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MCC power failure coincides with UFO

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Strange lights, noises reported

Was it just coincidence or did a number of Yazooans' imaginations work overtime, perhaps stimulated by what some say is "mass hysteria" over recent reports of UFO sightings? One thing is certain: the reports of the strange happenings Tuesday night fascinated thousands of Yazooans and many could talk of little else Wednesday.

No one here reported seeing any wrinkled red-skinned beings as two Pascagoula fishermen recently did. (Supposedly they were taken aboard a blue-lit spacecraft, examined but let go unharmed.)

Nevertheless there were some sightings of moving and hovering lights and which changed colors, a "whirring", "humming" or "whooshing" noise which varied in intensity and apparently came, went and came again.

Probably the most interesting happening of all was a massive power failure at Mississippi Chemical Corporation's huge nitrogen fertilizer plant. At 11:17 p.m. Tuesday MCC's entire production complex was shut down.

Why or how no one can say except to report that a big ceramic insulator at the plant's number two electric substation shattered.

Actually, the device is a lightning arrestor and is designed to ground any bolt of

lightning without damaging the equipment. Although it's rare, it's not unheard of that these insulators shatter and cause electrical outage.

Just after the power failure MCC plant workers had to contend with a gas vent fire in its large ammonia plant supposedly set off by an accumulating static electricity.

A guard at MCC, who asked not to be identified, was interviewed Wednesday morning on WJNS and told of the incident.

Just after the fire he reported seeing two bright white lights streaking rapidly in opposite directions from behind the ammonia plant, he told announcer Wally Adams.

However, it was reported that static electricity, which was the probable cause of the fire could produce "shooting fire balls" under certain conditions.

Tom Parry, president of MCC issued a statement to the news media Wednesday morning acknowledging the power failure and the shut down. He said such outages have hap-

pened before. He said any damage to the plant was minimal and MCC production facilities were put back on stream piecemeal over a period of several hours.

Don McGraw, vice president of corporate services at MCC, emphasized to the Herald Wednesday that "such outages have happened to our plant before," but not frequently. He discounted any connection between the strange lights and noises and the electrical problems.

Herbert Carver of the Mississippi Power and Light public relations department told the Herald the MP & L substation which serves MCC had been repaired promptly but routinely. He said no cause had yet been determined as to why the lightning arrestor gave way and caused the breakdown in service. Repair crewmen, he said, did not report anything out of the ordinary.

This newspaper Wednesday talked to several persons who had heard noises late Tuesday night. One who did not mind being identified was John Harris, manager of radio station WAZF.

Mr. Harris and his wife first saw a peculiar bluish light out the window of their home on 18th street at about 10:30 p.m. At first they thought it was an airplane, then realized it was not. They went outside and saw the blue light hovering about 75 feet above ground of the cotton field just west of their home.

Mr. Harris said he watched the "big blue light...it was larger than a light on an airplane...I could see no shape. Even with binoculars he could not see an outline, it was just too far..."

Mr. Harris said he and his wife heard sounds, "not an airplane noise, more like a car, but not exactly that either"...He said it was not loud..."and didn't sound like a helicopter."

He watched the light as it slowly changed from blue to bright red then green...then pale yellow.

He said it must have been a little after 11 when he and his wife returned to their house and the light was then drifting away toward Mississippi Chemical.

A few minutes later MCC experienced a power shut down. Mr. Harris said he was unaware of any trouble at MCC until he called WAZF Wednesday morning and talked to his staff.

The night operator of the city police department, Fearon Jenne, noted in his log that a person called and told of seeing a strange light while driving between Canton and Benton about 1 a.m.

Another call came from a resident of the Yazoo Motel to report to the police of hearing a loud continuous noise that gradually faded away.

Chief of Police Odis Wilkinson said what hundreds of Yazooans saw early Wednesday afternoon was "definitely a weather balloon." It was confirmed by the US Weather Bureau in Jackson who were contacted by the Yazoo Civil Defense department, said the Chief.

Scores of Yazooans telephoned this newspaper, both radio stations, the sheriff and police departments as well as Civil Defense headquarters about seeing the white disk-shaped object in the southern sky—the balloon.

Area Resident Reports Chilling UFO Encounter

By MARY TOM WATTS

Daily Times Leader Staff Writer

WEST POINT — A Clay County man says he had a brief encounter with a UFO Monday night on the Cedar Bluff Road near Henryville.

The young man, who has requested that his name be withheld to protect his privacy, told the TIMES LEADER the "craft" he saw on the road was elliptical in shape and had blue and orange lights.

"They weren't blinding lights. They weren't very bright," he said.

He reports the vehicle was "as big as a car or bigger" and "looked like it was made of metal."

The man, a respected Clay County businessman who is believed to be a credible source, was a bit reluctant to relate his experience to the press, but conceded when assured anonymity.

The reported sighting occurred when the man was driving home on the Cedar Bluff Road. He first saw lights in the road ahead, but only when he got closer did he realize the vehicle was something he'd "never seen before."

He says the elliptical craft was standing on "legs" about four to six feet in height. Although he noticed no windows in the craft, he estimates the blue and orange lights numbered six to eight.

In order to avoid the unidentified vehicle, he swerved into the ditch, then proceeded back onto the road home.

Asked if he was frightened, the observer answered, "No, not really. But it didn't do me any good." He further said that he saw no form of life in or around the craft.

Although there were no passengers in his truck to later verify his story, he did report that another pick-up truck driver was ahead of him on the rural road and also had to "take the ditch" to avoid the craft.

However, the second observer is reportedly unwilling to admit publicly that he saw anything unusual.

On Tuesday, the day after the sighting, a number of persons in the western part of the county heard of their neighbor's unusual experience and drove to the spot where the vehicle was to have been "parked."

The party who first notified the TIMES LEADER of the Monday night sighting said she noticed that grass in the ditches on both sides of the road was "burned and smelled like oil."

The observer himself verified the grass was burned and added he saw marks in the ditches "that looked like two round pads had been in the dirt."

When asked if photographs could be made of any remaining "evidence," the observer said, "A lot of people have been down there today, and everything has been walked over."

The Clay County man's story sounded quite believable, particularly due to his reluctance to have any publicity about his experience.

His report, coupled with the recent rash of other UFO reports throughout the state, aroused this reporter's curiosity enough to attend the lecture by a noted UFO expert Tuesday night at Mississippi State University.

Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist,

delivered his "Flying Saucers Are Real" lecture to an overflow audience in Lee Hall Auditorium on the MSU campus.

With hundreds of persons sitting in the aisles and on the stage and standing in the projection room, Friedman unleashed a wealth of scientific data, backed up by slides of UFO's and drawings of "humanoid" creatures as described by persons who reported encounters with them.

Friedman, the only space scientist in the nation who is devoting his full time to the study of UFO's, said, "We're being visited. Some of these UFO's are somebody's spacecraft."

The speaker classifies UFO's into three categories: (1) sightings by reliable observers which can later be identified (identifiable flying objects); (2) sightings in which there is insufficient data to determine whether or not the object can be explained; and (3) reports by competent observers who see objects on or above the ground which remain unidentifiable after sufficient data has undergone rigorous scientific study.

"Most of the true UFO's sighted have been described as round, metallic, disc-shaped objects. You know—the typical flying saucer," Friedman told his audience.

The speaker pointed out that crafts which look like flying saucers could be manufactured by a number of American companies.

However, "The way they move, the way they behave, make them unique," Friedman said. The unidentified vehicles move hundreds of miles per hour without acceleration or deceleration. Instant starts and stops and movement in any direction are characteristic of true UFO's.

Actually, Friedman prefers to call the unidentified objects EEM's or Earth Excursion Modules, because he believes the vehicles are used by creatures from planets in other solar systems to study the Earth.

Following his full, scientific explanation of UFO's and creatures piloting the craft, Friedman gave various reasons for public ridicule of persons who report sightings and reasons for the observers' reluctance to report sightings to authorities.

The renowned authority says "ignorance of facts" is the prime reason for the public's skepticism of UFO's.

The "laughter curtain," said the speaker, cuts down communication between observers and those who have never seen a UFO. The fear of ridicule leads many to decide not to report their observations.

Another factor involved in the public's reluctance to believe in the existence of UFO's is ego. Friedman says people on Earth are unwilling to believe more intelligent life might exist within the universe.

Friedman concludes there has been an unreasonable failure on the part of the government and private scientists to use our technological knowledge to study UFO's.

Several times throughout his presentation, the speaker referred to the recent sightings in Mississippi, particularly the incident involving two Pascagoula men who say they were "taken into" a craft by three creatures.

Friedman said their story appears to be credible and that he believes their experience could result in new data on EEM's.

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Lack of Manpower Hampers NICAP's Study of UFO 'Capture' Incident in Mississippi

MIAMI — Ever since the Air Force withdrew from the UFO business in 1969, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena has remained the only broadly based organization to comprehensively evaluate unidentified flying object reports.

Incorporated in 1972 as a nonprofit educational and research operation, NICAP has 3,600 members whose annual dues, with jobs and lives that leave the alleged incident took place.

After they release from the saucer, they spent an hour debating whether or not anyone would believe their story before reporting it to the local sheriff.

Pascagoula Sheriff Fred Diamond, after satisfying his own reservations, "called everybody I could think of. I called Washington, I called Houston, I called the whole world and that's all I can gush about it."

NICAP heard of the incident through television reports. Preliminary tests — a unique polygraph system that measures vocal tremors over the phone or in taped conversations — have indicated that the men genuinely believe their account. The organization intends to run a conventional lie-detector test as soon as the men are up to testimony. Concurrently, it will run a personality and character checks on both men and try to locate corroborating witnesses.

Unofficially, a NICAP spokesman indicated that he is extremely skeptical about the incident. "Of the hundreds of cases to one featured in a recent soft drink commercial, NICAP will continue to investigate the incident, however, I it proves a hoax or a misconception, it will be dismissed like 98 per cent of all the cases the Association studies.

provide the \$40,000 annual budget on which it depends. Since NICAP has no investigative funds, it relies on a monthly newsletter, which still does no first-hand research into the celebrated incident in which two Pascagoula fishermen say they were carried off to a flying saucer.

The men, both of demonstrably 2-2-2 character, were fishing when local officials, were fishing when the alleged incident took place.

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UFO Calls Deluge & Switchboard

A rash of UFO calls were turned in to the Richland County Sheriff's office Tuesday night by several people all having similar descriptions, according to a deputy sheriff.

Reportedly, the object was orange and football-shaped and turned beige and fired sparks. It also slowly moved up and down. One woman caller said the object landed on her front lawn.

The calls came in between 9:15 and 9:30 p.m. and traveled seemingly in a pattern. The deputy said, "the board just lit up one after another."

The calls radiated from Denziesville to Broad River Road, Owen Field and Lower Richland.

Radar stations in the area report nothing was seen.

Gregory Hines of Crescent Manor Apartments said Tuesday he had seen a large object about 100 yards off the ground as he walked home from work about 11 p.m. Monday. It was motionless, about the size of a car. He watched it about five minutes before turning home.

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Five More Reports Of UFOs Received By N.E.A. Officers

Northeast Arkansas police officers received five separate reports of unidentified flying objects (UFO's) Wednesday afternoon and night.

Sgt. Wayne Etter, desk sergeant for the Jonesboro Police Department, said he received a telephone call at 8:20 Wednesday night from an Arkansas State University coed who said she observed an object resembling a conventional airplane "divide in mid-air" two miles north of the ASU campus.

Etter quoted the coed as saying one - half of the object exploded in mid-air, while the remaining portion of the object fell to the ground.

Etter said a check by police patrol cars in the area failed to turn up any trace of a plane crash.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Service Station at Jonesboro Municipal Airport said no planes are missing or reported overdue.

State Police District C headquarters here received three separate reports at about 8:48 Wednesday night of UFOs over Fisher, Waldenburg and Weiner from officers of the Poinsett County Sheriff's Office.

A spokesman for the FAA Flight Service Station said FAA personnel spotted an object over the Municipal Airport here Wednesday afternoon. The spokesman said the object was "only a speck in the sky."

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Hickson, Parker: robot creatures are friendly

(EDITOR'S NOTE: A week ago Charles E. Hickson, 45, and Calvin R. Parker Jr., 19, local shipyard workers, told authorities three space creatures took them aboard a saucer-like spacecraft. On Thursday the two men gave the Mississippi Press the first extensive interview since the Pascagoula River Incident. In Hickson's living room in Gautier, the men gave their story to Mississippi Press editor Gary Holland. Here is their account, given primarily by Hickson with Parker consenting to the account.)

By CHARLES HICKSON
and CALVIN PARKER

As told to the Mississippi Press
We were fishing last Thursday night behind the old Shaupeater Shipyard building on the Pascagoula River. I turned to get some more bait when I heard a zipping sound.

I turned around and saw a spacecraft

with bright, flashing, blue-looking lights. It just hovered without touching the ground.

It seemed to open up, but there really wasn't a door there at all. These three creatures came floating out toward us. I was so scared that I couldn't believe it was happening.

The creatures were pale, ghost-like, about five feet high. They were sort of light flesh-colored, or more pale gray, with crab-like claws for hands and rounded feet.

The creatures were on us before we knew it. Two of them seemed to lift me off the ground, and I became motionless and glided into the craft. (Parker said he passed out as he was carried into the craft.)

After I got inside I had no feelings. I was helpless, but I could still move my eyes.

It was real bright inside, but no particular color. There were no light fixtures

but it was plenty bright.

Something big and round that looked like a big eye moved back and forth across my body. The two creatures moved me around so that the eye could check me in various positions. I just kind of floated without touching anything. I didn't see any attachment for the eye. It was just kind of suspended in air.

The two things left me for a while, maybe half a minute, and I was in there just motionless. All I could do was move my eyes.

I never felt any pain. They didn't hurt us at all.

Later they carried me back outside and I floated down on my feet. I was so weak-kneed I think I fell over. The creatures

didn't walk at all. Their legs stayed together and they floated.

After I have thought more about it, I believe they were more like robots. They acted like they had a specific thing to do, and they did it. They didn't try to communicate with us.

I heard one of them make a buzzing sound. It might have been in contact with something somewhere else. I didn't see the opening in the front of the face move.

I didn't see anything that looked like eyes. There was something pointing out like a nose and then an opening under this, but no eyes.

The craft which was sort of rounded or oval, was about 8-10 feet wide and about 8 feet high.

It came upon us in a split second and it left with a zip. It was gone in a half second.

They were on us so quick we couldn't

do anything. I doubt if we could have resisted them if we had tried to. I'm sure they are far more advanced than we are.

I know now that they didn't intend to hurt us physically. But I feared they were going to take us away.

I would like to emphasize that they don't mean us any harm.

I honestly believe other people will go through similar experiences. I think these creatures will continue to probe this earth. We haven't seen the last of it.

I have always said there almost had to be some life elsewhere. Now I am a firm believer.

Our lives will never be the same, but I felt we owed it to the people to tell what we saw. I don't believe I could live with it by myself. I believe we have done what is right.

The question I keep asking myself is, "why a countryboy like me?"

"I want to emphasize to the people, please don't shoot at these things. They don't mean us any harm. I believe if they came back I could face them and try to communicate with them."

—Calvin R. Parker Jr.

"After thinking more about it, I believe they were more like robots. They acted like they had a specific thing to do, and they did it."

—Charles E. Hickson



Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker

UFOs Diminish As 'Angel Hair' Slips Earthward

No Explanation
Of Substance
Given By Officials

By BILL PARDUE
Daily News Staff Writer

"It's quite a mystery to me," said a state pollution control official today as his workers tried to analyze a strange transparent material that fell in filaments over Mississippi Thursday afternoon.

Jerry Stubberfield, air division chief for the Air and Water Pollution Control Commission, said he expected an analysis of the thread-like substance late this afternoon or early Saturday morning.

What UFO buffs describe as the first tangible evidence of unusual air activity over the state puzzled authorities just as they were beginning to knock down some of the bizarre tales.

The silky material floated from the sky over Jackson and Central Mississippi and in North Louisiana.

"I've got no explanation for it at all," said a National Weather Service spokesman today.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman discounted today the possibility the clear material was chaff dropped by planes to chart wind currents or jam radar.

The spokesman said military planes often use a tin foil-like material for such purposes, "but it would take a helluva lot of planes to drop stuff" over the areas reported receiving the fallout.

Dr. Joseph Bruening, a University of Mississippi sociologist and UFO scholar, said such clear threads are often seen after extensive UFO sightings.

"The material usually disappears, just fades within 30 to 45 minutes after it lands," said Dr. Bruening. The sociologist speculates "angel hair" could be propulsion exhaust from spacecraft.

And Forest City, Clerk Bobbie Rester said all of the material was gone from utility lines and cars where it had fallen from about 1:30 until 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

But Stubberfield said samples picked up in Forest, where reports of the material were first received, had not disintegrated, but remained in the envelopes they were placed in. pick up fifth graph of original story

The UFO spotting scramble apparently ended for Jackson city police as calls from excited citizens plummeted from over 100 Wednesday evening to none last night.

A police spokesman said the admission from a Gulfport taxi driver that he was lying about a strange encounter with a fish-colored being probably accounted for his sharp drop in calls.

The cab driver made up the tale earlier this week after a practical joke within his taxi firm backfired, reported Gulfport Police Chief Craig Monroe at a press conference.

The chief said he didn't know if charges would be levied against driver John Lane because of the bogus tale.

PRENTISS PRANK

A Prentiss County "UFO" turned out to be the work of pranksters. A large plastic bag with 14 lighted candles inside was shot down by police with a .38 caliber pistol.

The hot air of the candles lifted the homemade balloon.

Other natural explanations for aerial phenomenon included glowing clouds of red, green, blue and yellow gas spotted southeast of Jackson Thursday night.

The colored masses were released by high atmospheric test rockets launched by Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. The tests continue today.

The silky material falling from blue skies Thursday was labeled "angel hair" by one self-described UFO buff.

Larry Parks, commercial manager-announcer for radio station WMAG of Forest, said today he had heard of the transparent substance before it began drifting downward Thursday, almost blanketing some areas and only falling lightly in others.

Sheriff chases UFO

By FRED FERRINGTON
Democrat Staff Writer

Sheriff Billy Ferrell observed something Wednesday night which he can describe, but not name. "I am not saying I saw a flying saucer, little red men or anything like that, but what I saw is like nothing I've ever seen. It was not a weather balloon and it was not a plane," he said.

Ferrell said he was returning from a meeting of law enforcement officials in Jackson and the object was observed by 10 other law enforcement officers.

He described the object as being composed of six to eight brightly illuminated lights and the object was able to travel at fantastic speeds.

He observed it through binoculars at a distance he estimated to be two miles. He followed the object in his car at speeds approaching 110 miles per hour and said the thing was moving as though he was going backwards.

The sighting was made near Union Church by the Adams County sheriff and other officers were in radio contact during the sighting.

He noted the unusual clarity of the radio conversations saying he could talk with officers 30 miles away and was in touch with the Natchez office, which was about 45 miles away.

Ferrell said he and two other sheriffs observed the object from parked cars and he watched it approach from the north at an altitude of about 400 feet.

When the object was about two miles away, he aimed his spotlight at it and the object immediately changed directions and took a more southeasterly course. It also rose to about 1,000 feet.

He radioed other officers that he was going to try and follow the object and when he started the object paralleled Mississippi 23, heading toward Natchez.

Ferrell said that he raced after the object and in the space of 45 seconds it had vanished from sight. He estimated the speed at between 1,500 and 2,000 miles per hour. Ferrell said he and the other officers observed the object from 9:37 until 10:06 p.m.

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Man Claims Semi-Oval UFO Landed in West Side Field

A West Side man told Franklin County sheriff's deputies Monday that he had found the landing site of an unidentified flying object he saw hovering near his home Sunday night.

Several dozen UFO sightings were reported by other citizens and at least one law enforcement officer around Columbus and Franklin County Monday night.

JESSE DUNNIGAN, 21, of 4814 Timberwood Dr. N., told deputies he discovered the "landing area" in a field of waist-high weeds about a quarter mile south of Hall Rd. west of the Outerbelt.

Dunnigan said the weeds had been crushed to the ground in a semi-oval shaped area roughly 20 feet wide and 30 feet long.

He said there were no scorch marks or vehicle tracks around the area.

DUNNIGAN TOLD The Dispatch he and a girl friend were returning from a movie about 9:30 p.m. Sunday when they spotted a

"bright light in the sky" near his home.

He said they then stopped to watch the pulsating light. After a short time it "swooped down — in a zigzag pattern — and disappeared below the trees," he added.

Dunnigan, an Ohio National Guardsman, said he is familiar with aircraft lighting and that the object definitely was not an airplane or helicopter landing at nearby Bolton Field.

DUNNIGAN SAID he decided to check the field after learning of other sightings in the area that night.

Deputies said at least 20 persons and a Hamilton Township officer saw a UFO near 2088 London-Groveport Rd. where a flashing bluish-silver light had been seen Sunday night.

"I DON'T KNOW what it is," deputies quoted the officer as saying. "But there's definitely something up there."

A UFO, described as

"oval and bright, with a slightly bluish light around it," was also seen near De-morest Rd. and Sullivan Ave., by Dispatch Photographer Ken Chamberlain Jr. and area residents.

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In the News

Senator Barry M. Goldwater (Rep., Ari.), a retired Air Force general, said at Ellensburg, Wash., that he believed the earth had been visited by creatures from outer space, but added, "I've never seen one."

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UFO's, Some Manmade, Are Still Making News

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UFO Sightings Reported at YPG

Are UFOs paying visits to Yuma?

They might be for at least two Yuma County observers.

Last night about 11:15 Sgt. Thomas Stilde, a Yuma Proving Ground military police officer, was on patrol near Martinez Lake Road when he said he saw flashing blue lights in the sky.

Stilde stated that he immediately stopped his vehicle and radioed the desk sergeant. He told the desk sergeant, "The object appeared to hover

momentarily over my vehicle. It then took off vertically making a vacuum-like sound. As it reached a higher rate of speed it appeared to be flying horizontally."

Meanwhile, another man also spotted the UFO.

Said Joseph, a civilian guard at the Kofa Shooting Range, heard the call on his radio. He went outside and reportedly saw the flying object in the same direction that Stilde observed it. Sheriff's deputies are investigating.

UFO Reported In The Area Saturday

Montezuma County sheriff's deputies report seeing a UFO late Saturday night, September 29, following a call from a citizen in Six Lakes.

At 11:52 the call was received and the department dispatched a unit from six miles north of Six Lakes to investigate the reported sighting just north of Six Lakes. The unit responding to the call observed an object just west of M66 on Cutler Road. Deputies said the object was round, very bright and at tree top level when first observed.

While investigating the object the deputies learned that it set down near the north co-

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unity line but when they arrived on the scene the object was gone.

Lights from the object were later observed by Mecosta, Isabella and Lakeview Police and by private citizens, deputies said.

At Greenville a resident also reported seeing some type of object at about 11:20 Sunday night high in the sky above her house.

It was long and narrow, one end red and the other a blue, like something burning."

The object faded in and out as it followed a straight course, the resident stated. The sighting lasted for a period of about 10 minutes after she went outside following the weather report to see if the sky had cleared.

UFO 'Thing' Chases Boys On White Oak

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Explosion, UFO Reports Spread Throughout Area

Explosions, tentatively identified as sonic booms, and reports of UFOs kept many Clark County and area residents awake and alert Thursday night.

The Clark County Sheriff's Department as well as the Champaign, Greene and Logan County sheriffs received calls about explosions throughout the night.

Calls were also received in New Carlisle in the western portion of Clark County.

It was believed that some sort of supersonic jet breaking the sound barrier was causing the explosions. No such flights could be confirmed however.

The UFO reports were hoaxes, according to Clark County sheriff's deputies. Deputies searched the Mitchell Hills area in the northern part of the county, but found nothing.

Several boys who heard about UFO "sightings" Wednesday night in the Dayton area turned in the Clark County reports.

Reports of persons hearing the "explosion" or feeling "tremors" from it ranged from Dayton north to Bellefontaine.

Allen County sheriff's deputies were reportedly tracking an aircraft at the county airport a time.

Residents of Greene County reported seeing flashing red and green lights. The reports came from the northeastern and southern sections of the county.

Saucer Flew Over Reservoir, According To A Fisherman Who Couldn't Get Car Going

By LOU KOVI

CLINTON TWP.— It came out of the sky at Round Valley. Then their car engine wouldn't start. The fisherman from Jersey City and his brother-in-law, and sister-in-law, thought they were going crazy.

Maybe it was the first of the recent wave of flying saucer sightings the world over at the end of last week.

After the papers started coming out with the saucer stories the man phoned local police (the wrong municipality) and reported the incident.

"He said he didn't report it right away because he was afraid we'd think he was a nut," said the chief of that force, who prefers not to be associated with the tale.

The chief reluctantly allowed the bare bones of the story to be wheedled out of him by The Review.

"And you know what? This guy has this theory that the two men who disappeared from Round Valley (several months ago) were taken away by the saucers."

The chief thought that was implausible.

The man and his relatives had seen the saucer flying low over the reservoir in a rising flight path.

They got away all right.

Stories of lights being mistaken for saucers are common — but apparently the Jersey City people saw something much more convincing than that. And it was seen by several people, not just one person who might have hallucinated or half-dreamed the experience from fatigue.

And the car engine wouldn't start while the saucer was around. This is a common element in close-up reports of saucers.

The chief gave the Jersey City man the Clinton Township Police number.

because Round Valley is in their township. But the man didn't follow-up and contact him. Clinton Township Chief William Brown said.

Police respond to all calls, whatever it might be, and The Review urges anyone who sees a saucer to report immediately to police.

If there was a flying saucer at Round Valley, what was it doing there? Taking on water? Or out for a picnic?

Flying saucers were dismissed as bunk several years ago by the famous Congdon Report by a federal agency.

But people keep seeing them.

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Another Strange Object Sighted in Mississippi

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (UPI) — Several weeks ago of an unidentified flying object in the same vicinity by two other Pascagoula fishermen who reported being taken aboard a spacecraft by weird creatures several weeks ago.

The Coast Guard called the latest sighting "an unidentified submerged illuminating object."

Raymond Ryan, 42, said he saw the object while fishing Tuesday night. The Coast Guard confirmed the sighting.

Ryan said the underwater light followed his boat and repeated efforts to beat it away with an oar only made the light get dimmer.

At first, he said, he decided not to tell anyone about the sighting. Much publicity has surrounded the reported sighting.

Guard report said. The officers called the object "an unidentified submerged illuminating object," and described it as "an amber beam, four to six inches in diameter, attached to a bright, metal object."

The spokesman said the Ryan brothers "were sober and concerned" when they reported the sighting.

Coast Guard officials said light.

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UFO sightings reported in area

A Huntington Pike woman and her four children, and officers from the Greenfield Police Department, were among area persons reporting seeing unidentified flying objects Tuesday night.

Mrs. Shirley Johnson, Route 7, said she was run off the road three times by flying objects, and the Greenfield Police Department said on two occasions officers chased a football field-sized white object several miles.

Ross County Sheriff's deputies reported receiving eight calls from persons in all parts of the county. The Gazette received two calls from Hallsville residents who reported seeing unusual lights in the sky.

Sheriff's deputies in Franklin, Delaware, Pickaway, Licking and Perry Counties said they had handled at least two dozen calls from frightened observers.

Mrs. Johnson told the Gazette she and her children had taken lunch to her husband at work about 7:30 and were heading west on Ohio 772, near the Hirsch Fruit Farms, when they spotted three objects "much

brighter than stars."

The three objects descended toward her car as she drove along the dark road toward her home, she said.

She said one of the lights, the center one, grew larger and turned green.

The light from the objects was almost blinding, she said.

"They didn't come as low as the car, but they were pretty close. I was so frightened I ran off the road three times. I thought they would come down on us anytime."

Two of the objects disappeared near Shoemaker's Grocery, but the green one stayed with the car until it reached the Johnson home, 6.5 miles from Chillicothe, she said.

Mrs. Johnson said she ran to a neighbor's for help, but when she got back to the car the object was gone. She said her children said one of the objects appeared to have landed in the woods.

At 7:45 p.m., Mike Tonklin, a Greenfield police officer, reported following a "football field-sized" object at treetop level for about five miles.

Tonklin described the object as white with a glowing red light.

He said the object went west out town on Ohio 133 toward Rattlesnake Ridge. The object appeared to go down out of sight on the ridge, he said.

Then at 2:45 a.m., Patrolman Robert Bailey and Roger Poole reported following an object of the same size about 72 miles in the same area before losing sight of it.

L.A. GETS INTO ACT, TOO

UFO Sightings Reported at Griffith Park, Valley

By BOB WELKOS
By City News Service

With UFO sightings streaming forth from around the country, it figured that Los Angeles would eventually get into the act.

It did early Friday, when two policemen and a security guard claimed they saw a mysterious bluish-green object fall from the night sky over Southwest Los Angeles.

Also, two other policemen sighted such an object from the Valley, they reported "it was in the shape of a ball traveling at a high rate of speed speaking of the southwest L.A. sighting: and we watched the object approximately five seconds before it disappeared," said officer Lawrence Whitman, who reported to superiors that he and his partner, William Driver, saw something in the sky at 3:25 a.m. while on routine patrol near Western and Manchester Aves.

Incident Described

During a coffee break later, the two 77th St. Division officers met John Crocker, a night security guard, who claimed he saw something, too.

"I was sitting near Manchester and Western Aves. in a Kinney shoe store and I saw an unidentified flying object falling down," Crocker recounted.

"It looked like it hit the ground between Gramercy Place and Van Ness Ave. and looked bluish-white to me," he continued.

Crocker said he thought it fell about three or four blocks away.

"I didn't think too much about it and I drove down to the Boys Market at 1730 S. Manchester Ave. and saw the police and I asked them if they saw what I saw and they said yes," he said.

"We went to look and see if we could find the object and I immediately drove through the alleyway behind 1933 W. Manchester and I had one of the funniest feelings come over me in quite some time," Crocker said.

First Hot, Then Cold

It seems bizarre, but here is what Crocker says happened next:

"I got cold and shook like it was 28-degree weather and immediately after I came out of the alleyway everything was back to normal again.

"I made another turn and came back through the alley again but this

time I had a hot feeling like it was 90-degree weather in the hot summer," Crocker said.

Meanwhile, the two policemen from North Hollywood Division were driving on the Ventura Freeway near Pass Avenue at about the same time when they said they spotted an object which turned from blue to green to white traveling at a high rate of speed over the Van Nuys area.

The officers, who said they didn't want to be identified because they feared being ribbed by other officers, said the object was definitely not a shooting star.

And if this wasn't enough, at 4:45 a.m., a Los Angeles newsmen claimed he saw a fiery glow illuminate the night sky behind the Griffith Park Observatory on Mt. Hollywood.

Resembled Blaze

Bill Morgan, news editor of Radio News West, said he was standing at a bus stop at Lucile Ave. and Sunset Blvd., when he spotted what he thought was a brush fire behind Mt. Hollywood.

"It was reddish-orange and looked as if there was a fire behind the observatory," Morgan said. "It lasted about 15 seconds and when I came into work I asked if there was a fire in the Hollywood area, but I was told there wasn't."

"If it hadn't been for the rash of reported UFO sightings recently, I wouldn't have thought much about it," Morgan added.

But one interesting sidelight did surface around the reported UFO sighting in Southwest Los Angeles.

"Hoax" Recalled

It seems that officer Whitman is the same officer who concocted the "great watermelon hoax" last year, which caused considerable embarrassment for the LAPD.

In that "incident," some officers at the 77th St. Division reported that a man was injured when his girl friend dropped a 51-pound watermelon on his head. That story, as it later turned out, was definitely out of this world.

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Sheriff's view after 7 days

'They had a dreadful experience'

Seven days after Jackson County was thrust into a week of space odyssey by reports of flying saucers and weird creatures, County Sheriff Fred Diamond said he has no "private or public" opinion about whether the reports are true or false.

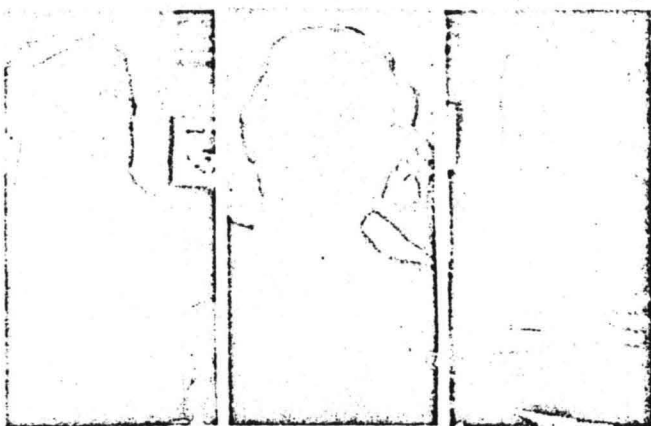
"The responsibility of the sheriff's department is not to prove people right or wrong in their complaints," Diamond said. "It is our responsibility to use all available resources to investigate complaints—and that has been our objective during the past week."

In an interview on Wednesday, Sheriff Diamond gave a step-by-step account of his department's activities since 11 p.m. last Thursday when two area men told a mystery-book story of having been lifted aboard a space ship as they fished on the Pascagoula River. That report—a week ago today—was the first of more than 2,000 calls that jammed the switchboard at Sheriff Diamond's office. Most of the calls were from news reporters from around the world, but dozens were from area citizens who also wanted to report the spotting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

"I feel it is important that the public fully understand the sheriff department's role and our position in this situation," Diamond said.

He gave this account of what has taken place:

"It was about 11 p.m. last Thursday (Oct. 11) when the call came in from



Sheriff Diamond: 'Phones busy 24 hours a day'

Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker. I was in the docket room at the time, but Deputy Glenn Ryder took the call. Mr. Hickson and Mr. Parker told Glenn what they had experienced. They said they were taken aboard a spaceship, examined for about 40 minutes and released unharmed.

"Glenn listened. He got what details he could over the phone and told the two men to wait where they were until he picked them up. When the men arrived at the sheriff's office, the very first thing they asked for was a lie detector test. They said they hesitated to call the authorities because they feared their story would not

be believed. They were frightened. They wanted help. They said they just had to tell their experience to someone.

"For several hours that night we listened to what both men had to say. We questioned them separately. Then, we placed them together in a room and monitored their conversation. Their stories—told individually and together—were the same. To them, their experience was real. They showed it emotionally.

"Our objective was to hear the men out. To listen to their complaint—in the same way we would listen and investigate any

complaint. It is not our job to prove people right or wrong, and throughout this situation the efforts of the sheriff's department was to check out, as best we could in a case like this, what these men said happened to them.

"In a case such as this, there is always a great deal of public speculation about what really happened. The sheriff's department has no private or public opinion about what really happened. Our position when we received the complaint was that Mr. Hickson and Mr. Parker were citizens asking for help. And, we tried to help as best we could.

"We have received reports of UFOs throughout the week. The phones have been busy 24 hours a day. I estimate that we have received more than 2,000 calls from news reporters from around the world wanting information and from people in the area who wanted to report a sighting. The calls came in from every corner of the United States.

"Throughout this situation we made every attempt to bring the federal government into the case. The Air Force, which until 1969 had the responsibility for reported UFOs, told us that there was nothing they could do unless human life was in danger.

"It is certainly unfortunate that the situation occurred. Unfortunate for Mr. Hickson and Mr. Parker who underwent a dreadful experience of some kind—an experience that was very real to them. And, it has been unfortunate for our entire community because the situation has caused a great deal of concern."

Procedure For Arresting UFO Spacemen Set

DETROIT (UPI) — Detroit police have a full-fledged plan on the handling of creatures from unidentified flying objects.

A special group of officers has received the go-ahead to stop and frisk all aliens from other planets that are in the city or in the air space above.

In addition, the police can ticket creatures who attempt to flee or vanish. In a seven-point departmental memo, Detroit's eight field duty inspectors were given detailed instructions on how

to care for UFO's, their passengers and/or crews.

The top priority item said get them to the ground even if a built-in or public address system must be used. The next order of business was the traditional ticket for fleeing saucers, but with the proper copy of the citation to have on hand for future court appearances. Diplomatic immunity for passengers or crew members of UFO's from alien planets was also required, including the separation of males and females for questioning.

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POLICE CHIEF JOINS UFO-SIGHTING LIST

JACKSON TWP. OFFICER
DESCRIBES HOVERING
LUMINOUS CRAFT

By Jimmy Wolschler
Stating the usual, "I saw it but I don't believe it" reaction voiced by other UFO viewers, Chief Lloyd E. Adams, of the Jackson Township Police Department, described the luminous blimp-like object which hovered over a barn Saturday night on Route 234.

Chief Adams said he was called to the home of Mrs. Paul Day, East Berlin RD 1, to view the object which hovered over a barn on the Day property for about one-half hour before ascending into the sky.

The police chief described the UFO as similar to that seen by high school students while on an outing at Brunner Island Friday night.

He reported it had a central red light and the outer edges were a bluish-white color and looked a lot like a blimp. He added that as the UFO hovered, telescopic probes which glowed were visible to the numerous persons who watched the object at the Day residence.

Mrs. Day reported she first heard the object at 8:10 p.m., and when it returned at 9:30 p.m., she contacted the police chief.

Hovered Half-Hour

The UFO hovered at between 2,000 and 3,000 feet above the ground, according to Chief Adams, and then after about one-half hour ascended into the skies.

The chief said John Anthey, 310 Jacobs St., East Berlin, also saw the UFO from his home, and when he heard the police department called to the Day residence, he drove to the area to view the object. He said he received other calls Sunday night, but after checking found the sightings to be stars.

Chief Adams called state police to the Day residence Saturday, but by the time the troopers arrived the UFO had ascended into the skies and appeared as a star.

The police chief, in a comment typical of other UFO viewers, reported, "I told my wife I was not going to tell anyone about this," He added, "but we did see it."

Helicopter Crew Watches Near-collision With UFO

CLEVELAND (UPI) — Army Reserve helicopter pilot Capt. Lawrence Coyne doesn't believe in unidentified flying objects or any of that other "stuff." But after his experience two weeks ago he's not so sure.

Coyne, a member of the 316th Medical Detachment stationed at Cleveland's Hopkins Airport, was returning from Columbus at 11 p.m. October 18 when the UFO made its appearance.

"It was shaped like an airfoil or a streamlined fat cigar," said Coyne. "There was a red light on the front. The leading edge glowed red a short distance back from the nose. There was a center dome. A green light at the rear reflected on the hull."

"I'm a military commander," said Coyne. "I don't believe in UFO's, little green spacemen and all that stuff. But I had to file an official report in detail to the Army on this thing."

Coyne said that when he first spotted the UFO his helicopter was cruising at 2,500 feet and he had set the controls for a 20-degree dive but the helicopter climbed to 3,500 instead of descending.

"I had made no attempt to pull up," he said. "There was no noise or turbulence either."

Coyne said his crew chief, Sgt. Robert Yanacek, spotted a red light on the horizon as the UFO approached at a rate "in excess of 600 knots."

"It came from the horizon to our aircraft in about 10 seconds," Coyne said. "We were on a collision course."

Coyne said he put the helicopter into a dive and "at 1,700 feet I braced myself for the impact with this other craft" but there was no crash.

"We looked up and saw it stopped right over us," Coyne said. "It had a big, gray, metallic looking hull about 60 feet long."

Coyne said that as he and his crew members stared at the craft the helicopter began to climb without his guidance.

"I made no attempt to pull up," he said. "All controls were set for a 20 degree dive. Yet we had climbed from 1,700 to 3,500 feet with no power in a couple of seconds with no G-forces or other noticeable strains."

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To the editor:
I am writing to you about an amazing thing I saw in the sky two weeks ago while sitting on my porch at approximately 8 p.m. It was a huge lighted "sphere," brilliant yellow with a long thin tail of orange color, traveling horizontally and not higher than the tall trees out front. It appeared over my side yard, crossed the street and then went out just as an electric light would go out. Two of my neighbors were sitting with me and saw it also, so I know it was not my imagination. The sight of it has been on my mind so much and have been watching the papers for any other comment.

MILDRED A. VADER,
Spotswood

Mystery in Spotswood

UFO seen in area of Marks, Lambert

UFO's were sighted at tree-top level above cotton fields near Lambert and Marks Monday night by Jack Butler and his wife, Jackie.

Mrs. Butler said that her husband was picking cotton in a field in Lambert and she was to pick him up there about 9:30 p.m.

When she arrived at the field her husband had left the location but she saw a large orange object about tree-top level hovering over the field.

"At first I thought it was the moon, but then I realized that it

was bigger and also too near the earth," said Mrs. Butler.

"It may sound dumb but it was oval and looked like a giant sweet potato. I kept thinking my eyes were playing tricks on me. It was giving off a red glowing light and I tried to imagine it as being everything including a cotton picker. Then it suddenly hit me—it was a UFO."

"I got scared and drove back down the road and got a man who was also working near the field to come back to the field and look at the thing. When we

got back it was gone."

Mrs. Butler said that it upset her so bad that she wanted to go get her mother and come back to the field to see if she could determine what it was.

"When I was driving back down the road I saw Jack coming toward us driving his pickup real fast. The first thing I said was, 'Jack did you see it?' He said, 'H—yea, I saw something in the field.'"

According to Mrs. Butler, the size of the object was about that of a car. "I didn't see it

move, but Jack did and he said that it was real fast. He had chill bumps all over him and my husband is no mouse — I mean he is a big man."

Butler saw the UFO about three miles from where his wife saw it. She was in a field in Lambert and he saw it near the railroad track near Marks.

"That was the first time that I ever saw anything like that and I hope I never see another because it scared the h—out of me," said Mrs. Butler.

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Radio, auto go dead

Man chases UFO for 30 miles

PETAL, Miss. (AP)—A Forrest County constable says he chased an unidentified flying object for over 30 miles, "hoping it would land so I could see if anybody got out."

Constable Charlie Delk of Petal said the chase was interrupted when his automobile and police radio mysteriously went dead, then "started up again like nothing was wrong."

Delk said he chased the object through pine forests and swamps in Jones and Forrest Counties, but lost sight of it when it "did a double flip and disappeared."

"I'm 45 years old and I've never seen anything like it," Delk said. "It wasn't any playtoy."

The constable said he went to a Petal address to investigate calls from residents who were frightened by a bright light in the

sky.

"When I got there, I spotted it up over Petal High School," he said. "It looked like an old-timey wind-up top with yellow lights all the way around it."

"I followed it up to the Jones-Forrest County line. It slowed down over a field and some lights came out the side. They looked sort of like blow torches."

"Then it went back north. I followed it five miles and it went toward the Tallahalla Swamp. I got pretty close to it when my car died."

"It was just like someone had cut the motor off. In about 15 minutes, my car started up again like nothing was wrong. Sheriff's deputies had tried to contact me by radio, but everything was

dead during that time."

Delk said he was puzzled by the 15 minutes of car trouble. He said he could find nothing wrong, but that he got no sound from the motor.

The constable said that when he started his car, he resumed the chase through the Jones County town of Overt and past a swamp.

Others sighted in area

U.F.O. reported near city

Mrs. Diane Stinnett and her son, Jan, 16, report having sighted an unidentified flying object south and west of their home on Washington Avenue in Charleston Monday night.

Mrs. Stinnett said the object was visible for a period of about 20 to 30 minutes, and during that period seemed to be in the vicinity of the Jim Thurmond farm.

She described the object as "different from a star," and "not like an airplane." Its color changed from white to orange and then to red, and it seemed to "Flare out" at the edges, Mrs. Stinnett said. It was first sighted about 8:30 p.m. and by about 9 o'clock the object had moved off toward the west.

Mrs. Stinnett said she called her father in Bertrand, but she said his house has a lot of trees around it, and her father was unable to locate the object.

The Stinnett house has an unobstructed view of the rural area south and west of Charleston.

A UFO was sighted at Sikeston the same night, with the reports coming in to Sikeston police at about 9 p.m., or about the time Mrs. Stinnett's object was disappearing to the west.

There were unconfirmed reports of "flashing lights" in the sky around East Prairie the same evening, while Tennessee authorities reported a rash of sightings, also Monday night, including one near Reelfoot Lake.

At Sikeston, Special Officer Z. T. Jackson reported he drove north of the city on Ingram Road to investigate the sighting about 9 p.m.

Near the intersection with Tanner Road, he said, a large, bright red ball shot up into the sky from a field and disappeared. Jackson estimated the size of the object at 50 to 100 feet in diameter, and said he saw the object above the ground but did not see it land.

Jackson, a city detective and Sikeston Standard City Editor Ron Porter went through the field later looking

for evidence that the object had landed, but could find none.

Other reports at Sikeston described three objects as

"bright, flashing lights which changed color and moved rapidly and erratically across the sky," according to one newspaper report.

Distorted glasses attention-getter

By REGINALD E. MITCHELL
Missourian staff writer

A pair of eyeglasses became the center of attention today in the story of a Greenville truck driver who claims he saw an unidentified flying object and then was hit in the face with a ball of fire which temporarily blinded him.

The eyeglasses were damaged when Eddie Webb, 45, of Greenville, a driver for Sam Tanksley Trucking Inc., of Cape Girardeau, encountered the UFO while he was driving a tractor-trailer rig on Interstate 55 just south of the Jackson exit at Wedekind Park about 6:15 or 6:30 Wednesday morning.

Dr. Harley D. Rutledge, head of the physics department at SMO State University, said that a cursory examination of the eyeglasses shows that the plastic frames have apparently been damaged by heat.

He said he examined the eyeglasses briefly Thursday under a microscope and the plastic frame appeared to have been heated internally. "I was quite surprised. It doesn't look like a hoax at this point," he said.

Dr. Rutledge is director of Project Identification and with

the aid of members of the Southeast Missouri Astronomy Club is continuing a scientific investigation of nocturnal lights which he began this spring in the Piedmont area.

SOUND WAVES

He said that in literature on UFO sightings such burn marks as are evident on the glasses' frames are said to have been caused by sound waves of high intensity.

Mr. Webb told The Missourian Wednesday that he and his wife were in the tractor's cab heading toward Tanksley when he saw an unusual lighted object rapidly, which felt like a large ball of

The large turnip-shaped object covered both lanes of the interstate and appeared to have three sections—the top and bottom made of aluminum and spinning while the center section was steady and comprised of glittering red and yellow lights.

The driver said he awoke his wife who was sleeping in the cab, but she didn't see anything out of her rear view mirror. He stuck his head out the window to look behind and seconds later was blinded by a bright flash which felt like a large ball of

fire which struck me about the head and face," he said.

VISION

Mr. Webb was temporarily blinded, but later his vision began returning and he could see with blurred vision for about three feet. He was treated by a Cape Girardeau ophthalmologist who found no damage to his eyes and was scheduled to see a specialist in St. Louis today.

"One thing which seems to substantiate Mr. Webb's story is that whatever struck his glasses did not come from directly ahead, but from slightly to the left," Dr. Rutledge said. "This is what you would expect from a person looking to the rear from a truck window."

The glasses which were melted and slightly twisted bear pit marks which Dr. Rutledge said resemble craters caused by bubbles coming from the inside of the plastic to the surface and then bursting.

He said two major tests will be made on the glasses' frames—a test for residues performed by the Law Enforcement Assistance Council Crime Lab at the university and a nuclear fluorescence test for radioactivity which he will conduct.

Dr. Rutledge said he would also study the pattern of damage to the frames in detail under a microscope and test an undamaged portion of the frame to see if he can reconstruct the damage pattern.

He said the tests should be completed within three to five days.

Dr. Rutledge pointed out that there have been reports of events similar to that experienced by Mr. Webb where a ball of light has struck a person in the forehead. He also said that the turnip or top-shaped object is one of the most frequently reported shapes for UFOs along with disc and cigar shapes.

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liceman, said about 25 persons gathered in the street Wednesday night and watched a UFO display for about a half hour.

Bales said he took pictures which show "lights brighter than the stars."

HAMILTON: Unidentified objects are flying over southwestern Ohio again, callers report to police agencies.

Hamilton police received calls of a "bright, white light" moving in the sky.

Similar reports came from the Ross and Millville areas of Butler County, and at New Lebanon in Montgomery County.

Numerous sightings were reported the night before in eastern Indiana, and Baer Field at Ft. Wayne reported its radar had picked up an object it could not identify.

There was speculation that the Butler County sightings could have been the Skylab space station, which was scheduled to pass over the area at about 7:30 p.m.

Robert Bales, a New Lebanon po-

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What's up? Lights
in sky are puzzle

UFO Observers See More Sky "Things"

By REA S. HEDERMAN
Clarion-Ledger City Editor

Three more UFO sightings were reported to the Clarion-Ledger Wednesday night, with one of the sightings coming from Magnolia in South Mississippi the evening before two Gaultier fishermen say they were taken aboard a UFO, last Thursday.

Another sighting was reported in Crystal Springs and a sighting—or rather strange occurrences—were reported at the Mississippi Chemical plant in Yazoo City and then later denied by company officials.

Two of the sightings—in Magnolia and Crystal Springs—were seen by more than one person. Stanley Brumfield of Magnolia said last Wednesday he saw about 6 p.m.—while it was

still daylight—"a round object like a ball colored like shiny new aluminum foil" about a mile off.

"I watched for a while and then the damned thing opened up, and something came out like it had on a parachute-like thing.

"It was the size of a small person, about three feet long, about one and a half feet wide. It was rectangular and a drab or dark color" not shiny," Brumfield, an employee of the state highway department, said.

"I flagged down a passing neighbor to watch the thing with me. In a few minutes the darned thing opened up and the parachute-like thing went back in.

"It went higher then and disappeared in the clouds. It never made any noises.

"I didn't think much about what I saw until I heard about the other things. I have no idea what it was. It is still kind of puzzling about what it was. It is hard not to believe what you saw, but I still don't believe in them," Brumfield concluded.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS UFO

Edward F. Carney and two companions of Crystal Springs watched about 7:15 Wednesday night what they said were two UFO's—one headed south and the other north in the direction of Jackson.

"They were round and real bright or light, like a lightbulb. They didn't have any red or green lights," Carney said.

"They would light up and then go dim. The one headed north stayed high in the air,

while the one going south was much lower.

"They didn't make any noise, just as smooth as could be."

When asked if he were scared by the sightings, Carney said, "Yes sir, it scared me. I was going to the outdoor toilet when I saw it. Then I snatched up my britches and ran back in the house."

YAZOO CITY

Radio station WJNS of Yazoo City reported Wednesday morning that a guard at Mississippi Chemical Corp. reported a loss of power at a switch station and in a fork-lift truck. Then two bright objects were seen flying from behind the No. 3 ammonia plant.

Company spokesmen said the loss of power was experienced in the county and resulted from a temporary disruption of service from the power company and that the "bright objects" were balls of fire caused by a build-up of static gas.

But that perhaps does not explain the loss of power in the fork-lift which usually run on battery or gasoline power.

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Proof: UFOs Are Above the Law

BROWNSVILLE, Tex. — (UPI) — Cameron County sheriff's deputies Eddie Gonzalez and Frank Lopez reported yesterday that the car in which they were driving was trailed for 20 miles by an unidentified flying object.

Other law enforcement agencies — including the Harlingen and San Benito police — responded to excited radio calls by Gonzalez and also reported they saw the object.

Gonzalez and Lopez said they were driving three prisoners to the state penitentiary in Huntsville when the lighted object appeared over their station wagon in North BROWNSVILLE EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING.

Gonzalez said the object had a red light at the top and a yellow one at the bot-

tom that made it difficult to discern its shape. The deputies said the UFO appeared to be 50 to 60 feet above the vehicle at all times and was completely silent.

Harlingen and San Benito police units met the Cameron County car near San Benito and officers said they watched the UFO hover for 30 minutes, then zoom straight up into the sky and disappear.

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Local woman saw UFO hover over neighbor's yard

lights which flickered red and blue in an upward swirl seemed to glow from the side outward. I couldn't see anyone in the thing, and have since wondered why, since it appeared to be something which allowed the lights to shine through. The lights weren't on the outside. Maybe they, or it, could see out, but I couldn't see in.

"As it rotated slowly, I thought they might be taking pictures or something. I wondered what would happen if a car came by and whether it would take off, but none did.

"Other than the shield, it all looked alike, all lighted up all over. It was so unreal, I guess I was stunned. The Ackley house was dark. So was mine. After 5 or 6 minutes, long enough that I got an awful good look at it, it lifted slowly and moved very slowly back the way it had come, moving toward the west over the garage and drifted slightly north. When it was quite a distance away, it turned into a yellow color, like a star. I went the the kitchen and got a pair of binoculars, located it in the sky again. In the binoculars, I could see the red and blue lights again. Very shortly, another object similar but smaller joined it and the two seemed to dart back and forth from north to south at very rapid speed for a time, then both shot upward out of sight at tremendous speed. I then called the newspaper office, but they said they could see only a star in the west."

Mrs. Talbot said she had mentioned it to a few people, but some seemed to have a quizzical expression when she did, so she decided to try to dismiss it from her mind.

Monday, she decided to ask Mrs. Ackley whether they had seen or heard anything. They hadn't, but the lapse of time didn't help. Mr. Ackley said he wished he'd heard of it the next day and could have determined whether or not his dogs had put up any unusual howl that night.

Mrs. Talbot said Monday night that she was now wondering if anyone else had seen the strange object.

"It's all true. I got a real good look at it. I couldn't have been more than 60 feet from it," she said.

Appearance of a "flying saucer" flashing red and blue in color and hovering over the front yard of an East Side home in St. Joseph has to be of some public note, even though it occurred two weeks ago.

So Mrs. Mary Talbot, 1901 South 40th street, decided Monday that it was time to seek substantiation from others for what she saw and told her neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ackley, 1906 South 40th street, of the unusual visitor they had had on a Friday night two weeks ago.

The Ackleys told a reporter and here's how Mrs. Talbot relates the incident:

"It was about 10:45, Friday, Sept. 21, I believe. I was ready to go to bed. It had looked like it might rain earlier in the evening, so I stepped to the front window to check the sky.

"My house is on the east side of 40th street, about a block north of Pacific street. The Ackley house is across the street on the west and one house north.

"Approaching at about tree-top level and on a line between the Ackley house and garage on the north was an object of brilliant red and blue light. It passed over the garage and house and then settled toward the lawn, hovering about six feet from the street line about garage-roof high. I heard no sound, my windows were closed, and there were no sparks or exhaust smoke or anything like that.

"I got a good look at it. For about six minutes it hovered there. I was too surprised or petrified or something to move. Also, I wanted to see what it was and what it was going to do.

"For a minute or two it was perfectly still. Then very slowly it started to rotate and a sort of ribbed shield came in sight, extending about 10 inches from the side of the circular object up and slanting inward toward the translucent dome. I took it to be a bumper or something of that nature.

"The base was round, about the size of an average round dinette table. The size is very hard to determine. It was rounded at the bottom and had a higher domed top with sufficient height that it appeared a man could sit in it comfortably. It appeared to be of plastic material and the

Jailer Stopped By UFO

One of the most vivid accounts of a UFO sighting in Wayne County to date was provided today by Wayne Jailer Lloyd Smith who said "a blinding, spinning object" descended to within 50 feet of his car.

Smith said the incident occurred about three miles east of Grantham as he was driving to work last Saturday night, but he has told very few people about it.

Meanwhile, dispatchers at the Wayne County Courthouse and Goldsboro Police Department were deluged with calls on UFOs last night.

Smith said when he first spotted the object, it appeared to be a flare dropped from an aircraft. He was driving toward Goldsboro on Old Grantham

Road.

He said he observed that the closer to the ground the object got the larger it got and changed colors. He said it was reddish at one point, then turned to a red and silverish glow, and became blue and silver as it got to several hundred feet from the ground.

He said it was shaped like the crown of a mushroom but it was revolving so fast he could not distinguish any other features. He said the glow of lights, however, appeared to be emanating from the bottom of the object.

Smith said the object traveled across a field and nearly intercepted his car on Old Grantham Road as he rounded a sharp curve.

"I thought it was going to force me off the road at first," he recalls. "But then it descended to the side of the road and hovered about 50-75 feet from the ground. It blinded me and I had to stop my car."

"I got out of the car and drew my pistol and pointed it over the top of the car. I don't really know why I did that, except that it was a reflex action, I guess. I wasn't scared at any time during the incident."

Smith said the object hovered above the ground no more than 50-60 feet from his car at that point but he was blinded by it and could not make out anything clearly.

He estimated that it was about the size "of a 12-foot room, or perhaps 12 feet across."

I could not distinguish its height.

"I guess I stood there for about a minute and then all of a sudden the thing took off upward at a tremendous rate of speed and just seemed to disappear. I looked all around but I could see nothing but stars. It was a perfectly clear night."

Smith said he then drove on into Goldsboro for work and stopped off at the magistrate's office.

Magistrates Donald Hicks and J. H. Harris were there and he related the story to them. Both men said they feel Smith was telling the truth, that he is not the kind of man to fabricate anything, much less "a story like that one."

Dispatchers in Goldsboro and Wayne County last night received reports of objects varying from banana-shaped to teapot-shaped to saucer-shaped.

Princeton Police Chief H. T. Williams said he was called to the home of Mrs. Pansy Strickland Monday night after the woman, her daughter and a man from Seymour Johnson AFB reported that they saw a UFO.

Williams said the people told him that the object was spotted over a tobacco barn traveling north to south and then back in the opposite direction.

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UFOs Reported in Watson, Zachary By Two Residents

Reports of UFO sightings in this area continued today — this time from Watson and Zachary.

The latest is from a 19-year-old Watson man who said he saw objects in Watson this morning that were similar to those photographed by an Ohio photographer yesterday.

R. E. Clark said that he saw an object that emitted swirling vapor trails in much the same manner as a jet, only circular in shape.

"The vapor would swirl up in a circle, straighten out and then go up in a circle again," he said, adding that the sightings occurred at 6:30 a.m. today and were also seen by fellow workers at a Baton Rouge grocery, some 15 miles away.

"I thought I was crazy," Clark said, "but the butchers at the store saw it, too. We can't all be crazy."

Clark said he had also heard a whirring noise about 4:30 a.m. Thursday and neighbors had heard the same thing and one of them had reported seeing flashing red lights.

"One neighbor got cold chills and almost fainted," he said.

In the other report, "angel hair," a long, white, silky substance that occasionally accom-

panies claims of UFO sightings, has been reported by a Zachary woman who said that two strings, about six feet in length, fell on her seven-year-old son yesterday.

In addition, she said, the boy claimed that he had seen a rocket and sketched a crude drawing of what he said he saw.

"The only thing," she said, "is that he drew something that was cigar-shaped and he doesn't draw rockets like that. I didn't see a thing, but I believe he did." She said her son said that white smoke trailed the rocket.

The woman, who declined to disclose her name, said that the incident occurred about 5:30 p.m. as the child was playing in his front yard. The substance evaporated on contact with the skin, she added.

The evaporation of the string is characteristic of other descriptions of the substance, which has been dubbed with the name "angel hair."

Two men on an offshore oil platform said an unidentified flying object, making whining sounds and flashing several colored lights, hovered within 100 feet of them and knocked out electrical power on the rig in the Gulf of Mexico Wednesday.

When the vehicle finally sped away and the power was restored, the crewmen put in an emergency radio alarm for

a boat to take them off.

That was one of multiple Louisiana UFO reports the past several days.

A woman telephoned the sheriff's office in Lake Charles to say she was positive she had seen an unidentified flying object.

When a deputy asked how she could be so certain, the woman replied that the vehicle had the letters "UFO" on its side.

Gov. Edwin Edwards, asked if he had seen any of the flying saucers reportedly cluttering the skies, replied: "No. I don't drink at all."

However, he said, if any outer space creatures enter Louisiana, he'll have them registered to vote.

UFO stood for "Unknown Falling Objects" around Northwest Louisiana Thursday, and official sources were baffled.

The filmy, string-like substances dropped from a clear, blue sky. They were like the threads of spiderweb, sometimes five to six feet in length.

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Family reports UFO, fire

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A Gulf Coast family reported an unidentified flying object "like a house all lit up" landed near their rural home Tuesday night and started a fire in a soggy field.

Mrs. Frances Necaise and her family reported the craft landed in a field along the old Kilo-Picayune road in Hancock County. She said it had three glowing windows and several flashing windows.

Carmen Necaise, her 18-year-old daughter, said he craft started a small fire when it landed, but officials said blame should be put on trash burned earlier in the day.

"It looked like the whole inside was glowing," she said.

Newsman who visited the Necaise family said, however, that the field was lushy from rain and had number of large puddles at made it unlikely for a earlier fire could have arced again.

They said the family embers appeared scared the experience.

Gulf Coast authorities said that the number of sightings dropped and a Harrison County deputy said, "I just hope they're bounded by the weather."

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Three Report Glowing Object:

UFO Sighted In Hartsville?

By Winston McElveen

Cole Barnhill and his wife, Letha, thought their house was on fire when they awakened by the howling of their dogs at 6:10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6. "The light was so bright with a real red glow you could have read a book in the bedroom," said Cole who explained that it was still dark outside.

After jumping out of bed and discovering that their house was not on fire, they looked out the window, thinking that a neighbor's house was on fire. To their surprise, they saw a round, red object "like a full moon but much brighter," said Cole, hanging in the sky.

Cole explained that the object was just below the treetops and not more than 65 or 70 yards from their window. "And it wasn't the moon either," explained his wife, "because we could see the moon over in a different direction."

Both said they watched it for some 15 or 20 seconds and "then it just disappeared - blinked out - just like turning off a light," said Cole. He explained that even though it glowed brightly they were able to look at it. The degree of brightness was emphasized by the fact that,

after the object disappeared, "everything looked awfully dark even though we have nine vapor lights outside our house," said Cole.

Although none of the Barnhill's neighbors saw anything, Heyward Byrd, who lives in the Byrdtown Community, was driving to his job at Sonoco around 6:15 a.m. that morning and saw something "like a light or fire" over a hill, near Antioch School. Thinking it might be a fire, he hurried to the top of the hill in his car and then saw a round, bright object "like the moon, but much brighter" in the sky.

Byrd said that the object was off to the right of the red light on top of the Carolina Power & Light Company plant at Lake Robinson. He said, "I don't think the object was moving because it stayed just

to the right of the red light.

At that time, Byrd was some 7 or 8 miles away from where the Barnhills live, on Griggs Circle in North Hartsville off the Patrick Road.

"I didn't think much about it at the time," said Byrd. "In fact, I didn't even tell my wife about it until Sunday afternoon."

Cole said that he had been kidded some about his story, but added, "My wife and I were both cold sober."

It didn't scare them, however. Cole, referring to a recent story of two men who claimed to have been taken for a ride in a UFO with little men, said, "I would like to have taken a ride in it like those fellows in Mississippi."

"I don't care what it was, I was scared," Mrs. Johnson told authorities. Sheriff's deputies in Franklin, Delaware, Pickaway, Licking and Perry counties, meanwhile, said they handled at least two dozen calls from frightened observers.

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Big Blast, UFO's Shake People Over Wide Area

What was it? That's the question thousands in this area asked last night when they heard a loud blast at 8:41 p.m., accompanied by shaking of their homes.

What are they? That's the question many asked as they looked skyward and saw a fast moving object streaking across the sky with red, blue and green lights flashing, followed with another brightly lighted object that appeared to be at a standstill in the heavens.

The questions poured into the city police station, State Highway Patrol office, sheriff's office.

One report from Buckland said five unidentified flying objects with flashing lights were seen there.

Another report from east of Moulton said a brightly lighted object was directly over the farm house. He called the sheriff's office to say he was frightened by the happening.

The reports of seeing the unidentified flying objects came in from people in St. Marys, Wapakoneta, New Bremen, Minster, Buckland, Cridersville, Shawnee, Lima, Piqua, Greenville and other points.

The blast was believed to have been a sonic boom although there were no reports of jet planes flying over this area.

As for the object with the flashing red, blue and green lights "the lights may be reflections in the clouds."

And then of course there was

the wise one who said the flying object came from the moon to retrieve the moon rocks brought down by the astronauts.

The Port Columbus International Airport at Columbus reported two planes flew low over Ohio about the time of the 8:41 p.m. jolt, but spokesmen at Lockburn Air Force Base, Columbus, said no supersonic aircraft were out at the times.

Lockburn and Wright Patterson Air Force Bases said they received calls from as far away as West Virginia.

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Reports Continue Of UFO Sightings

Frightened residents in Ohioans are keeping law enforcement officers busy tracking down reports of unidentified flying objects.

Although none were reported last night in Madison County, one woman told The Press she saw a bright, luminous UFO Tuesday morning.

Joan Sexton, who drives a bus for Fairhaven School, said she saw a UFO along Green in north of London at 6:45 a.m. Tuesday.

"People will think I've

really gone off the deep end," she said when she talked with The Press, "but I know what I saw."

She said the object which moved from west to east, was hovering above some trees. She said the glow completely lit up the area around the trees. She said the object was oblong-shaped, somewhat like a football.

Even at a distance, she said the object appeared to be very large. It had a yellowish-orange color and looked to be the size of a barn.

"I've heard other people talk about them, but I never paid much attention," she said. "I was so weak I didn't know if I could keep going. I looked for a place to turn around, but there wasn't any place to turn."

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REPORTER CONFIRMS SIGHTING:

UFO seen over Madison

By DONNIE JOHNSTON
CULPEPER - Last night I saw an Unidentified Flying Object!

About 8:30 Wednesday night I received a phone call from a family in Leon telling me a strange light was hovering in the sky over Madison. The call came from Mrs. Kenneth Hensley who, along with her husband and several other people, had reported UFO's earlier in the week.

Almost before I hung up the phone I had my coat on and was riding hell-bent-for-leather for Madison. Mrs. Hensley had said the object had appeared as if it were somewhere in the vicinity of the Blue Bell garment factory. So I headed for Blue Bell.

My eyes were glued to the sky as I drove up Rt. 29, but nothing unusual appeared. I was sure I was on a wild goose chase.

As I pulled into the Blue Bell parking lot I saw the Hensleys, their two small children sitting in the back seat of their Volkswagen bug, gazing into the southern sky.

I glanced in that direction and remarked to the Hensleys, "What happened to the light?"

Then I looked back up and I saw it.

There about 20 degrees above the southeastern horizon was a large, glowing object. At first it looked like the light from a radio tower, but a quick geometric calculation told me that if it was a tower it would have to be several thousand feet tall as the glow appeared between three and five miles away.

Then I figured it must be an airplane. But the light was much too big to be that of an airplane and it was not blinking; it was glowing. It was a very reddish glow that seemed to be glowing more on the lower side than the upper side.

At first the object appeared to be standing still, but we lined it up with the top of a tall tree in

the distance and saw that it was moving from southwest to northeast parallel to the horizon.

My eyes were never off the object from the time I first saw it until you guessed it - it disappeared.

All at once the object seemed to stop and then, faster than the twinkling of an eye, it was gone. It could not have gone up or down or to either side without our at least catching the glimpse of a blurr. It was as if the object had sensed that it was being watched and was tired of the scrutiny.

We watched for almost 15 minutes more, but nothing reappeared.

Later, after I left, the

Hensleys spotted the object again and followed it to near Gordonsville where it reversed its field and started back toward Madison. Then, at one point, the light descended toward the car to within several hundred feet and "made a tremendous roaring noise."

Then it was gone.

This was the third sighting of the week for Kenneth Hensley who first saw it Sunday night when he and his wife and his wife and another couple - John and Jewell Thomas - were driving back to Culpeper from Fluvanna County and noticed a "huge, silvery-bluish glow in the sky just above treetop level."

"The object was moving almost parallel to the road we were on," said Mrs. Hensley, "so we followed it. It was glowing so brightly we couldn't tell what shape the object was. After a couple of miles the object seemed to hover and, since it looked like it was a mile or so from us, we tried to get closer. But there was no road we could find to cut much of the distance down.

"Then a smaller light came from the object and glided across the road in front of us, disappearing into the trees. Then another light emerged - and another and another. In all we counted eight smaller lights that left the larger one.

"When the last light was gone, the big glowing object disappeared into the trees as if it had landed. We had been watching it now for about two hours. It did not reappear before we left."

The Hensleys could not believe what they had seen and were back on the scene Monday night with three other friends. Again, they report, they saw the object in approximately the same place although they did not see the smaller lights.

Thus, at least nine persons have witnessed a strange glowing object in the sky within four nights and within 15 miles of the same spot.

The story sounds incredible and there may be some logical explanation for the whole thing.

But before you scoff at the story, look behind you. There may be more eyes reading your paper than just yours!

OAKLAND TRIBUNE NOV, 10, 1973 UFOs Real, (CALIF) Readers Say

Almost two-thirds of those responding to this week's Pro and Con question believe unidentified flying objects are from outer space and believe they are intelligently directed.

Sixty-five per cent gave affirmative answers to the question: "Do you believe that UFOs are actually objects sent to earth by intelligent beings on a distant planet?"

The Results

Yes . . . 65%

No . . . 35%

"I can't believe we are the only planet to be inhabited by intelligent life, capable of inventing interplanetary vehicles," said Hatch Morrison of Alameda. "The same intelligence exists throughout the entire universe."

"They're not unintelligent beings - that's for sure," said Bud Martinez of Oakland.

Lee Dean of Alameda said, "As long as I can remember, there have been UFOs reported. No one

Pro & Con

has been able to prove they are some kind of a hoax."

Mrs. Robert Dutra of Castro Valley hedges her answer a bit, but replies: "Possibly yes. One thing is for sure. They are intelligently directed. I have seen them in broad daylight and they were solid objects with windows."

Mrs. H.E. Ashmun of Berkeley is a believer. "Credible UFO information has been trickling in for a number of years," she says. "Responsible scientists believe in them."

But a number of respondents are from Missouri. "People smart enough to achieve interplanetary exploration wouldn't fritter their time away playing hide-and-seek with primitive earthlings," says Stuart Oliver of Oakland.

"A lot of people have great imaginations and can think they saw all kinds of objects," says Wayne W. Austin of Orinda.

Simone M. Daniel of San Leandro believes "they are experimental devices being tested by this country and others."

"Reported sightings of UFOs," says K.N. Linn of Walnut Creek, "are probably optical illusions of weather balloons or possibly advanced secret experimental aircraft."

CR: DON WHITE

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Tells of two strange incidents

Henry Brown, 68, of 419 East Sixth St., an employe of Burger House West, came to The American today to tell of two strange incidents which he said occurred last week.

Brown said that has he arrived at Burger House West to go to work about 4 a.m. Tuesday, he felt a weight as though something had landed on top of his car, and all four doors came open; that he felt cool air and then the doors closed, and the weight seemed to lift off his car.

When he opened his door to get out, Brown said he saw an object shaped like a squash moving off in the air toward the south. It looked like a large light, with a blue ring, a yellow ring and a gold ring around it, he said.

Then about 3:45 a.m. Thursday, as he was driving to work out West Fourth St., Brown said that as he approached Hutchinson Ave., everything got dark, the lights on his car went out, his motor stopped his steering wheel would not turn. After a few seconds, he said everything resumed normal operation and he continued to work without seeing anything.

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She claims UFO sighting 'No light like that from this earth'

By Don Frost

Of The Southern Illinoisan
"It must be the UFO," Agnes Wehrle said she thought to herself as a disc-shaped object emitting a high intensity light hovered near her Zeigler residence.

She was awakened by a bright light at 3 a.m. Friday Mrs. Wehrle said.

Mrs. Wehrle 604 S. Pine St., Zeigler, said she had heard recent reports of UFO — unidentified flying objects — sightings via news broadcasts, and newspapers but she never thought it would happen to her.

Mrs. Wehrle said at first she thought a hallway light had been left on and got out of bed to turn it off. Then, she noticed the light was coming from outside the house.

Her back yard was as "bright as day."

"At first, I thought it was the moon, but then, I thought, the moon can't be in that direction."

Mrs. Wehrle said the object was kind of hovering over the top of trees about 400 feet away. She said the object was about 60 feet above the ground.

The light was so intense she

could not look at it for very long, Mrs. Wehrle said.

"I tried to look at it again and again, but I had to turn away because it was burning my eyes."

After about 15 minutes the object disappeared, she said.

She said her eyes hurt after the incident and her vision was reduced all day Friday.

"My eyes are still bothering me."

"I always said that I would have to see a UFO before I would believe in them, but now I am fully convinced. I don't know what else it could be. There is no light like that from this earth. It was so intense."

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At Powhatan

Area Residents Report Sighting Of Large Light

News - Star News Service
POWHATAN — Unidentified flying objects, staying discreetly away from Central Louisiana but spotted elsewhere around the state, made their appearance here Wednesday night.

At least 10 persons observed what they called "unusual happenings" at the I Hope Ranch located about six miles north of here just off La. 1.

Gilda Parker, who lives on the ranch, said she and a group of persons watched flashing lights for three hours Wednesday night before calling the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Department.

Officials said a car was dispatched at 11 p.m. to investigate the incident. Nothing, however, was found.

"There was this huge light flashing on and off near the woods in our back yard," said Miss Parker. "It was turning all kinds of different colors. I'm scared. I don't know what it was."

B. L. Martin, a postmaster at Dodson, and his wife who works at the Northwestern State University bookstore were at the I Hope Ranch when they saw the lights.

"All I saw," said Mrs. Martin, "was a huge light off in the woods which was lighting up the whole area around it. I've never seen anything like it. It just flashed on and off."

Mrs. Martin said that when

she and her husband left the ranch and started home, they spotted something else.

"Again I've got to say that neither me nor my husband knew what it was," said Mrs. Martin. "We were traveling down the road when we saw what looked like the moon hovering above the ground in a field off to our right. It just glided along."

The first persons to spot the light that night were Archie Dalme and Junior Brossett. Dalme lives across the highway from the I Hope Ranch and Brossett runs a television repair service in Natchitoches.

"Junior and I thought we heard some wolves disturbing the cows," Archie said. "We went out to investigate when all of a sudden there was this bright, large light directly above us. Whatever it was, it made no sound. It was on us before we knew it."

"Well, it made no sound at all," said Brossett. "It was just a bright light with window looking things on the side of it. I don't know what it was."

Another person to see the lights was Mrs. Brossett.

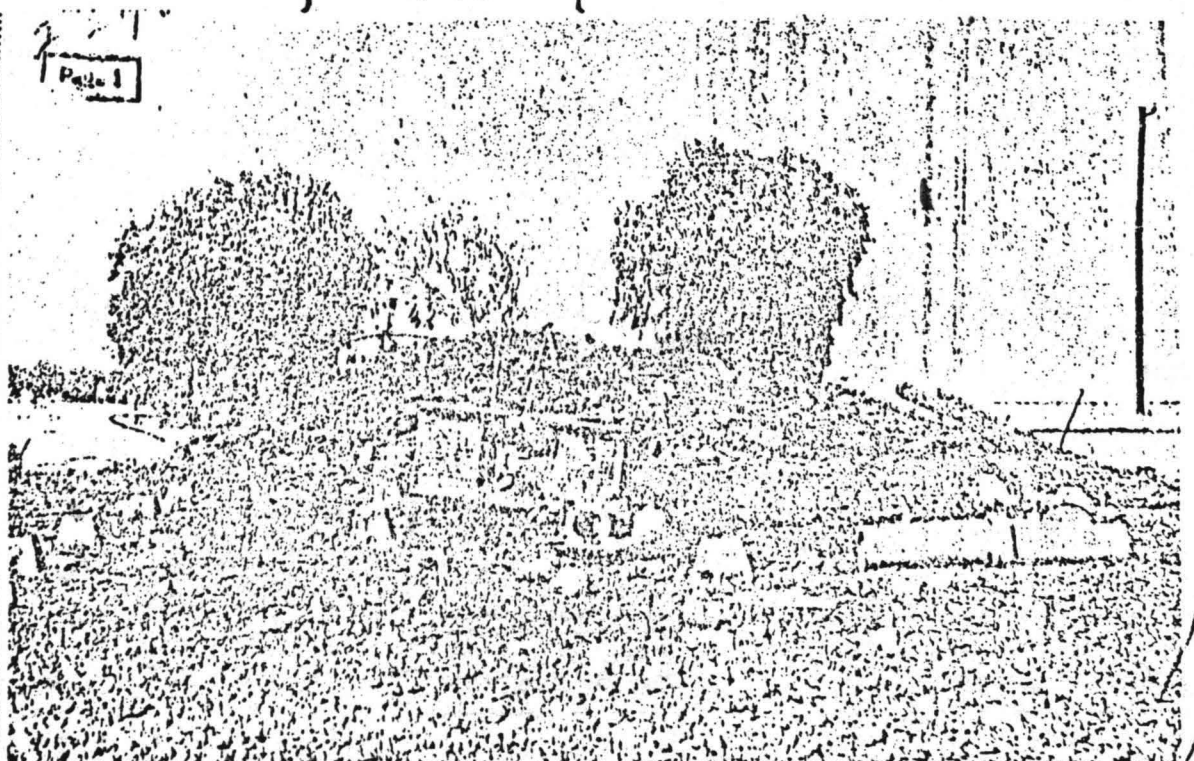
"I'm not going to say that I spotted a space ship or anything like that," said Mrs. Brossett, "but what I did see, I have never seen before. It was really something. It was not of this world. Just a big light."

Among the others to see the lights were Herbert Dalme who climbed up a tree to get a better look.

"I looked south toward Natchitoches and I saw two more lights," Herbert said. "Just red, blue and white lights flashing on and off."

Lavada Tanner, Anita Dalme and Johnny Sharply also spotted the lights.

"It was frightening," Miss Dalme said.



Smoking rubble, charred plumbing are all that remain of frame house on Cactus. Reems roads that burned to ground Thursday night. Two witnesses reported seeing blue, hovering object over abandoned structure before fire erupted.

(News-Sun Photo)

In Gibsonville, Swepsonville

UFOs Reported In Area

By BILL McBRIDE
Times-News Staff Writer
Gibsonville Police Officer Steve Montgomery stationed his mobile radar unit on Highway 100 late Wednesday night about one-half mile south of the city limits.

He was expecting to clock some of the speeders who frequently careen down that stretch of highway.

But instead the radar picked up what Montgomery believes was an unidentified flying object.

Montgomery told the Daily Times-News Friday that sometime between 11:30 p.m. and midnight Wednesday, he noticed the dial on his patrol car's radar unit acting "kind of funny."

"The needle was jumping and the machine went haywire," Montgomery recalls.

Montgomery said he got out of the car to check the radar unit. It was then that

he noticed a "right large light in the sky."

The object appeared to be a pulsing red light, he said. The police officer watched the light a few minutes, while it hovered over the road. Then it disappeared.

If Montgomery had any doubts about what he saw Wednesday night, they were dispelled about 4 a.m. Friday morning. He saw the object again while on patrol in the same area.

Montgomery wasn't alone in spotting the UFO. There are reports from some Gibsonville residents on Homestead Street who say they saw the object Thursday night. Montgomery and the Homestead Street residents are keeping a look out for the UFO every night now.

"I don't really know what it was, but I'm a firm believer in UFO's," Montgomery said.

The police officer, a member of the Gibsonville force for about two and a half months, can take comfort in the fact that his sighting is part of a rash of calls local law enforcement personnel have been receiving about UFO's.

Alamance County Sheriff John H. Stockard says his department has been flooded in the last few days with reported sightings of UFO's, especially on the second and third shifts.

Stockard didn't express any opinion on the sightings, but said "everyone's description is different." Yet a woman in Stockard's own office—a dis-

patcher—claims to have seen a "huge thing, round-shaped with red lights around it" in Swepsonville Thursday night between 11:10 and 11:30 p.m. That's approximately the same time that Montgomery spotted his pulsing red light.

The woman, who asked that her name not be used, said she was driving through Swepsonville on the way home when she saw the object hovering over her car.

The craft departed suddenly and the woman dispatcher drove home to tell her family. She and her daughter returned to where the object was sighted, but it was gone.

"I don't know what to think about it. Everyone thinks I'm crazy," she said later with an air of resignation. "My husband thought I was crazy."

As a dispatcher, the woman said she had taken calls from people—some calm, others extremely excited—who had also seen UFO's.

The calls have come in from such diverse locations in the county as Saxapahaw, Graham, Haw River and near Holly Hill Mall.

So far, local law enforcement officials are not getting too excited about the findings. Despite reports from other areas in Piedmont and the South where police officers report seeing UFO's. As recently as Wednesday, Sheriff James Taylor of Mt. Airy and 60 other Surry County residents reported seeing a total of six UFO's in the Ararat River area.

But most local officials here are generally reacting to UFO citations with skepticism.

Some strongly infer that the citations are just a mild form of mass hysteria, perhaps induced by the publicity UFO's are receiving in the national media.

Guilford County Sheriff Paul Gibson, who says his department hasn't received any of the UFO reports, summed up the skepticism: "Once that stuff starts, it spreads, doesn't it?"

Report by 3 women started UFO hunt

Judy Buchanan, Sandra Buchanan and Della Sparks were the first Delawareans to report seeing mysterious flying objects during the country's current wave of sightings.

Judy Buchanan, 24, reached by phone today, said the three of them were driving in her pickup truck near their Clayton homes.

"Della was telling us about the ones (UFOs) in Mississippi," Mrs. Buchanan said. "We started looking around the sky."

And that's when the three young women spotted two bright lights, kind of orangish or reddish or whitish colored. "The first thing we knew they were coming closer and

closer," Mrs. Buchanan said. For 20 to 25 minutes, to hear Mrs. Buchanan tell it, the pair of ominous and threatening lights chased the truck across the Delaware countryside, one light in front one behind. Finally, they reached Boone's Store on U.S. 13, where they called the state police. It was their call that launched a police helicopter on a chase after the light.

Was Mrs. Buchanan drunk or stoned?
"No, nothing like that," she insists. However, she says: "I did have a (relative) once who used to get drunk and see things just like that. I never did believe him, but I sure do now."

Says object

lands in field

Montgomery said he got out of the car to check the radar unit. It was then that he noticed a "right large light in the sky."

The object appeared to be a pulsing red light, he said. The police officer watched the light a few minutes, while it hovered over the road. Then it disappeared.

If Montgomery had any doubts about what he saw Wednesday night, they were dispelled about 4 a.m. Friday morning. He saw the object again while on patrol in the same area.

Montgomery wasn't alone in spotting the UFO. There are reports from some Gibsonville residents on Homestead Street who say they saw the object Thursday night. Montgomery and the Homestead Street residents are keeping a look out for the UFO every night now.

"I don't really know what it was, but I'm a firm believer in UFO's," Montgomery said.

The police officer, a member of the Gibsonville force for about two and a half months, can take comfort in the fact that his sighting is part of a rash of calls local law enforcement personnel have been receiving about UFO's.

Alamance County Sheriff John H. Stockard says his department has been flooded in the last few days with reported sightings of UFO's, especially on the second and third shifts.

Stockard didn't express any opinion on the sightings, but said "everyone's description is different." Yet a woman in Stockard's own office—a dis-

patcher—claims to have seen a "huge thing, round-shaped with red lights around it" in Swepsonville Thursday night between 11:10 and 11:30 p.m. That's approximately the same time that Montgomery spotted his pulsing red light.

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In Montgomery County, an officer reportedly took a black and white photograph of a red and green blinking UFO that was stationary over the village of Union for about five minutes. It was the second photograph taken of the UFO's during a week-long deluge of sightings.

Dayton area researchers, who could not explain the reports of UFO's zooming about at treetop level, explained the distant sightings as being three planes that twinkle in the night and appear to be red, blue and green because of atmospheric conditions.

Wright Patterson Air Force Base, which operated an UFO center until several years ago when the Air Force abandoned its Blue Book project, repeatedly has said it would not investigate the sightings and has denied reports of two UFO's over the base itself.

But Deputy Ron Gabbard, of the Montgomery County sheriff's office, said a guard from Wright Patterson called Thurs day night to report two UFO's hovering over the base. Gabbard said when deputies were alerted a military spokesman

the ground was clear.

Along Interstate 75 in a three-county area, the UFO's were described as "grayish discs with red and bluish-green lights." Others reported "orange colored objects" and "blimp shaped objects" and some with "red lights around the rims with a blue flame—or

flame—coming out the bottom."

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Detector Test Fails To Shake UFO Story

Pascagoula, Miss. (UPI) — A lie detector test indicated Tuesday that a shipyard worker was telling the truth about being taken aboard an unidentified flying object (UFO) by three crab-clawed creatures from outer space.

Charles Hickson, 43, was given the test by Scott Glasgow, a polygraph specialist from New Orleans. He repeated the harrowing tale he and a co-worker told authorities earlier this month.

"IT IS my opinion that he told the truth when he stated that he believes he saw a spaceship, that he was taken into the spaceship, and that he saw three creatures," Glasgow said.

Hickson and Calvin Parker, 38, have maintained under intense questioning that they were fishing from an old pier in the Pascagoula River Oct. 31 when a "fish-shaped" vehicle emitting a bluish haze approached from the night sky.

They said three crab-clawed creatures with wrinkly skin and pointed ears emerged from the craft and took them inside, where they were examined by an instrument that looked like a giant eye.

Jackson County Sheriff Fred

Diamond said the two men were "scared to death and shaking all over" when they reported the experience to officers. And Diamond said he believed "something" happened to the men.

The polygraph tests were administered to Hickson in co-operation with Diamond's department at the request of an attorney for Hickman and Parker. The younger man did not take the test.

THEY HAVE told their story to two nationally-recognized scientists. Dr. J. Allen Illick, chairman of the Northwestern University astronomy department, interviewed the men under hypnosis.

He said, "There is no question in my mind that these men have had a terrifying experience. Under no circumstances should they be ridiculed. Let's protect these men."

Illynek was scientific consultant to Project Bluebook when it was conducted on UFOs by the Air Force in the 1960s.

A firm which specializes in evaluating psychological stress said after another interview with the two Gaultier men that their story did not appear to be a hoax.

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Residents Of Allen, De Kalb Counties Convinced UFO Started Woods Fire

seconds after the object de-
parted.

OFFICIALS at Grissom Air Force Base at Peru knew nothing of the sightings and reported that, to their knowledge, there were no aircraft over Indiana this weekend capable of producing a sonic boom.

Officials here yesterday began to discount the idea of a sonic boom because reports came from such a wide area — six counties in Indiana and northwestern Ohio.

Unexplained sonic booms were reported in the area and as far east as Defiance County in Ohio. A Kendallville woman said she and her neighbors watched a wishbone-shaped object with flashing red and blue lights hover over northern Fort Wayne for more than half an hour before disappearing. She said a sonic boom was heard about five

STAR STATE REPORT
Fort Wayne, Ind. — Some residents of Allen and DeKalb counties are convinced that a "sonic boom" and a mysterious weekend fire were caused by a fleet of flying saucers. Authorities have no official explanation.

It all began about 9 a.m. Sunday when 4½ acres of woods on the William Ladd farm near St. Joe in DeKalb County caught fire. Neighbors said the fire, which burned off and on for more than 11 hours, was caused when a flying saucer landed.

FIREMEN from the Hicksville, Ohio, fire department fought the blaze. One of them reported seeing 20-30 lights

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UFO reports keep police in Columbus, Akron hopping

COLUMBUS ON — Police around Columbus and Akron kept busy for the fourth straight night investigating reports of unidentified flying objects.

Police in Reynoldsburg said some of the callers seemed to be hysterical.

Descriptions varied, but many callers said they were certain what they saw were not helicopters, planes or balloons. And a number told police they witnessed what appeared to have been formations of UFOs.

Air Force officials in Ne-

wark said they received about 50 calls.

An Air Force spokesman theorized, however, that people were merely "seeing things that might have been there all along."

Seven policemen in Akron reported seeing UFOs.

A man in Uniontown said an "unworldly" form landed on the hood of his car.

Akron Police Sgt. A.W. Fields said patrolmen in Car 10 reported seeing a hovering, oblong object that then sped away.

Patrolman Lee Frasher,

and Joseph Gauso, in Car 57, reported seeing a cigar-shaped object "with two red glowing lights" moving through the sky.

"I was a helicopter crew chief in the Army," Frasher said. "It wasn't a chopper."

William Grizer said he was driving home when "this thing came down and landed on the top of the car." He was driving south on Massillon Road near Turkeyfoot Lake Road.

Grizer said the object was about half the size of the car, hood.

"I know it doesn't make sense, but that's the way it came out," he said.

If a described the object as "solid white, with kind of a rainbow effect."

"It scared me," Grizer said. "I hit my brakes and it came up off the car."

Grizer said he found four scratches on the hood.

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Skylab 2 crew reports seeing a UFO in space

By The Associated Press

The Skylab 2 astronauts in debriefing sessions told of seeing a mysterious reddish object in space, the space agency reported yesterday. The disclosure came amid a new nationwide rash of sightings of unexplained aerial objects.

Dr. Owen K. Garriot, one of the astronauts, said the object was brighter than any of the planets, had a reddish hue and was not more than 30 to 50 nautical miles from the spacecraft. The astronauts saw it one day in mid-September but never again in their 59-day flight.

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We have added two extra pages to this month's service at no extra charge. This is done to keep you informed of UFO events the best we can. Please keep sending your clippings! We need and appreciate your help. Thank you.

Sheriff's deputies say UFOs almost attacked squad car

PINE, La. (UPI) — Sheriff's deputies chased five orange-reddish flying objects 12 miles through the Louisiana Piney woods late last night and early today.

Deputy Michael Moore said the unidentified objects almost attacked a police car.

"One of our deputies was scared pretty bad," Moore said. "He turned on his red lights, and they came down at his patrol car. He turned them off and they just vanished like in a cloud."

Moore said the objects, reported 150 miles northwest of similar sightings at Pascagoula, Miss., "come right down

at you and then vanish above the treetops."

In another sighting reported near Slidell, across Lake Pontchartrain from New Orleans, Lloyd Mercier said he was driving home when he saw an object "approximately 15 or 20 feet in diameter."

"I'd say it was approximately 125 to 200 feet in the air and gradually it disappeared. It took five to six minutes."

"All I could see was a red glow. It looked like it came straight out of the water" of Lake Pontchartrain," he said. "I've seen it tonight with my own natural eyes. I have to believe what I see. It was no moon and it was no balloon, and it was no ship."

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UFOs Under Scrutiny By Experts

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Thirty scientists are working on a project which they say will prove or disprove the existence of unidentified flying objects. They are in a study group working on an electromagnetic sensing device intended to detect the presence of a UFO's electromagnetic field — if it has one — up to 50 miles away. The group is made up of scientists from the Naval Electronics Laboratory Center, the University of California and San Diego State University, along with several in private industry. CR: White

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Examination Of Object Found In Illinois To Determine Origin

HIGHLAND, Ill. (UPI) — Don Taylor and a friend Monday said they found a watermelon-sized object by a railroad trestle at the spot where they saw a bright flying object crash down into the earth.

Taylor had the limestone-like rock displayed Monday in a wooden showcase, ready to be exhibited at banks, where it would be safe.

"I don't quite know what it is," Taylor said. "I tend to think it's from outer space."

Taylor said he and his friend, Joe Lacy, found the object at the spot where they said the light crash-landed on Taylor's three-acre farm about 2:30 a.m. Sunday.

The craggy-surfaced object is covered by white powder, measures about 18 by 18 inches and weighs at least 50 pounds.

"At this point we're rather skeptical that it's anything out of the sky," said

Art Braundmeier, a physics professor at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, who examined the object.

"Maybe it dropped off a passing railroad train," he said. "It's certainly nothing like the meteorites I've seen. Meteorites are usually smaller and they're black, not white, on the surface."

"Besides," he added, "anything this heavy would have buried itself into the ground on impact if it came from up high, and all of Highland would have heard the thud."

Taylor, who said he was awaiting the arrival of glass to finish the wooden display case, explained that he did not want scientists to chip away at the object. He said he would not object to having it analyzed in a way that would not harm its shape.

"I plan to exhibit it at banks," Taylor said. "I figure it would be secure there."

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'SPACE MIDGETS' SIGHTED

ATHENS, Ga., (UPI-Special) — Two little men dressed in silver pranced out of a spaceship in the latest report of unidentified flying objects sighted all over the United States.

Paul Brown of Athens, Ga., said he saw the spacecraft land on a highway. He saw two 4-foot-tall creatures wearing silver costumes get out.

Their hair was solid white, Brown said.

He fired two shots from a pistol at the creatures as they reboarded their craft.

"I was shaken. I didn't sleep," Brown said.

Meanwhile, Henry Lambert of Griffin, Ga., said he saw a craft shaped like a 60-foot football hovering off the ground.

"Everybody thinks I'm crazy but I know I saw it," Lambert said. "I don't know what it was but I know I saw it." (ONT. CANADA)

Local UFO reports increasing

UFO sightings in the South Bay continue to come in to research authorities and a striking resemblance among the stories is starting to build.

While a large portion of the sightings can be explained as natural phenomena, several are intriguing enough to warrant investigations.

Peter Gutilla of the California UFO Research Institute in Lawndale said one incident appears to be legitimate and he and other authorities are launching an investigation Wednesday.

A man said he was driving in the Santa Ana Mountains at 9:45 a.m. last Wednesday when an unidentified flying object landed in front of his car.

The car ran into the UFO and started to get hot. Jumping from the car, the man ran frantically down the highway as the craft whisked away.

Gutilla said the man appears to be relating an accurate story and the man truly believes the incident occurred.

Gutilla said an incident like this lends itself to investigation more readily than the average lights-in-the-sky report. When an apparent landing occurs, there is

normally some type of evidence left behind to show something was there.

But while the reports of lights have increased over the last week, so have sightings of landings.

On Tuesday, a large oval shaped object which gave off an orange glow and hummed was reported in the Sun Valley by several persons.

One man, however, said he saw the same craft hovering about four to 10 feet off the ground when a humanoid being got out and walked around the craft.

When the being returned to the craft, a cloud formed around the ship and it took off.

On Friday, two patrol men from the Los Angeles 77 Division police stations said they saw an object land near Van Ness Avenue and Gramercy Place.

Except for the landings and the more than 30 sightings of lights, Gutilla received only one other unusual sighting.

He said an airplane pilot and two or three other persons were rumored to have seen a 300-foot diameter object rise out of the sea between Catalina Island and Redondo Beach and take off into the sky.

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