the object was first seen when their aircraft was near Rochester.

The object was travelling at an estimated 3000 mph at a height of between 5000 and 10,000 feet.

The three pilots all said the object had three lights.

Later, when near Bendigo, they saw it again.

The public relations officer for the RAAF, Mr Frank Deak, said there had been reported sightings of UFOs on Monday night from people in Victoria.

"It looked rather close," he said, "and the light looked bigger than a plane." Oakville police are investigating.

a friend Larry Masters, 15, spotted the UFO.

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UFO LANDED ON THEIR LAWN

Daily News Correspondent

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WERE THEY MADE BY FLYING SAUCERS?

MRS Lorna Slorach, of Navarre... claims she spotted a flying saucer in November, 1969.



The rings of a farm's burning mystery



By DECLAN FAY

Farmer Geoff Bibby, 44, looked down at the bare earth, shook his head and said: "I'm baffled".

His father, Mr Oliver Bibby, said: "You don't think the boys from outer space have been having a picnic here?" Geoff replied: "I hope not."

Geoff and his father own a farm at Navarre, 140 miles north-west of Melbourne.

It's there that odd things have been happening. The talk is flying saucers. Last September, Geoff spotted two almost perfect rings of bare earth on his property but did not pay too much attention to them — until now.

The rings are 18 inches wide with a 42 ft. diameter. Inside and outside the rings is lush grass.

SCORCHED

Geoff doesn't know what to think.

"The earth looks like it has been scorched," he said.

Geoff said he did not know what caused the rings.

But there have been so many reported sightings of unidentified flying objects that "there must be something in it," he said.

Next door, Mrs Lorna Slorach believes that the markings could be that of a flying saucer. She said they correspond in size to the object she saw early one day in November, 1969.

"I'll never forget it even to the day I die," she said.

She said the object was "definitely" a flying saucer.

"It had bright lights and moved across the sky from east to west.

"I didn't believe in them before, but I do now," Mrs Slorach said.

SIMILAR

Mrs Slorach said she was not the sort of person to let her imagination run away with her. "Too right I saw it," she said.

Geoff Bibby's brother-in-law, Mr Frank Raeburn, who lives in the nearby farming district of Paradise, said he had one similar marking on his property.

Mr Raeburn said he found it in an isolated area of his farm.

He said he was mystified as to how it was made. His son, Owen, said there had been a number of strange sightings of bright objects in the area.

An RAAF spokesman at Victoria Barracks, said today: "It's very interesting. We've never heard of this before."

A Department of Agriculture spokesman said there had been "no"

Mr Geoff Bibby digs around the bare circle in the grass on his property at Navarre, near Stawell. His father, Mr Oliver Bibby, looks on. — Pictures by IAN BROWN.

