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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.

Flaming UFO Sighted By AF Pilots at Springs

An unidentified, flaming flying object was spotted by five U.S. Air Force pilots Sunday afternoon as they were taking off from Peterson Field, Colorado Springs.

The pilots reported seeing an orange ball of fire, moving in a south-to-north arch to the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) Space Defense Center at 5:50 p.m.

'CASE CLOSED'

M. Sgt. Ken Reinig, with the NORAD public affairs office, Colorado Springs, said Monday, "Right now the case is closed."

"We know the time the object was spotted, and the direction it was moving. We're not interested in the object itself because we can't determine what it is," he said.

NORAD wasn't able to correlate the object with its catalog of objects that may fly through the atmosphere. Reinig said.

"There were some reports in the Denver area, I understand. Those reports said the object was black in the center, red in the front and had a white tail," he said.

Both the Denver Police Department and the Federal Aviation Administration at Stapleton International Airport's control tower said Monday that no reports were made to their agencies Sunday, as is normal when Denverites spot flying objects.

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Strange Light Seen Near City

A blue light lit the sky over Frank Lewis's ranch Monday night and no one knows what it was.

Sheriff Amos Ward said Frank Lewis Jr. called him about 11 p.m. Monday and reported the light which was over the ranch located about eight miles east of Claremore.

Ward said he would check the area Tuesday for meteorites but Lewis said the light just disappeared and never looked like it touched the ground.

Ward said that he had heard a similar sighting was reported Monday night to the Highway Patrol in Bartlesville.

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Report 'UFO' Sighted Over Pekin Friday

A large "unidentified flying object with an orange glow" was spotted over Pekin, at about 10 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Charles Phillips of 507 Chestnut said she and her family were in their car when they first noticed the object. They stopped the car and were able to see something over Edison Junior high school.

She said there appeared to be a dome from which an orange light emanated and there was a pulsating motion evident. She said members of her family were not able to hear any sound from the object, which she guessed was about 90 feet up in the air.

The object hovered over the area, proceeded out Court street to the mall and then turned back and seemed to head toward the Illinois River, Mrs. Phillips said.

Mrs. Phillips said when they returned home, they alerted neighbors in the Chestnut and Eighth street area to view the object. A check with the Pekin police this morning failed to uncover any other callers about the object which Mrs. Phillips said circled the city of Pekin.

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U.F.O. Sightings At York Village

Martha York, York Village, Highway North, writes the Journal as of May 18:

"This may be of interest to you and the paper concerning the U. F. O. It has appeared over York Village every night this week anytime from the hours of 9:30 p. m. to 1:30 a. m. or 2:00 a.m. at night. As each night has been a clear night, it was easily seen. There have been a number of people that have seen it."

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Low-Flying UFO Sighted by Two

A blue, cylindrical shaped "unidentified flying object" made two low passes over Springfield late Friday and early Saturday, according to reports received by Springfield police.

Walking about 9 p.m. in the 1100 block Delmar, 19-year-old Susan Lederer, 614 South Holland, said she spotted the UFO, which had lights on all sides of it, traveling from east to west. She said it disappeared after a minute.

Steve Fotter, age and address not listed, told officers he was driving his car at 12:10 a.m. near Battlefield and Fremont when the fast-moving object passed overhead, traveling northwest.

Flying Saucers? Some State Residents Are Convinced Of It

By HAROLD LYNCH
Assistant State Editor

Lexington, Ala. — Since January, hundreds of people have lined the roads leading into this small city just across the Tennessee-Alabama border to see them.

See what?

Flying saucers, UFOs, whatever they want to call it. The strange lights are still being seen, as recently as last week.

"Interest has died down some now," said Wilsey Mashburn, publisher of the Lexington Suburban News, a local weekly. "But there for a while, they were really talking it up. There was some concern because people didn't begin going to Lexington to see the strange sight."

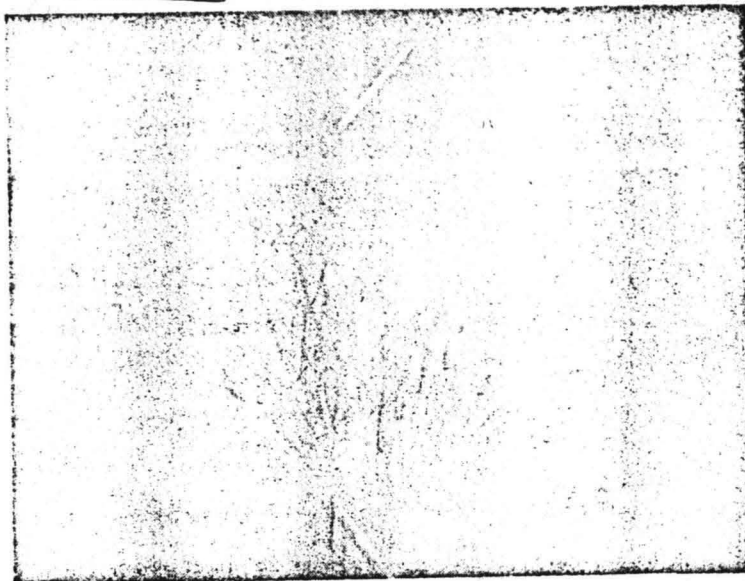
Mashburn further stirred the interest when he ran pictures of a lighted object in the sky in his newspaper in February.

"I was about five miles out of town and it was just getting dusky dark when I saw the lights," Mashburn recalled. "I almost ran over myself getting my camera. I got one photo of the lights in the sky that were stationary. Then, it began to move and a 15-know what the lights in the sky were."

As word of the strange lights moving through the night sky spread, motorists from as far away as Nashville spent two time exposure gave a "streak of light on my film."

Mashburn said the lighted object was still when he first saw it and remained motionless long enough for a time exposure. Then it began to move.

The intriguing thing about the mysterious lights is that the sightings have not just been isolated cases, but, in fact, hundreds of reports have



—Photo Courtesy of Lexington Suburban News

This photo, a time exposure, was taken by Wilsey Mashburn, publisher of the Lexington, Ala., Suburban News. It shows the type of light that has been seen in the North Alabama and Southern Tennessee since January by hundreds of people.

verified the sightings.

And those who have seen the lights all give the same description of the objects.

Stanley Ingram, a Lewisburg insurance agent and columnist for the Pulaski Citizen, is carrying out a continuing investigation of the lights in the South-Tennessee and North Alabama area.

He has interviewed more than 25 people on tape who have sighted the lights and there are few differences in their descriptions.

"I really became interested after the pictures appeared in the Lexington paper," he said. "I've been studying about flying saucers since I read the first book on them in 1949."

Back in February, Ingram and two other men went to a cotton field near Lexington where they set up a telescope. Ingram detailed the eerie happenings of the cold clear night in a column later.

"There was no moon and no yard lights nearby," he wrote. "It was perfect for viewing the skies."

After setting up his telescope, Ingram reported: "Out of the southwest and low over the horizon came a white flashing light, similar to a strobe light and very intense or strong."

"I sought the light in the telescope and started tracking."

"Across the front (direction

of travel), there were green, white and red lights in that order," he wrote. "The white flashing light was in the center and appeared to be large than the other lights extending slightly below and protruding slightly in front."

"We could see no outline of the craft itself. There was absolutely no sound."

The description is similar to those given by others who have seen the lights in the area. The sightings are not confined to a small area, but in the Lexington, Sheffield, Cherokee, Rogersville, Anderson and Wheeler Dam areas in Alabama.

Sightings have also been

reported in the Pulaski, Lawrenceburg and Minor Hill area of Tennessee.

Another witness to the strange lights is Mrs. Lera Washan, news editor of the Pulaski Citizen.

"This was on April 4 about 7:05 p.m.," she said. "A lady companion and I were near Lexington when I saw the lights. I stopped the car and we got out."

"As we watched the lights, I asked her to flash the car lights off and on," Mrs. Washan continued. "When she flashed them the third time, the light in the sky disappeared as fast as a snap of your fingers."

Mrs. Washan said the object was moving in a horizontal line when they saw it.

"It was round and glowing and there was no sound at all," she said.

There have been two distinct types of objects sighted.

The one Ingram described had several lights while the one Mrs. Washan saw has been described by other people in the area as a "round glowing ball."

Mrs. Bob Springer, Grassy, Ala., reported following the object in her car one night with her two sons. Mike Ellis, Lexington, a high school student, has reported seeing the strange object several times.

"I don't think this is mass hysteria," said Mrs. Washan. "The night we saw it, we had time to stand there and discuss it. I'm not sure what it was, but I do know what I saw."

The most popular spot for viewing the strange lights is the Lexington city dump. This is where the crowds have gathered on clear nights to watch the lights move across the sky.

Strangely enough, the same type sightings have been made at a dump near St. Louis, Mo. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch recently carried photos of lights in the night sky with a description given by a Missouri family who took the photos.

And the descriptions from that area fit those given by Lexington area residents.

Ingram said there was one object that seemed to be on a time schedule.

"We saw it regularly about 10:10 p.m. for about two weeks," he said. "We began calling it the 10:10."

South of Lewisburg, Ingram said the most sightings have been along Interstate 65.

"Along the interstate seems to be a favorite path for them," he said.

While few people have been close enough to actually get a detailed description, Ingram has put together enough information from interviews and what he has seen himself to make a drawing of what the object probably looks like, he said.

Two people described it as being a dull aluminum color, roughly rectangular in shape and the lights Ingram had seen.

The objects have been described as cigar shaped by those who could see an outline.

Probably the most colorful description, however, was given by a Liberty Hill man who said he could see what appeared to be windows in the object.

"It looked like a flying house trailer," he said.

While the lights have not been identified to anyone's satisfaction here, the crowds gathering at Lexington are decreasing in size except for avid UFO followers.

"The one's I've seen," said Ingram, "have nothing about them to indicate they are our

aircraft.

"The government has tried to explain it away as being swamp gas and other things, but I'm not ready to accept that," he said.

And while the Lexington area residents still look up at the night skies frequently, the concern has lessened because the strange lights have been seen with so much regularity for the past four months.

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On Friday night, April 27, a UFO hung over the American Smelting and Refining plant at Glover. Sighted at 11:30 p.m. It was estimated to be about 100 feet above the smoke stack and had two red and one green light. The form appeared to be in the shape of a triangle. David Swearingin states it hung there for approximately 10 minutes with the lights staying on until it moved. Then the green light reduced to a smaller

light and the two red lights stayed the same, and then all three lights started blinking off and on. The UFO moved straight north on Highway 21 until it went out of sight. He also stated there were 5 people in the car, himself, Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Miller and their two boys. He described it as being as big as two cars and that it emitted no sound.

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Latest U.F.O. Report

Weird Flying Object Puzzles Several Area Viewers

McComb, Miss. (Enterprise Journal) June 11, 1973

By BETTY BRUMFIELD
and LYNN SPAINHOUR
Enterprise-Journal Staff Writers

"It could have been a UFO (unidentified flying object), it could have been a meteorite, and it could have been some object that was flying so high, so fast that what appeared to be its crashing to the earth, actually was its going over the horizon."

In these words, McComb teacher and geologist Hugh Horn of 310 Butler St. ventured an explanation for an unusual flying thing sighted by several area persons Saturday night.

At least five persons reported seeing or hearing something mysterious to the

Federal Aviation Administration office at the McComb-Pike Airport, according to Mrs. Margaret Danna, who was on duty at the time.

Horn, interested himself, if in fact the object was a meteorite, talked to each of the persons who turned in reports to the FAA and then related what he found to the Enterprise-Journal.

Horn's wife said that she saw blinking lights between 9:15 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday. They were moving south-southeast at what looked like 60 miles an hour.

Another sighting occurred at Fenn's Store in Smithdale, according to Horn. Melvin Dye, a resident of the area, reported that five or six other persons were with him when they sighted a moving

object that was similar to a plane on fire. He estimated it was traveling at more than 100 mph.

Dye told Horn that it was not a jet because there was no vapor trail, no vibration and it was not on the normal flight pattern of jets which pass over that area. He said there was no sound although the object went down toward the earth.

Mrs. George Kratzschmar of 1002 Bendat St. who also reported a sighting to the FAA gave her account to the Enterprise-Journal. She said that between 9 and 9:30 p.m. she and her daughter saw a reflection on the blinds in the south window of a bedroom. When they looked out the window, she said, they saw what appeared to be an inverted "T" that was covered in a clear blinking lights, flying very low and

making no sound.

From her house it descended to the earth to the south. Although they ran outside to both the front and backyards, they did not see he object again. However, she noted that their Shetland pony was very disturbed, "snorting and prancing."

"It was not a meteorite and was not an airplane," Mrs. Kratzschmar said.

Benton Strickland of Kentwood, La., told Horn that he was asleep on a porch about midnight Saturday when he heard a "most unusual noise." It waked him, but he never saw anything. Strickland said it was not a sound of bad weather, because he had been in a tornado once and knew how it sounded.

Horn concluded that it could have been a meteorite burning, but if it were that close

to the earth it could have hit before it burned up. If it did, someone should have felt vibrations, Horn said.

However, if it burned up before hitting the ground, there would have been no vibrations, he added.

Mrs. Danna, who notified police and the Highway Patrol to be on the lookout following the calls, told the E-J that she checked and found no plane missing or in trouble at that time.

She explained that some pilots do not file flight plans and there could have been a plane to crash whose pilot had not filed his schedule. In these cases the FAA does not start looking until a relative or someone notifies them that a person and plane are missing.

Another spokesman from the flight station said that no nearby plane crashes had been reported this morning.

When such calls of UFOs are received, he said, the policy of the FAA is to tell the persons reporting to call the nearest military installation.

The FAA spokesman said that many persons are not familiar with aircraft nowadays.

They have strobe lights, some have as many as four. They flash on and off in quick succession," he explained.

This could explain what the people saw, he said.

The sighting was not at the time that the skylab was to have been visible in this area.

I saw the flying object at Piedmont. Bert and I spent three nights with our grandson, Roger Campbell and his wife, Anita. The first night it was cloudy and we just got a glimpse of it coming, up behind a cloud. As it appeared, a cloud came up over it. The second night it was clear. Just about dark we drove out upon the highway. We saw two that night coming across the sky. They were traveling so fast, we didn't get to see them very long until they were out of sight. We went out the third night. We drove out on the highway. Looked out through binoculars. We saw a that time. They were traveling and we could see lights - red, green, and yellow. They were very high in the sky. Anita tried to follow one. It went so fast it ran off and left us. We drove on down to Big Star Store where Roger was working. Anita called Roger out the back and he and some others watched it through binoculars. It went straight toward the lake. We saw some just sitting up in the sky. They looked much like a humming bird fluttering in a flower. If people would open their spiritual eyes they might see what Ezekiel saw. Some of God's signs of His coming. (Ezekiel, Chaps. 1 & II. Written by Ethel Sherrell.

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Are UFOs
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By WALTER E. ORTHWEIN
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

Ever wonder how ants feel when they're being collected for observation?

That's the gist of an intriguing new theory on UFOs and the unexplained disappearances of more than 1,000 people and more than 100 ships and planes in the "Perimuda Triangle" area of the Atlantic Ocean during the last 50 years.

The theorist, John W. Spencer, author, lecturer and former Air Force public relations man, was in town Tuesday to promote his new paperback, "Limbo of the Lost."

SPENCER BELIEVES the Earth may have been stocked with humans ages ago — just as ponds are stocked with fish — by vastly more intelligent beings from outer space, as a kind of laboratory experiment.

"They've been monitoring our development ever since," Spencer says, "just as we watch colonies of ants in a terrarium."

"They've followed our technological progress from the discovery of fire and the wheel to the atom bomb. Now we're at the point where we're in danger of destroying ourselves and our planet, and so they've launched a sort of salvage operation."

"THEY CAN'T STOP us from blowing ourselves to kingdom come, so they're collecting specimens of homo sapiens to transport to another planet, where we can start all over again."

Spencer, who had previously heard of them, expressed great interest in recent multiple UFO sightings near Piedmont, Mo. "I may go down there and take a look around," he said, asked why the extraterrestrial visitors don't communicate with earth people and let them know what gives, Spencer said.

"Would you try to communicate with ants?"



John W. Spencer

UFOs, Snow -- Strange Things Happening

Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) one day and snow another.

It's all reminiscent of the years television personality Red Buttons would hop from one leg to the other with a hand tucked behind one ear shouting, "Strange things are happening."

Last Thursday night local police departments in the Northwest suburbs, particularly Schaumburg, Elk Grove Village and Hoffman Estates, were flooded with hundreds of calls reporting UFOs in the area.

Then, on Monday morning, snow fell over the area, fortunately turning into a more spring like rain by 7 a.m.

Unlike the UFOs, the snow wasn't all that unusual according to the U.S. Weather Bureau, which reported snow falling on June 2 back in 1910.

The UFO sightings were reported by hundreds of residents as well as local policemen. They were also reported by

state police and Cook County Sheriff Deputies.

Police Chief Martin Conroy of Schaumburg said that between 75 and 100 calls were made to his department on Thursday night.

The sightings, according to Conroy, were of "bright lights" of which some remained motionless for long periods of time. He provided as a possible explanation that lights from helicopters caused the illusion of "flying saucers."

UFO officials initially believed that the illusions possibly were caused by the mist reflecting jet landing lights from O'Hare Airport. However, spokesmen from the UFO agency at Chanute Air Force Base discounted the light reflection theory, calling the sightings a result of "nocturnal" lights.

There were no reports of any landings, however, and Schaumburg Airport experienced only the usual amount of traffic.

UFO Sighted Near Divernon

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was sighted by a Jacksonville man and his friends about 2:15 to 2:30 a.m. on Saturday near Divernon, south of Springfield.

Ed Fernandes, who lives on East Court Street, said it was an interesting event, but that he could not explain what it was. "I know I saw something, but what it was I cannot say other than it was different," he said.

Fernandes said he first noticed the UFO because of a series of what he described as bright running lights, much like one would see on any other aircraft. He said suddenly, a large orange-red light was turned on beneath the UFO which lit up the entire landscape. He couldn't tell if it was from one source of several lights, but it was all from the same craft. He said he stopped and turned out and watched about ten or fifteen minutes. "There wasn't a sound," he said. "And there was an airplane flying high overhead, which we heard. This was much closer, perhaps a thousand feet away, some 500 feet off the ground."

The unusual item moved quickly to the north, then seemed to travel around the city of Springfield to the west.

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UFOs Brighten An Evening In St. Charles

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By CHRISTY BERTELSON
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

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Robert Baumbach saw them first about 9:30 p.m. They were careering through cloud banks and maneuvering at high speeds.

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"My husband had a business and all the policemen know him," Mrs. Gettings said. "He said if he called they'd laugh him right out of town, but he told me I could call."

Baumbach finally summoned Patrolman Ruben Abbingdon about 10 p.m., when the lights still were large. Abbingdon called the station and soon five more police cars, a motorcycle patrolman and several off-duty policemen rolled up to watch the spectacle.

"We must have had half the

gathering at the Gettings home, 2401 Charann Street, broke up about midnight.

Barry and Delores Gettings and Robert and Patricia Baumbach watched the objects as St. Charles Police Department out here looking at them, "Baumbach said. "I just wanted some authorities to verify this. We had been drinking beer, but not that much."

Detective Darrell Tullock, who said he had been interviewing a prisoner at about 11:25 when another call came in about the objects, confirmed the sighting, as did several other detectives and patrolmen.

"Those were the weirdest

things I've ever seen," Tullock said. "Weird, weird, weird."

He described them as veering off at high speeds, hovering and making "incredible turns. At one point one of the lights began following an airplane that had apparently just taken off from Lambert Field, accelerating until it matched the plane's speed, then flying along above it until finally shooting upward then downward.

Mrs. Gettings described some of the movements as a game of chicken. Two lights would zoom toward each other on a collision course, then one would shoot up at a steep angle and the other down.

At other times one of the lights would hop over another one. The number of lights in the game varied from three to four, but only two were left when the lights finally disappeared on the eastern horizon.

Baumbach said that the airport had been notified when the plane was being escorted by the light, but that attempts to track it with radar had been futile.

Baumbach, who had been a radar operator in the Air Force and had had several pilots report UFO, said he was concerned by the lights, especially when they appeared to be growing closer, flying low over the rooftops.

"All I know is that there is no aircraft in this country which will accelerate as fast as those things were going," he said.

To make sure it was no mirage, the Baumbachs, Mrs. Gettings' children and several neighbors kept watch last night. Again they saw the bright objects dancing in the sky, although this time somewhat dimmer than the night before.

"It wasn't lightning and at first I thought someone might have been doing tricks with a spotlight," Baumbach said of the Tuesday sighting. "But no one could move a spotlight around that fast. Besides, a light would reflect off a cloud, but not a clear blue sky. Those lights glowed brighter in the clear patches."

"It looked like a flying saucer to me," said Stacey Bettings, 8 years old. "As soon as we went to bed, I got in with (my sister) Monica."

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UFO intrigues travelers at I-80 rest stop

Did you see it in the sky last night? An unidentified flying object was reported about 3 a.m. today by three young women from Oregon and Ohio at a rest stop on Interstate 80 five miles west of Princeton.

The UFO, according to state police reports, was a silver-gray object with an eerie yellow-green light. It was spotted by the three, ages 18, 19 and 20, and was reportedly seen by 10-12 other persons at the rest stop. Pictures were supposedly taken of it by a Milwaukee man. The film has not yet been developed, according to incomplete reports.

State police said that eyewitnesses reported the UFO was headed in a general northwesterly direction, made several maneuvers, each done rapidly, and faded out of sight occasionally. Just prior to the UFO's final disappearance, two other similar objects were seen with it, the three women told troopers.

Two Princeton policemen and a state trooper from Rock Island district 7 went to the scene but said they saw nothing.

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Lights puzzle expert

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UFOs in suburbs?

By Carol Oppenheim

WERE THOSE bright pulsating lights sighted Thursday night in the northwest suburb unidentified flying objects? Or were they reflected lights from planes landing at O'Hare International Airport?

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University and an authority on UFOs, said yesterday he wasn't sure and plans to investigate.

"I hope somebody got some pictures of those things or some good hard-core descriptions," Hynek said.

Originally, he said the nine lights sighted by seven policemen and dozens of residents of Schaumburg and Elk Grove Village were mysterious objects known as Nocturnal Lights.

"This is one of the six categories of UFOs and could cover such possibilities as landing lights," Hynek said.

Police are pretty good observers, and weather conditions were not unusual. I really hate to think the sightings were just reflections of landing lights."

But that's what the National Weather Service and the Illinois State Police think

the lights were. The weatherman said a combination of fog and other atmospheric conditions could have caused the lights.

Schaumburg police Sgt. Fred Schmidt, who followed the noiseless, sometime hovering, sometime soaring lights to the Ned Brown Forest Preserve, said the lights on his patrol car stopped working during the sighting.

"THE WHOLE 30 minutes the lights were there, the emergency lights on the squad were inoperable. But the minute the lights disappeared, the lights worked again," Schmidt said.

This stirred Hynek's interest even more, since reports of temporarily inoperative electric lights usually accompany the sighting of a bona fide UFO, he said.

Hynek, who was the Air Force's expert on UFOs for 20 years, before the specially funded project was closed in the late 1960s, said:

"I keep saying we ought to set up a center to investigate these sightings and find out what's really happening. Do you know a millionaire I might interest in the project?"

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UFO sited

Driving the road from Tulsa to Stillwater is harrowing enough without having to worry about flying saucers or alien spacecraft.

But last week, Roger Peacock, a graduate student in counseling at Oklahoma State University, saw what he believes is an unidentified flying object (UFO) while on his way back to Stillwater from Tulsa.

"I had just come off the end of the Key Stone Dam when I saw it," Peacock said. "Laying on the concrete shoulder of the highway."

Peacock said he was going about 50 miles per hour when he saw it and started to slow down. As he neared the UFO it seemed to glow brighter, he said.

"It was cylindrical in shape, about seven feet long and rounded off at the edges," he said. "It gave off a bright red, fluorescent light which seemed to pulse."

Peacock said he drove by the object twice and the third time found the object had disappeared.

Sources have said the UFO may be because by a laser beam used by Keystone Lake personnel to take lake measurements.

"I don't think it was an illusion because I observed it from several different angles," Peacock said.

Evening Brightened

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speeds, hovering and making "incredible turns. At one point one of the lights began following an airplane that had apparently just taken off from Lambert Field, accelerating until it matched the plane's speed, then flying along above it until finally shooting upward then downward.

Mrs. Gettings described some of the movements as a game of chicken. Two lights would zoom toward each other on a collision course, then one would shoot up at a steep angle and the other down.

At other times one of the lights would hop over another one. The number of lights in the game varied from three to four, but only two were left when the lights finally disappeared on the eastern horizon.

Baumbach said that the airport had been notified when the plane was being escorted by the light, but that attempts to track it with radar had been futile.

Baumbach, who had been a radar operator in the Air Force and had had several pilots report UFO, said he was concerned by the lights, especially when they appeared to be growing closer, flying low over the rooftops.

"All I know is that there is no aircraft in this country which will accelerate as fast as those things were going," he said.

To make sure it was no mirage, the Baumbachs, Mrs. Gettings' children and several neighbors kept watch last night. Again they saw the bright objects dancing in the sky, although this time somewhat dimmer than the night before.

"It wasn't lightning and at first I thought someone might have been doing tricks with a spotlight," Baumbach said of the Tuesday sighting. "But no one could move a spotlight around that fast. Besides, a light would reflect off a cloud, but not a clear blue sky. Those lights glowed brighter in the clear patches."

"It looked like a flying saucer to me," said Stacey Bettings, 8 years old. "As soon as we went to bed, I got in with (my sister) Monica."

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Spaceship in Texas was hoax

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TUCSON, Ariz. — The alleged crash of a "spaceship" and the burial of its dead pilot at Aurora, Texas, in April of 1967 is a "patent hoax," says L. J. Lorenzen, international director of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization based here.

"Recent news stories concerning the findings of mysterious bits of metal at the site of the alleged crash concern nothing more than an aluminum alloy, and there's nothing mysterious about that," he said.

"There's every indication that the bits of aluminum alloy arrived on the Proctor property since 1967 and probably within the last 60 days."

"The important point in the whole story is the fact that in 1967 Alfred E. Kraus, director of the Kilgore Research Institute at West Texas State University, undertook an exhaustive investigation of the Judge Proctor farm where the spaceship was supposed to have crashed, and using a metal detector, found nothing but very ordinary bits of colored metal objects such as rings from horses' bridles, stove lids and 1932 license plates," said Lorenzen.

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Flying Objects Spotted Near I-80 At Princeton

Unidentified Flying Objects were reported to have been sighted by three young girls traveling Interstate 80, five miles west of Princeton at approximately 3:38 a.m. today, State Police District 7 in Rock Island reported.

The girls, ages 18 and 19, from Albany, N.Y., and Bristolville, Ohio, told investigating troopers that they had seen a silver, gray and black flying object emitting a green mellow light. The girls said that the object made several maneuvers in a rapid manner, and, prior to disappearing, two other objects were accompanying the first one. The girls said the object was flying in a southeast to northwest direction.

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Delphos Couple Wins \$5,000 For UFO Story

The Durel Johnson family of the Delphos area has received a \$5,000 check from the National

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Hickory County sheriff reports sighting a UFO

Sheriff W.V. Kennedy of Hickory County was one of four residents who reported making an apparent UFO sighting on Saturday, May 6.

Residents of an area north of Nemo and southeast of Hermitage said that an object which appeared as a bright light hovered over the tree tops about 10:00 p.m., Saturday night. The light changed colors from pink to red to green and finally to blue.

Sheriff Kennedy said he received about four calls from residents who sighted the UFO and watched it himself from his home until it disappeared about 11:00 p.m. He also went to the home of

one of the sighters, Mrs. Ernie Stout, who lives southeast of Hermitage.

Mrs. Stout said that the object was round and moved at varying speeds. It made no sound that she detected and was bright enough to light up the ground around her home even though it was a mile from her residence. She went on to say that it was "not too far above the tree tops."

The Sheriff reported that he called Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base and officials there said they would send a plane to the area to investigate, however they did not report back to the sheriff concerning their findings.

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SMOKE RINGS

BY ROBERT H. FORISTER

UFO Watcher

This skeptic has now become a UFO 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 UFO.

The city dump area was clogged with traffic from the surrounding area. What a curious sight to see all the 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 though someone had pulled a light switch; and I stood there in the cold wind, knowing that UFO 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 UFO'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.

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UFO?

or no

Was it a UFO? Will the copper barons give way to green men from Mars?

Maybe it is not all that dramatic. But Mr. and Mrs. George Hamblin, 1001 S. Wyoming, have been seeing things in the sky.

Monday night Mrs. Hamblin was in uptown Butte when she saw a flashing object hovering over the city. Strangely enough Hamblin saw the same phenomenon in the sky, and he was in the Milwaukee Freight Yards on the far South Side.

The object, according to Mrs. Hamblin, was silent and appeared to have a dark and a light side. She saw it about 10:31 p.m., the same time as her husband.

A Standard reporter checked with the Federal Aviation Administration and there were no other reports of UFOs Monday night. There was an airplane that took off from the Butte airport and a helicopter landed and took off, all within 10 minutes of the sighting.

Mrs. Hamblin said the "thing" took off over the Continental Divide at a high rate of speed and the FAA said the airplane flew in that direction.

But from the descriptions given by the Hamblins, it couldn't have been a plane.

Apparently a little edgy, Hamblin saw what he thought was another UFO Tuesday... but it turned out to be a giant kite being towed by an automobile and piloted by a human.

UFO Search Continues

There may be no pie in the sky but there's still a light in the sky over Piedmont -- and Farmington and Fredericktown and several other areas where UFO's are spotted. The search has turned up some interesting findings, an investigator has reported.

The mysterious lights have brought several university professors into the midst of this area.

"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 got 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, telephoto lens-equipped cameras and electronmagnetic 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 sev-

eral 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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UFO reports light up switchboards

By John Woodford

The explanations given Friday for reports of unidentified flying objects over northwest suburbs Thursday night ranged from airplane lights to nocturnal lights.

But despite the explanations, police switchboards in Schaumburg and Elk Grove Village were still receiving calls from area residents seeking more information about the phenomenon.

Illinois State Police investigators said the "illusion" was probably caused by landing lights of planes approaching O'Hare Airport.

J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University, said, however, that the sightings matched descriptions of mysterious objects known as "nocturnal lights."

Hynek, an authority on UFOs, said, "About a dozen of these sightings are reported each year throughout the world and are unexplainable."

UFO sighted over Valley this morning

Military and civilian police took a flurry of calls early this morning reporting sightings of an unidentified flying object.

The craft was described by witnesses as a pulsating light that moved at a variety of speeds, hovered, darted behind local hills and emerged again, and reportedly landed in Pine Canyon.

A spokesman at Vandenberg Air Force base said that air police received two calls from Mission

Hills at 12:45 a.m. this morning reporting the pulsating light, which one witness reported to be alternating red and green, soaring over South Vandenberg.

A team of air police then responded to a report that the flying object had landed in Pine Canyon but found nothing irregular, it was reported.

The first two calls began a rash of telephone messages relating sightings of the object that were then made to the Lompoc Police Department at about 1:30 a.m. and later to a local radio station. Many of the calls were from Lompoc but some were from Santa Maria.

According to Base spokesmen, there were no military helicopters airborne over Vandenberg at the time of the sightings nor does the Air Force have knowledge of civilian craft aloft at that time.

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UFO or Light Causes Two Eagle Valley Men to Make Brief Search

By Carmelita Holland
(Special to The Record-Courier)

EAGLE VALLEY — Last week two valley men, who would rather remain anonymous, spent several early morning hours checking out what to both of them resembled a light or reflection on the mountain near Daisy Creek, which they spotted at about 4 a.m.

They feared it might have been a lost or downed aircraft but upon investigating, they found no craft, no evidence of there ever being a

craft there or any source of a light.

Since then there have been many rumors and a rash of sightings of UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects) in hay fields, back yards, etc.

But what if, instead of an optical illusion, there had been a plane lost in the night due to instrument or mechanical failure and it had crashed leaving passengers seriously injured and risking deaths within hours if not found quickly?

Four Aloha Boys Spot UFOs Two Nights

By JANN HESS
Journal Staff Writer

ALOHA — Four Aloha boys have eyes as big as saucers because they think that's what they saw.

Thirteen-year-old Nate Schmit grew so convinced about 1:30 a.m. Thursday that he didn't notice a closed patio door and put his shoulder through the plate glass but was uninjured.

"I heard that crash and thought my friends were goners and 'they'd' come to get us," said 13-year-old Barry Gritters, who had come into the house to listen

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to the radio for mention of UFO's (unidentified flying objects) while his three buddies continued their watch from sleeping bags in the backyard.

With neighborhood friends Kenny Ruff, 13, and Mike Scott, 10, Barry and Nate spotted 18 different objects in the sky early Thursday—including the orbiting Skylab—and 17 more early Friday.

The boys live on SW 175th and adjacent Washington Court off Kinnaman near the foot of Cooper Mountain.

They report they had only Kool-Aid to drink that eve-

ning before the sightings began.

"They had eyes that big when they ran in to tell me," said Barry's mother, Nancy Nelson, making circles with thumb and forefinger.

She joined the boys in the yard and witnessed the objects too in the northern sky, steady glows which lasted up to two minutes and sometimes crossed paths with one another.

"Mind you, these are young men and certainly weren't afraid—I just slept out with them to corroborate what they saw," she said with a wink.

Portland, Oregon

"We'd scored 13 of 'em and then Nate saw one split then come back together and ran in to tell my mom and went right into the door," Barry said.

Mrs. Nelson was unsure the next day whether she was more excited about the UFOs or the near tragedy.

"The man at the glass company told me a 12-year-old boy bled to death after running through a patio door near here a year or so ago," she reported.

"He said safety glass has been installed in homes built since 1955, but this was built in '59 and that's something every parent should know—I still shake to think about what could have happened to Nate."

The next evening the boys slept in the Schmit yard (after Nate's mother promised she'd put masking tape on the patio door) and used a telescope to scan the skies. They said the instrument showed color in some of the objects.

"We sleep outside a lot and know what we saw weren't just meteors ('shooting stars'), although there's lot of those this time of year," Nate said.

Jim Davis, assistant planetarium director at the Oregon Museum of Industry and Science, confirmed the abundance of meteor showers from late June through early August.

But he's skeptical about the UFOs.

"About 97 per cent of UFO sightings can be explained

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as natural phenomena," he told The Journal.

"The chances they saw some of the unexplainable 3 per cent are slim, but it's possible," Davis conceded.

Slim perhaps, but the boys say they'll continue to bag it in their backyards this summer and fend off sleep as long as possible.

Would they be afraid if a

UFO landed in the field next door?

The three 13-year-olds admit they might be, but 10-year-old Mike says, "If I wasn't too scared, I'd try to make friends with the people."

"Hah!" scoffs Barry, giving his young pal a shove.

"If they land, we'll just watch Mike run!"

Unidentified flying objects seen in Valley

The holiday weekend ended on a spectacular note for some celebrants with the sighting of a group of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) over the San Lorenzo Valley.

Bob Stein, operator of a boat rental at the Loch Lomond reservoir near Ben Lomond, said he and a group of six other persons sighted the objects shortly after 8 o'clock last night.

Stein said they were at an altitude of 80-90,000 feet and the group watched them through binoculars.

The objects were "very similar to box-kites with red markings on them, but they didn't act like kites," Stein said.

"Two of them appeared to be stationary for a time and then they passed each other in the opposite direction, descending and ascending."

Asked if he had been a UFO observer in the past, Stein said, "Only once in the Sacramento area and it wasn't explained to me then either."

Stein said a customer had told him this morning that a pilot in the Ben Lomond area had seen the objects also and thought they possibly were weather balloons. But Stein said he didn't think the objects behaved the way weather balloons did. "We all saw the same thing and observed the objects for at least an hour; so it's not just a question of one of us imagining something."

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Whatever the object was, it is certain that more than a few people in the area believe they sighted it. Meanwhile, perhaps everyone will be on the lookout, just in case it makes a return trip!

Other persons believe it to be a comet. A story in two nearby large city newspapers reportedly said a comet was to pass over this area, said one caller. However, the Enterprise-Journal did not receive any information to this effect.

Light travels much faster than sound and if the object were far enough away in space the light would have reached the earth much faster than the sound, he said.

Asked if he believed they might be objects from outer space Stein said, "Well, I'm not discounting the possibility..... after all, we're sending stuff out into space, aren't we?"

seeing the object, described by one viewer as an "inverted T covered in clear blinking lights," both on Saturday night and at other times. One report said the object had been seen by two young boys exactly one week before last weekend's sighting.

Speculation about what the object actually was has prompted several feasible ideas. One idea is that it is a meteorite, which may or may not have burned up

Weird Lights Again Spotted in McComb

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Another sighting of a lighted, unidentified flying object was reported in the McComb area over the weekend for the third week in succession. Gavin Jones, Dennis Ready, Mix Concrete Co. executive, and two boys saw strange lights at Percy Quinn State Park on three different occasions near 9 p.m. Sunday.

Jones said he, his son, Jimbo, and a friend, Barry Biggers, were in a boat on the lake when they first saw a bright, orange light appear to rise to about tree top level beyond the north end of the lake.

It disappeared and they saw it again about five minutes later. Upon reaching the boat dock they saw it a third time.

Jimbo and his brother, Cooper, saw similar lights from the bedroom of their home about June 2, a week before a number of McComb area residents spotted something unusual in the skies on the weekend of June

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Jimbo said the thing he saw last night appeared to be the same thing he saw June 2.

The elder Jones said he was unable to discern the range, speed or size of the object. He also was unsure of the shape and he noted there was no noise. Jones doesn't think what he saw was a meteorite.

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Investigator to Put UFO Material Into Computer

Flying Saucer Authority Takes Skeptical View but Points to Sightings by Astronauts

BY PHILIP J. HILTS

Exclusive to The Times from the Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The photos are clear enough. It is a normal suburban home and backyard, and hovering above the normal backyard is a flying saucer.

"It looked like a good solid case," says Stuart Nixon. The photos were taken by a teen-age boy, and his skeptical father had quickly taken them to scientists at the government lab where he worked. He figured the scientists would find the flaws, and that would be it. He did not want his son to start believing in such nonsense as flying saucers.

But the scientists could not debunk the pictures. No hoax, they said. They had picked the photos apart carefully, studying them with sophisticated microscopes. They found nothing wrong.

The boy's father, skepticism rapidly receding, turned over the pictures and the boy's report to Nixon for a final opinion. Nixon is a UFO man, checking on unidentified flying objects for the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, which has three full-time and two part-time investigators and an auxiliary legion of enthusiasts ranging from scientists to science fiction fans.

Finds Faint Shadow

With typical caution, Nixon went over the photos and finally, in one greatly enlarged print, he noticed a faint shadow. He magnified the negatives for a closer look, and this time, the faint shadow appeared as a sharper line above the saucer.

Nixon checked one more thing. He went over the boy's report of how the saucer had moved: slowly downward until it was almost directly over the youngster's head. Nixon then pieced together the negatives, laying them out in the order they were shot. There was no progressive movement downward. The saucer sequence was alternately close and far away, more like a stationary saucer and a moving photographer than vice versa.

On the evening that Nixon arrived at the boy's suburban home to deliver his report, he found the family all sitting round the living room, waiting confidently for another astounding confirmation.

Changes Role

Quickly assessing the situation, Nixon changed from UFO man to family counselor. Before delivering his verdict, he took the boy photographer out to the garage and told the youngster what he had found, that examination of the photos had revealed the thread—that faint shadow—by which the phony

saucer had been suspended. It would be better to confess, he told the culprit.

After some 45 minutes of friendly persuasion, the boy ran into the house and up the stairs. Nixon walked back to the house, and a few minutes later, the boy crept shyly down the stairs, hiding something behind his back. Finally, he whipped out a little model of a flying saucer and mumbled something about a friend who made him do it.

For Nixon, a thin and lively man who animates stories with gestures and pencil drawings, this is what it is like most of the time. He blasts probably 9 of the 10 UFO reports that come across his cluttered desk.

Nixon thinks of himself as a journalist and investigative writer. Before coming to NICAP six years ago, he had worked as a copyboy, then as a writer for Space Business Daily, an aeronautics and space trade journal. He has also written free-lance for various publications.

So 31-year-old bachelor Nixon sits behind a desk piled with photos and drawings of extraterrestrial craft, and cluttered with articles and books on weird lights, hisses, and bangs from saucers, eggs, rockets and giant cigars.

In the files are 17 years' worth of these reports, perhaps 15,000 of them. They come in steadily still, from NICAP members, from people who have read about NICAP and from people who have been referred by their local Air Force base.

A recent case that has not been reported yet but

which promises to be a classic in UFO lore is the case of the Virginia Giant. It happened near Fredericksburg about a year and a half ago, when three teen-agers were hunting in a field. After roaming the area for a while, two of the youngsters headed to a nearby house, leaving a 17-year-old and his dog to tromp through the grass.

The youngsters at the house waited some time for the boy and his dog to join them. When they did not return, the youngsters went back to the field to look for the pair. They found the boy lying in the weeds in a state of shock. The dog was gone.

The young man later told his friends that he had seen "a thing" come out of the sky, put out legs, and land in the field near him. Out of the craft came a huge creature. The young man saw it silhouetted against the horizon, and watched it hulk toward him. He dropped to the ground, but the creature kept coming. The boy's dog fled the field. The creature came a little closer, then finally turned and moved back to the craft. It took off and disappeared over a line of trees.

Similar Craft

Several days later, four people in the same area reported that they saw a similar craft following their car for some distance.

"It's kind of bizarre," says Nixon. "We haven't finished our investigation of the incident, so we don't have a conclusion yet."

Perhaps the most convincing set of witnesses were the U.S. astronauts who orbited earth on Gemini missions. An Air Force report lists three sightings:

"1—Gemini 4, astronaut McDivitt. Observation of a cylindrical object with a protuberance.

"2—Gemini 4, astronaut McDivitt. Observation of a moving, bright light at a higher level than the Gemini spacecraft.

"3—Gemini 7, astronaut Borman saw what he referred to as a 'bogey' flying in formation with the spacecraft."

McDivitt's cylindrical object was not only sighted, but photographed with both still and movie cameras. The North American Air Defense Command analyzed the photos and the report and fed it into a computer to see if it corresponded with any possible satellites, meteors, or space debris which might be in the area. Negative. The weird object in the photos is still without explanation.

Project Access

Nixon is now working on a breakthrough project. It's called Project Access, based on the idea that all the UFO men have at the moment, and all they are likely to get, is raw data from thousands of sightings. So NICAP is designing a computer program to turn the data bits into patterns and trends.

Working with systems analysts, computer programmers, a physicist, and a psychiatrist, NICAP has split the data into three categories. The first one is "event" and includes time, place, terrain, weather, speed, color, shape and other information.

The second category is "principals" and it includes data on all witnesses and others involved in the reports—biographi-

cal, information, medical histories and psychological reports.

The third category is "investigation" and includes NICAP evaluation reports and special notes from the investigator on witnesses, discrepancies in testimony and other comments.

For a time during the end of 1969 and beginning of 1970, things looked pretty bad for the serious UFO investigators.

It was then, late in 1969, that the Air Force issued a report summing up its 21 years of UFO investigation. The summary to the fat document said that nothing had been gained in those years, and that UFOs were not worth studying. NICAP quickly lost half its membership, and public interest seemed to dim considerably.

Lack of Candor

Nixon still speaks with some bitterness about the report and its military directors. There was a great lack of candor, he says, and a strong bias against further study. The project leaders saw no threat to U. S. defense from the UFOs and felt their reputations as scientists might be sullied by their dabbling with UFOs, so they ignored the facts of the study and recommended halting the work, he says.

But now, the Air Force report is getting dusty, and things have begun popping again: 1972 had more sightings than many previous years, some new books on the subject have been published, Project Access is under way, and then there is a new UFO device.

On a shelf behind Nixon's desk is an upside-down glass jar about eight inches high. In this jar you can see wire fi-

laments, a tiny metal structure that looks like an oil derrick and a few other items which look like they belong to somebody's radio.

"That's a UFO detector," Nixon says.

Magnetic Field

He pulls the thing down from the shelf, takes the jar off and explains. This is a very sensitive magnetometer which reacts to the slightest changes in the electromagnetic field around it. When there is a disturbance in the magnetic field, a little needle touches a loop, completing an electric circuit. This is wired to a bell, which rings when the circuit is completed.

How do you know where the UFO is going to be so you can detect it with this thing?

"Yes," he says. "That's the problem."

The device has so far been tested only once. It may actually have detected some UFOs, but that is uncertain. Thirteen of the cosmic burglar alarms are put in homes around a small town in New Hampshire known for its UFO sightings.

"But the things kept going off constantly," Nixon says. "It seems that sunspots set them off, too." A couple of times, though, the devices went off when there were not any sunspots and when there had been UFO reports in the area.

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UFO stopped

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farm truck

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A farmer had his truck stopped by a UFO on his property at Kalyan last week.

The farmer, Mr. R. R. Zadov, was shaken, but not injured by the incident. His truck suffered no damage.

After the UFO departed his vehicle started normally and suffered no recurrence of the "break-down".

and engine of Mr. Zadov's truck cut out.

Despite Mr. Zadov's efforts, his truck would not restart.

As the UFO departed over the rear of the vehicle the truck's lights came back on, and the engine suddenly burst into life again, Mr. Zadov said.

He said he was not able to explain the phenomenon, and hastily continued his journey to his brother's farm.

Aspects of the sighting were similar to circumstances surrounding the sighting of a UFO by a Murray Bridge mechanic, near Rocky Gully.

Mr. Zadov said he was travelling across his property at about 8 pm on Wednesday, May 2, to his brother's farm when he first spotted his UFO.

He described the UFO as a "very bright, glowing object which appeared to be about 18 inches across."

As it travelled silently towards his vehicle he estimated it was about 40 ft. above ground level.

The mechanic, Neville Maxwell, an employee at Rothall Motors, was stranded in his car for about half an hour on a lonely dirt track one evening early in December.

His car's engine and lights cut out completely as he coasted down a slight incline. When he came to a stop he noticed a UFO standing in a paddock about 30 yards from his vehicle.

The object did not throw any light on the ground, however.

When the light was almost overhead the lights

Mr. Zadov said the incident "scared the daylights" out of him. He was not willing to discuss the sighting further, as he felt people would not believe him.

Murray Bridge, So. Australia, Standard May 10, 1973

Mystery of sky lights

The RAAF is investigating the puzzle of a mysterious object seen in the sky near Northam on Sunday morning.

The object was seen after midnight and reported sightings came from Goomalling, Kooragang, Karriatha, Fort Hedland and Roebourne.

All reported sightings were made within minutes of each other. Children at Kooragang drew pictures of the mystery object.

It had lights that kept flaring and receding and travelled at the speed of a twin-engine aircraft. Neither DCA nor the RAAF had reports of air activity in the area.

The object is not thought to have been connected with the air contest held at Northam on Sunday, which was a short field spot landing contest between the Northam Aero Club and the WA Flying Club and was won by the Northam Aero Club.

Northam police said on Monday that there had been no reported sightings of the mystery sky object lodged at the Northam Police Station.

It will be recalled that about eight years ago it was observed over the town during daylight hours.

After some time the object rose high into the sky until it was out of sight. Previously it had remained in one place for about 15 minutes.

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UFOs WERE FLASHING

Three people reported sighting unidentified flying objects between 6 and 7 pm last evening. The family of Spencer Street, Colac, observed one travelling at a "crazy speed" in the east. It seemed low, made no noise and disappeared from view. It seemed to be changing from red to green to white. Meanwhile, 12, also saw an object, but this one was in the west. It seemed to be revolving, she said, and moved slowly. Another reader who had been watching an object through binoculars said it was stationary for about 10 minutes. "It was quite large and was flashing red and orange," she said. This object was in the western sky and was viewed from Magpie Street.

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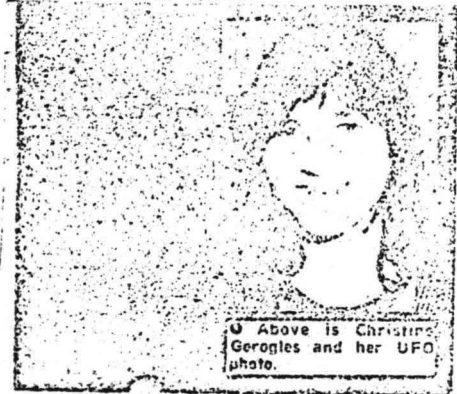
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Murray Bridge, S.A.



UFO PHOTO?

"We were having a barbecue when there was a bright flash in the sky, and a loud noise.

"We looked up and there was a thing that looked like a flying saucer coming down towards us.

"We were all scared. Nobody said a thing. We just looked at it and then everybody ran behind trees for cover.

"I had my Instamatic with me and I took that photograph of it. I took some others but they didn't work out.

"Luckily the thing didn't stop. It flew overhead and kept going. We didn't see it again."

That's the story of a young Murray Bridge girl Christine Gerogles, (14) of Swanport road, who brought in the photo above to support her tale.

A round-shaped object can be seen at the top of the photo skimming over the bush.

But Christine still refuses to believe in UFOs.

And you can understand why when you see her impish smile. Try as she might, Christine can't keep that smile off her face when she tells her story.

You must keep a straight face when talking about flying saucers,

or even the most ardent believer has his doubts.

Well, we were sceptical and at last Christine came back down to earth and told us the real story.

Christine took the photo three years ago on a school trip to Kangaroo Island.

A group of about 40 local grade six and seven students and teachers were having a barbecue on a hilltop near Flinders Chase on the trip when Christine and some friends decided to try some trick photography.

The result was Christine's "UFO" photo which in reality is a slightly out of focus shot of a paper plate in flight.

Now in second year at high school, Christine has "caught" many friends with the photo—until her face breaks up into smiles.

Her own opinion on UFOs? Christine goes along with, "I'll believe it when I see it."

But don't try to prove their existence to Christine with photos—unless of course you want to see her smile!

UFO SEEN OVER SOUNDS "BIGGER THAN FULL MOON"

An unidentified flying object has been sighted over the Marlborough Sounds.

The sighting was made at 6.43 this morning by Mr Martin Wilkie, a Picton store manager. He was closing the gate of his Karaka Point property after seeing his wife off on a business trip to Wellington.

"I saw the object, realised that it was not the moon, and dashed inside to get my binoculars and camera," he said this morning.

"It had an intense white centre which was about 10 times stronger than a bright star."

"Around the centre was a field of radiating bright light, exactly like that produced by a magnet and iron filings. It was a fantastic sight. The whole thing would have been a good deal bigger than a full moon."

Mr Wilkie failed to get his camera to bear on the mys-

terious object. It was almost exactly east of Karaka Point and he thinks it was probably over the entrance to Tory Channel.

The sighting lasted about 45 seconds after the excited Mr Wilkie got his binoculars. Then the UFO seemed to move away rapidly to the east.

"I stood around for quite a while, but there was no further sign of it," he said, non-committal about the object's origin.

He mentioned the idea that it could have been debris from the American Skylab launching this morning.

"But it was not falling. It just stayed in one place. There was none of the trail or flare which usually accompanies an object burning up in the atmosphere."

This morning's sighting follows one made two weeks ago from Kenepuru Sound, when five adults and two children saw twin objects climb rapidly into the sky and disappear in the direction of Wellington. The lights in the Kenepuru Sound sighting were described as being superimposed on a glowing circle.

RAPAURA ALSO

Two Rapaura residents this morning reported seeing a bright light travelling from west to east high above Blenheim about 6.30am. They said it followed the path generally used by aircraft out of Blenheim but it was higher and faster.

"Behind the bright light, and in line, were three smaller lights," said Mrs A. L. Dasler. "They were a gold colour and fairly glowing."

The light in the eastern sky early today was probably one of the burnt-out rocket

stages used to launch the American Skylab satellite re-entering the earth's atmosphere, says a Christchurch message.

American and University of Canterbury observers at Mt John received several telephone calls from people who saw the light at about 6.40am and thought it may have been Skylab.

A Lincoln man, Mr Bruce Thompson, and his father were out duck-shooting and saw an "oval blob of light" high in the eastern sky. There was an aura around both ends of the lights.

Sightings have also been reported in Nelson, and New Plymouth.

(Oamaru sighting, see page 14.)

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Pulsating Lights Seen Over P.N.

Strange lights are claimed to have been seen over Palmerston North in the past few days and reported to the director for New Zealand of the Midwest UFO Network, United States, Mr Harold IL Fulton.

Mr Fulton, a resident of Palmerston North, said an adult and a child had reported seeing brilliant, coloured twin lights in the south-east sky just before 8 p.m. last Thursday. The phenomenon was watched for more than 30 minutes.

On Saturday, a man and a young member of his family saw a brilliant glowing light in Te Mata Road between 4.45 p.m. and 5.05 p.m.

In both cases the people were in cars.

In the first case, the witnesses were in Chelwood Street, travelling towards Botanical Road.

The child, aged 11 years, believed she could see a dark, cylindrical form behind the twin lights. The lights, bigger and brighter than a motor vehicle's, seemed to pulse or flicker.

The car was halted and the two watched the light for five minutes. The objects appeared to hover above a multi-unit State housing building next to Stained Park.

Later only one light showed and then it climbed higher and was hidden by cloud. It had disappeared when the cloud moved.

While watching the twin lights the witnesses saw an NAC aircraft come in from the south behind the lights.

The second sighting was of a hovering, stationary light about 10deg elevation over the Tararua. Later it sped away, climbing steeply without a sound. No form could be seen behind the lights. It was to the east of the witnesses.

Milton Airport reported that two NAC aircraft arrived from the south during the time interval. These aircraft would have been westward of the witnesses.

Commenting on the reports, Mr Fulton said that a senior airport official was at Hukowhitu Golf Course on May 12. He saw a bright light to the east near the time of the reported sighting. The airport official identified the light as a private aircraft with a landing light on. He was a little to the west and south of the witnesses.

On the Chelwood sighting, Mr Fulton said there was no ready solution at present but he was hoping for more independent observations.

IF IT WAS A U.F.O. It Left Marks On Old Junee Property

AUSTRALIA

Did an unidentified flying object pay a visit to the Old Junee district on Sunday night last? JUNE 6 1973

A group of Junee people do not quite know what to make of what they saw and evidence they later unearthed.

The story starts around about 9 p.m. when Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bayliss were driving west along the "mad mile".

In the distance they observed a row of shimmering yellowy orange coloured lights.

Mr. Bayliss at first thought that they were a row of lights, like those used on some transport lorries.

However, because they were between himself and cars passing along the main north-south road he realised they were on Mr. Frank Hart's property.

By the time they got to the turn-off they saw the lights again but on this occasion they were across from the motor racing track on "Talbingo".

Mr. and Mrs. Bayliss turned right towards Old Junee but curiosity prompted them to turn back for a closer look.

They drove to the track, turned off their own car lights and watched the other lights in the distance.

They seemed to be hovering over the ground. Mr. Bayliss flicked his car lights several times but nothing happened.

Worried just in case they were in some sort of danger, Mrs. Bayliss wanted to return to Junee.

Mr. Bayliss decided that they would go to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hart whom they encouraged to go with them to investigate.

As they left the Hart home they could see the glow in the distance but direct vision was obscured by a slope in the hill.

No sooner had they topped the hill than the mystery lights went out and nothing untoward could be seen.

On Monday Mrs. Bayliss was talking with Mrs. Lucy Shoemark and they were discussing the experience of the night before.

They decided they would go out and investigate.

Subsequently they were joined by some of the Oehm children on their motor bikes and it was they who made the discovery of certain evidence.

In the paddock alongside the motor track they came across a circular indentation in the ground.

It would have been about fifteen feet in diameter.

Outside but close to the circle were half a dozen plod marks of about four inches diameter spaced at a regular distance apart.

In the centre was a heavier indentation and a tramping down of grass which appeared to have been slightly scorched.

The experience of Mrs. Bayliss is in line with an incident on a Ganmain property some weeks ago when her sister, Mrs. Holden and Mr. Barry Holden believe they saw an unidentified flying object.

It too was circular and displayed yellowy orange lights.

Later certain marks, similar to those at "Talbingo", were found on the ground.

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Lights Over Lake Monday Cause Furore

BRIGHTON — Bright lights above Lake Ontario Monday night, witnessed from the United States and Canadian shores baffled officials and meteorologists.

The lights, described as resembling reflected light from a small community, were reported by coast guardsman James Davis at Rochester N.Y., and Constable Angus Riddle of the Ontario Provincial Police at Brighton, 42 miles across the lake.

Davis said the coastguard station had dozens of calls about the lights, which appeared about 9:30 p.m. and faded out two

hours later.

Officials said there was no unusual shipping on the lake and the Canadian Armed Forces Air Base at Trenton, said it had no planes flying at the time.

James Malinoski, meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Rochester, expressed the theory the lights might have originated in shoreline communities and bounced across the clouds.

John Pello, meteorologist at Trenton, disagreed. He said the clouds were too high for the bounce.

Both meteorologists said they had not witnessed the lights.

Trenton Trentonian, Ontario
May 11, 1973

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"Sunday Mail"
Brisbane, Qld.

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 moved with the ball of light and vanished 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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Soil test key to a puzzle

Have the Martians been at Bellbridge, on the shores of Lake Hume?

AUSTRALIA

Or will a soil test produce a simple explanation for two mysterious circles in a deep valley near the township?

One circle is about 22 ft. in diameter and the other about 30 ft.

District people who have seen them are mystified.

The smaller circle was found by 22-year-old Mervyn Evers, who lives at the Hume Weir caravan park, during a fox-hunting trip on Thursday.

Border Mail photographer Peter Merkesteyn found the other yesterday when he went out to the area with Mr Evers to photograph his sighting.

The marks are a quarter of a mile apart on opposite sides of the valley but close to the banks of a creek.

A foot-wide path is bare of grasses around the circumference of the circles.

Mr Evers said the earth there was dry and hard and seemed to have a white powdery substance through it. It had been raining, but the water had not dampened it. The area outside the rings was well

and lush with grass. objects, and attributed his sighting to UFOs. "You couldn't put a few drops of anything on it, but the circle could not be," Mr Evers said he would send a sample of the bare soil to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology for analysis.

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UFO

ENGLAND

mystery takes a new twist

ENGLAND

THE mystery of "The Thing" in the sky which sparked off a North-East UFO scare this week has taken a new twist.

Defence department men in Whitehall have knocked the theory that the strange white disc which was spotted in the night sky simultaneously throughout the region was a gas cloud released from a weather research rocket.

After digging into files they revealed that no rocket was launched from the Royal Artillery firing range at South Uist in the Hebrides on the day "The Thing" came to the North.

A defence Department spokesman said that a "mistake" had been launched the following day as part of upper-atmosphere research projects but there had been no firing on May 15.

"We understand that in any case at the time conditions would have made it extremely unlikely for this to have been seen," the spokesman added.

Sightings

However, after hearing reports of the sighting and its photograph taken by a Whickham nature study party from a North Northumberland farm "Mr. Astronomy"—television personality Patrick Moore—laid fears of men from Mars.

"This is almost certainly a gas cloud from a research rocket," he said.

Speaking at his home in Selsey, Sussex, he added: "Stacks of people tell me of sightings of this sort and they invariably turn out to be from meteorological rockets."

The gas cloud released would be visible for around half-an-hour before dispersing if the sun's angle below the horizon was right he said.

"But I had not heard of this particular sighting," added Mr. Moore.

The South Uist range is the principal base for the launching of research rockets up to a level of between 40 and 90 miles.

One of the leading organisations involved, the Science Research Council, works in conjunction with university teams at the Hebridean base.

But their spokesman disclaimed knowledge of a launch and added: "It could have been one of the other teams doing this sort of work."

The gas cloud theory was first put forward by North-East astronomer Mr. Ramon Lane, after publication of a picture of "The Thing" taken by Mr. Michael Hill, head of the chemistry department at Whickham Comprehensive School.

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MORE "HERALD" READERS SAW MYSTERY OBJECT

Was it American "Skylab"?

Our news item last week about a glowing object seen in the night sky over Penrith by two residents of the town, has prompted further communications.

Mr. R. J. Smith, Frenchfield Gardens, Carleton, writes that he also saw a silver "glow" in the North-West sky at about the same time (11 p.m.) on Tuesday, 15th May.

"It appeared to be oval, with its long axis '8 o'clock-2 o'clock' and, in size, about twice the apparent diameter of the moon—at that time full, in the South East," he says.

The sky was clear, as far as he could tell, with stars visible in every direction. Mr. Smith's wife saw the same object ten minutes earlier.

Tessa Wilson, Westgarth Road, Kirkby Stephen, writes that she saw the phenomenon and it was also seen by others in Kirkby Stephen and from Bleatarn and Musgrave. Her impression was that it was light rather than bright.

The moon was in a different part of the sky and she would have expected the American "Skylab" to be bright and moving. Her third guess was that it might be the beam of a strong searchlight.

Over about half-an-hour the shape became more elongated and changed position very slightly in relation to the stars and foreground objects.

A Darlington newspaper has evidently described the same thing as seen from Thirsk. It looked at first as if it might have been a searchlight over Richmond, but was seen to be surrounded by rings of rainbow colours. There was a suggested explanation of an atmospheric nature.

"SKYLAB" SEEN?

Mr. William Dodd, Row Head, Ousby, says that the following night about 9 p.m., just as the sun was sinking, he saw a very bright object traverse the sky from the North-North West to the South-South East over a period of about five minutes.

"It was a tremendous height, cylindrical shaped and with a vapour trail five or six times the length of the object itself," said Mr. Dodd.

"I put it down as the American 'Skylab'—it definitely was not an aircraft," said Mr. Dodd.

Mystery ring of Melrose

Nurrabiel grazier Jack Russell was almost apologetic yesterday when he said into his phone: "You'll think I'm as mad as a hatter but..."

And so the story unfolded:

A ring had appeared on the Russell family property, Melrose, about 20 miles south of Horsham.

A wedding ring, perhaps? Or one of those rings for a bull's nose? Maybe a ring on the telephone?

"No, no, no," Jack

laughed, "one of THOSE rings. You know, the rings supposed to come from outer space."

The story unfolded some more.

It started about a month ago when Jack was walking around Melrose.

He was startled to find a 30-ft perfect circle on the bare ground.

It had a circumference of about 90-ft, marked by a band about 20-inches wide.

The earth inside the band was devoid of grass or other vegetation.

In its place was a sprinkling of peculiar grey dust, foreign to the district.

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AUSTRALIA Horsham, Vic.

- 8 JUN 1973

"I'd never seen anything like this before on Melrose," Jack said.

QUEER

"You know, it was about the time people were seeing queer objects in the sky."

"I said nothing about it at the time, I'd have been a bit of a pill..."

Jack recalled that farmer Geoff Bibby, of Navarre, north-east of Stawell, had found similar rings on his farm in September last year.

Geoff had dug into the bare 2-ft band of a ring to discover that the earth below the surface was heavily impregnated with a pure white substance unlike anything he had seen before.

Paced out, the rings at Navarre were 78 to 84-ft in diameter.

The question was asked: Did someone land there, silently, one night, and stay long enough to discharge into the soil some waste substance or some force, leaving the white dust as residue?

The Navarre rings appeared after reports of unidentified flying objects

in the sky over the South Wimmera, including Horsham.

And what prompted Jack Russell to speak up yesterday?

"I noticed that the grass had grown again on the bare patch," he said.

COLOR

"You've never seen anything like the color of the grass in the ring."

"It's a vivid green—quite unlike the color of the rest of the pasture."

"The ring would show up brilliantly in a color photograph," he said.

"What do I reckon it is?—I'm blown if I know."

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Mystery shape hovers over Riding

Watchers report 'U.F.O.'

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Morwell, Vic.

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The night the UFO attacked Morwell!

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MORWELL ambulance officer Ken Wallace is not given to flights of fancy, but on Saturday night he thought Morwell was being attacked by an unidentified flying object which landed at the corner of McDonald and Spry Streets.

He saw it hit the 22,000 volt high voltage overhead wires, causing a great flash of flame.

Said Ken: "Then there was a ball of flame. I thought it was a UFO when I saw the flashes. I thought they were starting to shoot at us."

Actually, what happened was that a gas filled home made balloon, about 8ft in diameter and 5ft high, struck the power line.

It was made of copper wire and plastic and so charged up the power line when it hit that some 30 street lights exploded, and half of Morwell was blacked out.

House alight

Local SEC branch acting manager, Mr Ken Edwards, said it was thought a house in Doherty Street may have been set alight by the extra burst of power.

The balloon came to earth in a variant block opposite the ambulance station in McDonald St.

"It set fire to the grass and I had to stamp it out," Ken told The Express.

It happened at 5.35 pm and power was not restored to his area until 8.20.

He said he was amazed that nobody was killed.

"The wires had come down and I saw kids picking them up! They must have been dead when they hit the road. A lot of people were gathered there."

Mr Edwards also said it was amazing that nobody was killed.

Cars could have become tangled in the fallen lines.

"If it had fallen in the power production area it could have blacked out half of Victoria," he said.

The fault was isolated after an hour, but the work created another fault and power lines came down near the indoor swimming pool. The east side of Morwell, from Hopetoun Avenue, was blacked out.

Power was off at the Bridle Estate and McDonald St area for 2hr 40min.

The SEC has examined the remains of the balloon and suspect that it was made locally. It came in from the west.

The power failure happened at a bad time for many people - it stopped them from seeing the football replays on TV.

The police are investigating the incident.

A MYSTERIOUS shape loomed over the East Riding countryside last night for nearly half an hour.

Reports were received today by the Hull Daily Mail of the sighting of the formation, which changed its shape several times before eventually fading away shortly before midnight.

Puzzled callers wondered if the shape could have been another in a series of controversial UFO sightings over the country.

But today a local astronomer said the most likely explanation was that a barium cloud had been dispersed into the atmosphere, possibly by a Russian spacecraft.

"The descriptions I have been given this morning indicate that my supposition might be correct," said Mr Sid Wrightson, past president of Hull and East Riding Astronomical Society.

Among reports of the sighting of the mysterious shape was one from Mr Eric Coulas (24), of 37, Waveney-road, Longhill Estate, Hull.

He said that he spotted the object through the driving mirror of his car as he travelled along the Routh to Wavne road at about 11.15pm.

KEPT SWAYING

With his girlfriend he left the car and for nearly 20 minutes watched the oval shape hover and sway from side to side in front of a near-full moon.

Eventually the shape expanded and, as it did so, faded and disappeared.

Mrs Christine Hill (26), of 123, King-street, Cottingham, also spotted the object about 11.30 pm as she was walking home with a neighbour, Miss Angie McGonagle (21).

"The formation started off as a round shape but slowly changed to oval and eventually cigar-shaped before dispersing," she recalled. "It was the first time I had seen anything like it."

"SUNDAY MAIL"

Brisbane, Qld.

AUSTRALIA

Flashed

Yesterday Mr. McGregor said they parked at Kinross and flashed the car lights in 800 ft from about 8.30 to 9.00.

Nothing happened so Mr. McGregor went to sleep in the back seat. Later at about 9.20 a.m. a second attempt at "saucer landing" 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 it was the "saucer" which they watched.

The ball of light and the saucer came down and separated again three times. Later both the saucer and the light vanished. Mr. McGregor said the saucer was about 15-20 ft above the horizon. Mr. McGregor said he was not at liberty to divulge the code of light flashes which had attracted the saucer.

Lights 'draw' UFOs

By a Staff Reporter

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

This is the finding of two Brisbane men who tried flying objects to Kingcliffe Beach, 10 miles south of Tweed Heads.

One of the men, Mr. Osborne Davis, 65, pensioner, had framed the theory that light flashes would attract UFOs. He was returning from a business trip to Sydney last week. Mr. Davis was with Mr. Robert McGregor, 21, when he decided to test the theory.

UFO OVER HUNDALEES?

(Blenheim)
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NEW ZEALAND

A couple of young men from Blenheim travelling by car to Christchurch early on Sunday morning saw what they considered was an unidentified flying object as they made their way over the Hundalee Hills south of Kaitiaki.

Mr Graham Gill, a motor mechanic, and his companion, Mr Gary Burden, noticed the object in the western sky at about 6 a.m.

"It was hovering with a flashing green light in its centre and each time it moved it rose up with a

circle of flashing lights," Mr Gill said yesterday.

"It hovered for about 60 seconds, it had revolving white lights, and then moved further west. It went up, then down, and then appeared to come towards us."

Mr Gill said trees on the side of the road then put the object out of their view. They did not stop, but both had the object in sight for about three minutes.

"I don't mind admitting it, but it scared me," Mr Gill said. "I feel I must tell somebody about it though."

(Gisborne)
The Gisborne Herald
Auckland Province (South)
May 21, 1973
NEW ZEALAND

Hunters spot objects in sky

Four bright objects moving across the sky early yesterday morning were spotted by two hunters in the Motu area and kept in view for about four minutes.

The hunters were rising at 6 a.m. and saw a bright object they thought was a satellite moving across the sky to the north-east. They then saw three more travelling in the same direction and watched them until they disappeared.

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FLYING OBJECT SPOTTED IN CENTRAL OTAGO

An unidentified flying object was seen over Alexandra this morning at 6.40 a.m.

Described as a large round ball, with white lights, and a haze of some type on each side, it was first spotted by Mr C. D. Esdaile of Enterprise Street, who was leaving home for work.

He ran back into the house and told his wife, who came out and also saw the strange object flying through the sky.

When Mr Esdaile first saw

it, it was directly over Alexandra. He and his wife watched it travel down the Manuhirika Valley, before finally disappearing from sight.

Describing it as a large round ball, with white lights, it had a half circle haze on each side.

Mrs Esdaile is anxious to know if anyone else in Central Otago witnessed the flying object.

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Cambridge
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STRANGE LIGHT SEEN ELSEWHERE

The strange light seen in the evening sky by a Karapiro resident last week was also sighted in other areas according to reports in regional papers.

The Thames Star reports sightings at Maramara, Hahel and Hikutaia. As stated in the local report the object was travelling across the horizon.

One of the sighters likened it to an Olympic torch with a flaming tail streaming out behind. No other reports were received by the Independent of sightings in the Cambridge district.

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Police hit at 'UFO fireball' menace

Evening Mail Reporter

THE mystery of flaming Unidentified Flying Object which crash-landed on Slough has been solved. At the same time, however, the police have hit out at the amateur hot-air balloonists who have been launching

"mysterious" craft.

"These things could be very dangerous if they are on fire as they land," said a police spokesman.

The balloons, about 2 ft. in diameter and made of tissue paper mounted on a wire frame, are powered by naked fire lighters, and seem to be built on plans given in the Automobile Association's Drive magazine last year. However, an AA spokesman insists their balloons are safe — if instructions are carried out.

The latest craft known as "black blobs" crashed in the back garden of Mr Roy Ansell's home in Oaklands Drive.

Mr Ansell, 37, who runs the Westminster Wine Company off-licence, thinks they are launched somewhere in the Slough area as the fire-lighters he found were scarcely burned.

"These fire-lighters burn like fury," he said. "They have 18 inch flames and are terribly dangerous."

Mr Ansell and wife Joan were in their off-licence on Saturday evening when a customer came into the shop, shouting "Something has fallen out of the sky in flames in your back garden."

Coloured

"If those had landed on my out-buildings," he said, "they could have gone up in flames".

Mr Ansell said one he saw previously was flying at about 200 ft. His customers have sighted four or five others in various colours.

The AA spokesman agreed that the balloons were similar, although scaled down in size, to the balloons mentioned in the magazine.

He agreed that full instructions on making charcoal fires or gas-powered balloons were given, but added that the article included warnings on where not to fly them, particularly in towns.

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TERROR FOR 3 IN CAR

THREE young people were terrified last night by the appearance of an unidentified flying object in Wireless Road West.

They were Wayne (16), Wendy (15) and Robyn (12). Sherlock, who just after 7 o'clock were setting out in Wayne's car from their home in Wireless Road West, to visit friends.

Their father Mr. M. C. Sherlock told the "Watch" this morning that he thought the car was running strangely and went to the front door in time to hear their voices, see the vehicle swing off the road into a bank and then reverse back to the house.

"Wayne's hair was literally standing on end when he returned," said Mr. Sherlock.

They described the object as large, round and spinning around. There were a lot of red lights on it, some green and others blue or purple.

The object followed an undulating course, hovered for a few seconds and then came towards the car.

It appeared to go straight up and over the car, came down the other side and then plowed and vanished.

Mr. Sherlock said the experience completely unnerved his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherlock who came to Mount Gambier from Victoria in March took over Wilson's Sports Store.

LIKE A STREAK OF FIRE

In a vivid letter to the Editor of the Port Macquarie "News" a Laurieton man describes his sighting of an unidentified flying object on Friday night last.

He is Mr. Ron McLennan, who watched a blood-red winking light streaking through Laurieton's skyline; he also claims to have sighted a U.F.O. over Laurieton three years ago.

His letter to the Editor reads:

Sir. — Though tempted at times, I am not a "Letters to the Editor" person, but I feel that tonight demands a sharing of my experience with your readers.

It applies to my sighting of what are popularly referred to as U.F.O.'s. Nothing particularly dramatic about that, you may think, but I feel that TWO sightings on the same night could possibly be unique.

I think it may be better if I simply repeat the impressions which I hastily jotted down on scraps of paper immediately after the viewing of this 'who knows what'.

U.F.O. SIGHTING — FRIDAY 18/5/73

8.08 p.m., low in sky — travelling West to East — slowly — almost stationary when first seen over roof of Anglican Church — then rapid (incredibly rapid) accelerating — like a streak of fire — slowed again — blood red — winking light — got binoculars — matter of 3 or 4 seconds to get them — object had disappeared.

AGAIN, 8.30 p.m. — appeared same spot — over C. of E. — this time travelled E. to W. — adopting slight zig-zag course — winking approximately every second, or slightly less — under binoculars colour appeared to vary — from blood red to vermilion, thence to orange — vivid — surely others must be witnessing this — followed it with "noddies" till disappeared behind line of trees — near north western end of Big Brother — still on approx. same altitude.

Well sir, there you have it.

I enclose a rough (very) sketch of the



Laurieton man describes U.F.O

"scene" of operations" with which most Laurieton residents will be familiar, and I would also like to mention that this has been the second occasion on which I have been privileged (?) to witness the, as yet, unexplainable.

The first occasion was, I think, about January or February, 1970, and on that occasion I showed the notes I had made to Constable Bob Tuck of Laurieton, who no doubt remembers.

I realise there are sceptics galore about these things, so please let me assure them that I am completely rational, and as the man would say, "It was for real man," it was no bloody aeroplane, comet, falling star, or whatever else these things are commonly shrugged off as.

I know it has cost me a night's work, as I could not possibly concentrate on anything else afterwards. Surely there must be an inches deep track worn from my workroom to the front verandah.

May I repeat — I sincerely hope other people witnessed this and will report on same.

Sincerely,

RON McLENNAN

Laurieton

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Highly Unlikely UFOs Signs Of Visits From Space Beings

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CHRISTCHURCH

It was highly unlikely that unidentified flying objects were signs of visits by beings from space. A British scientist who has studied UFO reports since the war, said in Christchurch yesterday.

Professor R. V. Jones, who founded the Scientific Intelligence Section of the British Air Ministry in 1939, and who has been closely involved in official investigations into UFO sightings for nearly 30 years, said 99 per cent of sightings could be explained scientifically.

The other 10 per cent, he believed, were tricks of the imagination, or misinterpretation of natural phenomena.

It was also possible some UFOs might be signs of further natural phenomena of which science was as yet ignorant, Professor Jones said.

World War II bomber pilots on both sides had claimed to see things which it was well known did not exist. This was either being tricked by natural phenomena, or by the imagination of the pilot.

Post-war sightings were first in Sweden at a time when there were fears of Russian long-range flying bombs. From Sweden, sightings spread to other parts of Western Europe, and later to the United States.

"A pilot in the United States in July 1947, said he saw something," Professor Jones said.

"I would think it very unlikely that it looked like saucers, and that was where the lying began."

There were more sightings, considerable alarm, and agitation for official investigations.

The conditions of all inquiries — by men in whom there could be no complete confidence — was that 99 per cent of all sightings could be adequately explained.

The rest cannot be explained by known scientific evidence, but my own impression would be that the last 10 per cent are tricks of the imagination or failure to interpret natural things correctly."

Professor Jones, who has been representing the Royal Society at the University of Canterbury, said, "However, one can't close one's eyes to the possibility that they are visits by extra-terrestrial beings."

NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIA W.A. Northam Advertiser May 10-1973 ANOTHER SKY LIGHT PUZZLE

"I do not believe in fly-sight behind a hill. I saw this," was how a while it came back again Southern Brook farmer described an unidentified skywards. I did not hear any light seen about 18 miles north-west of Meckering. This was just after north-west of Meckering. I was harvesting late just after dark while he was harvesting lupins. I thought someone else was harvesting lupins.

"It was before this other may have seen it: That is sighting last week, but why I did not say anything when I read the description given of how the light seemed to glow and recede. I realised that it was very similar to the object I saw, the farmer said."

"It was low on the horizon, about four to six miles away, but it could be seen quite plainly. I know there are no roads over that way so it had me tricked. Konnonzoring stopped the machine and climbed up on top of it to get a better view, but I have never seen anything like this."

"It had a luminous glow, like light reflected from a mirror — not like electric light — and the object moved from east to west. It moved at about the speed of a piston aircraft, but the light was quite different to that of aircraft lights."

"I watched it for a fair while till it went out of sight."

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Bright Objects Seen in Sky From Temuka

NEW ZEALAND

Staff Reporter Temuka

Seven mysterious bright star-like objects were reported by Temuka residents to have raced across the sky from west to east yesterday morning.

At 6.45 yesterday morning a Temuka man and his wife saw the objects pass over within a period of 11 minutes. "As one would get directly above another would appear in the west and follow the same path," he said.

Also reported seen out to the east was a large glowing light which moved in a northerly direction.

A Temuka woman also saw a bright star-like object moving from the west to east on Tuesday morning at about 6 a.m.

A spokesman for the Mt John Observatory said that no movements had been recorded in the morning, but that there were at present between 500 to 1000 space objects orbiting the earth.

"These satellites have a very highly polished surface which makes them very bright when caught by the sun," he said.

The Mt John spokesman could not explain the seven objects seen yesterday morning.