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**NOTICE**

Dear Subscribers:

We are sorry to have to combine our September issue with our October, for which we apologize. The UFO Flap in the last two months have run us ragged! We hope you understand. The next issue will be out in about 3 weeks. Thank you for your patience.

Rod B. Dyke  
 Director: UFORC

Local Persons Describe Sightings

**Unidentified Flying Objects**

AMERICUS TIMES-RECORDER  
 Americus, Georgia  
 August 31, 1973

**Viewed in Area**

By GEORGIA BENNETT  
 Staff Writer

While most of Americus slept, there were some strange goings on aloft in the wee hours between 12:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. today as some "unidentified flying objects" apparently paid the city and area a visit during that period.

The objects probably had at least three local law enforcement officials rubbing their eyes in disbelief. Trooper A. L. Cahill of the local unit of the State Patrol and Sgt. Jerry Crawley and Officer John Harris of the Americus Police Department along with policemen in a number of other

Southwest Georgia towns began spotting the mysterious objects in the sky about one o'clock this morning.

Trooper Cahill spotted his UFO while on patrol duty on the south side of Americus on S. Lee Street Road. He reported that the object appeared to be flying from Dawson toward Albany in

a Southeasterly direction. "It was a real bright white light traveling in the sky," the trooper reported. The UFO was round and "rather large" and would "move for a while and then stop," Cahill stated.

No explanation has yet been determined as to the cause or substance of the objects which

were also sighted by police departments in Macon, Cordele, Waycross, Leesburg, Doerun, Dawson, Pelham, Dougherty County, Whigham, Leary and Camilla.

A Leesburg police officer who gave a description of the UFO while he was watching it said the object is round, with

orange, red, green, and blue lights. It is not moving now." Robert Welch, a dispatcher with the Camilla police, described an object that hung over Camilla for three and a half hours, during which time he said it was observed by at least seven people.

"It looks like a white light

with blinking green and red lights," he said. "It has moved slowly back to Newton. At first, it moved in a zigzag pattern and then moved slowly to the west."

Other reports gave characteristics of the phenomenon as round, shining or glowing aerial objects which moved with no sound or odor.

Witnesses described color changes in the lights on the objects from red, orange, green, blue to white. The objects were said to hover at times, sometimes move rapidly and sometimes move slowly.

Winston Salem Journal, Winston Salem, N.C.

TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 4, 1973



**Authorities Plan No UFO Probe**

ATLANTA — Despite an unprecedented flurry of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) reports by Georgia residents, military and civilian authorities indicated yesterday they plan no investigation of the sightings.

Police officers, newsmen, citizens and one military policeman turned in reports of the UFOs four straight nights during the weekend.

"These are the first reports of any UFOs I've seen in a number of years. The Air Force used to have a program to check up on this type of thing but they dropped it," said one Air Force spokesman. "I seriously doubt there will be any investigation," he added.

In Nashville, Tenn., a mother who reported seeing Unidentified Flying Objects "speeding across the sky" said yesterday she was disappointed that police who also witnessed the UFO show wouldn't admit it.

Nashville police officers who responded to a call by Mrs. Nancy Harrington's daughter said the flickering object they saw was probably a star.

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**UFOs Sighted Over Georgia**

MANCHESTER (Ga.) — (UPI) — Two policemen said they had spotted a "white glowing object" with blue lights speeding across the horizon early today. It was the fourth straight day Georgia residents have reported seeing unidentified flying objects.

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A-2 Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, Monday, September 3, 1973

CR: F. Kron  
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A newspaper publisher in Camilla photographed one of the objects Saturday night.

Chester A. Tatnai, publisher of the Sowega Free Press, said the craft had a "ribbed-type design" and hovered some 10,000 feet above land.

Military authorities have refused comment about the rash of UFO sightings.

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## 'SOMETHING DID HAPPEN'

# Meeting With Space 'Things'?

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI) — Two shipyard workers say they were taken aboard a glowing blue spacecraft by buzzing creatures with silvery, wrinkled skin. Sheriff Fred Diamond is sure "something did happen to them."

"These are reliable people," Diamond said yesterday. "They had no reason to say this if it had not been true. I know something did happen to them."

"I was scared and I'm still scared and shook up over it," said one of the men, Charles Hickson, 42. "I've never experienced anything like that and I hope I don't ever again."

WHATEVER happened took place around 7 p.m. Thursday night while Hickson and Calvin Parker, 19, were fishing off an old pier on the west bank of the Pascagoula River near here. They said they saw a strange object approaching in the sky emitting a bluish haze, and then were taken inside the craft by the three creatures.

Both men were questioned at length by the Jackson County sheriff's office but were reluctant to talk to newsmen. However, they consented to a brief, filmed interview with a Biloxi television station.

"All of a sudden we heard something like

a buzzing sound," said Hickson, "and I saw what looked like a bright, flashing blue light. It looked bluish to me. All of a sudden it seemed to stop."

He said it appeared to be "hovering" a few feet over the ground and "one end just opened . . . and I saw three things coming out. They seemed to be floating across the water a couple of feet high."

"BEFORE I knew it they were on me and two of them had me by each arm and immediately I was lifted from the ground. I was quite scared. It's hard to recall exactly what did happen."

He said he was carried to the vehicle" where he was examined by "some kind of instrument . . . it reminded me of a big eye" which "covered my entire body."

He said he was not harmed and "didn't have any sensation whatsoever. I was just helpless."

Parker, who also works at a local shipyard, said he was taken to the craft too, but passed out shortly after the creatures appeared.

BOTH MEN told authorities they took "a stiff drink" after they were released, but said they had not been drinking before.

Chief Deputy Barney Mathis said they definitely were not intoxicated.

Diamond said the men described the "space craft" as fish-shaped, about 10 feet square with an eight-foot ceiling. The occupants were said to have pale, silvery-grey skin with no hair, long pointed ears and noses, with an opening for a mouth, big eyes, and hands "like crab claws."

They were "real wrinkled and the only sound they made was a "buzzing-humming sound."

Neither man suffered any apparent injuries but they were taken to a military hospital at nearby Keesler Air Force Base yesterday to be checked for possible radiation exposure. Keesler officials said an examination by Air Force physicians found no evidence of radiation.

IN DAYTON, Ohio, meanwhile, a television newsman said yesterday he had caught an unidentified flying object on movie film as it was speeding away from a neighbor's house shortly before dawn.

"It was white and there apparently were no other colors," said John Gedder of WKCF-TV.

At least 20 UFO sightings have been reported in this area of southwestern Ohio since Wednesday night.

## UFOs Take Partners Seattle P.I. Oct. 1, 1973 CR: Sam Williams For Tennessee Waltz

HORNBEAK, Tenn. — (UPI) — Sheriff Nathan Cunningham's office in Obion County is beginning to take on the aura of a traffic control center for UF's reported zipping across northwest Tennessee skies at 100 miles an hour.

Cunningham said yesterday he personally saw three UFOs (unidentified flying objects) Saturday night, including one which raced over his house glowing and humming.

He said at least 20 callers reported similar sightings.

The reported sightings were the latest in a rash of such incidents throughout the Southeast. Cunningham said he had been aware of earlier reports but had not paid much attention to them.

"I figured it was something military and they just didn't want to tell anybody about it," he said.

"I saw something, and I don't know what it was. But it was sure identified to me. It had a big bright white light in the center and it had red, green, and blue-looking lights around it.

"You couldn't tell how far away it was or how big it was. From a distance it looked like the big glow was 10 or 12 feet square."

Cunningham said he saw two UFOs hover over a Hornbeak riding ring then disappear early Saturday evening.

When he arrived home later, Cunningham said his phone was ringing constantly. As he looked outside, a third UFO passed by.

"It was low enough that I could hear this one," he said. "It made a humming sound that didn't sound like a plane or a helicopter.

"Just a wild guess, I'd say it was moving 100 miles an hour or better. It just zoomed right on over. It stopped over the north for four or five minutes then came back over south and finally disappeared."

George and Vickie Rogers were returning by car from Reelfoot Lake in the northwest corner of the state when they saw a piercing light.

"We had been sitting at the lake and my wife kept seeing red and blue lights go around the lake," Rogers said. "I told her it was an airplane and we forgot about it.

"But we were coming home and I just glanced over to my left in a field and there was a six or seven foot bright red light. It was so bright I couldn't see. It lit up an acre and a half of land.

"Then the light went out and we couldn't see nothing. There were seven or eight cars on the road and they almost hit each other. I was pretty scared."

## 'UFO' Puzzle Has Solution

What appeared to be an "unidentified flying object" last week to some area citizens turned out to be not quite so puzzling, once Mount Airy police had a crack at it.

Tuesday and Wednesday nights some citizens reported what they identified as "UFOs" in the skies over Mount Airy. One 44-year-old woman reported a red lighted UFO, according to George Fawcett, which "smelled like something on fire" and made "strange buzzing and whizzing noises". They contended it fell to the ground somewhere near **M a y b e r r y M a l l**

Others reported a "huge round, white light" above North Park Shopping Center on Renfro Street.

Officers of the Mount Airy police department later found a parachute and what looked like a burned flare near the Merritt Street housing development.

Fawcett, who has been chasing UFOs for years, agreed with police that the parachute flare would account for some of the reports of sights in the night skies over Mount Airy.

Tuesday, September 25, 1973  
Mount Airy, N.C.  
The Mount Airy News

## UFO Site Mystifies Scientists

Seattle P.I. 9-16-73

GRIFFIN, Ga. — (AP) — University of Georgia soil scientists have found unexplained high concentrations of copper and chromium in soil taken from the landing site of an alleged unidentified flying object.

Test results announced Friday by Dr. Oscar Anderson and Dr. Larry Shuman of the university experiment station in Griffin indicate that copper concentrations were 2,000 times more and chromium 200 times more than in soil in the

area. The scientists said the results appear to support an eyewitness report that a small bright, hot metallic object seemed to land and slightly imbed itself in the soil.

Anderson said the object was probably a small meteorite or part of a disintegrating satellite, but he and Shuman could not account for the absence of a crater or depression in the earth around the alleged impact area.

# 'Golden Egg' Cracks Earth from UFO Sky

GRIFFIN, Ga. — (UPI) — The plague of UFOs here that has unsettled Georgia for weeks took a sudden twist yesterday when a witness reported a golden egg fell from the sky in a cloud of smoke, searing the earth where it struck.

"I tell you, I believe it to be a piece of brimstone from heaven come down here to show people how He can burn the earth with it," announced Ress Clanton, who said he saw a hole a foot long and 4 to 5 inches deep. Researchers from an agricultural experiment station nearby took earth samples but found nothing out of the ordinary — except that after the incident the temperature of the hole was 300 degrees.

Clanton said the object did not appear to be in free fall, but descending at a controlled rate. He said he saw no aircraft in the area.

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## UFO Seen By Local Resident

Mrs. Wayne Wilson of 5 Grove Ave. reported she sighted a strange object in the sky around 10:30 pm Tuesday while riding in a car between Reno and Oil City.

She described the object as a large red ball, moving rapidly and not too high in the sky.

Mrs. Wilson described it as "terrifying."

GAZETTE  
Berkeley, Calif.  
August 15, 1973

## Challenges government reports

Government reports say Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) are "natural phenomena." "Ridiculous," challenges Prof. James Harder of the University of California at Berkeley department of civil engineering. "UFOs are real — and from other planets," he claims.

Prof. Harder also is director of research for the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, and testified in 1968 before the Committee on Science and Astronautics of the U.S. House of Representatives.

He said his belief coincides with that of the Air Force in

more than 700 UFO sightings investigated by the Condon Report.

About one third of the sightings were listed in the report as "unexplainable," according to Harder.

HARDER SAYS space visitors are unfriendly but not downright hostile.

"They do not seem too interested in communicating with humans," said Harder, "but occasionally take humans into their space-caps."

He is investigating such an incident alleged to have happened recently in the San Francisco area.

He reported that at least one teenager claimed, under deep hypnosis, that he was abducted by spacemen after a struggle and taken into the UFO where two tubes were inserted into each side of his chin and blood samples taken.

UNDER HYPNOSIS, the youth remembered the scene with "complete terror," according to Harder.

The boy described the spacemen as about five feet tall with big heads, big eyes and five stubby fingers on each of their two hands.

Harder claimed the boy's description under hypnosis was either a delusion or real, but not a hoax.

The boy later developed sores over his body, hair on his head fell out and two bruises appeared on his chin.

HE WAS ACCOMPANIED by three other youths at the time, and Harder is making an extensive investigation of two of the other boys under hypnosis to see if the stories tally.

Harder says their experience is not unique by any means as it's been happening for centuries. Further, he believes that only about five per cent of all UFO sightings are reported to authorities.

# UC prof: UFOs are real and from other planets

## Skylab Sees Strange Light

HOUSTON, Aug. 27. — (UPI) — The Skylab 3 astronauts, doing an "exceptional" job on scientific research, Monday photographed a strange light in Earth's upper atmosphere and waited for backup space spider Anita to start spinning a web in weightlessness.

Alan L. Bean, Owen K. Garriott and Jack R. Louasma started the second half of their 59-day flight with solar observations, biomedical experiments and tests of a one-man flying machine.

Mount Airy, N.C.

6A—The Mount Airy NEWS.

Tuesday, September 11, 1973.

## Scientists Try To Explain Georgia UFO's

CR: Fawcett

Atlanta (UPI) — An expert satellite tracker suggested today that those unidentified flying objects reported over Southern skies for the past six nights may be manmade satellites and assorted space "junk" dropping out of earth orbit.

Dr. Ralph Buice, and astronomer at the Fernbank Science Center in nearby DeKalb County, said there were two satellites circling the earth which were expected to decay and drop out of orbit last week.

The slashing lights reported from Florida to Tennessee since last week may have been the satellites breaking up as they reenter the earth's atmosphere, Buice said. He said the decay of a satellite orbit may produce unusual aerial phenomena for several days.

He said the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) has charted almost 7,000 satellites and space debris in orbit over the past six years and about 3,000 are still flying.

"Only 1,000 of those are satellites and the other 2,000 are discarded rocket stages, shroud panels and other assorted bits of debris associated with the launch," Buice said.

Once a satellite starts to break up and reenter the earth's atmosphere, there can be flashing lights, puffs of smoke and other unusual sights, he said.

"Conceivably, a satellite that burns up could deposit a cloud of ionized gas in the upper atmosphere, perhaps 70 miles above the earth, that would glow and take several hours to dissipate," Buice said.

Robert Hayward, another Fernbank astronomer, suggested the lights might be the planets Venus, Jupiter and Mars, and meteorologist James Buckley said cirrus clouds at high altitudes might produce a light-scattering effect.

Whatever they are, there were more of the UFO's reported Tuesday night in the Sandersville area in east-central Georgia. One object was described as changing color from red to green to blue and then to gold.

A second seen at the same time was larger and multi-colored but eventually turned white and dwindled in size.

# UFOs Over NE Arkansas, Callers Say

**By The Associated Press**  
**JONESBORO** — Several persons reported unidentified flying objects in the Northwest Arkansas skies Wednesday night. Jonesboro police said they had had reports of orange and brown colored balls in the sky. "One person called in to report an oblong object with blue lights on one end and red lights on the other. That turned out to be an airplane," one officer reported. State police at Jonesboro said that they had received one direct report of a "big white ball" in the sky northwest of Jonesboro.

State Police also reported that officers at Trumann received a report of an object which appeared to be changing colors from white to red to green. Other reports of balls of fire were received from Rector, Corning and Sterling Springs, State Police said.

One skeptical officer explained that a Jonesboro newspaper had run a front page article Wednesday about reports of UFOs over Harrisburg Tuesday night — about 25 miles to the south — and "now everybody in the county is out looking for them."

More Sightings Wednesday

# Macon Police Keep Seeing Those UFOs

**By EDDIE ROBINETTE**  
**News Staff Writer**  
 Those UFOs are starting to make believers out of a sizeable number of Macon policemen.

"I'll go against any man who says these things are a planet or scrap metal falling from space," said patrolman Dennis Brown. He viewed four of the objects through a 10 power rifle scope early this morning.

Brown said he saw a ship, and that at least 10 other officers came to the intersection of Waterville Road and Rains Avenue to look through the scope—one was definitely convinced from his former cynicism.

**BROWN SAID** the officer had been kidding those who reported sighting the unidentified flying objects. "When he looked through the scope, he said 'Well, I'll be damned!'"

Brown explained. The object looks like "something they shoot up from Cape Canaveral (Cape Kennedy)," according to Brown. He not only saw the same type blinking lights reported by others, but added that the lights were definitely attached to or coming from a ship being piloted by someone or something.

This was his second sighting. The first came early yesterday morning. He took the scope from a rifle yesterday and used it this morning when he and his partner made the second sighting about 4 a.m.

They continued observing until daylight. There was no moon, and at times, Brown said, clouds hid the objects from their view. "It was real dark," he added.

"I BELIEVE the yellow or white lights are from the propulsion system. There is

something inside. I believe the American government is experimenting with something and don't want us to know about it," Brown said.

Tonight, he is off duty. However, he is looking for a camera with a telephoto lens — Brown plans to try to make believers out of the whole department.

He said there are a few skeptics left. Captain V.J. Toole is not among that number. He also saw the objects early this morning and it wasn't the first time he has seen a UFO.

"I saw one in the 1950s. It did not have colored lights—it scared me then," he said this morning. The one in the 50s, Toole said, was a solid white light that looked something like a flare being dropped by parachute. He said it hovered right over the building where he worked.

"I REMEMBERED a rifle I had and went to get it. I thought I would take a shot at the thing," Toole said. However, it went up "like an elevator" before he could squeeze off a round.

What he saw then and what he saw early this morning "was not caused by the atmosphere." Several officers admit being kidded about their sightings. They are cautious about speculating on what the UFOs are, but more than one pointed this out: "The odds are that there is life on another planet. It is not beyond reason that these things are manned."

After all, they say, 20 years ago most people would have called anyone crazy who predicted earthmen would soon walk on the moon.

Toole also refuses to speculate, but indicated he believes both his sightings might be space craft.

# UFO Twinkling Over Cobb?

**9-6-73** By PENNY McHAN  
**Journal Staff Writer**  
 "Hey, what are those strange lights in the sky?" my companion asked as we drove north on I-75 near Marietta Wednesday night. He pointed. But before I could ask "where?" I spotted a small, eerie light almost due north, directly in front of us, hovering, gently bobbing in the black, 10:30 p.m. sky. And from all reports Thursday morning, we apparently weren't alone in catching a glimpse of UFOs, Wednesday night. Not as fixed as a star and beaming more steadily than a planet, the light seemed to mother two smaller lights underneath and to the lower left of

where it hovered, moving only slightly now and then. "Is that a UFO?" we both asked simultaneously. Discussion began of recent UFO publicity and past personal experiences at spotting or attempting to spot the unidentified flying objects, but we talked with four eyes hypnotized by and glued to the light that did "seem" to move ever so slowly, followed by the two smaller, pinpoint twinkling lights. Suddenly, to the left of the horizon, a helicopter swiftly approached the lights, but they immediately dimmed themselves to darkness. The lights never reappeared. We discussed this, convinced "they" were still up there, speculating what visitors from another

planet would be like, if there were such beings. When I arrived at the Marietta apartment complex where I live, several people stood out back pointing and looking up at the northern sky. I tried to call another reporter, anyone, to find out if others had spotted the UFO. Everyone was out evidently and the 11 o'clock news had no word. For some time, I considered calling the police, the Naval Air Station, someone, to report what we had seen. Instead I went to bed and dreamed of yellow-green men with four arms and suction cups on their piqued faces. But, many others, about 25 callers, See UFO, Page 2A



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did call the Marietta Police to report strange goings-on in the sky Wednesday night. And although a Dobbins Air Force Base spokesman reported no calls there, imagine how many others saw something and felt calling someone would admit a touch of craziness or hint at drunkenness.

"We haven't had any calls and we don't do anything but comfort the people when they do call. That program was ended many years ago," the Dobbins official said.

But, what could they do? Send a helicopter or planes to check out lights in the sky? Could the armed services check out the UFOs since their program for such was phased out "many years ago?"

Speculation Thursday morning from those who saw, those who thought they saw, and those who didn't see ranged from government projects the government doesn't want the people to know about; satellites falling back to earth; a new planet; foreign government projects they don't want to talk about; and about as many other ideas as there are descriptions of the UFOs, themselves.

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## Course on UFO Set in Georgia

**BARNESVILLE, Ga. (UPI)** — The announcement was sent out Friday morning, but some people already have called Gordon Junior College here asking about Bruce Henne's course on unidentified flying objects. Henne, a 32-year-old psychology instructor, decided to teach the course "because people in this area want an explanation."

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## UFO Sightings Told By Metroland Men

By BRUCE POSNER

When Douglas Griffiths of 307 Rosa Road, Schenectady, went to get a camera to photograph the unidentified flying objects (UFOs) he watched from his front porch, they were no longer in sight.

But he isn't the only one in Metroland to report having seen unidentified flying objects over the past weekend. Another story from Colonie matches Griffiths' very well.

At about 9:30 Sunday night Griffiths was listening to his VHF monitors, which he does as a hobby in his home, when he started hearing a lot of static. He looked outside to the east and saw three quivering bright lights "playing tag" with one another.

"I'D SAY THEY were about three miles away," Griffiths said. The static on his monitors disappeared as soon as the UFOs went away.

David Quellette of North Bethlehem was in the parking lot of K-Mart in Colonie

Saturday night at 9:30 p.m. when one of his children called his attention to three "very, very bright" lights he described as moving the same way Griffiths had seen. Quellette and his three children stood and watched the objects for about a half hour.

"They covered the whole horizon in about 30 seconds," Quellette said, making "rapid swirling patterns" and sometimes standing still. "I've never seen anything like it in my life," he added.

Quellette said he estimated the UFOs at about 60 to 70 miles high, quite a bit higher than lights Griffiths saw the following night. Both men said they rubbed their eyes a little at first but became convinced they weren't "seeing things" when the UFOs remained in sight for several minutes.

"We live here, why can't somebody live up there?" Griffiths asked. "We ought to get together and exchange our knowledge," he added.

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## Deputies, couple spot UFO--twice 2165

A total of at least nine people from Athens to Albion observed an unidentified flying object at two different times early this morning. A young couple from Athens first observed the mysterious object and it was also watched by five sheriff's deputies and two Albion city police officers.

The couple called the sheriff's office here about 2:30 a.m. and reported the object which was moving in the sky and would glow a brilliant amber, then fade. It was moving rapidly from side to side in a zig-zag pattern and also move rapidly in an up and down direction.

When two deputies arrived in Athens they observed the object and also a short distance from the main "body" appeared a large glow of light which one deputy described as a "super-brilliant search light". The deputies and young couple watched the object for about half an hour

until it disappeared.

About 3:45 this morning, the young man called again to report the object. At this time, two other deputies were in the vicinity of 26 Mile rd. and I-94 northwest of Albion when they saw the object to the southwest, which would have been in the direction of Athens.

The deputies described the rapid acceleration of the object in sideways and up and down movements and also reported a bluish light. Two Albion police officers also reported observing the object, in addition to one other deputy in the vicinity. Sighting of the object lasted about 10 minutes.

The air traffic control tower a Kellogg airfield in Battle Creek reported no radio communications about that time reporting anything unusual. The tower does not have radar facilities.

Vallejo, Calif. Times - Herald Sept. 11-1973

## Odd UFO Reported

Other places have flying saucers but Vallejo has a "flying ashtray," if a shy caller to the Vallejo police department is to be believed.

He phoned at 9:50 a.m. Sunday to report his 9:07 a.m. sighting. But he gave only his age - 47 - no name or address.

He had looked eastward when he saw the flying ashtray speeding to the west. By the time he ran inside to get his binoculars, the strange craft had vanished.

But he described it as looking like a huge ashtray. Things were sticking out the sides and looked like cigarette butts.

Although we may be the butt of this whole thing, the caller denied he is "crazy." He conceded that he formerly thought "people that saw them (UFOs) were crazy - but no more."

He had tried to report the flying ashtray to Travis Air Force Base, but was referred to Vallejo police.

Walla Walla, Wash.  
Union Bulletin 10-5-73

## Are they the northern lights?

Other reports have indicated a strange sky illumination Tuesday night, reported by residents of the Prescott vicinity, apparently was a northern lights display. A local woman called, after seeing a U-B item Thursday, to report that a Spokane television station carried descriptions of the northern lights display that night.

## Port Orchard Skywatchers Spot UFO

Seeing may not always be believing, particularly when it comes to the matter of unidentified flying objects (UFO's).

But two Port Orchard residents' reports of red and green twirling lights in the sky Saturday between 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. had a Kitsap County Sheriff's office deputy out gazing at the sky just the same.

William Roper, 1012 S. Charlotte St., reported that he and three other persons saw a round object with the colored lights in the sky to the south-southeast about 8:48 p.m.

Gloria Ingram of Rte. 2, Box 382, reported having seen a similar object about 8:35 p.m., again to the southeast. Neither resident gave a description of the object's movements, according to Kitsap Sheriff's deputies.

Bremerton, Wash. SUN Sept. 17, 1973

State Unknown A6 - The Spartanburg Herald, Tues., Sept. 25

## 2 Memphis Deputies Report UFO Lights 1973

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) - An unidentified flying object blinked its spotlights twice Sunday night, then disappeared into the darkness with a whirring noise, according to Shelby County Sheriff's Deputy P. L. Pilalas.

Pilalas said he and his partner, J.O. Davis, were driving on U.S. 70 just east of Memphis when they saw the craft hovering overhead. Two bright spotlights were shining beams straight forward from the craft's altitude of 500 to 1,000 feet, he said, and two red lights were glowing at the extremities of the craft.

"We couldn't see the craft itself, but only its lights," he said.

"I flashed my spotlight on the vehicle which appeared to be traveling with us at about 15 m.p.h.," Pilalas said. "I was hanging out the window at this point. I contacted the dispatcher to see if we had any metro helicopters up in the area. His answer was negative; all units were grounded."

Federal Aviation Administration officials at Memphis International Airport said they could detect no crafts in the area on their radar screens and had no record of any flights that were supposed to be in the area.

"We let our blue light (on the police car) shine twice and then stopped," Pilalas said. "The vehicle then flashed its white beams twice and then both the white lights and red lights went out."

"It just disappeared."

Bremerton, Wash. SUN Sept. 20, 1973

## Another UFO Sighting Reported Here

Another Unidentified Flying Object was sighted from Port Orchard Monday, sheriff's deputies reported.

Carol L. Raymond, Rte. 1, Box 437, Port Orchard, reported that she spotted a circular object with 12 red flashing lights hovering about five degrees above the horizon to the south. The UFO made no sound, she told deputies, and she watched it for about 15 minutes.

Deputies went to the Raymond home, but the object had disappeared, she reported.

The UFO was reported about 9:05 p.m., deputies said. It was the third reported sighted since Sept. 18 and the second in the Port Orchard area.

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## Alabamians report more strange sights

**CARRVILLE** — Policeman Olen Hammonds thought a flying saucer was behind the results of a little fun by motorcyclists. Townspeople had told police they found an area that had been mysteriously burned, such as by a flying saucer. Later, a resident said it looked like where a motorcycle went "round and round." News correspondent Boone Alken went to Carrville Thursday to check reports, one of which was that the landing area had been roped off.

"THAT'S WHERE my daughter-in-law put up some rope and posted signs to keep trespassers from dumping garbage," he said. Nevertheless, Carrville residents — along with those in Tallahassee across the Tallapoosa River, insisted they had seen mysterious lights. They were among hundreds of residents over Alabama who reported seeing lights. The latest was at Tarrant. Turn to Page 10, Column 1

## Alabamians report more strange sights

**POLICE IN Montgomery** received several calls Wednesday night from residents of a development east of the city. Officers sent to the scene reported seeing an object with a "white light" and another which changed colors "from white to green to red."

**SIMILAR REPORTS** dis-turbed Georgia citizens several weeks ago and more recently in eastern Alabama where several policemen said they saw unusual objects in the sky early one Sunday. Bill Arnold, dispatcher at the Tarrant City Police Department, said calls started coming in at 10:45 Thursday and continued until midnight.

He said officers sent to investigate reported two objects lower and brighter than a star hovering over the city. "They were round and moved back and forth, and then came together," the officer said. "As far as I know they went away," Arnold said. "I guess people forgot about them and went to sleep."

Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery said they found no unusual objects on their radar screens. Police Chief Ed Wright said he didn't see anything unusual in the sky Wednesday night. "What I did see," he said, "were two stars — two headlights. I didn't observe them changing colors."

**MORE CALLS** came Thursday night in Montgomery. Mrs. Charles Rogers said she and a group of neighbors saw three objects "darting around." She said they were "real bright" and moved "up and down and back and forth." The National Weather Service said they had no official explanation for the reports.

# What's blue, red and spins?

By BETH PYLE  
(Of the Local News Staff)

Of all the students returning today to West Chester's Stetson Junior High School, eighth grader Glenna Egolf may write the most unusual "What I Did During Summer Vacation" theme.

Because Glenna Egolf did an unusual thing: she watched what she firmly believes was a flying saucer fly slowly over her house.

It all began when Glenna looked out of the living room window of her home on Edgewood road, West Chester, Wednesday afternoon and saw what she at first thought was a "funny shaped airplane."

But when she went outside to get a better view, she decided no airplane, even a funny one, looked like this. Here's her description of what she saw:

**Didn't Make A Sound**  
"It was round with a point on top of it — something like a top. It was blue, green and red with white lights all the way around

the middle. It was rotating pretty fast, and at the same time moving across the sky, very slow. It didn't make a sound."

For five minutes Glenna watched the strange object move silently across the sky until it disappeared over the eastern horizon.

Afterwards, Glenna wasn't sure how she felt. "I know I wasn't scared," she said, adding she would have been had the "saucer" landed. "I didn't know what to think. It was just sort of funny. I felt funny."

But she is sure of one thing: she was not seeing things. "I know I saw it," she said.

Glenna was alone at the time, and she said none of her neighbors were outside. "I don't think anyone else in my neighborhood saw it. I didn't think to get anyone," she said.

In fact, Glenna said the only person she told that day about her experience was her mother, Peggie, a perforator operator at the

Local News. She described her mother's reaction as one of surprise — but belief.

"My mother said, 'Oh, really?' and looked up in the sky herself. She believed me," said Glenna.

Neither West Chester police nor state police at Downingtown received any reports of UFO sightings Wednesday. One witty West Chester policeman remarked he "wouldn't even have a classification for filing UFO complaints," while Downingtown Trooper Dennis Mulligan suggested a "suspicious vehicle" complaint might fit the description.

**Explainable Object**  
The last area sighting Mulligan recalled was reported about two years ago, and he said, it, along with most other sightings in the past, was later identified "as a perfectly explainable object," such as a weather balloon.

A spokesman at Willow Grove Air Force Base, to which UFO reports are referred by Phila-

delphia International Airport, also said no sightings were reported Wednesday and suggested what Glenna may have seen was "space debris — you know, crap floating down from satellites and Skylab."

But when Glenna's description of the object was relayed to him, the spokesman said, "That does sound like a UFO, all right."

Although Glenna said she had never seen a flying saucer before, she said she had seen a picture of one that had "almost the same shape" as the object she sighted Wednesday. But she is certain that picture did not activate her imagination. "I know what I saw," she said.

In fact, the 12-year-old said she did not believe in flying saucers — until Wednesday. "I guess that sort of made up my mind for me," she said.

Glenna planned to tell her school friends her story today. "But I really don't think they'll believe me," she said.

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## Glenna says it's a flying saucer

## Farmer Says He Shot UFO

GRIFFIN, Ga. — (UPI) — Roy Lawhorn, who lives in the nearby Brooks community, said yesterday he fired several shots at a gold, lighted flying object "as big as your head" as it drifted towards his house and vanished into the ground.

Lawhorn, a tenant farmer, reported seeing the unidentified flying object (UFO) in the same general area where a similar object hitting the ground was identified as possibly a small meteorite or a piece of "space junk" from orbiting space vehicles.

He said he was awakened about 2 a.m. by "a sound like locusts and a bright light outside the house."

"I grabbed my rifle," he said, "because it looked like it was coming towards the house. I shot at it about three or four times and it just disappeared into the ground."

The object left a charred spot in the dirt road about 10 yards from the house.

Lawhorn said he didn't go out to investigate afterwards because "I was about scared to death. I went back to bed."

When asked to describe the UFO, he said it was "round, as large as your head. It was gold and lit up. It came down like an umbrella — it just gradually came down. I thought the devil had come to get me."

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# Credibility Low

## Blamed on UFO

By DICK PETTYS

The Associated Press

State Sen. Franklin Sutton, D-Norman Park, says his credibility "has been brought to a new low" because of statements he made about flying saucers in his senatorial district.

"If I see the Loch Ness Monster chasing a 100-ton blue whale in Reed Bingham Lake, or if I observe Lester Maddox defeating Bobby Rowan in a runoff, I intend to ignore it," Sutton said in a letter to a newsmen.

"And if confronted with it," he said, "I intend to deny it on the basis that if you hadn't seen it, you wouldn't believe it, and I didn't see it."

Sutton—a homespun humorist and a friend of Sen. Bobby Rowan, a likely candidate for governor—asked a Senate committee last week in a tongue-in-cheek letter to investigate reports of unidentified flying objects in his district. He said that since calling for the investigation, "I have been interviewed by a Los Angeles TV station, been invited to speak to the London Society of Occult Phenomena and propositioned by 32 advance-fee publishers and movie-makers."

What's more, he said, "my electricity has gone off, gas given out, tires gone flat and the fish quit biting Friday."

He went on, "I have been subpoenaed to appear before a congressional committee to swear that UFOs don't exist... and 16 psychiatrists from the U.S. Air Force have convinced me that we're experiencing mass hysteria because of the low intelligence of the natives, compounded by the heavy use of corn huck (corn liquor)."

Under close questioning, Sutton admitted to have exaggerated things slightly, but averred that he was, indeed, contacted by a West Coast television newsmen.

He also said in his letter that he was intrigued by the Fernbank Science Center's report that the UFO sightings were merely dying satellites.

"If this be true," he declared, "the 9th District is a burying ground for dead satellites, 632 of which have been interred to date."

# UFOs or Space Junk?

GRIFFIN, Ga. (UPI)—On Sept. 10, Ress Clanton said he saw a golden, egg-shaped object descend to earth, burn a hole in the ground and disappear in a cloud of steam—the high point thus far in a two week-long outbreak of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) reports.

Although the most unusual and spectacular of the nightly sightings, Clanton's report seemed to have stirred more official interest than most, apparently because it left some sort of evidence.

"Something definitely elevated the temperature of the soil," said Dr. O. E. Anderson, a soil chemist for the Georgia Experiment Station. He said the ground around the little hole which Clanton said the UFO made was about 200 degrees nearly two and a half hours after the object fell.

### No Outlines

By and large, the reports have been of multi-colored, erratically-moving lights in the sky in middle and south Georgia. Photographs of the objects have shown the fuzzy lights, but revealed no outlines.

The Air Force has shown absolutely no interest in the reports, even though two military policemen claimed they were run off the road by a low-flying UFO. Air Force bases in the area reported no unusual activity on their radar screens.

Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter claims he saw a UFO before he became governor.

Carter said he and a group of friends were coming out of a dinner meeting one night several years ago, when they saw a big, shining light in the shape of a flying saucer hovering overhead.

"I don't laugh at people any more when they say they've seen UFOs," he

said, "because I've seen one myself."

There have been a rash of UFO reports across the South in recent weeks. The most recent two came from Chattanooga, Tenn., where two Hamilton County policemen and a security officer for a motel said they watched a UFO early Thursday.

Officers Craig Glaze and Ed Anderson and the security guard said they sat at the intersection of the Interstate 24 and Highway 41 in the Titonia area "watching the thing" through field glasses.

The plague of UFOs got into high gear late in August. On Aug. 31, police in four south and central Georgia cities reported blinking, multi-colored lights, moving silently. Susan Shingler, a reporter for the Albany Herald, said she stood on a country road with police watching three UFOs when "two came flying across the sky. There were six in all and some were larger than others."

### Nightly Reports

This sort of activity continued nightly until Sept. 8, when reports became more agitated.

Spec. 4 Bart J. Burns and Spec. 4 Randy Shade, military policemen at Hunter Army Air Base near Savannah, said they were on a routine patrol around the perimeter of the base when an UFO dived toward their car, forcing them into the ditch. They said the UFO hovered nearby as they pried the car out of the ditch, and then followed them as they sped away to headquarters.

They said they saw quick flashing lights, traveling at a "high rate of speed from east to west, about 2,000 feet above ground level" at their first

sighting. Then, they said, the object "came in at tree-top level and made a dive," forcing them off the road.

The same night, a Savannah policeman sent to investigate UFO reports said he saw a "large circular craft something like a flying saucer" with small blue flashing lights and a "large spotlight which changed color from red to green."

Dr. Ralph Buice, astronomer and satellite tracking expert at the Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta, said some of the flashing light sightings might be space junk, mostly parts of satellites, burning up as they re-entered earth's atmosphere.

He said there are at least 3,000 pieces of debris in orbit and two were expected to drop out of orbit during the time of many of the sightings. He said the destruction of such objects can produce spectacular aerial phenomena for days.

The chemist who examined the hole left by Ress Clanton's golden egg said nothing unusual was found in the soil, but he said Clanton seemed quite sincere.

"I had the feeling he was telling us what he thought he had seen. I talked with the gentleman again today, and he sticks to the same story. It is a credible story. I don't think he dreamed something up and went out and set a fire."

Clanton, on the other hand, didn't classify his egg as a UFO.

"I believe it to be a piece of brimstone," he announced.

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### UFO Reported

The Highway Patrol has reported that two men from Fort Leonard Wood told them this morning that they saw an unidentified flying object five miles west of Lebanon. The incident occurred at 1:30 a.m. The men, whose names were withheld, told the patrol that the object was in the form of a ball of light which followed their car at tree top level for one-half mile. The patrol said the man said the aircraft was definitely not fixed wing or helicopter. Both men appeared certain of the observation and both appeared sober, patrolmen said.

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INDIANAPOLIS (Ind.) STAR - Sept. 6, 1973

# UFOs May Be Junk From Space: Expert

Atlanta (UPI)—A rash of unidentified flying objects seen from Florida to Tennessee may be manmade satellites or assorted bits of space "junk" burning up as they re-enter the earth's atmosphere.

That's the theory advanced by Dr. Ralph Buice, an astronomer and satellite tracking expert at the Fernbank Science Center in nearby DeKalb County after six days of reports of flashing, multi-colored lights in southern skies.

Buice said there are about 3,000 pieces of debris from satellites and launchings still orbiting the earth and two of them had been expected to decay and drop out of orbit last week.

The fall of such space objects can produce unusual aerial phenomena for several days, he said.

Buice said the North American Air Defense Command had charted up to 7,000 satel-

lites and bits of space debris since 1967 and about 3,000 are still in orbit.

"Conceivably, a satellite that breaks up could deposit a cloud of ionized gas in the upper atmosphere, perhaps 70 miles above the earth, that would glow and take several hours to dissipate," he said.

When that happens, Buice said, there can be flashing lights such as witnesses have reported, puffs of smoke and other unusual sights.

Two other Fernbank experts also offered explanations which they felt might have accounted for the UFOs.

Astronomer Robert Hayward suggested they might be the planets Venus, Jupiter and Mars which are bright at certain hours of the night. Meteorologist James Buckley said cirrus clouds at high altitudes—which would not be visible to the eye—could produce a light scattering effect.

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## UFO Chases Military Police

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Sunday night, a Spalding County deputy answered a call reporting an object hovering over a house. The deputy radioed his office that he saw "two red lights descending slowly to earth," and then the lights disappeared.

Mrs. Hugh D. Beall told local police an "upside down cup and saucer-shaped object" hovered over her house. She said the object had gold, red and green lights on the bottom.

Mrs. Beall said the object, which she said made a "funny" noise, was too low for an airplane and was just above tree-top level. She said the lights changed colors.

There were at least two other reports in Griffin and other sightings in Newman, Ga., 30 miles to the west.

In other weekend sightings, two military policemen at Hunter Army Airfield near Savannah reported something dived at their car as they were on routine patrol and then pursued them as they raced back to headquarters.

Bart J. Burns and Randy Shade said the object, traveling at a high rate of speed with "quick flashing lights," was initially spotted at about 2,000 feet but then it dived at them. They said it hovered near the car and pursued them as they raced back to the base.

A Georgia highway patrolman in Manchester said he saw a UFO hovering at tree-top level Saturday night.

"It went over the unit patrol car, and was going so fast there was no way he could even get close enough to identify it," said a patrol spokesman.

Unidentified flying objects

The Mount Airy News

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## UFO believer gets his turn

ELIZABETHTOWN — Dennis Meredith, 16, of Sonora recently saw something in the sky over Hardin County that he described as "shaped something like a trapezoid, only rounded off at the bottom."

The UFO, Meredith continued, "was a real bright orange with several green lights around the lower edge. . . . It was too big to be a star and it couldn't have been a plane or helicopter because it stayed still too long. It was pretty good sized — it looked about as big as three or four cars."

He continued, "I've always been the type of person that when I see something in the sky that I can't identify, I'll get a pair of binoculars so I see what it is. So I'm familiar with planes and helicopters and I know it wasn't either of those."

"I think the biggest convincing factor

for me was the absence of any noise whatsoever. It just didn't make a sound, even when it moved."

Hardin County may well be the UFO capital of the world, what with all the aircraft and weather balloons sent aloft from nearby Ft. Knox. A state police spokesman said no UFO reports were made on the night Meredith saw the strange object.

But a spokesman for the Elizabethtown Police Department said such calls are not uncommon. "We did get some reports of flying saucers two or three weeks ago down on U.S. 62 where the bypass crosses," he said. "But we found nothing when we investigated, so we believe they were prank calls."

Meredith said he's done a lot of reading on the subject of UFOs and has always wanted to see one. "I guess it was just my turn," he said.

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## UFO Reports Still Pour In

United Press International.

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## Six Report UFO Over Douglas Last Night

Douglas Island, historically a favorite resting place for unidentified flying objects, was again the target of a mysterious UFO last night as at least six area residents reportedly spotted a "small glowing object" hovering above the island.

According to West Juneau resident Wayne Smallwood Jr., he and a friend were near Cedar Park about 11 p.m. watching the moon through telescopes when "a small glowing object was observed near the top of a telephone pole."

Smallwood said that the object appeared to recede and then come closer to where they were

until it appeared, through the telescope, "about the size of a dime."

He said that another friend observed it through a zoom telescope and noticed that it had two green points on each side.

"I looked through it also," said Smallwood, "and it looked like a bright boiled egg yoke with a needle stuck through it. The points on each side were giving off a green glow which would get brighter, then duller."

He said that three other individuals also reported seeing the mysterious object, which remained in sight for an estimated 20 minutes.

WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL  
More UFO Sightings Reported  
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ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Another series of "flying saucer" sightings has been reported by residents of rural Georgia, but the Air Force says it knows of nothing unusual and isn't investigating.

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA  
Reports of brightly flashing phenomena began two weeks ago in south Georgia. Since then reports have been made in many rural areas, as well as in north Florida and portions of Alabama.

TUESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1973  
An Air Force spokesman at Warner Robins Air Force Base said no unusual radar sightings had been made and no pilots had reported sighting anything unusual Sunday night. Savannah and Chattanooga County police reported some 50 UFO sightings by citizens. One report claimed a flying saucer landed in a cemetery and a group of children said several large black dogs left the spaceship and ran off. No trace of the UFO was found.

Authorities in Evans, near Augusta, said 11 persons reported seeing a UFO Saturday night and as many as 15 saw one in Manchester at the same time.

State troopers in the Georgia county of Madison who investigated a reported UFO in a wooded area Saturday said the object turned out to be a device filled with luminous liquid often used by motorists, like a roadside flare.

Dr. E. J. McCranie, faculty member of the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, said in a telephone interview that people "get activated, alerted and see something — a stimulus — and misinterpret it. They are looking for something and are apt to be overly apt to see it."

# MPs Claim UFO Forced Car Off Road

SAVANNAH, Ga. — (UPI) — A Savannah policeman reported seeing an unidentified flying object in a residential area last night a few hours after two military policemen reported another UFO forced them off the road near the Hunter Army Air Base.

The sighting marked the third straight night UFOs have been reported in Chatham County. The reports have occurred almost nightly for the past 10 days over south and central Georgia.

Savannah Police Cpl. John Kitchell said a policeman sent to investigate a UFO sighting by residents reported seeing "a large circular craft something like a flying saucer."

Kitchell said the officer described the craft as having "a large spotlight which changed color from red to green" as well as smaller blue flashing lights.

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The two military policemen said the UFO hovered near the car as they worked to free it from a ditch and then pursued them as they returned to headquarters to report the incident.

The police report said the men saw "quick flashing lights, traveling at a high rate of speed from east to west, about 2,000 feet above ground level."

The military policemen said they continued their patrol and about 10 minutes later the object "came in at tree-top level and made a dive," forcing the car into the ditch.

Late Friday night, about a dozen residents in south Savannah reported seeing an unidentified object, described as "bright yellow" in color.

# Numerous UFOs Sighted in Georgia

By STEVEN W. COLFORD

ATLANTA (UPI) — Despite an unprecedented flurry of unidentified flying object reports by Georgia residents, military and civilian authorities indicated Monday they plan no investigation of the sightings.

Police officers, newsmen, surprised citizens and one military policeman turned in reports of the UFOs four straight nights during the weekend.

The sightings were made in several central and south Georgia towns, with most of the descriptions being similar — blinking, varied colored lights, usually hovering in one position but occasionally showing great bursts of speed.

Chester A. Tatum, publisher of the *Sowega Free Press* in Camilla, said he photographed one of the UFOs Saturday night. He said it had a "ribbed type design with some sort of center down the middle." Tatum also said the craft had an illuminous trail behind it.

But military spokesmen at Georgia's two main Air Force installations, Dobbins Air Force Base

in Marietta and Warner-Robins Air Base, said there would be no investigation of the sighting reports.

"Most of the calls we've received have been from the press," said Lt. Col. Richard Davies, an information officer at Warner-Robins. "There have been two reports from police and one from a military policeman here, but none from any private citizens."

"These are the first reports of any UFOs I've seen in a number of years. The Air Force used to have a program to check up on this type of thing but they dropped it. I seriously doubt there will be any investigation."

Georgia Civil Defense Public Information Director Col. Douglas Embry said all the UFO reports have been logged "but we don't do anything with them or publicize them. They seem to have gotten enough publicity already."

Embry said if there were no "logical explanation" for the sightings, and if there was a "danger to life and property," then the civil defense office would ask the governor to take any necessary steps to investigate the sightings.

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A policeman at Lanett, Ala., said he saw an object about the size of a car, coming within 150 feet of the ground.

There also were sightings reported by police at Carrville, Notasulga and Tuskegee, Ala.

# One 'UFO' Was Only Auto Flare

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# S.F. CHRONICLE 9/5/73 (Calif.) More UFOs

Sandersville, Ga. Two more unidentified flying objects appeared over South Georgia last night to keep the week-long mystery going.

Witnesses first reported a very small object in the southwest, its color changing from red to green to blue

and then to gold, moving within a small area.

Later, a second object, larger and multi-colored, was reported in the northwest. It eventually turned white and dwindled in size. Both objects were visible at the same time, witnesses reported.

United Press

# Military Mum on UFOs

By JAMES SHEPPARD  
Herald Staff Writer

THE ALBANY SUNDAY HERALD  
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News of the multiple sightings of unidentified flying objects over Southwest Georgia has reached the Pentagon, but it isn't commenting.

"The Department of Defense does not have a statement to make," said Maj. James A. Durham, speaking Saturday for the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs.

Questions of whether the military was interested and what its involvement might be in solving the puzzle have cropped up constantly since the sightings of UFOs were first reported to the Dawson police department shortly before midnight Thursday.

More UFO sightings were reported Friday night and Saturday morning in Southwest Georgia. Military base officials said they could not pick up the objects on radar. They said no planes had been sent to investigate the flood of spottings.

At the Pentagon, Major Durham refused to answer questions concerning the military's involvement other than to say the Department of Defense knew of the sightings, was concerned about them and wanted citizens to continue to report sightings to local law enforcement officials.

### "Can't Answer"

After telling The Herald Saturday afternoon the Department of Defense has no statement, Major Durham was asked why the refusal. He answered: "I can't answer that question." Major Durham was then asked if the Department of Defense, the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines or any other military service under Pentagon control was investigating, and he replied: "I'm not going to be able to answer that for you."

The next question asked Major Durham was, "What is the Department of Defense policy on unidentified flying objects?"

He replied: "I'll have to skip that question, too, but I will say that we are

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concerned about all this, and civilians should continue to report any UFO sightings to their local civilian law enforcement agencies. Beyond that, I can't tell you anything."

In Albany, Assistant

Police Chief J. J. Lairsey commented Saturday, "The Albany Police Department has received no direction from the U.S. Department of Defense or any other government agencies about what to do about these sightings of unidentified flying objects."

Asked how long the

# Pentagon Dodges Inquiry on UFOs

The Pentagon was busy passing the buck Saturday, when queried about multiple sightings of unidentified flying objects for three days in Southwest Georgia.

The Herald asked the Pentagon whether the UFOs were being investigated by attempting to reach by telephone Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

A Pentagon spokesman who identified himself as Col. Jack Powell, emergency actions officer, said: "Admiral Moorer is attending a wedding and is not available to talk to the press."

### No Comment

Colonel Powell refused comment on the UFOs, and referred The Herald to "someone else here who may be able to help you," a man whom Colonel Powell identified as "Lieutenant Colonel Williams," who, according to Colonel Powell, was the public affairs officer on duty at the National Military Command Center in the Pentagon.

A voice then came on the telephone: "This is Colonel Williams speaking, may I help you?" The Herald asked Williams for a Pentagon statement about the UFOs. "I can't talk to you about that," he said, adding, "Our public affairs people who handle that will have to talk to you."

Williams suggested that The Herald telephone a "Mr. Willibee," at another telephone extension in the Pentagon. Colonel Williams refused to give his own first name. He also said he did not know how to spell the other man's name. "Maybe it's spelled W-I-L-L-I-B-E-E," Williams said.

Colonel Williams was asked again to give his own full name and he replied: "I don't see

why you need that," and at that point, Colonel Powell's voice interrupted the conversation and said, "If Lieutenant Colonel Williams doesn't want to give out his first name, that's his business. I don't know his first name myself. Why don't you follow Colonel Williams' suggestion and call 'Mr. Willibee?'"

### News Branch Chief

The Herald finally reached a man in the Pentagon who identified himself as "Mr. O. G. Wiloughby." He said his position was "chief of the defense news branch in the Pentagon." Wiloughby acknowledged that he had just received calls pertaining to the UFO inquiry from Colonels Powell and Williams, then added, "It's time for me to go off duty, and I cannot talk to you."

Wiloughby was asked for an official Pentagon statement about these unidentified flying objects. Wiloughby then said, "Major Durham is in charge of that."

The Herald questioned a man in the Pentagon who identified himself as "Maj. James A. Durham in the office of the assistant secretary of defense for public affairs."

Major Durham was asked what the Pentagon is doing, if anything, about the UFO sightings in Southwest Georgia. "I'll have to get back to you on that," he said.

### No Statement

Seventy-one minutes later, Major Durham telephoned The Herald and said: "We don't have a statement to make." The Herald asked Major Durham, for purposes of accuracy, to restate his statement, and he did: "The Department of Defense does not have a statement to make."

Pentagon had been aware of the UFO sightings. Major Durham replied: "We have been aware of this for three days, but I can't tell you anything else."

At that point, Major Durham said, "Maybe I should point out that the Air Force was involved in studies of these phenomena but these studies were terminated about 1969, I think."

Asked to elaborate on those studies, Major Durham said, "I'll try to call you back on that," but he said he did not know when that would be.

Multiple sightings of the brightly shining UFOs were reported again Friday night and early Saturday over portions of Georgia, the state patrol said. Sightings were reported in the Albany, Macon and Lawrenceville areas. More than a dozen other cities and communities reported similar sightings the previous night.

A Moody Air Force Base radar technician in Valdosta reported no unusual radar reports, however, and so did the Albany Naval Air Station. A dispatcher at the Albany state patrol post said a portable radar unit failed to respond when aimed at the phenomena.

A spokesman at the Albany post reported sighting bright lights which were flickering red, green, blue and white.

Similar sightings several years ago were traced to experimental weather rockets launched by Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. However, Air Force spokesmen have offered no theories for recent sightings.

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Pete Conrad, the astronaut crew chief on Skylab 1, said at Tallahassee that if a visitor from space "showed up, it wouldn't surprise me."

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ALBANY, Ga. (UPI) — Unidentified flying objects, blinking in various colors but moving silently were reported sighted over a wide area of south Georgia early today.

Reports of the mysterious flying objects came from police in Albany, Dawson, Cordele, and Adel. Reports also came from Macon, Leary, Pelham, Ashburn, Vienna, Moultrie and Leesburg.

Military authorities at Robins Air Force Base in Macon, the Naval Air Station in Albany and Eglin AFB in Florida were alerted.

The duty officer at Robins acknowledged getting reports of the objects. But he said there were no plans to send planes to investigate. He said the reports will be turned over to air police "which makes all investigations of UFO reports."

The reports, sent over the statewide police network, said the objects were sighted shortly after midnight, with other sightings made intermittently until after 6 a.m.

The objects changed colors as they moved through the night, flashing blue, yellow and green. Those sighted at Albany were moving north, witnesses said.

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### UFO Sightings Reported Here

The third report this week of an unidentified flying object, this one sighted Thursday night over Lake Michigan, was reported to the Sheboygan County sheriff's department.

Mrs. Roman Aldag 4519 N. Evergreen Drive, reported sighting a strange object in the sky, moving south, about 10:10 p.m.; however, sheriff's men were not in the vicinity and did not confirm the sightings.

Wednesday night, a Cleveland resident reported an object heading south, toward Sheboygan, sheriff's men said, and a Sheboygan woman, Mrs. Orville Pierce of 1610 N. 21st St., reported sighting a star moving through the sky. The object was seen with binoculars shortly after 8 p.m., she told police.

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### Fishermen Sight UFOs

Jerry Sanders was out fishing about 5:30 a.m. Saturday when he thought he saw Skylab shooting across the sky.

But the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville reports that the manned satellite station was visible in Alabama skies at 6:41 p.m. that day — more than 12 hours later.

"It was too fast to be a jet," Sanders said. He made the sighting while fishing at a pond south of Letohatchee and says the object was moving eastwards.

Ed Bruner, a Montgomery florist, reported he was fishing at Lake Jordan when he saw a lit object hover over the boat.

Bruner said he saw a similar object again Friday night, when one followed his boat about 10 miles, making no noise.

After Bruner and his friend got out of their boat and into a car, four UFOs began following directly overhead the car.

The objects were described as the size of wash-tubs with red blinking lights. Bruner, a World War II pilot, said they were not conventional aircraft.

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### Investigation Of UFOs Set

An unidentified flying object research organization, National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), has named a Savannah astronomer to a team of regional investigators to probe recent UFO sightings in Georgia and the Chatham County area.

Julius L. Benton Jr., a member of the Center for Lunar and Planetary Research, said Tuesday he will compile data surrounding the UFO incidents and determine if any may be due to "natural phenomena, such as stars, planets or meteors."

Benton asks area residents to report any UFOs to him at 352-9279.

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### Policemen Sight UFOs

Policemen from five east Alabama towns reported unidentified flying objects flying over their respective cities Sunday between 2 and 3 a.m.

The police officer were from Auburn, Lanett, Carverville, Notasulga, and Tuskegee.

Keith Broach of Auburn said he saw a red and blue object the size of an airplane which later changed to green and then to white before it disappeared.

A Lanett policeman reported sighting an object the size of a car hovering about 150 feet from the ground.

A Maxwell spokesman in Montgomery said officials there had no explanations for the sightings.

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### Some residents in area report sighting of UFOs

Some area residents say they're seeing things — unidentified flying objects.

A Hershey Rd. man, who asked not to be identified, said he saw a bright metallic object "like the tops children used to play with" in the sky over Linglestown last night.

The man said he studied the object for 10 minutes and watched it "rise, stop, then rise again before it descended behind the trees."

Janet Garretson, of Mechanicsburg, reported seeing several bright objects in the sky over Perry County while waiting for the Skylab space station to pass overhead Sunday night.

Robert Curll of the National Weather Service office here said a caller sought information this week in connection with a planned balloon flight. "The thing seen over Linglestown possibly could be the balloon," he said.

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### More UFOs in the south

It is somehow heartening to learn of a new rash of UFO sightings, this time in Alabama. This episode, coupled with recent doings in Georgia, suggests that it's not yet time to close the books on unidentified flying objects even though the Air Force and most of the scientific community seem of such a mind.

There was one big disappointment in Georgia. After repeated sightings of strange objects in the sky, a wondrous green, glowing

cylinder found in a field turned out to be nothing more exotic than an automobile trouble flare.

But Alabama, now! There sightings—one a fast-moving object which appeared red and white, then green and then white—were made in various places. Not by mere befuddled citizenry, either; these sightings were reported by police. Things are looking up for UFO fanciers.

### UFO Identified By Soil Chemist

GRIFFIN, Ga. (UPI) — The unidentified flying object that burned a hole in the ground near here Monday and vanished in a cloud of steam probably was "something in the nature of a small meteorite or a piece of space hardware," a Georgia soil chemist said Friday.

Dr. O. E. Anderson, head of the Agronomy Department at the Georgia Experiment Station, said either item would have impacted at very high temperature.

Anderson analyzed soil at the crash site after Ress Clanton of Griffin reported seeing a small, metal-like object descend to earth and burn a hole in the ground.

Clanton said he thought the UFO was "brimstone from heaven" to show people God can burn the earth. The object was destroyed on impact.

### Cops Report Huge Light

SAUGERTIES (AP) — Two town policeman on night patrol reported seeing a huge, shimmering light hovering over the New York State Thruway today.

"It lasted maybe 15 seconds, and then disappeared," Peter Karashay said.

No other reports were received of the sighting, but Karashay and Howard Ostrander said they were sure of what they saw.

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### 2 S.C. Officers See Two UFOs

CHARLESTON, S.C. (UPI) — Charleston County police officers yesterday reported seeing two unidentified flying objects before dawn. They did not appear on radar.

Officer Bill Bardsley reported sighting two UFOs over Charleston with substantial testimony from two other officers and several passersby. Bardsley reported the lights were seen by officers in North Charleston and at Edisto Beach, some 60 miles away.

He said there were four lights — red, blue, white and green — clearly visible to the naked eye. Bardsley notified Charleston Air Force Base, which said nothing was showing on the radar.

The lighted objects appeared to be over Charleston and Folly Beach and were still visible two hours after first being sighted.

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### Many Replies To UFO Report In Democrat 27

Many residents throughout this area replied to our story about the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) which we published last Thursday.

Some residents called early last Thursday and others reported this week that they had seen the UFO on Aug. 21. To our surprise there were also other staff members who had seen the bright object.

Also this week we received a letter from Mrs. William Wood of Lincoln, Neb., with a clipping from the Lincoln Evening Journal. The Nebraska report called the UFO a "blazing white light."

But it wasn't a flying saucer or space ship as some people thought. North American Air Defense Command in Denver reported that "the shower of streaking light was apparently caused by a Soviet communications satellite disintegrating on re-entry into the earth's atmosphere." NORAD had been informed of the re-entry by the Soviet government before it took place.

We appreciate the interest of our readers in responding to our inquiry about the UFO.

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## UFOs OVER STATE

# Not Martian Ships, But Dying Satellites

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By CHUCK BELL

Constitution Science Writer

Those flying saucers Georgians have been seeing the last few nights could have been little green men from Mars, but more likely they were earth-made satellites dying a slow but spectacular death in space.

Or they could have been planets or high-altitude weather activity.

Dr. Ralph Buice, an astronomer at Fernbank Science Center and an expert on satellite tracking, said some of the strange objects that have been reported in recent days could have been satellites breaking up as they reenter the earth's atmosphere.

Dr. Buice said two satellites were in orbits that were predicted to decay last week. One satellite was expected to drop out of its orbit and plunge into the atmosphere Aug. 28 and another was expected to do the same thing on Aug. 30.

Dr. Buice said the decay of a satellite orbit can produce unusual aerial phenomena for several days.

He pointed out that the North American Air Defense Command tracks objects that

are launched into orbit about the earth and gives each one a number. The numbers are assigned in sequence starting with NORAD 1 in 1957.

NORAD numbers have been assigned to nearly 7,000 objects, of which 3,000 are still in orbit.

"Only 1,000 of those are satellites," Dr. Buice said. "The other 2,000 are discarded rocket stages, shroud panels and other assorted bits of debris associated with the launch. There can be several pieces of junk for each satellite. Skylab, for example, has about 30 bits of debris associated with it."

When a satellite's orbit decays, Dr. Buice said, all of the debris which is in similar orbits decays at about the same time. The result is a series of aerial phenomena spread over several days.

When a satellite reenters the atmosphere, he said, there can be bright flashes of light, puffs of smoke and other spectacular sights.

"Conceivably, a satellite that breaks up could deposit a cloud of ionized gas in the upper atmosphere, perhaps 70 miles above

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the surface of the Earth, that would glow and take several hours to dissipate," he said.

Dr. Buice said such an incident occurred once when a satellite launched to test a booster rocket reentered the atmosphere a few years ago.

"The top stage was loaded with sand to simulate the weight of a fully fueled vehicle," he said, "and when it reentered, all the sand burned up in the atmosphere and created quite a spectacular sight."

Dr. Buice said that reports of bright lights and puffs of smoke high above the ground could very easily be such an incident.

"If you get reports of UFOs chasing cars, landing and doing other things like that, it's obviously something else," he added.

"In all the years I have been looking, I have never seen anything suspicious," Dr. Buice said. "I would like to see something like that so I could try to determine what it is."

Another Fernbank astronomer, Robert Hayward, said reports of flashing red, green and blue lights on recently-sighted UFOs lead him to suspect that the objects people have been seeing are planets.

Currently, three bright planets, Venus, Mars and Jupiter, are visible during various hours of the evening.

"When Venus sets in the evening, you have to look at it through several miles of the atmosphere," Hayward said. "The atmosphere diffracts, or scatters, the light, causing you to see different colors. I talked to one woman who said she had seen an ob-

ject with flashing lights on it and didn't believe it could be Venus because it wasn't round. People don't realize that Venus goes through phases just like the moon and does not always appear round viewed from earth."

Fernbank meteorologist James Buckley said cirrus clouds at high altitudes can produce the same light-scattering effect described by Hayward. The clouds themselves are so thin that they are not visible at night, he said.

A bright satellite viewed through these clouds would also appear to have flashing lights of various colors attached to it, the scientists said.

A bright satellite, PAGEOS, has been passing over Georgia in recent nights, Dr. Buice said, making one pass late Thursday night, the first night UFOs were reported in Georgia last week.

Buckley said ball lightning and other electrical phenomena could also account for some of the UFO sightings.

"These phenomena are usually associated with thunderstorms," he said, "and there was a line of thunderstorms across southern Georgia Thursday night. This line was moving slowly northward and the UFO sighting reports followed the same pattern."

UFO reports tend to come in spurts, Hayward said, because "when one person reports seeing something, a lot of other people go out and look and see things too which they then report. The second person to report something might not have even seen the same thing that the first person saw."

Hayward did not say that the UFOs were absolutely not spaceships from another planet. In fact, he hopes they are.

"I need a Martian for a class on Mars I have to teach this fall," he said.

## Mystery Light Spotted Again In El Paso Skies

Another "what-zit" was reported over the general El Paso area Wednesday night and is presenting quite a mystery. Even experienced pilots said it left a trail and appeared to be a "comet."

Two reports, one from a pilot over the Salt Flats area, 90 miles east of El Paso, and one from a truck driver near Sierra Blanca, told the FAA's El Paso Flight Service Office they saw the vehicle suddenly flare brightly and then disappear, perhaps crashing, in the vicinity of Van Horn. Both reports indicated the time at 10:15 p.m. It was first sighted west of El Paso about 9:45 p.m. A full half hour of something unusual in the air.

Reports from as far as Fabens and Horizon City described the object, appearing as a bright light to most witnesses, that traveled on a generally northwest to southeast course.

Two witnesses in Northwest El Paso, including a veteran police sergeant, saw it approaching from the west-northwest. At first it appeared to be a bright star fairly low on the horizon. But no star of that magnitude exists at this time of year in that particular direction.

A few minutes later the "star" had moved to a position due north of El Paso's West side and was continuing in an easterly direction, appearing to be not much higher than the mountains as it passed them and then turned to the southeast. These witnesses saw no trail or "tail" but both agreed it was an "extremely bright" object.

During the past weekend there were reports of a similar object flying in the Clint and Fabens areas. One witness in the Lower Valley Wednesday night said it appeared to him the object may have landed in the Clint area. But there were no reports that it did.

# Alabamians seeing more things in sky

BY FRANK SIKORA  
News staff writer

For 20 minutes Sunday night, Notasulga city councilman W. F. Delbridge and police sergeant Mid Giles watched two unidentified flying objects hovering over the town.

"We watched them through binoculars," said Delbridge. "And what we saw definitely was not an airplane . . . nor some kind of gas.

"THEY WERE solid objects, round, and were multi-colored and bright."

The two said they watched the objects for more than 20 minutes and quit "because we just got tired of it."

The sighting followed a rash of similar reports during the early morning hours of darkness Sunday by lawmen in five southeast Alabama towns.

Delbridge said the UFOs were round and appeared to be large. "I couldn't guess how far away they were . . . but it was a good way."

Earlier, police in Lanett, Auburn, Carrville, and Tuskegee gave similar reports.

Sgt. Wayne Meadows of Lanett described it as "a big light just easing its way through the sky . . . it would change colors."

The sightings coincided with UFO reports in southern Georgia a few hours earlier.

It was not the first mass sighting in Alabama. In February of this year, at least 125 people gathered at a junk yard in Lexington—in Lauderdale County—and saw several disshaped orange objects.

During the first part of the year, there were as many as 500 sighting in the area.

Henry Harvey, director of the Florence State University Observatory, says:

"The people saw something . . . there were too many responsible people there to pass it off as imagination.

"But what they saw, I do not know. I'm mystified."

A Georgia astronomer suggested over the weekend that people are seeing "space debris," the remains of satellites.

"I don't agree with that," said Harvey. "Those things would travel rapidly and burn out as they re-entered the earth's atmosphere.

"The recent sighting in Alabama have been more prolonged."

An FSU student, Bill Rogers, went to Lexington 40 times during the sighting outbreak and saw objects on nine occasions, he said.

"The shapes was either round or cigar shaped," he said.

"I followed a round, orange object for several miles one evening. It stopped once, then turned on a 90-degree angle and sped off, disappearing in a few seconds."

He said one object had a row of lights that went out. "But I could see the silhouette against the sky. I followed it from Muscle Shoals to Leighton."

In February 125 people caused a veritable traffic jam in Lexington to see a UFO; they weren't disappointed:

Two showed up and caused a stir of excitement.

"It couldn't have been imagination," said Rogers, "because everyone there reacted at the same time."

In January, the Rev. Gordon Ware was returning to Lexington with several members of his church youth group.

They saw an object—described as round and encircled with lights—hovering above them.

"I WAS DRIVING," said the minister, "but I saw something. I don't know what it was. At first I thought it might be a helicopter—but it wasn't."

Mrs. Bob Springer had a more harrowing experience. On the night of Feb. 20, she said, an object—yellowish-orange and round stayed above her car for more than four miles.

"I would slow down, it would slow down; I would speed up, it would speed up. I was frantic. Then another one joined it as I came into Lexington. Several people saw it, including Pat Brown, one of the teachers.

She said two of the objects passed near to each other and set off a flurry of small green sparks between them.

"You have to see something like that to believe it," she said. "I've always been skeptical of such stories . . . but not anymore. They can go faster than anything you've ever seen. They can go slow. Or they can stop."

Rogers says, "You have to be suspicious of some of the reports. But 125 people can't be wrong."

The anonymous Renton woman who reported seeing a "sparkling ball" in the sky during the night of Aug. 25 has support for her story.

Art Kohler, 629 Camas NE, Renton, reported that he and his neighbors — Ira Porter, Frank Bright, and John Barn — all witnessed the same sighting.

"It was probably a meteor that burned itself out," Kohler speculated. "It was going south to north."

Kohler said the woman's husband could rest assured that his wife had not been drinking.

## N.C. Sheriff Cannot Confirm Space Monsters

WHITEVILLE, N.C. (UPI) — Columbus County Sheriff Ben Duke says he's uncovered no evidence of any "space monsters" which have supposedly been harassing a family here all week.

Rose G. Williamson, who was arrested here on charges of shooting firearms into a public area, told Duke Thursday she, her father and sister had seen two monsters twice during the past week.

She said the 7-foot creatures had reddish-brown faces, brown hair and pointed ears, and wore ragged brown shirts, black pants and shoes which resembled brogans with silver eyelets.

Duke said "there's no tangible evidence whatsoever" that the creatures exist. The reports have spurred interest and drawn scores of searchers and spectators here recently.

"We have looked in the woods for tracks and we even had the bloodhounds out there," he said. "There was nothing found."

Duke said several persons had reported incidents of shots being fired at the "monsters." He said no one had been injured from the shots but that a camping vehicle had been hit by buckshot.

"It's dangerous whenever people shoot guns," Duke said, urging persons to stay away from the area to avoid injury.

## More UFO's Reported In Charleston Area

CHARLESTON (UPI) — For the second time in a week, there were reports of unidentified flying objects (UFO) in the Charleston area late Thursday night and early Friday.

Authorities said they received reports from about a dozen persons who claim to have seen red, white and blue lights in the Folly Beach area moving north.

One man told officials the movement of the UFO's was very erratic and much like a helicopter.

Similar sightings were reported in the Folly Beach area Wednesday.

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UFO's sifter gets support

## 9-10-73 Odd Object Reported In Skies

A group of six young people told The Herald last night they saw an unidentified object that behaved oddly in the skies to the north.

The six, three students at Titusville High School and three who graduated there last spring, were driving along Route 8 at Cherrytree, headed toward Titusville when they sighted the object.

One described it as a bright light that changed from white to red and at times disappeared entirely. It "jumped from place to place," she reported, completely unlike an airplane.

It disappeared below the northern horizon, then reappeared and ascended until it was out of sight.

The six reported the sighting occurred at about 8 p.m.

## UFO Sighted Over Indiana

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (UPI) — An unidentified flying object for two hours Monday night here.

One man said he watched the object for two hours through a telescope as it slowly turned, changing in color from pinkish white to bluish white.

A policeman and radio dispatcher also said they saw the object.

Officials at Baer Field confirmed appearance of an object, but they declined to comment.

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## Nurses Report Sighting UFO

Five nurses at the Warner Hospital returning from a meeting in Hershey Monday evening reported spotting a bright unidentified flying object in the Dillsburg area around 10:30 p.m.

One of the nurses, who asked to remain anonymous, said they stopped their car to observe the object for five minutes before it disappeared in the sky. At first, she said, they thought the bright light, similar to a big star might be Sky Lab, but then the bright lights were turned off leaving only a few small colored lights illuminating the craft. Minutes later it sped away "like a streak" across the horizon.

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# UFO CHASERS FLOCK TO STATE

By CHARLES SEABROOK

Several nationally known UFO chasers are flocking to Georgia in the wake of a UFO-sighting epidemic in the state.

The latest UFO tracker to arrive is John Acuff, president of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), who came by plane to Atlanta Thursday to lead an investigation into reports of UFOs hovering, zig-zagging, and going through all kinds of motions in Georgia skies in the past two weeks.

Stewart Nixon, NICAP director, said Thursday from the Kensington, Md., headquarters of the non-profit organization, that a team of NICAP investigators will try to pin down the reports of UFOs in Georgia in an attempt to explain the aerial spectacles.

"However, at this point, we think there may not be an explanation for the cause of the Georgia UFOs," he said.

NICAP investigators from Georgia who will take part in the UFO investigation are Harry Lederman of Atlanta and Dr. Julius Benton, a college astronomy professor from Savannah.

Stan Friedman, a nationally-known UFO devotee and nuclear physicist from Redondo Beach, Calif., said Thursday from his California headquarters he will also spend some time in Georgia next month to check out reports of UFOs visiting the state.

"I especially want to talk to persons who have seen UFOs close up," said Friedman, who lectured on flying saucers before full-house crowds earlier this year at the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech.

Friedman, who has written and published several papers on UFOs, has delivered his illustrated lecture, "Flying Saucers Are Real," on more than 50 college campuses in more than 20 states this year.

"The same types of UFO movements reported in Georgia have also been reported at other times in other areas in the United States," he said.

Friedman debunks the theories that the recent Georgia UFOs are due to weather phenomena, decaying satellites, or planets.

"I've talked to enough policemen in Georgia in the past two weeks to convince myself that the UFOs seen are not due to astronomical observations," he said. "I also find that most astronomers know little about UFOs."

But is there anyone who does know a lot about UFOs?

Friedman suggested he could qualify as a UFO expert. He gave up his job 14 years ago to devote full time to the aerial phenomena.

"I think we have two alternatives for these unexplained UFO sightings," he said. "One is that they may be intelligently controlled from outer space, and the other is that they may be secret intelligent terrestrial systems."

Those secret terrestrial systems may be defense systems being tested in this country by other nations, he suggested. "Why build missiles to defend yourself when you can use UFOs?" Friedman asked.

Friedman admitted that most UFO reports are due to natural or man-made phenomena in the atmosphere, but it is the 20 per cent or so unexplained UFO sightings that bothers him.

"The biggest study of UFOs by the Air Force listed 20 per cent of UFO reports as unexplainable," he added.

NICAP does not see eye to eye with Friedman on some aspects of "UFO-ology."

"Friedman is convinced that some of the UFOs are controlled by intelligent beings," said NICAP's Nixon. "However, we would like to have more proof before we commit ourselves to such a belief."

"But, it is essential that anyone in this field keep an open mind, because we don't discount the possibility of extraterrestrial life," he added.

Friedman said other UFO investigators will either follow or precede his trip to Georgia. Two other national organizations devoted to UFO study are in the United States — the Mutual UFO Network in Quincy, Ill., and the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, Ariz.

Is there any practical reason for such a widespread study of unidentified flying objects?

"Of course," said Friedman. "If we can find out what UFOs are and duplicate their movements, we will have a beautiful transportation system that can land and travel anywhere at tremendous speeds without pollution."

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## Carter Once Saw A UFO On 'Very Sober Occasion'

By HOWELL RAINES  
Constitution Staff Writer

DUBLIN—Gov. Jimmy Carter doesn't scoff at people who report UFO sightings, because he saw one himself about three years ago. And, Carter quipped, "it was on a very sober occasion."

Carter said he saw a blue, disc-shaped object during a campaign stop in Leary, a South Georgia town in the same general area where numerous UFOs have been reported recently.

The object came into view as Carter and several members of the Leary Lions Club stood outside the hall where Carter was to speak. All the members of the group observed the object for about five to ten minutes, Carter said. He

immediately went to a tape recorder and dictated a description of what he remembers as "a very remarkable sight."

"It was about 30 degrees above the horizon and looked about as large as the moon. It got smaller and changed to a reddish color and then got larger again," Carter recalled.

Carter speculated that his UFO "was probably an electronic occurrence of some sort," rather than a visitation from outer space. At any rate, the governor said, "it was obviously there and obviously unidentified."

Carter recounted the experience during a stop here on his statewide listening tour.

## UFO skims high over Tennessee

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sightings were reported in the Memphis area late Sunday night and early today. In recent weeks, a number of UFO sightings have been reported at other locations in the Southeast.

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# UFOs Fly, Trigger No Flap For Apathetic Gazers Here

By KAY GIESE  
Staff Writer

The report of green and orange glowing unidentified flying objects in this area last night apparently will remain only that — a small notation on official log books.

Although numerous witnesses reported seeing the aerial objects between 10 o'clock and midnight last night, no probe will be made of the sightings — probably a consequence of skeptical scientists and military personnel and a lack of funds for research.

Although the U.S. Coast Guard station on Tybee Island received calls on the sightings, a spokesman said today, there were no search craft sent out to look into the reports, which said the object crashed into the sea off Tybee island.

The Tybee Coast Guard station made a call on the sightings to the local Coast Guard air station, which, in turn, reported the incident to the U.S. Air Force in Charleston, S.C.

### Usual Fate

There, the report went the way others since the Air Force

abandoned its Project Blue Book — a UFO study project — several years ago.

According to Capt. David Duggan, information officer for the Air Force base in Charleston, a description of reports was made and entered on log books, but no investigation was made, and none is scheduled.

Officials apparently have not tried to dismiss the reports with logical explanations. Duggan said the Air Force, to his knowledge, has no theories.

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## Woman Sees UFOs Near Silverdale

The Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) file at Kitsap Sheriff's Department grew today with another report to add to the two UFO reports Monday.

Theresa Deno, 3039 Northlake Way, told deputies she sighted five objects southwest of Silverdale about 9 p.m. Monday.

Deputies said she reported that two UFOs had red and blue lights and that three had red and silver lights. All appeared to be spinning just above the treetops, she said.

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on last night's sightings, although he did say the glowing objects could have been debris from space.

He said the Air Force in the past has explained some UFO reports by correlating them to missile firings in the U.S.

However, by this morning, there was no confirmation that any missiles were fired anywhere in the eastern portion of the country, during the time the UFOs were seen here.

Charles Milmine, director of the Savannah Science Museum, said the museum has no "UFO buffs" who have theo-

ries on the objects seen here. He said a report of unidentified aerial objects in the Brunswick area recently have been attributed to marsh gas, but that such phenomena is not likely here.

Budgetary problems, he said, prevent the museum from probing UFO reports.

Last night may have not been the first time this week that flying objects were seen, according to at least two local residents.

Savannah carpenter William Fisher, 34, of 33 Chatham St. said he and his wife Mary saw three brightly lighted unidentified objects Wednesday.

Although last night's reports described the Tybee UFO as

orange, green or blue, making "whooshing" noises, the Fishers described their objects somewhat differently.

Watching for nearly an hour after 11 p.m. Wednesday, Fisher said the pair saw one moving object in the sky and then a second. The two objects "rendezvoused," Fisher said, and then the first "took off" like a falling star, but shot up rather than fell.

Fisher said he and his wife then caught sight of a third UFO which came into sight at the level of the second and went very close to it, also seeming to rendezvous.

No sound was heard from the objects, he said, and shortly thereafter, the three objects

moved off together at what appeared to be the same level.

A report to police that night led to a search of the area by a plane. No evidence of the objects was found.

Last night, local aviation controllers and radar operators did not record any unidentified flying objects, according to a spokesman for RAPCON (radar approach control) here.

No record of the incident was made at the Travis Field airport traffic control tower, and no official report was filed by Savannah Beach Police.

Two Beach patrolmen were among those who saw the objects. Beach Mayor Allen Hendrix and other officials also saw the objects flying through the air.

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## Night Flight Question

# Havana UFOs Might Be Balloonists From Quincy

here, there has been balloon flying in the area.

night flights, and they didn't answer. He described the balloon as "40 yards high." According to authorities

HAVANA — Residents who may have been startled by a strange object in the sky Thursday near here may have been seeing a manned, hot air balloon says the man who tracked the balloonists down.

John Peavy and his wife said they saw a multi-colored balloon appear suddenly near a pond and then move away quickly from the area. Mrs. Gloria Peavy said the object was "a big balloon, yellow, blue, red and orange. Around it had lights. And there was a basket with two people in it."

Her husband went out with a movie camera to film it, she said. Peavy, who finally caught up with the balloon and found it had landed, told The Democrat he talked to the men who were flying it. He said they told him they were from Quincy. Peavy said he asked them if they were making any

# No Highway in the Sky, Patrol Says of Objects

While some residents of North Florida, Georgia and Alabama are keeping a skyward watch for unidentified flying objects, Florida police officials say they're keeping their focus earthbound.

"What would the highway patrol do with objects up in the sky?" asked Maj. A. E. Reddick, chief of operations for the Florida Highway Patrol.

Reddick said over the weekend that his agency had no records of UFO sightings although citizens in North Florida and Alabama and citizens and some police officers in Georgia have made such reports in recent weeks.

"We might occasionally have people call the station and mention it, but usually the newspapers get it first," Reddick said. "We get our infor-

mation from the newspapers." A random check of law enforcement agencies showed three or four reported sightings of UFOs last week in the Tallahassee area.

"We send an officer out to check on every report," said Sgt. Mike Langston, Tallahassee police complaint officer. "But none of the officers in the field has seen them."

"At least they haven't told me about it," Langston added. "Maybe they thought they'd be laughed at."

But UFO's are no laughing matter for FHP dispatcher Murel McDonald.

"We haven't had any UFO sightings, at least not yet," McDonald said. "I hope we don't. I don't want to see those UFO things myself."

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# Evidence Left Behind After Report of UFO Stirs Official Interest

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LONG SAID HE AND his wife saw the object. "She was near frantic. I was afraid and did not investigate while the thing was down."

Tom Westmoreland, a ranger for the Tupelo office of the Natchez Trace Parkway, said he and other rangers saw an unidentified object in the sky north of Tupelo.

The object was over the area for about 15 minutes, he said, flashing red, yellow and green lights. He said it appeared to be the size of a two-bedroom house.

"It is probably some highly secret experimental aircraft," Westmoreland speculated. "Probably associated with the space program."

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## WHAT ARE THEY?

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# People beginning to take UFOs seriously

"IT'S HARD to convince the people, but that's what is being seen," said aviation forecaster Nick Jones.

The weather service said that when the planets are at certain positions, sunlight bounces off them and creates different colors when the earth's atmospheric conditions are favorable. Google and others disagree.

"I watched Venus and Mars last night. They appeared as very white, bright stars. The identifications I made were other than these planets."

Jim Long, employed by a Tupelo automobile dealership, said an object about the size of a large grapefruit "swooped down near my backyard. It appeared to either land or hover over the ground for a few seconds, then shot skyward again."

"But I personally located four of these things last night. I observed them through binoculars and whatever they are they are real, with green, red and white flashing lights that pulsate."

Pontotoc County Sheriff Jim Hubbard said he and other officers "saw several of these things Thursday night."

These were not stars. They looked like a ball of fire and they were changing colors — all different colors. Two that I saw were down very low. We watched them through binoculars and the naked eye."

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE at Jackson, itself deluged with telephone calls about the objects, said the lights were merely reflections of the planets, Mars and Jupiter.

TUPELO, Miss.

Be they nearby planets, visitors from other worlds or blinking stars in the October sky, people in Mississippi are beginning to take them seriously.

Unidentified flying objects, described in size from a two bedroom house to a grapefruit, have been spotted in increasing numbers across the state in recent weeks.

However, largest sightings reported to law officers and the news media indicate the objects were concentrated in North-east Mississippi last week.

MARLIN GOODE of radio station WELO in Tupelo said Thursday that he has "been reporting these sightings for the last few days and I was skeptical."

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# Red light in sky is puzzling

A mysterious red object in the sky had Gaston County people puzzled for the second night in a row Friday.

Even Federal Aviation Authority officials in Charlotte said they didn't know what the light was.

The red light, moving very slowly and very low, was visible from about 9:15 until 10 p.m., moving up and to the left, then disappearing as it went in a southwesterly direction.

Police departments all over the county were deluged with calls, as was The Gazette's switchboard. Callers were wanting to know what the light was.

Although police Thursday night said the light they saw may have been a balloon of some kind, neither the FAA nor the U.S. Weather Service offered any explanation.

"I don't have any idea what it was," said Lawrence Starkey, a radar operator with the Federal Aviation Authority in Charlotte.

Starkey said that the radar screen showed no object in the sky in that direction and it was not visible from the tower at Douglas Airport.

Starkey checked with the U.S. Weather Bureau for a possible weather balloon in the area but the results were negative.

Starkey theorized that the red light may have been a planet that was magnified by the haze conditions in the atmosphere.

"I have seen these stars turn all kinds of colors when seen through the clouds," he said.

He also suggested that it may have been a high flying airplane not visible on the radar screen or even the Skylab.

"I'm sure there's an explanation for it, but I don't know what it is," he said.  
Carlton Barber of 102 E. Sixth St. reported seeing an object in the sky Thursday night. Barber said the object had three red lights with a white light in the middle.

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# UFOs?

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On West Side

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Weldon Fox and his family told Kalamazoo police early Sunday morning they saw three unidentified flying objects (UFOs) hovering above Kalamazoo's West Side.

Two officers sent to Fox's home, at 503 Hilbert, said they saw the objects.

Fox, 50, a self-employed heating contractor, said his family witnessed the unusual objects again Sunday and Monday nights.

Fox said the objects had red and green flashing lights, but said they hovered and did not move like airplanes.

The objects moved, he said, when beams of light were flashed at them.

About a dozen persons saw the objects, Fox said.

UFOs were sighted last week in the Albion area, sources there said, and mysterious objects have been reported flying over Georgia in recent days.

Fox said the objects in Kalamazoo's skies didn't have any particular shape. "The kids said they saw streaks coming out of one of them," Fox said.

Fox's daughter-in-law, Janice, first spotted the objects late Saturday night. When Fox was unable to contact The Gazette to obtain a photographer, he called Kalamazoo police, asking them to contact a Gazette photographer, he said.

Instead, police dispatched officers Andres Herrera and Robert Deivendorf to the Hilbert address.

Lt. Michael Moshier said the officers saw the objects but did not photograph them. Moshier said an officer told Fox to call police again if the objects landed.

Fox and his family looked at the objects through a pair of opera glasses and through a camera's telephoto lens. Photographs were taken, but have not been developed, Fox said.

## Sept. 10, 1973 UFOs Seen in 5 Towns in Alabama

From United Press International

Authorities Sunday checked new reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Southeast and announced that a green, glowing cylinder found in a Georgia field had not come from another world.

The cylinder, found near Manchester Saturday night shortly after several sightings of UFOs, turned out to be an automobile trouble flare, the Georgia State Patrol said.

Police in five east central Alabama municipalities reported sightings early Sunday.

Officer Keith Broach of Auburn, Ala., said he saw a speeding aerial object, about the size of an airplane, that first was red and white, then green and then white.

A policeman at Lanett, Ala., said he saw an object, as large as an automobile, that came to within 150 feet of the ground.

Other sightings were reported by police in Carrville, Notasulga and Tuskegee, Ala.

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### UFO Reports

### Bring Him \$5

John Hill, 2519 Old Bainbridge Rd., is \$5 richer today thanks to "unidentified flying objects."

Hill said he was fishing with a friend on Lake Jackson Thursday around 8:15 p.m. when a jet flew over, heading for Tallahassee Municipal Airport with its landing lights on.

About the same time, Hill said, a satellite crossed overhead, reflecting rays of light from the sun which had already dropped below the horizon.

"I bet Frank that there would be reports of UFO's in tomorrow's paper," Hill said.

He collected Friday afternoon.

## Ventura County (Calif.)

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## It went whirling along with a bluish-white glow

Ever see a UFO close up? If you have, you know your inner feeling; if you haven't, you're in for a treat.

A Millville couple and their neighbor are the latest area residents to have sighted a UFO in area skies.

Mr. and Mrs. George Helms, who lease the Paul Vandine farm, one mile south of Millville, were treated to the extraordinary sight around 9:20 Thursday night.

Helms told the Press-Enterprise that he and his wife were outside feeding their dog when he glanced into the south sky and saw a saucer-type object flying straight across the sky. Both Helms and his wife stated that the object was traveling at a high rate of speed and emitted a whirling sound.

"There was a haze around it, but we could still see the

shape. It had a bright bluish-white color to it," Helms said.

The couple viewed the object for about five minutes and notified their neighbor, Ronald Stackhouse, who also saw it. By the time Stackhouse reached the area where the couple was, the object had moved into the eastern horizon and had changed into a bright red glow.

Helms said that the object flew at a low altitude, approximately 1,500 feet, and appeared very large.

A check with the 648th Radar Squadron at the Benton Air Force Base was made to see if the object had been picked up on radar, but a spokesman at the facility stated he had no reports indicating this.

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# UFO's Are Sighted Over Leon County

Two Leon County residents say they saw bright, unidentified lights moving across the sky north of Tallahassee last night shortly before 9 p.m.

Both of the sightings occurred at roughly the same time and the number of lights reported was identical, but the two skygazers differed vastly in their description of what they saw.

"It was a bright, flashing, round-looking object," said Mrs. Linda Goodwin, of 3317 Robinhood Road.

Mrs. Goodwin assumed she and her husband saw the same object making three east-to-west trips across the sky, each time moving at an extremely high speed.

"The third time it came by, it turned very sharply to the north and then it was gone, zoom," she said.

Clay Culp, 275 John Knox Road, said he believes the three objects he viewed were satellites.

Culp, whose residence is about a mile directly to the south of Mrs. Goodwin's, said he saw a white, steady light, "like a small star," moving across the sky in an east to west direction at a constant velocity.

The first two objects crossed the horizon within seconds of each other, at 8:40 p.m., Culp said. The third traveled the same path at 8:42 p.m.

There are "several likely explanations" for the sightings, according to Dr. Robert Davis, nuclear physicist at Florida State University.

The lights could have been American or Russian satellites or space debris coming back to earth. "Or unusual atmospheric conditions, which could reflect, on a temporary basis, lights from the ground," said Davis.

# UFO? or has heat really hit us?

It might be the heat affecting our eyesight, but Sunday evening several residents of both Harrison and Tuscarawas counties reported UFO sightings.

Harrison County Sheriff, Richard Rensi, who traveled to the ridge road between Tippecanoe and Deersville to take a look for himself said, "I think I saw a star but I'll have to admit it was different from the others as it was redish in color."

This is not the first time UFOs have been reported in the Tippecanoe-Deersville area. A few years ago, at least four persons in Deersville reported extremely bright light from an unidentified flying object late in the evening or early in the morning.

However, spokesmen for the U.S. Air Force have never confirmed UFOs being in the area.

The Tappan area REACT team was called out Sunday to monitor sightings and telephone reports were submitted to Lockbourne Air Force Base in Columbus.

# 'UFO' Seen, Theorized As Jupiter

An unidentified flying object sighted in East Pennsboro Twp., Lower Allen Twp. and Mount Holly Springs—all in Cumberland County—last night may have been the planet Jupiter in an "unusual position."

The county Fire and Police Network dispatch center received "about 15" calls between 9:20 and midnight from persons in the three municipalities reporting a hovering, oval object with blinking red and green lights.

One of the dispatchers on duty said an astronomer from Dickinson College in Carlisle theorized the "UFO" was only Jupiter in such a position that it appeared brighter and more reddish than usual.

The astronomer, according to the dispatcher, made no mention of green lights or of the blinking of the lights some callers said they saw.

# Why Not UFO's?

Several area residents reported seeing what they thought could have been a UFO on Sunday evening. Two of the men said that the object was round and appeared to glow. They also said the object was traveling towards the north at a comparatively high rate of speed.

According to reports from the United States Air Force, the object viewed in this part of the country was "space trash."

No matter how many people see and report objects that either are or resemble UFO's, government officials always have an explanation for their appearance. Considering the credibility of government officials now a days, it makes one wonder.

# UFO Reports Continue

What bothered him was that two minutes earlier he had gotten a radio message that a UFO had been spotted over Manchester, which is about 14 miles from Palmerton.

A spokesman for the state patrol reported that a trooper in Manchester spotted a UFO Saturday night "that went over his patrol car so fast there was no way he could identify it."

But authorities found a commonly used automobile flare in Manchester Saturday and said people mistook it for a UFO.

However, two military policemen said something dived at their car near Hunter Army Base south of Savannah and forced them off the road.

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Alton Hutchinson of Carrollton was fixing his television antenna at about 9:10 p.m. Sunday and told his wife the UFO "looked like a falling star going sideways." Hutchinson said the object was white and silent. He said he figures the object was put up there "by the government."

Georgia State Trooper R.E. Traylor reported he was in his patrol car in Palmerton at about 10 p.m. Saturday when "a large glowing object came into my line of sight travelling due south at a high rate of speed."

"It was floating like a balloon, only much faster, at an altitude of about 250 to 300 feet," Traylor said.

The orange-colored object was the size of a large airliner, she said, and it had "pipes" protruding from the bottom and from both sides.

Two northwest Atlanta residents claimed they spotted three glowing objects over their homes at about 7:30 p.m. Sunday. James R. Wyatt II, national director of the Civilian Saucer Information Bureau, said he sighted three glowing objects moving in an erratic, zigzag pattern.

At about the same time, Wyatt said, all the lights on his side of the street went out. "They continued flying zigzag and then moved off in a northerly direction," Wyatt said.

Mrs. Alma Ehrbridge, who lives almost due south of Wyatt, said she saw the three objects at about the same time.

The UFOs must have returned for a repeat performance three hours later because Mary Alice Hodges saw "what looked like a plane cracking up" at about 10:30 p.m.

She said she was driving along Buford Highway and

Although scientific evidence of flying saucers has not been presented, a rash of reported UFO sightings in the state recently seems to have prompted Georgians to gaze at the sky.

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# FLASHING ORANGE LIGHTS

By JIM GRAY  
and CHUCK BELL

Several Atlanta area residents were slightly spooked Sunday by what they said were dimly lit flying objects that zoomed and zigzagged across the Atlantic skyline.

Descriptions of the UFOs ranged from "three flashing orange lights" to "something as large as a big airliner" to "a bunch of lights popping on and off."

The first reported UFO came at 4:40 a.m. Sunday from Mrs. Virginia Smith of Morrow. Mrs. Smith said her car started acting strangely and that she spotted the UFO when she went to the door to put the "grocery" out outside. "I saw something shiny sticking up from the top like a pipe," Mrs. Smith said. "It stayed at the tree tops for about 15 minutes and then moved quickly and silently to the northwest."

# UFOs Invade Southwest Georgia Skies, But Depart Quietly

By JAMES SHEPPARD,  
DAVE HARRISON  
And LYNN KEADLE  
Herald Staff Writers

Multiple sightings of brightly colored unidentified flying objects were reported over Southwest Georgia early today. The first UFO sightings were reported shortly before midnight, at Dawson, according to

the Dawson police radio dispatcher, Jerry White.

The Albany Police Department's communications switchboard was jammed with callers who reported the sightings.

The Albany police radio dispatcher, Sgt. Joe T. Monzie, said the sightings created

considerable communications confusion.

**Wide-Range Reports**  
"A lot of radio traffic occurred between police units, the State Patrol and sheriff's departments in the Southwest Georgia area and also between operators of citizens-band radios," said Albany Assistant Police Chief J. J. Lairsley.

State Patrol radio operator James Oldham said police departments from Macon, Americus, Cordale, Waycross, Leesburg, Doctun, Dawson, Pelham, Whigham, Leary, Camilla and Albany reported the sightings.

Capt. Dean Webster, commanding officer of the Albany Naval Air Station, said the

Georgia State Patrol alerted the NAS about the UFOs at 12:40 a.m.

"We were unable to sight anything on radar or visually," Captain Webster told The Albany Herald. "The Naval Air Station had no aircraft or helicopters in the air at the time of the reported UFO sightings. Our last conventional

aircraft was on deck at 10:17 p.m. Our last helicopter landed at 10:45 p.m. We had no aircraft in the air between then and 8:30 a.m. today."

**Move Back and Forth**  
Albany Police Chief Leslie Summerford said reports here indicated the UFOs "appeared to be moving back and forth at times, resembling moving stars."

The Albany Police Department's communications apparatus was jammed by reports of the sightings here between 12:30 a.m. and 5:30 a.m.

Two Albany policemen observed the UFOs over the City's

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## They Looked Like 'Neons Gone Mad'

By SUZANNE SHINGLER  
Herald Staff Writer

"Suzanne, you won't believe this, but we have three unidentified flying objects spotted over Dougherty County," State Patrolman William Revel said over the telephone at 1 a.m. today.

"I have a Dougherty County police unit out on the Dawson Road at the Lee County line watching them now. If you want a story, go on out."

I went on out, and I watched as three and then five UFOs played games in the sky, flashing like neon signs gone mad, before disappearing to the north at about 3 a.m. It was some story.

When I arrived at the scene, four Dougherty County police officers were watching three of the objects.

They appeared to be round, and rapidly changed colors — from a bright red, to blue, to yellow, to green, to a vivid orange. The largest of the three, which was the most active, would at times seem to "turn sideways" and suddenly acquire a "spur" on the left side.

The two smaller objects seemed to be stationary on either side of the large one. The largest would move a short distance, then "sway" back into its original position.

We watched the three objects for about 30 minutes before their activity began to increase. The object to the right of the biggest one suddenly moved straight up, stopped, and resumed changing colors.

A few minutes later, two more objects, which appeared to come from nowhere, shot across the sky under the three we had sighted.

By this time the group of spectators included Lee County law enforcement officials, an Albany City Commissioner, and several other local citizens.

Reports began to come in over the police car radio of objects being spotted in all parts of Southwest Georgia. Sightings had been made in Turner, Mitchell, Terrell, Lee and Colquitt counties. The reports continued to flow in.

Some of the spectators asserted the objects were stars. But their color change was too rapid, their movement too constant. Others were almost positive that life from another planet was surveying the earth, just as the earth had surveyed the moon.

I stood and watched the objects, and listened to reported sightings over the police radio until 3 a.m. It was puzzling; it made me wonder what they were, where they came from, what was their destination, and if they would return to Southwest Georgia, tonight maybe.

## Good Morning ...



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"Most of the calls we've received have been from the press," said Lt. Col. Richard Davies, an information officer at Warner-Robins. "There have been two reports from police and one from a military policeman here, but none from any private citizens."

"These are the first reports of any UFOs I've seen in a number of years. The Air Force used to have a program to check up on this type of thing but they dropped it. I seriously doubt there will be any investigation."

# UFOs Invade Sowega

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eastern and western horizons.

"I was in the vicinity of Westover High School when I got my first call about these strange objects in the sky," said Patrolman Dennis T. Truman, of the Albany Police Department's uniformed division. "I was checking schools to see that the doors were locked, when I received the first call about these objects in the sky. They were various colors — blue, green, white and red, with flashing lights. I thought they were weather balloons, although that is pure speculation."

Another Albany policeman, Corporal Ronald Abbott of the traffic division, said he observed the UFOs "on both the east and west horizons of Albany."

#### Moved at Slow Speed

"They seemed to be moving at a slow speed," said Corporal Abbott. "They pretty much held the same course. These sky objects were still visible at daylight."

Leesburg police officer Albert Smith described one of the objects he was watching at 5:15 a.m. "The object is round, with orange, red, green and blue lights," he said. At that time, he observed, "The object is not moving now," and added that the UFO was too far away for closer observation.

Robert Welch, a dispatcher with the Camilla police, described the object that hung over Camilla for three and a half hours, during which time he said it was observed by at least seven people.

"It looks like a white light with blinking green and red lights," he said. "It has moved slowly back to Newton. At first, it moved in a zig-zag pattern and then moved slowly to the west."

#### Various Colors

Other similar reports gave the characteristics of the phenomenon as round, shining or glowing aerial objects which moved with no sound or odor. Witnesses described color changes in the lights on the objects from red, orange, green, blue to sometimes white.

Some witnesses reported they saw the objects hovering, then moving rapidly, and also moving slowly. And some witnesses reported the objects could be observed for longer than half an hour.

All of the witnesses said they were neither drunk nor under the influence of drugs.

In Decatur County, Ell Washington said he saw what looked like a "light in the sky," and added "I don't believe it was men from Mars;" but, he added, "I don't know what it was."

#### Pelham Sighting

Lt. Melvin Perkins of the Pelham Police Department said he saw one of the lights visible for about an hour after he reported to work at 7 a.m.

"I could tell it wasn't a star," said Perkins, "but it didn't shine like a star." He wondered if it might be the "Northern Lights showing up in this part of the country."

"If it's not that, possibly it could be some secret military experiment by the Air Force," Perkins theorized.

The State Patrol headquarters in both Thomasville and Donaldsonville reported no calls about UFOs.

After the first sightings of the UFOs in Terrell County, the Albany Naval Air Station was alerted by the Georgia State Patrol, and an NAS spokesman was quoted as saying the Navy "is concerned about this and will look into it."

The U.S. Air Force also was alerted, and spokesmen for Eglin Air Force Base, Fort Walton Beach, Fla., and Warner Robins Air Force Base, near Macon, said they would send investigators to Southwest Georgia.

At Dawson, Police Captain Rocky Wiggins and Patrolmen Larry Fincher and Gary Ellington observed the sightings after four U.S. government workers stopped a Dawson police patrol car and reported seeing "something quite weird in the sky."

#### First Report in Dawson

"This thing started off in Dawson," said Patrolman Ellington, "when these government workers, who were driving into Dawson from Bronwood on U.S. Highway 118, reported they had seen two objects in the sky."

Ellington said Dawson police then observed a UFO northeast of Dawson and another UFO southwest of Dawson.

"Upon looking at these objects, they appeared to be real bright, and the lights were changing colors, going from white to a reddish orange color to a sort of greenish-yellow color," said Ellington.

"We called in another police patrol car and Captain Wiggins and Patrolman Fincher and I discussed the possibility of whether these strange UFOs could be weather balloons or reflections of an unknown object in the sky, and at that point," he said, "the objects just faded out, and we called the State Patrol in Albany, asking that the Albany Naval Air Station be contacted."

Dougherty County police sent a patrol car to the Terrell - Dougherty county line where the Dougherty police also reported observing the objects.

By that time, said Ellington, the Albany Police Department had reports that the object was spotted in Lee County.

"Our first sightings occurred in Terrell County shortly before midnight, and somewhere about 1:30 a.m. and 2:45 a.m., two more objects were picked up and spotted to the northeast part of Terrell County near the Lee County line."

#### Police Contacts

Ellington said Dawson police kept in contact with police units "all over Southwest Georgia who reported seeing the objects."

B. C. Crowell, mayor of Doerun, said he spotted a light in the sky early this morning after the night policeman called him. Crowell said he and some employees at Crowell Auto Parts spotted an object directly over Doerun about 5:45 a.m. and

another object in the southeastern sky.

He said the overhead object appeared to be a "big light."

"We saw something — we don't know what," he said, adding that it looked like an "oversized morning star."

He said the object, in the southeastern sky, moved at a slow speed in a southwesterly direction. He said the object had blinking lights. Other Doerun observers said they saw different colors including a "sort of orange" and "light blue."

Crowell said he had never seen anything like the UFO. He said he watched it until daybreak "when it became hard to distinguish the light."

Police department spokesmen in Leary, Waycross and Camilla were reluctant to talk about the UFOs. However, the police departments in Leary and Camilla reported their night policemen saw objects, but the policemen who observed the phenomena in Leary and Camilla could not be reached for comment.

## Two More UFOs Sighted Over South Georgia

SANDERSVILLE, Ga. (UPI) — Two more unidentified flying objects appeared over South Georgia Tuesday night to keep the week-long mystery going.

Witnesses first reported a very small object in the southwest, its color changing from red to green to blue and then to gold, moving within a small area.

Later, a second object, larger and multi-colored, appeared in the northwest. It eventually turned white and dwindled in size. Both objects are visible at the same time, witnesses reported.

A-2 Los Angeles Herald Examiner, Wednesday, September 5, 1973

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# Law officers deny area UFO sightings

Despite a rash of UFO sightings in Southern Georgia, none have been reported to date by North Florida law officers.

"We haven't had any (UFO) sightings at least not yet, said Florida Highway Dispatcher Murel McDonald of Lake City. "I hope we don't. I don't want to see those UFO things myself."

Several UFO sightings were reported last week around Tallahassee but a random check of law enforcement agencies showed few others. Maj. A. E. Reddick, Florida Highway Patrol chief of operations, said his agency had no records of UFO sightings.

"What would the highway patrol do with objects up in the sky?" he said with a laugh. "We might occasionally have people call the station and mention it, but usually the newspapers get it first, we get our information from the newspapers."

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# 'Unidentified Flying Objects' Sightings Still Being Reported

By MIKE LEVAN  
Staff Writer

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Area police, for the second time this month, received a number of "unidentified flying object" reports during today's early morning hours, but an official with the National Weather Service passed the would-be flying saucer reports off as the planet Mars shining brightly in the clear night air.

At least two policemen and a woman in the Brainerd area watched an "orange-colored cylinder," and two policemen and firemen in Red Bank said they saw a similar object about the same time.

Last Thursday, two county policemen said they watched a bright red object "that was neither a star nor a plane" slowly descend into the Mount Etna area.

Chattanooga police this morning said they received a call about 2:30 a.m. from a woman on Belle Meade Avenue, who said she had just seen a bright light hovering in the sky.

The woman, according to police, said the cylinder-shaped

object had a red tail and was revolving. A clerk who talked with the woman said she reported seeing a plane take off from Lovell Field and disappear when it got close to the object.

No airplane has been reported missing from the airport.

The police dispatcher radioed the patrol units in Brainerd to be on the lookout for such an object shortly after the woman's call. Some two hours later, Officer Michael Stro and Kirk Salter called from the 1000 block of N. Moore Road and told their dispatcher that they were watching an object similar to that seen by the woman.

At about the same time that the Chattanooga officers were watching the object on N. Moore Road, Red Bank Police- men Jack Blankenship and Lynn Carr and two firemen were standing front of the Dayton Boulevard station watching a U.F.O.

Officer Blankenship, who is a dispatcher for Red Bank, said

# Hollywood Couple Sights Fiery UFO

A Hollywood man and his wife, sitting in their yard Saturday evening, saw what he described as a "moonshot in reverse" come through the clouds to the northwest of them.

Frank Burke, of 617 S. Crescent Drive, said the unidentified flying object (UFO) he sighted looked like a rocket with "flames at the bottom."

He said it appeared to come down in the Everglades, approximately 25 miles to the west.

THE NATIONAL Transportation Safety Board office in Miami said they received several reports of the sighting, which they described as a "flash in the sky."

They said several pilots who had sighted the flash said it appeared to be the re-entry of an object into the atmosphere, possibly a meter.

They said they had no reports of any aircraft crashing over the weekend.

THE PUBLIC information office at the Kennedy Space Center at Cape Canaveral said that there had been no launchings over the weekend.

Burke said he distinctly saw the shape of the object,

which looked to him like a rocket.

"It had to be a rocket, it was huge," he said.

He said he and his wife saw the object come through a bank of clouds sometime between 9 and 10 p.m.

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# Deputies see object in sky; no report planned

Calhoun County sheriff's deputies saw something in the sky Monday night, but Under-sheriff Walter Bilanow said today that no report will be released on the sighting.

A deputy on road patrol, according to sources, told the department's dispatcher about 3:30 a.m. that a pale yellow or white object was maneuvering and making erratic patterns in the sky over the Athens area.

The object disappeared, then reappeared about 3:50 a.m. in the vicinity of 26-Mile Road and I-94—that time it was emitting red and blue light and making sharp circles in what were described as perpendicular turns. The deputies stressed that they were serious about what they had seen and were told to keep the object in sight.

A second car reportedly was

sent to rendezvous with the deputies who had first spotted the object. What the officers saw was not explained this morning.

Bilanow said no report would be released because of the nature of the incident.

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# UFO sighting?

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GREILICKVILLE — Was it or wasn't it — we just what was it?

"I saw a light, shall we say, much brighter than I've ever seen before," Mrs. Mike Peacock of 11130 County Road 633 said.

Mrs. Peacock wasn't claiming she saw a flying saucer, but she said it certainly was something she'd never run into.

"I was sitting in the front room here having coffee," she began. It was around 7:30 Sunday night.

Then a "piercing" light appeared somewhere in the vicinity of Lincoln Road and, she guessed, about 500 feet off the ground.

The light, which she described as "just like a huge spotlight," stayed there for nearly one-half hour bobbing around in the twilight.

It was nothing like a star, Mrs. Peacock said, and not a low-flying aircraft.

There was no sound, she added.

Then the light "just disappeared" around 8 p.m.

"It wasn't my imagination," Mrs. Peacock said.

Three other people observed the same light on their way home from church, Mrs. Peacock says.

he received about three calls from residents who reported seeing an object in the sky.

He said he, Officer Carr and the two firemen watched what he termed as a "giant" object that changed from a bright white glow to orange after they had watched for several minutes.

He said a red tail was shooting from the lower portion of the object.

Sam Delay, an official with the National Weather Service at Lovell Field, was contacted about the sightings and said he thought the U.F.O. to be nothing more than the planet Mars.

Mr. Delay said Mars will be shining brighter this month and October than it has for the past 10 years. He said the the bril-

liant glow of the planet combined with last night's unusually clear air apparently caused a failure among the U.F.O. sighters to recognize the object as a planet.

# Out of Our Jurisdiction, Say Police About 'UFOs'

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By NANCY VARLEY

A Harding Mall area family reported seeing several bright star-like objects and a glowing red triangle move across Nashville skies Saturday night.

However, police and officials said they believed the objects were either bright stars or planets.

CINDI HARRINGTON, 16, of 245 Willow Lane, said she and her two brothers and two visiting friends first saw the objects when her mother, Mrs. Nancy Harrington, pointed them out at about 11:15.

She said the first object she saw looked "like a real close star" which was at first white but an instant later changed to red, green and yellow.

"It's the first time we've seen anything like this. We judged its movements by the telephone wires and it moved three inches in two hours," she said.

THE TEENAGER said the

only aid the group had in seeing the object was a pair of binoculars.

"About 12:30 a.m. we saw the second one. It was the shape of a triangle glowing red and had three white lights on it. It moved across the sky in about 10 seconds," Miss Harrington said.

She said she watched the sky until 3 a.m. and later saw several more objects moving slowly across the sky.

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AFTER SEEING the red triangle Miss Harrington said she decided to call the police.

Officer Robert Hullett, who answered the call with Officer Gregory W. Moss, said he saw the first white object, but thought it was a star flickering.

"I saw what she was looking at, but it looked like a star that wasn't doing anything but flickering. It was

really out of our jurisdiction," Hullett said.

DR. ARNOLD M. Heiser, an associate professor of astronomy at Vanderbilt University, said the objects could have been planets or fairly bright stars.

"They could appear to change colors because of the atmosphere if they are low to the horizon," he said.

Heiser added that clouds could have also caused the objects to flicker.

IN REGARD to the triangular object, Heiser said it could have been a helicopter or plane, but "I really have no idea."

A spokesman at the Metro Flight Service Station said he had received no calls or information about the objects, but ventured the possibility that the triangle could have been the U.S. astronauts, but "I'm just guessing, I really have no idea."

## Interest in UFOs Picks Up After Sightings in Alabama

By JERY TILLOTSON  
Advertiser Staff Writer

With red, green and white lights blinking on and off, a large, round object hovered above a cemetery in Carrville early Friday morning.

"It didn't make a sound and was high up in the air," said Police Chief Ray Sides. "But we know it wasn't an airplane. And after a while, it began moving across town real slow, then suddenly it just streaked away into the sky and disappeared."

What happened in Carrville is something that is many other communities both in and out of Alabama, according to reports. Unidentified flying objects are being reported by dozens of witnesses, many of them law enforcement officials and other reputable residents.

But none of them have any explanation as to what it is they have seen and all of them say "we want to find out."

Sides said the Carrville incident was reported by police officer Billy Clayton, who said the object was stationary but would suddenly move and then stop, always over the cemetery.

At 4 a.m. Saturday, six different police departments in Auburn, Tuskegee, Tallahassee and other areas saw a large, round object with green, blinking lights that was moving too fast to be an airplane.

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"Although it was moving very fast, it was joined by another object with a red light," says Auburn police dispatcher Keith Broach. "Another officer said he saw it stop, then shoot across the sky."

Other police departments in his area reported seeing a similar sight and "most of the other policemen thought it resembled an airplane in a way but yet it was going too fast for that."

Notasulga Police Chief Mid Giles said that the object he saw Saturday morning was covered with blue, green, white and red lights and swayed as it moved back and forth.

"It was as big as a good-sized automobile. It wasn't making any noise at all. It wasn't moving very fast but then it just took off."

Like other witnesses, he said it seemed to "sit" in one spot before it jetted away.

"We still look for 'em. We sort of keep an eye open to see some more," he said.

"Saturday and Sunday a couple of people called me up at home," said Bill Thornton, civil defense coordinator for Lee County. "But none had anything we could confirm."

The National Weather Service in Montgomery ruled out any possibility that the UFOs could be weather balloons because these are generally released during the late afternoon and explode within a two-hour period.

Northeast Kansas residents puzzled over sighting a bright star-like object in the north sky about 7:45 p.m. Tuesday.

The National Weather Service and the Federal Aviation Administration didn't know what it was.

Sighted in Topeka, the object was reported to be brighter than a normal star, a little west of due north.

David Martinson, an air traffic controller at Topeka Municipal Airport, said he saw the object, and, though he isn't sure, he believes it may have been a weather balloon released north of Topeka — possibly in Omaha, Neb.

"The air was pretty still all day," he said, indicating that the balloon might have risen nearly straight up and reflected sunlight, making it appear bright.

Forbes Air Force Base control towers workers said they didn't see any strange objects in the sky around sundown.

Controllers at Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base near Kansas City said they didn't see anything unusual, either.

They've Been Landing Here for 6 Years' Sky Object Defies Identification Here

Don't be alarmed, the Emanuel County farmer advised. "They've been landing in the pastures near my house for the past six years."

Raymond Williamson of Oak Park was one of the few callers to the Morning News that took the UFO reports with a calm, nonchalant attitude.

Reports of UFO's in Chatham County skies entered their fourth day Sunday with approximately 50 reports made to city and county police by 10 p.m.

Reports have ranged from an alleged buzzing of two military policemen at Hunter Army Airfield to four calls about a UFO landing in Laurel Grove Cemetery, then cutting it's lights. After a warning

from several youths that "10 big, black hairy dogs" emerged from the object and were seen running through the cemetery, two Morning News staff members checked out the report. After about 15 minutes of slowly driving through the cemetery, they saw only a crowd of people peering at them from across the street.

Williamson described the UFO's he has seen as "about the size of a pick-up truck with a camper attached to the back. When one lands it's bright yellow glow disappears." He said they are "nothing new" and he sees one every two or three days traveling above the tree line in Emanuel County.

The objects usually rise about 300 to 400 feet in the air when taking off, then go straight up at a high rate of speed.

"In fact, four just passed over here, heading west," Williamson said. They came by here about 9:10 p.m., he added, "so they should be over Savannah just about now."

Williamson said there is evidently a connection between the UFO landings in his pasture and his cattle.

"They usually land when the animals are out in the pasture."

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# Hunter Report Changed

Officials Change  
Account of UFO  
At Army Base

By JOHN REETZ  
Assistant City Editor

Hunter Army Airfield officials Monday denied that an unidentified flying object forced a military vehicle off the road early Saturday.

At the request of the Provost Marshal, Lt. Col. Robert Reid, the portion of the report indicating that the vehicle left the road was deleted.

Two military policemen on routine patrol Saturday saw the UFO at approximately 2:20 a.m. In a report filed after the incident, they described it as "traveling at a high rate of speed from east to west about 2,000 feet above ground level."

The object dove toward the sedan and passed above the blue warning light on top of the vehicle. The initial report filed Saturday said the vehicle left the road when the object passed over the car's roof.

A statement from the office of military police Saturday indicated that the vehicle also entered a ditch, but Lt. Robert Hulen, duty officer, said Sunday that report was incorrect.

## Left the Road

Spec. 4 Bart J. Burns, one of the MP's in the vehicle, stressed early Sunday morning that the vehicle did not enter a ditch, but did leave the road. Burns said he and his partner, Spec. 4 Randy Shade, ducked in their seats when the UFO approached and the car left the road at that time.

Hulen disagreed Sunday with the report that the MP vehicle left the road and said both of the MP's told him Sunday afternoon that the car had remained on the road during the incident.

Following Hulen's statement Sunday, the public information officer for Hunter-Fort Stewart said Monday that the "vehicle left the road" phrase was omitted from the official report at the request of Reid. "There apparently has been some error made in the initial report," Anderson added.

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# Burnt Ga. Field Is Studied

ARKANSAS GAZETTE

Tues., Sept. 18, 1973.

Roy Lawhorn, a tenant farmer from Brooks, Ga., said he fired several shots at a gold-flying object "big as your head" that drifted toward his house then disappeared into the ground.

## "Whole Story"

Burns, who Sunday morning had offered to tell the "whole story," did not keep an appointment with a reporter scheduled for Sunday afternoon. He also said early Monday morning that he had been told not to discuss the UFO incident. "I'm afraid we aren't allowed to say anything," Burns added, and referred inquiries to Hulen.

Hulen said Monday that the "situation has changed," but he was "not at liberty to say" how the situation had changed or why the MP's were not allowed to discuss the incident.

However, the MP's were given permission late Monday to discuss the incident but were on three-day leave and could not be reached, according to Hulen.

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# UFO reported at Oak Grove

Mrs. Mary Grady of Oak Grove reported today that she and several others in the community spotted an unidentified flying object Friday night. Mrs. Grady said she and her daughter had seen a similar object one night last week.

She said each one "looked like a comet, only larger." On both occasions, she said there was no movement at first, then the object "took off at terrific speed." The first one appeared to just go out of sight but the one Friday night "went out like a light," Mrs. Grady related.

She said the object she saw last week "seemed larger and closer than the one last night."

No sound was heard on either occasion, Mrs. Grady said.

She said she called her neighbors on each side of her to see the object Friday night and her daughter also noticed it while leaving the Oak Grove-Lumberton football game and pointed it out to students with her.

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GRIFFIN, Ga. (AP)—A soil scientist is investigating the Monday daytime sighting of a bright gold object which a Spalding County farmer claims floated to earth then took off again after burning a circle in a field.

Dr. O. E. Anderson of the University of Georgia's Agricultural Experiment Station in this middle Georgia city said he examined the burned circle — about the size of a basketball—two and one-half hours after the farmer called a radio station to report the incident.

Rast Clayton of Orchard Hill, a rural community east of here, said he saw the bright gold object descend to the ground about 25 yards from his home. The scorched ring was about the size of a basketball, Anderson said.

Clayton said it was spinning like a top and a cloud of smoke went up when it touched the ground. He said it rose again and disappeared.

Anderson said he has begun an analysis of the soil in an effort to identify any particles foreign to the area.

"If it was a magnesium flare, we would expect to find a high amount of magnesium compared to the soil around the burned area," he said.

Anderson admitted that a person could get a similar burned effect by pouring gasoline in a circle and lighting it. He added, however, that he didn't think gasoline was used because there was no trace of it. He said he did not want to speculate on what caused the burn.

Anderson said his study will not necessarily unmask a hoax, if such is the case, since if a volatile substance were used to start the fire it could have completely evaporated by the time he arrived.

"The soil was unusually hot for just grass to be burning," he said. "It was hot down to a depth of at least a half an inch and as much as an inch the soil was very, very hot," he said grass roots and wood chips in the soil were also burned. He said there was no hole or depression in the soil in the burned area.

Anderson admitted that his temperature observations were made by holding his hand over the burned area and by touching a knife blade which had been used to probe the soil.

The radio station which received the call concerning the sighting about 4 p.m. later reported other citizens had begun calling in UFO reports by nightfall.

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# Additional UFOs Seen Over City

Red was the predominant color and search lights appeared for the first time Tuesday night as more than a dozen Chatham County citizens reported seeing unidentified flying objects (UFOs) despite cloudy skies and occasional downpours of rain.

County police said they had received reports of the strange sightings from residents in Halycon Bluff, Kingsway, Whitfield Avenue near Waters Avenue and from Queensbury Street where sightings were reported for the fifth evening in a row.

Police noted that they were investigating a report received from the Mayfair subdivision about 10 p.m. that a group of juveniles were launching red flares into the air from a nearby wooded area.

Mrs. Nancy Love of 1730 Kingsway St. reported seeing "a red flashing light" north of her home over the Lake Mayer-Mayfair subdivision area about 8:50 p.m.

She said she watched the object about five minutes before it disappeared and that it was blinking, but not steadily.

The object re-appeared about 9:35 p.m., she said, when it was seen climbing up through some trees, then hovered for a few minutes and disappeared again.

Miss Penny Black of East 56th Street near Waters Avenue said neighbors across the street called her out to see a red object the size of a football resting stationary in the sky above her house.

The neighbors spotted it when they heard a noise in their front yard "like something brushing across the trees."

Eddie Chapman of Williamsburg subdivision reported seeing something "about the size of a very large star" moving slowly from east to west not far from Memorial Stadium about 9:20 p.m.

He said the object had an orange glow and that three distinct orange spotlights were visible just before it disappeared.

Ronald Sumner of the Kingsland subdivision reported seeing a similar object over Lake Mayer and Robert Epstein said he saw what he first thought was a red flare about 9 p.m. near DeRenne and Waters avenues.

Then, Epstein said, it zig-zagged and "blinked a couple of times."

A red, oval-shaped object "pretty high up" was seen near Greenview about 8:59 p.m. Earl Berman and John Sussman said they observed the object for about five minutes before it disappeared into the clouds.

# UFO Sightings Rampant; Officers Report Lights

By United Press International  
 Authorities Sunday checked out more reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in the Southeast, but quickly dispelled a fear that something from another world had fallen in a Georgia field.

The Georgia State Patrol said a glowing green cylinder found near Manchester Saturday night, shortly after several persons said they saw UFO's buzzing the area, turned out to be only a commonly used automobile trouble flare.

But reports continued to pour in, from police and civilians. Two military policemen said something dived at their car near Hunter Army Air Base south of Savannah and forced them off the road. A state patrol trooper based in Manchester said a UFO whisked past his car, going so fast there was "no way" he could get a close look.

A cameraman for WAGA-TV in Atlanta recorded 90 seconds of film of a UFO near Manchester early Sunday. It showed a hovering, glowing light, changing colors rapidly.

Police in five East Central Alabama cities reported sightings early Sunday.

Officer Keith Broach of Auburn, Ala., said he saw

something the size of an airplane, which appeared red and white, changed to green and then to white before flying away.

A policeman at Lanett, Ala., said he saw an object about the size of a car, coming to within 150 feet of the ground.

There also were sightings reported by police in Carrville, Notasulga and Tuskegee, Ala.

Military Policeman Bert Burns and Randy Shade said in Savannah that an airborne object dived toward their car as they were making a routine patrol near Hunter Air Base.

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ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Thurs., Oct. 4, 1973.

Joey Smith, 13, and his brother green with red lights" whizzing over their heads and then Barry, 9, of Chester County, told their mother they were when they spotted "something" them.

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## Harrison Lawmen Describe Watching 'UFO'

not get a reading on radar equipment on the object, and Lockbourne Air Force Base.

Several Harrison County residents have suggested the theory of swamp gases creating the phenomenon. They also noted that UFO sightings usually occur in late summer during hot and humid weather conditions.

This particular field near Deersville seemed to be the only place where the object could be seen. When the UFO was first sighted it was believed to be about 2000 feet from the ground.

Also alerted of the sighting were Belmont and Jefferson County Sheriffs' Offices, Akron - Canton Airport, which could

light intensity varied. Hren left the area around 1 a.m., and the larger object was still visible.

A small group of people, mostly radio operators, sheriff's department officials and a TV newsmen also viewed the object. A pair of high-power binoculars failed to be of any value in observing the object.

Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter says he saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) before he became governor, so he doesn't laugh any more when others make the same claim. Carter said that he and a group of friends were coming out of a dinner meeting one night several years ago when they saw a big shining light in the shape of a flying saucer hovering overhead. Carter said all the men in his group were in agreement that they had seen the object, which he said moved away several hundred yards and then came back several times as they stood watching it. Carter said the object then disappeared. He said he was so impressed by what he had seen that he made notes on the details of the incident. But Carter was not specific about the time and place he saw the UFO. There has been a rash of UFO reports across the South in recent weeks.



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 Times Leader  
 Martins Ferry Ohio  
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# More Reports Of Ga. UFOs

More UFO sightings were reported over Central Georgia early today, but alerted military and civilian radar operators failed to track any of the unidentified flying objects.

Diamond-shaped lights that flashed irregularly in various colors as they "hovered" in mid-air were reported for the second night in Albany and nearby Tifton.

There also were reported sightings in Sandersville and Camilla.

But spokesmen at military and civilian airfields in the vicinity of the sightings said none of the UFOs appeared on radar screens.

Tifton police officers said they watched two objects hover over their city for more than 45 minutes.

Ray Smith, the night announcer at radio station WSNT in Sandersville, said he saw about a dozen of the colored lights in the sky after a number of persons called his station to report sightings.

He said many of the persons said they also saw the moving objects Thursday

night but hesitated to report them "because they thought people would think they're crazy."

Reports of the mysterious flying objects came from police in Albany, Dawson, Cordele and Adel, Ga., Thursday night. Reports also came from Macon, Leary, Pelham, Ashburn, Vienna, Moultrie and Leesburg, Ga.

"We've seen about 10 or 12 of these things," Smith said. "They're generally blue in color but change into red and sometimes green. They're smaller than stars and change colors, kind of like a kid's top."

"Most were in the south sky where others were reported Thursday night."

Another sighting was reported near Camilla where City Manager Joe Morris Palmer said the same kind of objects were seen Thursday night.

A military spokesman at Dobins Air Force Base near Atlanta said several persons had called in to report UFOs but he refused to say whether any followup was being conducted.

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## Flying Saucers Spotted in Area

Flying saucers are back! Charlevoix Advertising Manager Robert Young, members of his family and friends have watched a mysterious object in the evening sky for the past two weeks.

The unidentified flying object (UFO) also has been spotted over Lake Michigan by Ted Schantz and Randy Winchester of Charlevoix.

According to Young, the object is oval shaped with bright cross-lines like the "Star of Bethlehem." The oval is surrounded by a glowing diamond shaped rim, although connecting struts are not visible.

The object hovers in one place for several minutes and then darts at incredible

speeds across the heavens. It has been visible for as long as one hour at a time, usually beginning about 9:15 p.m.

Young, who lives south of Vanderbilt, says the object usually appears in the west, over Charlevoix or Lake Michigan. He is unable to judge its altitude.

To date, more than 17 members of Young's family and friends have observed the UFO in the Vanderbilt area. The most recent observers included Otsego Sheriff's Department deputies.

A characteristic of the UFO is that it makes sharp, right-angle turns.

If you spot the UFO over Charlevoix, please let the Courier know about it.

"IT LOOKED almost like a star... but it glowed fiery red and orange," was the comment made by Harrison County Sheriff Richard Rensi when asked if he had seen an unidentified flying object sighted in the Tappan Lake - Tippecanoe area Sunday night. The Sheriff's office was informed of the UFO at approximately 11 p.m., at which time Sheriff Rensi and Deputy George Sponhaltz went to the Tippecanoe area. The Sheriff observed the object from a half-hour to 45 minutes. Deputy Sponhaltz also said he saw the object.

It is believed that a woman in the Tippecanoe area had seen the object first and alerted her nephew, a Citizen Band (CB) radio operator, who, in turn, notified law authorities. Other CB operators in the vicinity picked up the information and headed for the area to have a look.

One observer was Joe Hren Jr., a math teacher at Indian Valley Schools and a member of the Tappan Lake Alert Unit of operators. Hren parked in a meadow off County Road six near Deersville where he located the object in the sky. He

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# 3 Officers Sight Flying Saucer'

By MIKE LEVAN  
Staff Writer

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A flying saucer radiating a bright red color was in the Chattanooga area early this morning.

At least that's what two county policemen and a security guard believe they watched for some 30 minutes as it slowly descended into the Mount Etna area.

Officers Craig Glaze and Ed Anderson and a security guard with Trans-American Security Force sat at the intersection of I-24 and Highway 41 in Tiftonia watching "the thing" for at least a half-hour through field glasses.

Although efforts to contact Officer Anderson and the security guard were fruitless this morning, Officer Glaze said "they agree with me that it was something weird."

Officer Glaze's father, Gene Glaze, said he sat atop Signal Mountain and also watched the object after receiving a call from his son, but speculated and "hoped" that the object was merely a research balloon instead of a space ship.

### NOT ON RADAR

Officials at Lovell Field's control tower said they were contacted about 2:30 a.m. this morning by several people who had watched the object, but said they had been unable to spot anything in the Tiftonia area on their radar screen.

Deputy Glaze said he and Officer Anderson were dispatched to the Holiday Inn in Tiftonia after the security guard called headquarters and reported seeing an unidentified flying object in the area while on routine patrol of the motel.

The two officers traveled down I-24 near Whiteside and spotted the object, then speeded back to the Highway 41 exit and the motel to watch the UFO through field glasses.

During the past two weeks, especially in the south-east

area, there have been numerous reports of UFO sightings and unexplainable occurrences linked to UFOs.

These sightings are the first mass reports to be made since the abundance of reports filed during the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Officer Glaze said the object appeared very clear and distinct through the field glasses and gave off a burnt orange or fiery red glow.

He said that it looked like a disk with two prongs or points emerging from the rear, but was unable to estimate its size.

### DESCENDS SLOWLY

The officer said the UFO, when it was first spotted, appeared to be several thousand feet above the tree line on the top of Mount Etna and slowly descended behind the mountain during the 30 minutes he watched.

At intervals, sometimes lasting five minutes, the object would "disappear," Officer Glaze said. He speculated that either the UFO was going behind clouds during these periods or had a back side that was not illuminated.

He discounted theories that the object was the moon, "it was too small," or a star, "it was too big," and knew positively that it was not a plane.

"The thing didn't move with any rhyme or reason and would disappear only to reappear several minutes later in a different spot. I can't say for sure what it was, but I've never seen anything like it before."

Gene Glaze said that from his viewpoint on Signal Mountain the object did not appear to be descending down Mount Etna, but was traveling "very erratically, wandering back and forth across the mountain."

### BUTT OF JOKES

The two county officers were the butt of many jokes when they arrived at the sheriff's office this morning, but Officer Glaze said he is sticking to his story.

Lt. Bill Newell radioed the two officers while they were en route to the jail and asked

them if they had the flying saucer. He was taken back a bit when they jokingly replied they had the object in their truck, but told them to be sure and get the space ship fingerprinted and examined before they left for the day.

Georgia Gov. JIMMY CARTER said Thursday he and a group of friends were coming out of a dinner meeting one night several years ago, when they saw a big, shining light in the shape of a flying saucer hovering overhead. "I don't laugh at people any more when they say they've seen UFOs," he said, "because I've seen one myself." There have been a rash of UFO reports across the South in recent weeks. The most recent two came from Chattanooga, Tenn., where two Hamilton County policemen and a security officer for a motel said they watched a UFO early Thursday.

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## 'UFOs Seen In Alabama

Numerous unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were reported sighted through central Alabama during the weekend.

Police in Auburn, Lanett, Carrville, Notasulga and Tuskegee reported they saw UFOs streaking through the nighttime sky Sunday.

Keith Broach of Auburn said he saw a red and blue object the size of an airplane which later changed to green and then to white before disappearing.

A Lanett law enforcement officer reported sighting an object the size of a car hovering about 130 feet from the ground.

All five reports stated the time was between 2 and 3 a.m.

A Maxwell AFB spokesman in Montgomery said officials there had no explanation for the sightings. U.S. Weather officials here said no weather balloons or weather rockets were in the sky during the weekend.

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# Auburn asked to track Carrville flying saucer

BY FRANK SIKORA, News staff writer

CARRVILLE

Carrville authorities have asked chemists from Auburn to study an area where residents say an unidentified flying object may have landed several days ago.

Townpeople told police Wednesday that they had found an area of grass that has been mysteriously burned.

It follows more reports of aerial sightings by police here, as well as in Tallassee Wednesday night.

CARRVILLE POLICE officer Gary Clayton said he and several other people saw a large disc-shaped object.

"It's the fourth time I've seen something in the past few weeks," he said.

He and his wife, Pam, reported seeing an object several nights ago that hovered about 350 yards from the ground near this Elmore County town.

"It gives you sort of an eerie feeling," he said. "It upset my wife very much."

He described it as being about the size of car, with a red light on one side, a green one on the other and a white one in the middle.

"It made a slight ringing noise," he said. "Like bells jingling. I really feel sort of foolish telling anyone about it. But we know what we saw and heard."

"Then the thing just took off without any noticeable sound and disappeared. And so did me and my wife. We lit out down the road for home."

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# Auburn asked to track Carrville 'flying saucer'

A number of police officers in east-central Alabama have reported seeing UFOs in recent weeks and neither the Air Force nor the U.S. Weather Service can venture an opinion.

The Weather Service Office in Birmingham did say the objects "were not weather balloons."

"I'm willing to bet my paycheck it wasn't a helicopter, either," said Clayton. "They make plenty of noise and no helicopter can move like this."

THE BURNED area is located near a gravel pit just outside the Carrville town limits and is in the vicinity where officer Clayton and his wife saw the object.

One resident, David Hook, told police he was going to shoot the next one that comes close.

"I told him that that's the thing to do," said Clayton. "Let's put one of these things on the ground and see what it is."

Police in Notasulga, Tuskegee, Tallassee, Auburn and Lanett have made reports of sightings within recent weeks.

"It's getting sort of old down here," said Clayton. "But it gives you a creepy feeling..."

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# Tain't so

## UFO sightings are disputed: do moonmen need lights?

While Unidentified Flying Objects over the Deep South were getting all the attention last weekend, residents of Holland, Mich., also reported that something was up there.

Holland police say they received numerous reports of bright lights flashing high overhead last weekend.

An investigation determined that the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was an airplane with a revolving sign promoting the "Uncola" in the green container — 7-Up.

Many of the weekend sightings in Georgia and Alabama came from policemen — civilian and military.

But Dr. Richard Williamon, who holds a doctor of philosophy degree in astronomy from the University of Florida, told The Detroit News that all sightings for which sufficient data is available can be explained as natural phenomena.

Dr. Williamon is on the staff of the Fernback Science Center, Decatur, Ga., which, he said, has been acting as an "official central

receiving point" for reported UFO sightings in central and north Georgia.

"We have been getting quite a few of these reports," Williamon said yesterday. "Most of the reports can be explained as natural phenomena because we have an adequate description of the objects and can identify them."

The reports received at Fernback that remain unidentified, he said, are so classified "simply because the people who observed these objects didn't observe them closely enough to give a complete description of what they had seen."

Many of the reported UFOs, the scientist said, have been identified as reflections of spotlights off clouds, or the planets Jupiter, Venus and Mars, or the star Sirius — which he said is "rising in the east and very bright at the (4 a.m.) time of many of the sightings."

The majority of recent UFO sightings around the world have been in the category of flashing or moving multi-colored lights in a night sky.

Dr. Williamon scoffs at the contention that the lights may be on space ships from outer space.

He reasons, "If these are intelligent beings and have the technology to come all the way down to earth from wherever they've come from — then why in the world would they even need lights?"

Meanwhile, at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga., yesterday, two military policemen were undergoing "de-briefing" after reporting that a UFO made an apparent "dive" at their cruiser early Saturday.

A public information officer at nearby Fort Stewart, Ga., said the MP's — specialists fourth class Bart J. Burns and Randy Shade — would be unavailable for press interviews until after the de-briefing process is completed.

The men told superior officers that they sighted "brilliantly flashing lights — blue, white and amber in color" — while on a routine patrol of the former B52 base, which is in the process of being phased out as a military facility.

The UFO dove at their vehicle from tree-top height, the MP's said, and later "came to a complete hover in front of them for about 15 minutes" before following them as they returned to their headquarters to report the incident.

The Fort Stewart PIO officer described the scene of the sighting as a "high air-traffic area" with numerous helicopter training flights "both day and night."

The Air Traffic Control Center at Hampton, Ga., reported no unusual activity on its radar screens during the times of the reported UFO sightings.

"We cover the area in question," a control room operator at the center said yesterday, "but a (radar) sighting can depend on the size and altitude of the object."

He said he could not comment further on the radar's capability because such information "is classified."

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Tues., Sept. 25, 1973

P. M. Pilalas, a Shelby County, Tenn. sheriff's deputy, reported that he and his partner, J. O. Davis, spotted an unidentified flying object east of Memphis, adding, "If I was a drinker I could understand it."

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### Another UFO Seen Here

Another unidentified flying "rounded object with a point at one end. It was an off-white color with no visible lights, according to a pair of youngsters playing in the front yard of their N. Lake Shore home.

By the time the boys called Brett Newman and Rommy Payne said they saw a their mother outside, they said, the object was gone.

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## Dobbins Gets Reports Of Cobb UFO Sightings

By JIM THERRIEN  
Journal Staff Writer

Telephone calls reporting unidentified flying objects over the Cobb County area were made to information officials at Dobbins Air Force Base Friday night following a rash of similar sightings ranging from South Georgia to as far north as Lawrenceville.

Reports have been received in Sandersville and numerous other cities in south and central Georgia during the

past few days concerning unusual sightings in the sky.

Dobbins base officials, however, say they did not record the calls because the Air Force does not admit the existence of UFOs.

Louis Osborne, base information officer and a civilian, said he does not think the government keeps records and logs on UFO's because the volume

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## UFO Telephone Calls

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can grow to enormous proportions.

"Years ago, when we took in all calls, we had to make official reports on every one of them," he said. "Naturally, many were made by pranksters or drunks."

Osborne also noted that, since Dobbins is a reserve base, it is manned basically by civilians who are not as expert on the governmental regulations as are regular personnel.

Dobbins' base operations head said he had received "a few" calls concerning the UFO's Saturday morning but referred the informers to the news media.

At 10:30 a.m. Saturday, he said, he got a call from an unidentified youth who stated he saw something unusual hovering over the football field during

Friday night's Wheeler High School football game.

Ray Smith, of radio station WSNT, said several persons had called the station to report the UFOs. He said many of the residents admitted they saw the moving lights Thursday night but hesitated to report them "because they thought people would think they're crazy."

"We've seen about 10 or 12 of these things," Smith said. "They're generally blue in color but change into red and sometimes green. They're smaller than stars and change colors kind of like a kid's top."

"Most are in the south sky where others were reported Thursday night."

Another UFO sighting was reported near Camilla where City Manager Joe Morris Palmer said the same kind of objects were seen Thursday night.

# Man Shot 9-21 At UFO

Griffin, Ga. (UPI) — Roy Lawhorn, who lives in the nearby Brooks community, told Monday how he fired several shots at a gold, lighted flying object "as big as your head," as it drifted towards his house, and vanished into the ground.

Lawhorn, a tenant farmer, reported the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the same general area where a similar object hitting the ground was identified as possibly a small meteorite or a piece of "space junk" from orbiting space vehicles.

Lawhorn, who lives in a rural home with his five-year-old daughter, Donna, about eight

miles from here, said he had hesitated to report the Friday morning incident for fear of being considered a fool.

He said he was awakened about 2 a.m. Friday by "a sound like locusts and a bright light outside the house."

"I grabbed my rifle," he said, "because it looked like it was coming towards the house. I shot at it about three or four times and it just disappeared into the ground."

The object left a charred spot in the dirt road about 10 yards from the house.

Lawhorn said he didn't go out to investigate afterwards because "I was about scared to death. I went back to bed."

When asked to describe the UFO, he said it was "round, as large as your head. It was gold and lit up. I thought the devil had come to get me."

Dr. O. E. Anderson, a specialist in soil analysis at the Georgia Experiment Station here, was called in to make a soil examination where the UFO was reported to have hit the ground.

Anderson said it would take three days to complete an analysis. But, he said the description of high pitched, pulsating sound and the golden glow was "unlike anything in my experience."

The UFO made no depression in the ground, but it left markings which covered an area one foot long by six or eight inches wide. Underneath the top layer of soil, Anderson uncovered a wide area of charred earth and organic matter.

Brooks is about 20 miles southeast of Orchard Hill, where a man reported seeing a "golden egg" drop to the earth last week. Lawhorn said he knew nothing about other UFO reports which have been made in Georgia, Florida and Alabama in recent weeks.

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UFO's are back?

STREETSBORO — A local woman who says she and her family and friends have watched an unidentified flying object in the sky for several nights is attempting to discover what the sighting could be.

Mrs. Sandy Goff, 1059 S.R. 303, says she sighted the clearly lighted bright yellow object that changed forms as it traveled "over Mantua" Monday night.

But Tuesday night the same object appeared at about 10:30 p.m. and Mrs. Goff and friends followed it by car to Twinsburg where it disappeared. The UFO changed from round to a long cigar shaped image she said.

Sentinel Star  
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## Two Deputies Report UFO

By United Press International

Several persons including two deputy sheriffs reported Monday they saw strange flashing lights in the skies over Tennessee over the weekend. A South American newspaper reported a saucer-like object showed up in a photo snapped casually by two vacationing students in Montevideo, Uruguay.

"If I was a drinker, I could understand it," said Deputy Sheriff P. M. Pillas of Shelby County, Tenn.

PILALAS SAID he and his partner, J. O. Davis, were driving on U.S. Highway 700 just east of Memphis late Sunday when they saw a cluster of red and white lights hovering overhead in misty skies at an altitude of 500 to 1,000 feet.

Two bright spotlights were shining from the forward part of the craft and two red lights were flowing at the extremities of the craft, they said.

"We couldn't see the craft itself, only its lights," said Pilalás.

"I FLASHED my spotlight on the vehicle, which appeared to be traveling with us at about 15 miles an hour. I was hanging out the window at this point.

"We let our blue light (on the police car) shine twice and then stopped," Pilalás said. "The vehicle then flashed its white beams twice and then both the white lights and red

lights went out. Then it was gone."

Tommy Robbins, an Illinois Central-Gulf Railroad employee, said he spotted a bright, hovering object with red and white lights from his carport in Jackson, Tenn.

"IT WAS very bright and seemed to give off a light like a strong fluorescent light. It moved to the west very slowly," he said, "then it disappeared."

The South American students, both Brazilians, said a saucerlike object showed

up hovering in the air in one of the photographs they snapped in July of the Uruguayan Legislative Palace in Montevideo, according to the newspaper La Manana.

The newspaper said the picture had been forwarded to Montevideo by the Pelotas, Brazil "Society for Investigation and Research of Flying Saucers."

THE LETTER from the society said professional photographers had found no trace of fraud in the photograph.

## More 'strange lights' in sky seen in Dexter

There are continuing reports in this area of "strange sights" in the sky at night, and more reports of UFOs.

Strange lights were seen in the sky north and east of Dexter last night, and persons who saw them say they have been watching them for two or three weeks.

"They (the lights) are not there every night, but we have seen them often," one observer said.

The lights in the sky to the northeast were described as being a "small cluster of lights" which sometimes remain in the heavens for "two or three hours," then fade away or leave.

The light was continuous and not a twinkling, sparkling type of light, they said.

There have also been numerous reports of sightings in this area the early-morning hours, just before daybreak. Several persons have said

they have watched these lights for several weeks.

"We see them every morning—or almost every morning" one early-riser said.

The early-morning lights are generally in the western sky over Dexter, they said. They described them as vari-colored.

And numerous persons in Bernie area say they continue to see some "strange lights" at night, although not on as regular a basis as they did several months ago. At that time the lights at Bernie and at Piedmont attracted national attention—and were the subject of much study and speculation.

"There's something up there, alright," one person said. "Whether it is just a strange light, or a craft, or some other type of object, I certainly don't know. But it is different."

## Another UFO Is Reported

GEORGE FAWCETT

Another unidentified flying object (UFO) has been reported in the Surry County skies.

George Fawcett of Mount Airy, veteran of 27 years of chasing UFOs around the country, said he received a report from Mr. and Mrs. Snow of route 2, Dobson, of a sighting Monday morning. The couple were on their way to work, he reported, and said that just before 8 a.m. as they were driving about seven miles from Pilot Mountain they spotted a glowing circular object in the skies. They watched it for 20 to 30 seconds at tree top level.

Fawcett said the couple reported the mystery object was "blinking" with its colors rotating in a circular movement, and that it appeared about 300 feet away from the side of the road they were traveling on. The color was described as "bright and pretty, deep, rich red, orange and yellow colors". It disappeared as rapidly as it appeared.

Fawcett said he is anxious to hear from any others who may have seen the same phenomena. He may be contacted in Mount Airy at telephone 788-5410.

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## Charleston Area UFO's Spotted

**CHARLESTON (AP)**—Two unidentified flying objects with "strange flashing lights" were sighted in the Charleston area early Wednesday morning.

According to county police, several sightings of the UFO's were reported by motorists on St. Andrew's Boulevard.

The two UFO's were also observed by policemen from the north area and Edisto Beach.

County Police Sgt. D.J. Gleason said he saw two objects, one of which appeared to be over the City of Charleston and the other over Folly Beach.

He described the objects as oblong in shape with red, white, blue and green flashing lights. According to reports, the lights were distinct, bright and close together in a box shape.

Gleason said the objects seemed to sit in one place and not

move. He said the objects also appeared to have a cloudy mist on their bottom.

The UFO over the city was higher and farther away than the one over Folly Beach, Gleason said.

The sightings were made about 3:30 a.m. and were still visible at 5 a.m., he said.

The Air Force 792nd Radar Squadron at the North Charleston

Air Force Station would not comment on the local UFO sightings and said that any information would have to come out of headquarters at Colorado Springs, Colo.

However, according to county police, the Air Force was notified of the UFO sightings but reported that they did not have the objects on their screen.

The traffic airport tower at municipal airport also said that it has received no reports of UFO's.

## 'The Devil' Frightened Farmer Shoots at UFO

**GRIFFIN (UPI)** — Roy Lawhorn, who lives in the nearby Brook community, told Monday how he fired several shots at a gold, lighted flying object "as big as your head," as it drifted towards his house, and vanished into the ground.

Lawhorn, a tenant farmer, reported the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the same general area where a similar object hitting the ground was identified as possibly a small meteorite or a piece of "space junk" from orbiting space vehicles.

Lawhorn, who lives in a rural home with his five-year-old daughter, Donna, about eight miles from here, said he had hesitated to report the

Friday morning incident for fear of being considered a fool.

He said he was awakened about 2 a.m. Friday by "a sound like locusts and a bright light outside the house.

"I grabbed my rifle," he said, "because it looked like it was coming towards the house. I shot at it about three or four times and it just disappeared into the ground."

The object left a charred spot in the dirt road about 10 yards from the house.

Lawhorn said "It came down like an umbrella — it gradually came down. I thought the devil had come to get me."

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Dr. O. E. Anderson, a specialist in soil analysis at the Georgia Experiment Station here, was called in to make a soil examination where the UFO was reported to have hit the ground.

Anderson said it would take three days to complete an analysis.

The UFO made no depression in the ground, but it left markings which covered an area one foot long by six or eight inches wide. Underneath the top layer of soil, Anderson uncovered a wide area of charred earth and organic matter.

Brooks is about 20 miles southeast of Orchard Hill, where a man reported seeing a "golden egg" drop to the earth last week.

University of Georgia soil scientists have found high concentrations of copper and chromium at the site of an alleged UFO impact area in Orchard Hill, Ga.

Test results announced Friday by Dr. Oscar Anderson and Dr. Larry Shuman of the university experiment station in Griffin indicate that copper concentrations were 2,699 times more and chromium concentrations 200 times more than in soil in the area.

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The scientists said the results appear to lend support to an eyewitness account that a small, hot metallic object seemed to land and slightly imbed itself in the soil.

Although Shuman and Anderson speculate the object may have been a small meteorite or piece of space junk, they cannot account for the lack of a crater or depression in the earth around the alleged impact area.

No elements used in flares and no hydrocarbons (fumes) were found in the soil tested, the scientists reported.

These facts, said Shuman, indicate that ignition of natural organic materials in the soil tested was not caused by petroleum products or flares.

Rast Clayton of Orchard Hill, a rural community in Spalding County, said he saw a bright gold object float to earth and then take off again after burning a circle in the field Monday night.

Anderson said he examined the burned circle — about the size of a basketball — 2 1/2 hours after the farmer called a radio station to report the incident.

Clayton said he saw the object descend to the ground about 25 yards from his home. He said it was spinning like a top and a cloud of smoke went up when it touched the ground.

Later, Clayton said, the object rose again and disappeared.

Anderson said earlier this week the soil was unusually hot for just grass to be burning when he made his initial investigation.

"It was hot down to a depth of at least a half inch," said Anderson. He said grass roots and wood chips in the soil were also burned.

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Strange light  
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Reports of UFO have about died out in St. Francois County in the last few weeks, but some strange lights are still being seen in the sky.

Mrs. Jean Hutson of Coffman reported to The Press Tuesday that her family has watched a strangely moving light in the northwest for four evenings.

The Hutsons, who live near the Pine Log Baptist Church, report that the light moves away from them with occasional moves to the right and left and changes to an orange color before it goes down behind the trees.

Mrs. Hutson said she had called the sheriff's office one evening and an officer came, but about five minutes too late to see the object.

The viewing time each evening has been from about 7:50 to 8:55.

There have been some other reports of lights in the Coffman area, but Sheriff Ken Buckley said that some of them have been traced to the searchlights on river barges bouncing off low-lying clouds.

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# UFO Sightings Reported Across N. C.

case, a boy who was home from school said the UFO landed in his backyard and he went within 25 feet of it to take a Polaroid picture. Marks were found on the ground.

—A Marine reported that a UFO was tracked on radar at the Cherry Point military base. Jets reportedly were sent to chase the UFO, which led them in direction of Atlanta but outran them.

Fawcett predicts that UFO sightings will increase in 1974. One of the reasons he gives is that people will be more sky-conscious because of a comet that is soon to become visible.

Fawcett is currently quoting a Latin motto, which sounds rather ominous with reports of UFOs and their occupants tangling with people and airplanes: "Untrunque paratus," which means: "Be ready for anything."

a circular UFO that appeared to land in a cow pasture. The man said it hurt his eyes to look at it. A woman who lived some distance away described seeing a similar object at the same time. No trace of such an object was ever found in the pasture.

—Two students reported a UFO with red and white lights over Germantown April 6. They said it circled at treetop level, then flew straight up. Two students reported seeing two red, revolving UFOs at an altitude of about 100 feet, at Millers Creek on Feb. 21.

And, in other parts of North Carolina: —Fawcett said the State Bureau of Investigation analyzed a greenish fluid from the site of a reported UFO landing Jan. 7 at Ellenboro near Forest City. He quoted the report as saying the fluid was "not a controlled substance, not identifiable with any other substance, and did not separate into elements." In this

—In Winston-Salem, a lawyer and his wife reported that they were driving on County Club Road around 7 p.m. Jan. 16 when a UFO with a dome top and four lights fell in front of the car. They said they experienced a feeling of weightlessness and were lifted up in the front seat of their car. Fawcett said the weightlessness is frequently reported by people who get close to UFOs.

—In Mount Airy, two different families who live some distance apart called Fawcett within five minutes of each other to report a round revolving object over northern Mount Airy. There were 11 UFOs lit up houses and surroundings with a blue-red light. It stayed within sight for about three minutes. That was Feb. 3.

—In Dobson on Aug. 14, a farmer called the Surry County Sheriff's Department around 10:30 p.m. to report

Much fuss was made over UFOs in the '60s, then the talk subsided for a few years and wasn't revived until hundreds of sightings were reported this summer in and around Georgia.

George Fawcett of 607 N. Main Street, Mount Airy, a longtime UFO investigator, says people sometimes ask him, "Where have they been." He says he tells him they've been just about everywhere — and not to be misled by lack of publicity.

The theater of action has shifted, though, Fawcett says. There have been fewer UFO reports this year in North Carolina than there were last year. But 1973 still have been a good year for UFO sightings.

From George Fawcett's extensive sightings in Northwest North Carolina within the past few months:

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## Experts Say Local UFOs Are Planets

By BILL GARBETT  
 Scientists said today the Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) sighted moving across the sky by many Montgomerians this week were probably planets.

Astronomers in Atlanta and Montgomery said the mysterious objects were three planets visible to the naked eye.

Dr. Ralph Buice of the Fernbank Science Center in Atlanta said what residents saw were probably the planets of Jupiter, Mars and Venus, particularly visible to the naked eye this time of year.

For the past several weeks, residents of western Georgia and eastern Alabama, including Montgomery, have reported seeing multi-colored objects moving across the sky.

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Buice said Jupiter (this time of year is a bright planet and can be seen with the naked eye at about 10 p.m. moving in a southwesterly direction. He said when it is low on the horizon the atmospheric affect makes it appear to be changing colors.

Before 2 a.m. Mars appears as a bright red and may account for many of the sightings, Buice said. The planet also moves in a southwesterly direction, rises in the East and sets in the West, (See UFOs, Page 2)

and is not visible after 2 a.m. Buice said all three planets will be highly visible for the next two months.

Dr. Donald A. Boudreau, a physics professor at Huntingdon College, agreed with Buice adding that the haze over a city can produce various optical distortions.

Buice said there were about 1,000 satellites in orbit. Of these, about 100 are visible to the naked eye.

He said the satellite Pageos was now visible over the Southeast and might account for many of the UFO reports.

Buice said airplanes can also be confusing especially if they have their landing lights on and are coming towards you.

"I have done a lot of observation and tracking of satellites and I have never seen anything unusual," Buice said.

But the apparent motion has seemed real to many observers in the Montgomery area.

For instance, a caller today reported the object he watched last night appeared to land. He thought it large as a highway truck.

## 'Just disappeared' Memphis deputy sees UFO blink

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (UPI) — straight forward from the unidentified flying object craft's altitude of 500 to 1,000 feet, he said, and two red blinks its spotlights twice Sunday night, then disappeared into the darkness with a whirring noise, according to Shelby County Sheriff's Deputy P. L. Pilalas.

"If I was a drinker," the deputy said, shaking his head, "I could understand it, but I'm not." "I flashed my spotlight on the vehicle which appeared to be traveling with us at about 15 m.p.h.," Pilalas said. "I was hanging out the window and he said his part at this point. I contacted the dispatcher to see if we had any metro helicopters up in the area. His answer was negative when they saw the craft hovering overhead. Two bright spots were shining beams at

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A similar object was seen at the same time by Jess Morris, a P-I composing room employe, on his way to work. Morris, who was on I-5 near 145th St., saw the object speeding over the UW Stadium.

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# Flying A excites UFO watchers at Charlevoix

Special to The News

CHARLEVOIX — A growing band of skywatchers looks nightly for an unidentified flying object some say resembles the brand on a steer in the sky.

Robert Young, who says he first sighted it last October, said that through binoculars the UFO looks like an A lying on its side surrounded by a diamond shape.

To most observers it is merely a luminous light, perhaps a star, when seen with the naked eye. It reportedly

moves about in the heavens for some 30 minutes before settling in the west about 10 p.m.

Young said attempts to photograph the object have been futile. He was rejected when he asked the Air Force tracking station between Charlevoix and Petoskey for help in identifying it.

SOME 40 PERSONS journeyed to Young's home, about six miles north of Gaylord, after he first reported seeing the light. Some brought binoculars.

Now more of them have reported seeing the object high over Charlevoix. These include UFO fanatics, the curious, and skeptics, such as Gordon Freedman, Charlevoix industrialist and a pilot.

Freedman said that the haze and heat waves that collect before the human eye gazing through miles of atmosphere can create strange illusions.

Jet pilots, he said, used to chase such sights, and some of them crashed. Some believe they were chasing the planet Venus.

But Freedman cannot explain why the UFO sometimes is directly overhead, at a point too low for atmospheric distortions.

RESIDENTS were used to looking skyward before this newest topic of conversation and speculation.

B52's fly overhead about a dozen times daily on simulated bombing runs for the Air Force.

One of them crashed in Lake Michigan a few miles from the Big Rock nuclear power plant outside Charlevoix. The nine crewmen are believed to be dead in 240 feet of water. No specific cause for the accident ever has been given.

Residents are recalling that again now that there's a light in the sky, and again they are wondering.

## Nurses Report Sighting UFO

Five nurses at the Warner Hospital returning from a meeting in Hershey Monday evening reported spotting a bright unidentified flying object in the Dillsburg area around 10:30 p.m.

One of the nurses, who asked to remain anonymous, said they stopped their car to observe the object for five minutes before it disappeared in the sky. At first, she said, they thought the bright light, similar to a big star might be Sky Lab, but then the bright lights were turned off leaving only a few small colored lights illuminating the craft. Minutes later it sped away "like a streak" across the horizon.

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## UFO Sighted at Price Place

Mrs. Charlotte Ooley and Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Kromnacker, report having seen an unidentified flying object hover briefly in the sky and drop from view at Price Place.

The sighting was made on Saturday at 8:45 p.m., two weeks ago, the same night UFO's were sited near Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Ooley said she and the Kromnackers were watching for Sky Lab when they saw the UFO, which had a brilliant, fiery orange color.

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Residents report UFO

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TIPPECANOE — A number of Harrison County residents reported to law enforcement agencies throughout the county that an unidentified flying object was sighted Sunday night. Sheriff deputies said they could not locate the UFO and officials at Akron-Canton Airport were unable to pick up a "saucer" on radar.

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# UFO Reports Flood Ga. Switchboards

BY JOE CALDWELL,  
Journal Staff Writer  
Law enforcement and military base switchboards in a 6-mile-long strip of Central Southern Georgia were flooded early today by reports of "unidentified flying objects" moving across pre-own skies.  
Bright lights, blinking in various colors as they moved silently through the air, were spotted over a dozen cities and towns.  
Officers in a Macon police car radioed a report at 2:28 a.m. that they had spotted a UFO "shaped like a diamond with a tail and ... about six red and green lights."  
Later sightings seemed to follow a pattern. There were reports of UFOs over Dawson at 3 a.m., Camilla at 4:35

a.m. and Valdosta at 5 p.m. In Albany and other towns the UFOs reportedly hovered and moved about the sites for hours.  
Personnel at the Georgia Highway Patrol-station at Perry said, "People called all night long," but added that the first calls came well after midnight.  
Sightings were reported at

Cordele and in the vicinity of Warner Robins Air Force Base. Officers at Warner Robins said no planes were sent up to investigate because "we didn't have any planes to send."  
An information officer at the base noted that the Air Force no longer investigates UFOs on an official basis and has discontinued its "Blue Book," a compendium of UFO sightings.  
The area of sightings appears to extend from Valdosta north to Macon, and preliminary reports indicated that there might have been one or more sightings southeast of Albany in the Waycross area.  
Georgia Highway Patrol officers in Perry said they had received a report that a UFO had been observed for more than 30 minutes.  
The object was described

as a "white disc with orange and blue lights" hovering about 400 feet from the ground."  
One Georgia Highway Patrol trooper stationed in Albany said he watched the flashing lights for "five or 10 minutes."  
"They were in the sky most of the night but I had to get back to my radio," the officer told the Journal.  
The officer described the

UFOs as "clear lights" in the sky that changed colors and flashed at irregular intervals. "There were red lights, green lights and orange and yellowish ones," the officer said.  
"People first saw things over Dawson about 20 miles west of here," they reported. "They moved this way but people saw them up as far as Macon."

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## UFOs may be Skylab fragments

The unidentified flying objects reportedly seen Wednesday night by Richard Hildreth and his son, Carbondale, may be fragments from Skylab II. Reeve Norton of Marion says he has seen several objects similar to the one described by Hildreth and as a result he wrote the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to find out if there is an explanation.

NASA replied with a schedule of Skylab sightings for a two-week period. Norton said NASA reported that there are five pieces of debris ahead of Skylab II and four pieces trailing it.

The report from NASA that the S-2 tracking stage is 23 minutes ahead of Skylab, a fragment precedes it by 13 minutes, a shroud precedes it by six minutes, another shroud precedes it by five minutes and another fragment precedes it by 2 1/2 minutes.

Following the Skylab, NASA, is a cover, 15 seconds behind the space ship; a shroud five minutes behind; another shroud six minutes behind and a fragment 11 minutes behind.

Norton said he and some of his fellow workers saw five of the objects the night Skylab was launched.

"When we saw the first one we thought we were seeing Skylab but when the other four appeared, we began to wonder," Norton said.

Norton is employed by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in Carbondale.

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