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THE MYSTERIOUS...

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Present

By ROBERT BOWDEN

Times Bureau

BRADENTON — A "good" UFO report is a hard thing to come by.

Most of the time, the reports are quickly dismissed as the work of overactive imaginations or the observation of natural phenomena.

But how to explain what Patrick Thrush saw the night of Dec. 13?

This report is different in three respects: There are two photographs of what Thrush says he saw; there is physical evidence in the form of three rocks Thrush says were dropped by the UFO; there is a knowledgeable witness and at least two other collaborating and disinterested witnesses.

BRIEFLY, this is what Thrush says he observed: He was driving to the home of a friend about 8:50 p.m. when he saw what he first thought to be an airplane going down in the vicinity of Manatee Avenue at the Braden River.

Thrush drove to the river and pulled his car off the road and down an embankment on the east side. He says as his car bounced down the embankment, the headlights picked up a hovering object about 20 feet above the water with a tube that led from the craft to the river.

Thrush took a camera from his car and snapped two frames, using a strobe light. The tube pulled back into the craft, Thrush says, and the UFO began a slow descent

toward the 16-year-old. It passed about seven feet above his Toyota and Thrush says he heard something strike the hood of the car. The craft passed over Thrush, emitting a blue-green light and continued eastward in a wide, slow arc.

It turned southward, changed to a red color and disappeared, he says.

At about the same time, John Dowdy, 18, was on Morgan-Johnson Road about two miles east of Thrush's location. Dowdy says he looked up and observed a "bright orange object, going really fast." The object, Dowdy says, turned southward, appeared to stop and then disappeared.

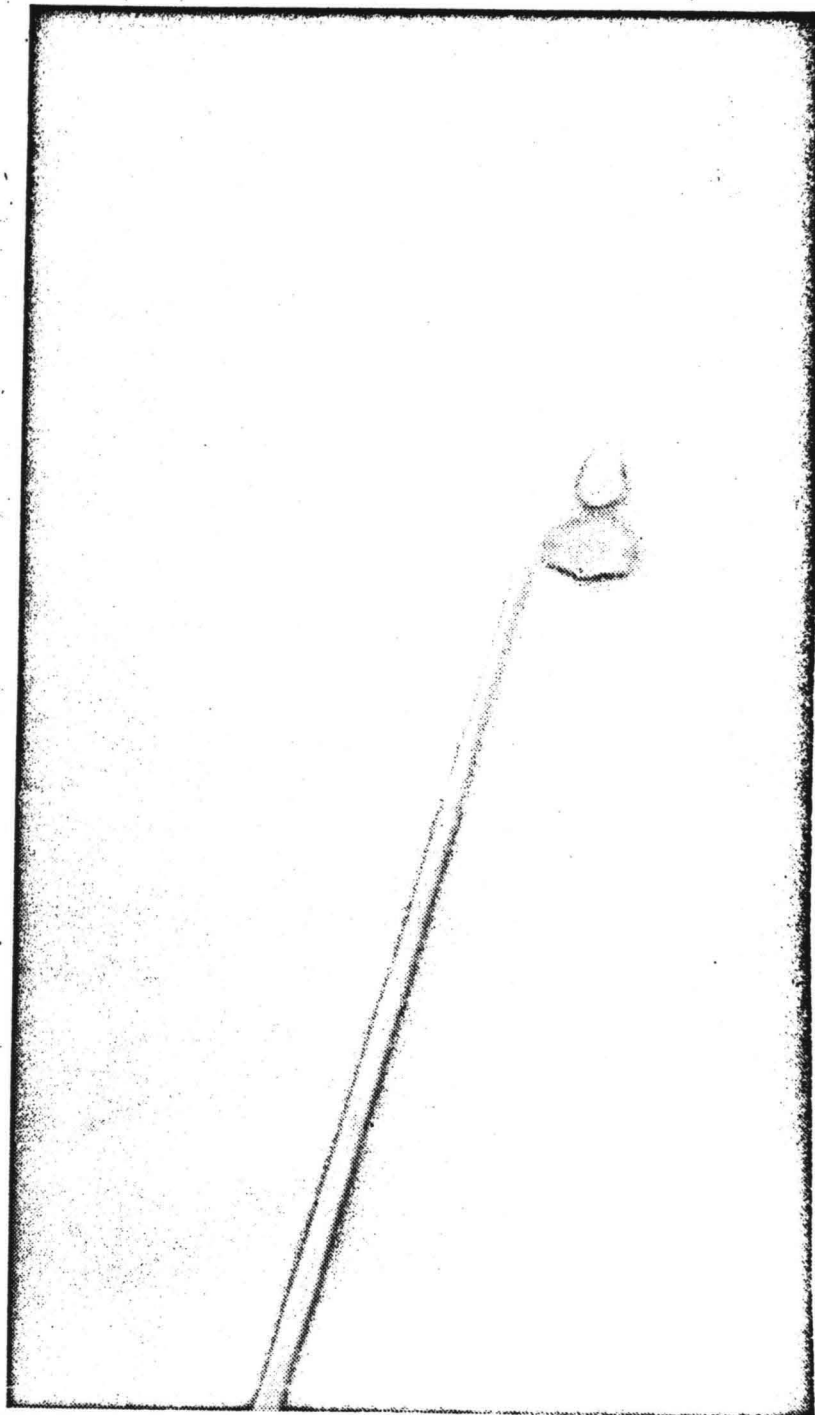
IN PALMA Sola Park, George Montgomery glanced out of a west window and saw a strange light in the sky. Above and below the bright light were two smaller lights. The two merged into the bright light and disappeared. The time was roughly the same as that given by Thrush.

Thrush returned to his car and found a warm, dry rock. A search revealed two more such rocks, each having a lava-like appearance. Thrush called the police.

Patrolman Chris Schmidt responded and began the investigation. The official report makes no firm conclusion, but Schmidt has been quoted as saying he believes young Thrush is sincere.

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Jan. 9, 1974
Bend, Oregon
Bulletin

More UFOs sighted

WARM SPRINGS — A tribal policeman here reported sighting unidentified objects in the skies between midnight and 3 a.m. today.

Patrolman Chris Still notified the

Jefferson County sheriff's office at 1:38 a.m. of an object over the Deschutes River Canyon. At 2:51 a.m. he reported the sighting of a second object.

Police Chief Jeffrey Sanders, who was notified of the sightings about 2 a.m., believes the objects were stars. They were described to him as red on top with green, orange, yellow and

white flashings or blinking.

The first object reportedly traveled west to east, stopping over Grass Valley north of Madras. There it was reportedly joined by the second object. After the second object moved away, the first one lowered to about 4,000 feet and then resumed a higher altitude, according to Still.

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Rock Which Was Reportedly Dropped From Unidentified Craft

Staff Photo by Robert Bowden

Thrush certainly is not your run-of-the-mill 16-year-old. He is a high school dropout who defies the stereotype. Thrush simply found the education process too slow, the teachers too dull and uncommitted. He is a former science fair winner, did trigonometry and advanced algebra in the seventh grade, draws blueprints, has a vast knowledge of physics and electronics, designs and builds custom electronic equipment, and looks for all the world like the Boy Scientist.

His hair tousles Medusa-like in random mopet fashion. His horn-rimmed eyeglasses slide down the nose with his changing expressions and gestures. He is slightly overweight, a boyish pudginess, and dresses conservatively.

THRUSH SPEAKS a language few college graduates would understand. His measurements are angstroms and ergs. His theories embrace concepts explained in Scientific American or propagated in incomplete form at MIT.

He is a camera buff who understands darkroom work. His father was a metallurgist.

With this background, could Patrick Thrush have faked the pictures? Yes. Could Thrush have faked the evidence? Time will tell. Could Thrush have made up a scientifically valid story to support a pet theory or further his personal ambitions? Yes.

Did he?

Thrush is willing to take a lie detector test, but there are those who consider this proof inconclusive. Thrush's rock is now being analysed by a scientist at the University of South Florida. Thrush is excited, not frightened, in anticipation of the results. He also took his undeveloped film to a newspaper for processing and printing.

HE ACTS, and sounds, sincere.

He believes he saw a craft

from another planet in another solar system.

Based on what he observed, Thrush believes the craft is navigated by magnetic push-pull. To visualize how this might work, imagine placing a movable magnet in the magnetic field of a fixed magnet. The movable magnet will move toward the other. If the power is increased, it will move faster.

To generate the magnetism, Thrush believes, an incomplete MIT concept called a mercury pool is used. A nuclear fusion device provides heat between two mercury pools. The pools rotate in opposite directions, creating a magnetic force between them. Some type of shield or conductor directs the force.

To date, we have not yet perfected a nuclear fusion device for controlled reactions. The hydrogen bomb uses nuclear fusion.

THRUSH BELIEVES the power for the fusion device might be deuterium or tritium. These substances could be called heavy hydrogen. Scientists estimate a few drops, properly utilized, could produce vast amounts of energy.

The deuterium or tritium would be processed from water, H₂O, with the oxygen separated and used for breathing purposes.

The Manatee Times contacted Norman S. Bean, a charter member of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), and widely known lecturer on UFOs. Thrush's observations and theory were explained to Bean.

Bean immediately reacted to the rock discovery. He said 50 pounds of similar rocks were found after a UFO passed over Erie, Pa. Bean had a list of substances that would be found in the rock and said the rock comes from the exhaust stacks of UFOs.

Bean — a retired electrical engineer who designed the first television receiver for Philco in 1936, developed radar receivers for the Army and Navy, and designed the TV camera for guided missiles — believes strongly in flying saucers and that there is life on the saucers.

HE SAID the pictures Thrush took are of minimal use at best, noting that skeptics have not believed very clear photographs reportedly taken of UFOs.

Bean said a number of UFO sightings are connected with water being pumped in or out of UFOs. He said he was not sure in what manner the water is used, but he did not believe it was fuel.

Bean also believes the crafts are magnetically controlled and that they use atomic reactors for power sources. He said the UFOs utilize an anti-gravity force, and that when an earthly nation discovers the secret "it will rule the skies."

Thrush had thought the change in color from blue-green to red might have been a movement up the electromagnetic spectrum as the craft increased power. The color would be a form of dissipating excess energy.

But Bean said the color shift is a voltage function, that the crafts set up an electro-static field around themselves. "Air doesn't touch the ship," Bean said, "neither do meteors. The

electro-static field is a repulsion device which creates a color because of the voltage needed."

BUT BRADENTON physicist-engineer Victor Ketner said the color shift might be "after image" created by the human eye. Ketner said when the eye observes a bright object and the light disappears, the retina retains an after-image, which undergoes a shift in color.

Color changes are also observed when atmospheric conditions such as pollution or fog interfere with clear observations. The atmospheric interference is the cause of "twinkling" stars and blue-green colorations.

The rock is now being studied by Dr. Larry Doyle. Dr. Doyle said a preliminary examination showed the rock to be a cinder produced from an extreme heat source. He expressed interest in further analysis, but said it could take up to two weeks to complete.

If the rock should turn up a mineral or combination of elements unknown on earth, then maybe Patrick Thrush will be vindicated from those who do not believe. But it is doubtful such a discovery will be made, certainly based on what Bean said about similar rocks.

So the question will remain: Are we really being visited by alien spacecraft and did Patrick Thrush see and photograph one?

YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome. We apologise here for being generally unable to acknowledge these items as the pressure of work on our tiny staff and on our postage resources is too great. However, please do not be deterred by this seeming lack of courtesy. We really do appreciate anything you care to send.

Dec. 5, 1973
Vancouver, Wash.
Columbian

Sheriff told

Housewife spots suspected UFO

An unidentified flying object (UFO) put on a dazzling display for residents at the home of Sylvia E. Glidden, 46, and her neighbors, according to a report to the sheriff's office Tuesday night.

Mrs. Glidden, of 606 NE 123rd Ave., told a sheriff's deputy that at about 7 p.m., she saw "a large circular object" framed in her front window. It had red

and green lights around it.

The woman said it appeared to hover a few feet above the roof tops across an open field directly east of her home.

Mrs. Glidden said the UFO remained in the same area until an aircraft approached, and the object slowly rose a few feet, stopped and then began slowly moving north. She watched it a few more minutes, before it rose sharply and disappeared.

Mrs. Glidden was unavailable at her home Wednesday, but her daughter, Janet Lafountain, 13, and son, Dave, 14, also reported seeing the JFO.

Janet said she was certain "it was no airplane." She maintained that it was "too big to see all of it" through their large front window, and that it was "really close." She estimated that eight or nine persons in the immediate area saw the UFO, but only the one call was made to the sheriff's office.

Janet said a neighbor watched the UFO with binoculars, but the neighbor was not reached for comment.

The children said the UFO had only white lights, "a lot" of them that kept rotating, and the object made no sound. They estimated that it stood right in front of their house for about three minutes.

Janet said they went shopping after it disappeared, and saw the same thing again briefly when they came home about an hour later.

Jan. 11, 1974
Redding, Calif.
Record Searchlight

Three workmen report first UFO of new year

Three workmen commuting from Redding to a project in Red Bluff have reported seeing the first UFO of the new year in Shasta County.

Wally Peppel, 1103 B St., an employee of Wittner Electric, said he saw a "really bright" light south of Enterprise as he was riding to work with Virgil Redden and Kenneth Bielke.

The sighting occurred about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday, Peppel said.

"We all saw it on Beverly Drive. As we drove south we continued to see it off Cypress, and on the Interstate 5 freeway as far as Knighten Road," he said, adding:

"It came down vertically and then we lost it because of houses and trees."

Peppel said two California Highway Patrol cars were in the area about the same time, with one patrolman stopped to give a motorist a ticket. The commuters talked of stopping to inquire but decided against it.

Later, Peppel said, he reported the

sighting to the CHP, the Shasta County sheriff's office and the Federal Aviation Administration. He said none could account for it.

Peppel said he thinks the object descended "some place near the Pacheco School" about 7:40 a.m. He is convinced the light wasn't caused by Airwest jet approaching the airport, he said, because the time doesn't jibe with a flight arrival.

Later, he said, he talked to some people in Red Bluff about it and one reported that his daughter had seen a similar light from a school bus.

"It was a steady light, with no flashing at all. As it came down, it got brighter," Peppel said.

"I'm really curious," he commented. He said he would welcome calls from persons who might have seen it. His telephone number is 243-5466.

Local law enforcement agencies indicated there were no other reports made about the light.

Flaming ball in sky seen over Albq remains mystery

By DIANA HUNTRESS

Seeing is believing, in at least one case of an unidentified flying object hurling earthward and furling in flames.

A group of children living near downtown Albuquerque witnessed this spectacle recently.

Their uncle, too, saw it from his vantage point at the Alibi Inn on Fourth Street NW. They describe seeing "a flaming ball, all different colors" falling in the eastern sky.

The next day the children combed the railroad tracks, a block east of their home, for traces of the mysterious object. Finding their evidence in chunks of molten debris, they toted the objects home, as many as they could carry, in boxes and pails.

THE CHILDREN'S mother phoned the University of New Mexico Physics Department, which dispatched an eager young scientist to the scene.

Cautiously the young scientist expressed his opinion. Evidence of the night visitor could be the remains of a satellite. "Probably a Russian satellite, because there is so much iron in it," he said.

A box of evidence was gingerly transported to the UNM Department of Meteoritics.

"Don't touch," the young scientist said, "it might be radioactive."

SUBSEQUENTLY, "It seems unlikely to be space junk. I've seen space junk and it doesn't look like that. But we're going to send it over to Sandia Laboratory

ries, to Material Science."

Well, this reporter wants to believe as much as anyone that Albuquerque is the chosen resting ground for a tired, Russian defector satellite. What a story!

Next stop, the Santa Fe Railway yard, where Rusty Ryan, assistant agent for the Santa Fe, was given a hint of this news breaking story.

FROM A description of the evidence found by the children, Mr. Ryan said, "That sounds like slag ballast. We use it for the railroad bed, under the ties. It lets the water run off. Comes up from Hurley."

So ends the story.

But what was the ball of fire seen on the evening of January 11, by a group of children living near downtown Albuquerque?

Florida

Bradenton Herald
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Woman Sights Four U.F.O.'s

A Bayshore Gardens woman reported sighting four flying saucers in the southern sky last night. This sighting comes about three weeks after similar sightings were reported in the Manatee County area.

"First I saw this bright light," she said. "It was really enormous. It seemed to have a red center. All of a sudden it just faded out."

After the initial sighting, she reported seeing three other saucers about the size of oranges flying in a perfect "V" formation. "The little ones really shook me up. They were flying in perfect formation," she said.

The woman asked that her name be withheld. "People would think I'm crazy," she commented.

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Scores report sighting UFO east of Weatherford

By E. L. Friesen

Don't believe in flying saucers???

Darrel Nickels hadn't thought about it one way or the other until he drove to within 30 feet of one Thursday night on his way to church.

The 19-year-old carpenter, who lives with his parents Mr. and Mrs. C. E. "Bill" Nickels three miles south of Weatherford, wasn't sure what to do at first, but finally reported it to local police.

Nickels' report headed a landslide of sightings from people living north of Weatherford. Police dispatcher Jimmy King said he received between 35 and 40 telephone calls and about a dozen people came into the station to report sightings of UFO's. "Some of the people that called on the phone sounded real scared," King said.

Oklahoma has been under a siege of UFO reports during recent weeks, with sightings reported by a wide assortment of people including ministers, police officers and rural residents.

Thursday night was Weatherford's turn.

Nickels told officers he was driving on a rural road near Dead Woman's Crossing about 7:30 p.m. when he spotted what he first thought was a helicopter following the creek about two miles east.

As the youth neared the bridge he said he noticed the craft had more lights than a helicopter. "The top part of the thing was covered with about 30 flashing red, white and blue lights like the kind on top of ambulances and police cars," he stated.

Still thinking the strange lights belonged to some kind of known aircraft, Nickels drove his car slowly toward Dead Woman's Crossing. As he neared the bridge, the craft hovered about 30 feet to one side and above the crossing.

He drove slowly across the bridge to about 30 feet from the object and stopped, shut off his engine, but could hear no sound.

"I looked at it for about three minutes, I guess. Then a bright light came on from the side of the object and shined

up and down the creek," Nickels said. "I took off north down the road."

Nickels gave police a detailed description of the UFO. It made no noise, did not seem to notice his car, had about 30 flashing red, white and blue lights, was 16 to 20 feet wide, was nine to 10 feet tall and had several "pads" located on the bottom. He said it appeared to have a silver dome and a darker band on the bottom third of the craft.

Dispatcher King sent a teletype to state authorities about the sighting and in a few minutes received a reply from Blackwell that one of their police officers had seen an identical object from about 200 feet away.

The Weatherford police telephones began buzzing a few minutes later and several area law enforcement officers also reported seeing strange moving lights in the sky.

Most of the reports Thursday had one thing in common. They occurred near the same creek as the Nickels' sighting and were spaced as if the UFO was continuing

northwest.

UFO sightings have been reported since recorded time with one early-day report coming on April 21, 1897, near LeRoy, Kansas, in Woodsen county.

In a sworn statement on that night Alexander Hamilton, his son Walt and a friend, Gid Heslip, saw a cigar shaped craft hovering over a herd of cattle.

Similar accounts cropped up over the next several years. Almost always the machine was silent, it had flashing green, white and red lights, a brilliant spotlight and was dirigible shaped. Other objects were also reported cruising among the stars, and always heading northwest.

The sightings really barreled in during December 1909 and January 1910. On three consecutive nights in Chattanooga, Tenn., thousands said they saw a cigar shaped craft over the city.

The first disc shaped UFO was recorded over Altai-Himalaya in the mid-1920's.

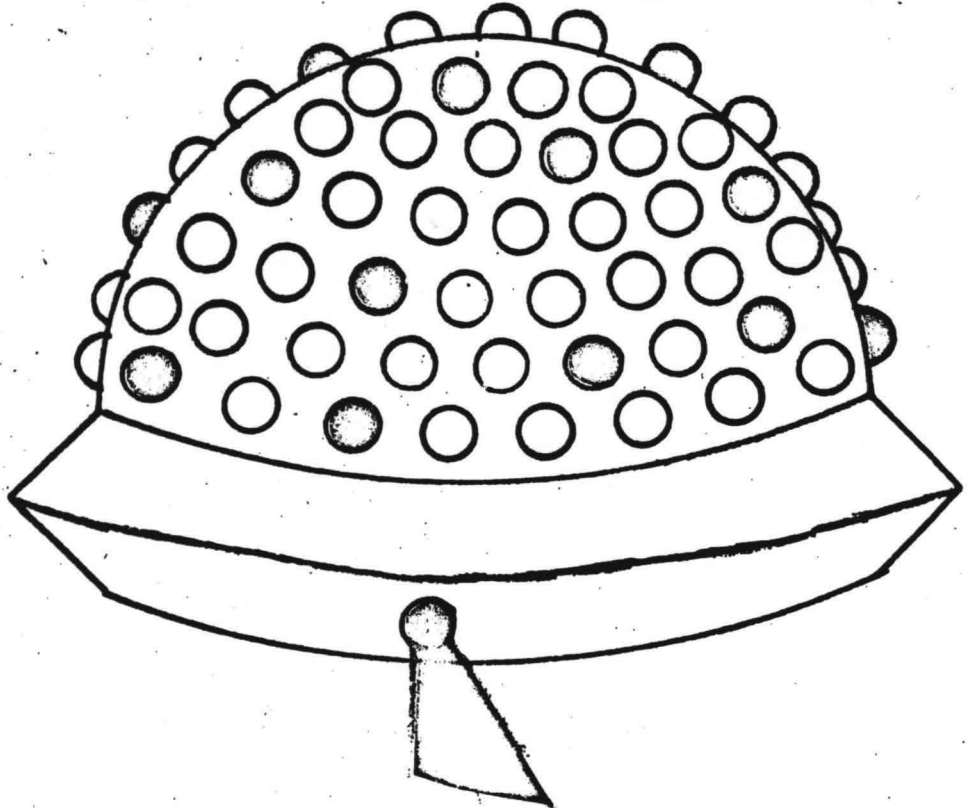
There was almost a com-

plete absence of UFO sightings from 1926 to 1946, but in the spring of 1946 the skies opened up again in Scandinavian countries and northwest Russia.

In later years interference to lights, radios, televisions and automobile ignition systems were also reported related with UFO sightings. Animals, with their acute hearing, apparently could hear the strange objects, leading to research into the possibility of high frequency sound and electromagnetic disturbances associated with the presence of UFO's.

In the 1960's the Air Force set up a special clearing house for the reports, which included contacts with strange flying objects by experienced pilots, police officers and other reputable citizens. The program was discontinued several years ago, officially.

Don't believe in flying saucers? Many people don't. Darrel Nickels hadn't thought much about it. . . until Thursday night.



THIS DRAWING OF THE UFO was made by Weatherford police officer Kenneth Butler from information given by Darrel Nickels after the youth reported driving to within 30 feet of the strange craft near Dead Woman's Crossing Thursday night.

Central Oregonians report seeing three separate UFOs

By Bill Yates

Bulletin Staff Writer

Three separate sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported in Central Oregon over the weekend.

The latest was reportedly made

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from the Kah-Nee-Ta Village Restaurant at Warm Springs just after sunrise today.

The first reported sighting was made early Sunday morning by Ronald Stone, who lives on the old Culver Highway southwest of Madras.

The second was reported by a Bend woman, Mrs. Judy Bruner, who said she and a high school senior, Connie Zehr, watched a strange metallic object moving across the sky above Bend about 6 p.m. yesterday.

Today's reported sighting was made by Yvonne Leno, an employee at Kah-Nee-Ta restaurant. The object, she said, was shaped "like an upside down teacup" and was "pinkish" in color. She said it hovered over the Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge for about 10 or 15 minutes and then vanished at a rapid speed as a jet plane flew over.

Two other employees at the restaurant also reportedly viewed the phenomena, but thought it was either a cloud or jet plane.

The object Mrs. Bruner said she and Miss Zehr observed had a blunt nose and looked like half a dirigible. She said they first observed it from an automobile as they were driving south on Wall Street near the old Pilot Butte Inn site.

Mrs. Bruner said she turned west on Newport Avenue and continued to view the object as she drove to the west side of the city. She estimated the length of sighting at about seven minutes.

Mrs. Bruner said the object was flying from southeast to northwest.

The object viewed by the Jefferson County man, Stone, reportedly had flashing red and green lights. He said he first sighted it about 2 a.m. He said it remained stationary for about two hours. He awoke two neighbors. One, who viewed the object through a rifle scope, said it appeared to him to be a craft.

Stone told a reporter the red and green lights would grow alternately bright and dim. He said he thought it might have been a star.

Bend's weather observer, Phil F. Brogan, was notified of the sightings and suggested that information on such sightings should be relayed to a UFO research institute in Lawndale, Calif.

Brogan reported that along with the reported UFO sightings, he had received several reports of persons who had viewed the comet Kohoutek. However, as an aerial "spectacular," Brogan said, the comet had proved an unimpressive "flop" in Central Oregon.

One of the best Kohoutek sightings, Brogan said, was made about 6 p.m. yesterday with binoculars by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Keene from their residence in the Cline Falls area west of Redmond.

Jan. 4, 1974
Fullerton, Calif.
News-Tribune

ROSCOE DRUMMOND

If They Are Real, Can We Make Contact With UFOs?

WASHINGTON — Now that Unidentified Flying Objects are widely and wisely accepted as real, the next step which must concern everybody — public and government alike — is how we on earth can begin to make contact.

There is no reason to be surprised that our planet should be under surveillance by intelligent extraterrestrial beings. Most astronomers now share the once heretical view of Dr. Harlow Shapley, former director of Harvard Observatory, that there are at least 100 million inhabited planets in the universe.

This makes it reasonable to expect that intelligent beings — perhaps superintelligent because many inhabited planets may be several billion years older than ours — should pay a visit to earth.

There could be three motives: curiosity, migration or conquest. There is reason to doubt hostile intent. Maj. Donald E. Keyhoe, who knows more about UFOs than anyone else in the United States, makes this point in his new and engrossing book, "Aliens From Space" (Doubleday):

"If the aliens had intended to attack or invade our world, they could have done so long ago. During the long surveillance (by UFOs), there have been well over 3,000 UFO chases by U.S. fighter planes, including capture attempts. Yet the space beings have shown surprising restraint. From all the evidence, it seems clear their main purpose requires peaceful contacts and co-operation with humans."

THE QUESTION NOW is how to bring about such co-operation. Since unfriendly contact by force has not worked, why not try peaceful contact by lure?

This is what Maj. Keyhoe proposes in the last chapter of his book. He calls it "Operation Lure." The first attempt to attract aliens was made by the Canadian Defense Research Board when it established a top-secret UFO landing field in 1958. It failed, perhaps because there was nothing unusual about it to catch the

attention of alien crews.

But "Operation Lure," as worked out by Maj. Keyhoe and numerous specialists — linguists, psychologists, visual-aid and other experts — will be much more alluring than the Canadian experiment.

It will be visibly nonaggressive. There would be no attempt to capture aliens or UFOs. No aircraft or ground traffic would be allowed near the lure and all interceptor chases would be ended. Its principal features, as described in "Aliens From Space," would be these:

"The lure will have three or more dummy UFOs, disc-types with domes, built of aluminum. Each one will have glass panels to show that no one is hiding inside.

"The base will be unmanned, and the nearest humans will be stationed at hidden observation posts over a mile distant.

"Near the dummy UFOs will be several 'educational buildings' containing a number of exhibits intended to interest UFO crews. To emphasize that no humans are concealed, the roofs will be made of shatterproof glass, so interiors can be seen from the air. Each building will have one glass wall to permit inspection on the ground.

"All the observer posts are to be below ground level, except for the camouflaged roofs below which will be high-powered movie cameras with telephoto lenses and concealed telescopes."

SOME MIGHT BE understandably apprehensive as to what might happen if we make contact with intelligent space beings or, indeed, with extraterrestrial beings from a society far more advanced than ours. The astronomer, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, feels it would be a great adventure leading to tremendous benefits.

Other scientists hold similar views. It is Maj. Keyhoe's conviction that the odds are against terrifying space beings that most of the evidence so far does not indicate any definite menace.

Obviously the problem of communication would be difficult. But if humans are not up to communicating with extraterrestrial beings, it is quite likely that the extraterrestrials, whose scientific achievements would be so much greater than ours, can communicate with us.

Let's try.

Feb. 1, 1974
Albany, Oregon
Greater-Oregon

Story of Family Who Saw 3 UFO's

By LEE WALSH

This is the story of Charles and Rosie Dean and their family, one of the millions of families who can add their experience to the UFO story. There has been a recent flap of sightings in this El Paso, Texas area. This is but one.

The Dean's live in a secluded area called Hideaway Lakes, which lives up to its name. There were quite a few people fishing at this little lake the balmy evening of Oct. 15, 1973. Among them, strangely enough, was a man who said he was "some of a Govt. agent." The family knew nothing more than this, but upon spotting the "lights", the man left. Not having a phone, the Dean's at that time, did not contact anyone but a deputy arrived on the scene and also a reporter from a local TV station.

I first talked with their teenage son Jeffery Dean. He and his uncle were among those fishing and were the first to spot the objects. I had a copy of the standard form used by NICAP, in the past, to record UFO information and asked him some of the questions. The conversation took place as follows.

"Jeffery, now long did you see the object?" ... "over 4 hours." "Have you known about or did you believe in UFO before this?" ... "yes." "Was the object blurry or sharply outlined?" ... "one was sort of blurry." "Then there was more than one object?" ... "yes." (The family later confirmed there were 3.) "Did they stand still at any time and if so, how long?" ... "yes, they stood still, they rose up and down (one did) and one stayed a long time after the other one left." "Did they just disappear at any time?" ... "no, I didn't see them just disappear." "Did they change shape, color, or leave a visible trail?" ... "yes, they changed shape, not color but left no trail." "Can you compare to the brightness of the sun or moon?" ... "Well, it was kind of in between, not as bright as the sun but it seemed to be brighter than the moon." "Did you notice whether the moon was out and in view?" ... "I don't think I remember seeing the moon." "I see you have a dog here, did he react at all during the time the objects were here?" ... "he sure did, he went under the trailer and stayed there, he was also barking." "Was the object or objects

self-luminous, dull-reflecting, or transparent?" ... "it looked something like a fluorescent light." "You said before that it rose and fell when in motion?" ... "the one on the right by the mountain did and it went from dark to bright and did it 3 or 4 times." "What was the size of the object in comparison to the following held at arms length?" ... "a dime, half-dollar, orange, grapefruit, or larger?" ... He thought about this but could not give me an answer. When I later interviewed his parents they gave it much thought and then decided it would be about the size of an orange, at arms length. "How did you happen to notice the object, Jeffery?" ... "we were all sitting there fishing, 10 of us, and all of a sudden we saw a streak of bright light." "And what happened then?" ... "my uncle and I went to the trailer to get my folks; we also heard a noise and we thought something must have crashed into the mountain." "What kind of a noise was it, an explosion, a thud, or something else?" ... he banged his hand down hard on the car fender and said, "something like that sound." "And there were other witnesses, how many did you say?" ... "yes, 10 of us, relatives were here and other people were fishing. We all saw the objects." "Have you been asked or told not to reveal or discuss the sighting?" ... "no, not yet."

At that time Mr. and Mrs. Dean returned from town and I asked them if they would give me an account of what they saw. I really thought they were reluctant to do so at first, but being gracious people they told me their story. Just before Jeffery and his uncle appeared at the trailer from the lake the Dean's said they noticed 3 beeps on their TV set and then it blacked out. It was about 7:15 p.m. and getting dark. When they went outside they noticed a very bright object to their right, across the lake, and over the mountain. To their left was another object, closer and brighter and in close alignment with a large tree. I feel that it is important that there were focus points. The object to the right was situated between two particular trees and

a pole which served as a focal point. From time to time the family took turns watching the objects through a pair of high powered binoculars. Mr. Dean, being a retired service man, says he is familiar with marsh gasses, jet emissions and things of that nature. The object to the right seemed to be at the foot of the mountain for a time. "They seemed to be communicating with each other", the Dean's said, "for when one would dim and brighten, it would stop and wait and the other one would dim and brighten." "We always had the feeling that the object to our right was in some kind of difficulty and was getting assistance of some kind." The Dean's were told that there were no satellites due in that locality at that time. They were also told that there were no roads, in fact, nothing at all in the mountain area where the one object was situated and appeared to have come down. I have since learned that this statement is false. It was noted at the time that some red, green, and amber colored lights were over that specific area and the Dean's felt that perhaps they belonged to helicopters from Mexico.

The objects seemed to change shape, from round to elliptical, possibly due to a change of position. One object was silver and the other a pale gold, but with extreme brightness.

The Deans said it looked as though another smaller (the 3rd.) object came out of the larger object on their left. They said it was whitish silver in color; a bright streak, and they estimated it to be going 3000 mph at the very least. The object on the right, in the mountain area, was still visible after 1 a.m., but the object on the left was gone.

After we had finished talking, the Deans walked outside and pointed to a spot in the mountains of Mexico that could be seen with the naked eye. It looks like a very large, dark, burned area, elliptical in shape, with a light colored area at its bottom right side. Mrs. Janie Macias, a friend of mine, who was present during the interview and I both viewed this area with the binoculars which the Deans were using the night of the

sighting. This burned area has never been there before and is large enough so that it is clearly visible to the naked eye over a good many miles. All the while we had been talking the big German Shepherd had been close by, going to each of us, begging to be given some attention. Mr. Dean said that he had meant to tell me earlier how the dog had reacted and then told me what Jeff had about the dog being very upset and staying under the trailer. Mrs. Dean said that their other small dog had run inside the trailer and stayed down under the covers. It has often been noted that animals will react to a spiritual or unknown presence.

Mrs. Dean said that she isn't saying that she saw a "flying saucer" because she doesn't know for sure, but she did see something unnatural. She didn't really believe in UFO before and didn't know or think too much about it. As for the rest of the family, they say, "all we know is what we saw, and we know we saw it!" As for me, I'm a believer for many years now and I can only say that whatever the Dean family saw, I know they saw it as they have described it.

Perhaps Mrs. Dean mirrored one of the most secret wishes of all of us when she said, "I couldn't believe what I was seeing, but I looked up and I tried to reach them with my mind, my thoughts, saying 'I want to communicate and we are friendly.' In any case, I will venture a guess that the lives of the Dean family from Hideaway Lakes in Texas will never be quite the same again.

Jan 18, 1974
Albany, Oregon
Greater-Oregon

• SEES FLYING SAUCER

Two Albany girls Deanne Larsell and sister Debbie report seeing a Flying Saucer over the Bureau of Mines Thursday evening. From Salem we have a report that others saw a saucer headed towards Albany Thursday evening. We have reports from subscribers in Scio, Jefferson, Lebanon, Corvallis, Eugene, and other places. All of the reports say that the saucer flew straight for several minutes and then lived toward earth and then leveled off. I think there are other worlds besides earth.

Jan. 26, 1974
Reno, Nevada
Nevada State Journal

Reno Police Duck UFO Investigation

The Reno Police Department is reluctant to investigate unidentified flying objects (UFOs), Chief James Parker said Friday. He responded to a letter from Dr. J. Allen Hynek, urging police departments to take over investigations of UFOs and to relay urgent sightings to a national headquarters via a hot line. "I haven't seen the letter and I don't want to see it," Parker said.

Hynek, chairman of the astronomy department at Northwestern University and head of the Center for UFO studies in Evanston, Ill., wrote that help is needed to feed information on UFO sightings into a computer for analysis. He suggested police could do this.

He talked of a UFO Central Hotline, which would be used only in urgent cases, and qualified investigators to assist police when necessary.

Hynek said urgent sightings are when UFOs are within 1,000 feet of persons or disturb people or animals or damage plants or trees or interfere with automobiles or radio or television sets.

A recent Gallup poll indicated 15 million persons believed they had seen UFOs. This is a growing social phenomenon, Hynek said.

Woman Says She Spotted UFO In North Pinellas

Times Staff Writer

DUNEDIN — Elaine Duranty says she saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) early Tuesday and says she was still shaking from fright hours later.

Mrs. Duranty had been visiting friends in Pinellas Park and was headed north on U.S. 19 toward her home in Port Richey when she said she saw the object.

"And let me tell you right now that all I had to drink last night was a cup of coffee," she said Tuesday.

It was on the dark, curving section of U. S. 19 between Sunset Point Road and State

Road 580 that she first noticed what seemed to be an airplane high above the fog about 2 a.m.

"I THOUGHT it was getting ready to land at the airport (Clearwater-St. Petersburg International) when I first saw it," she said.

Suddenly, however, the craft went from horizontal to a vertical movement and hovered over the grassy median, "at about the height of two light poles," Mrs. Duranty said.

"I was going about 30 miles per hour because of the fog but when that happened I went to 55 and stayed there," she

said.

Because of the fog, Mrs. Duranty says she wasn't able to see too much detail about the craft except that it was circular and had 10 or 12 rectangular lights around it.

"And some kind of real bright light was shining down on the ground . . . you could see the shaft of light in the fog," she says.

"Even with the fog it was as bright as if a bomb had been let go," she said.

MRS. DURANTY says she never had much interest in UFO's "but I sure believe in them now," she says.

She didn't pass anyone else

on the road for some miles she said. Neither the Florida Highway Patrol nor the Pinellas County Sheriff's department had any other reports of UFO sightings.

A sheriff's department spokesman said its helicopter was flying Monday night and early Tuesday morning, "but he moves all over the county and it's hard to tell where he was at that time."

When asked if what she saw could have been a helicopter, Mrs. Duranty answered with a quick and definite "no."

"I don't know what it was, but it wasn't a plane or a helicopter," she said.

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February 2, 1974 Southwest Times Record—Fort Smith, Ark. 7-A

Miami Folks Ask Question: Is It a Comet?

CR: LOV FARISH

MIAMI, Okla. (AP) — Residents of this northeast Oklahoma city are wondering if they have seen a new comet.

For several days the streak which appears similar to that of a comet with its tail, has appeared in the southeast sky.

It has been appearing since scientists say the widely heralded comet Kohoutek vanished from sight.

The streak appears just after first light in the southeast sky and remains visible until it is blotted out by sunrise.

One witness has been George Speer, Miami Street Department superintendent, who watched it through binoculars while he and the city crew were starting to work.

Police personnel also viewed it through a surveyor's transit telescope and say it looks like a comet.

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Beaverdam Residents See Unidentified Flying Objects

An unidentified flying object was sighted from the window of a Beaverdam Valley residence about 1 a. m. Friday in the vicinity of Buzzard's Rock on Elk Mountain.

It was described by Mr. Clifford W. Sammis, 35 Meadow View Road, as being "two long slits of light, about 150 feet apart." The one on the lower right was "reddish" and the one on the upper left was "whitesh-blue."

She noticed it after turning off the television and looking out for a neighborhood collie who was sometimes in need of shelter for the night.

She watched it for a while, then woke her husband who confirmed her description of the objects. About 1:10 a.m., the couple said, a light "brighter

than the moon" seemed to shoot up from the two objects and hover in the center.

The light was near the front face of Buzzard Rock, either on it or in front of it on the mountain, said the Sammis's.

The two said the light was non-reflecting, in that it did not shine "outwards" like a searchlight would.

"It was like the light of a star, but it couldn't have been because the mountain was behind it," said Mr. Sammis.

Mrs. Sammis said the big light went out when a car drove along Beaverdam Road, which runs below the rock. "The two smaller lights below then began to flash alternately and then faded."

"The fact that the car coming caused it to go out made me

think it knew what it was doing," she said.

She then got her binoculars and said she could see the reddish one faintly, though the other had disappeared. "It still looked like a long slit of light, like a flying saucer," she said.

The couple notified the sheriff's department of the phenomenon, though reluctantly. "I didn't want to tell this," said Mrs. Sammis, "people will think we're crazy. They just won't believe it."

The Sammis sightings are the latest in a series of like reports. On Oct. 22, several area residents reported saucer-like objects in various parts of the city. On Oct. 26, Surry County deputy Johnny Belton said he saw a total of six lighted UFO's during the night.

Muskegon, MI
CHRONICLE
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DEC 14-73 Park Police Report UFO

The latest sighting of an "unidentified flying object" was reported by Roosevelt Park police Thursday night.

According to Roosevelt Park Sgt. Michael W. Gaunt and Officer Dayle Vanderwier, they received a call from Central Dispatch at about 10:20 p.m. that a UFO had been sighted over Thrifty Acres.

The officers reported the object appeared to hover over the southeast portion of the county. They said it appeared to be small and gave off red, blue and green flashes.

County Airport personnel also reportedly observed the object, but could not identify it.

Police officers said they observed the mysterious sighting for several hours before it finally disappeared.

Jan. 10, 1974
Forest Grove, ORE.
Wash. Co. News-Times

Sky watchers report UFO

By MARY CLAPSHAW
HILLSIDE

A bright light resembling the planet Jupiter, which can be seen in the western sky in clear weather, was seen in the northern sky Tuesday night of last week between 5:30 and 6 p.m. The object was moving eastward, with the light flickering on and off at regular intervals.

Brownlee Bush has sold his 60 acre farm to Dr. John F. Wood of Forest Grove, who will run beef cattle on it. Bush is keeping the dairy herd. He bought the farm nine years ago from Howard Robertson.

The Tualatin Plains Historical Society will meet next Monday night in Old College Hall on Pacific University

campus. Nellie Walker will review a book, a biography of Marcus Whitman and Old Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cone returned last Wednesday from a month's trip to Mexico. They also took a side trip to Puerta da Ballarta.

Forty-five members of the Shearer family attended a bridal shower New Year's day in Shearer's Park, honoring Shirlee Brabham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brabham of Forest Grove. Her marriage to Peter O'Connor will be an event late in January.

Several Hillside residents have been looking in vain for the Kahoutek Comet, but perseverance prevails and it is hoped their efforts will be rewarded.

Jan. 22, 1974
Watsonville, Calif.
Register-Pajaronian

Children spot UFO, sketch it

A flying saucer has been captured, on paper at least, by five Radcliff Bilingual School pupils who painted the object after seeing it in the morning skies yesterday.

The pupils, all third graders, saw the unidentified flying object at different times and places. And "something too big to be a jet" was seen a short time later by one of the teacher aides, Jane Fort, while on her way to school.

Rosa Rocha and Maria Del Carmen Rocha (no relation) saw it while near a school bus stop at 295 San Andreas Road in the darkness around 7:30 a.m.

Rosa said, "I thought it was an airplane but it was not the shape of an airplane and it went around and around."

Evidently the young girl was frightened by it, for her friend Maria wrote this report of the sighting: "I felt scared and it made my stomach hurt when I saw Rosa running down the street."

Later, Carmen Perez, on Leigh Road near Harkins Slough Road, saw it "right above us; it was turning around and when we went to see it it was gone."

Two boys, Robbie Rocha and Tom Pray, saw the object while on the bus coming along Elkhorn Road between 8 and 8:30 a.m., alighter time. "It was black, white, yellow and orange," they wrote.

Their teacher, Alberto Guarino, had them paint what they saw in two groups — the girls together and the two boys together, and the pictures are strikingly similar.

But Guarino was not convinced of their story until talking about it later in the lunch room and Mrs. Fort reported her sighting.

"All these kids are very quiet people and so is Jane," Guarino explained, indicating he felt they wouldn't make up something like this. "Jane didn't say anything until we started talking about it in the coffee room."

"I didn't want to talk about it," she said, "because I thought it might be a comet. It was too big to be a jet. It was just a long yellow light."

Jan. 10, 1974
Madras, Oregon
Pioneer

"Zipped away . . ." UFO's Sighted Over Jeffco Skies

Strange appearances in the skies over Madras and Kah-Nee-Ta during the past week have aroused some speculation — and skepticism — about the possibilities of unidentified flying objects in the area.

About 1 a.m. Sunday morning Ronald Stone, Old Culver Highway, in glancing out a window, noticed an unusual, bright object in the Eastern sky. Stone reported that it appeared to be more or less round, stationery, and alternately lighted red or green. There seemed to be no regularity in the color change, he said, which would sometimes start with a flash and then circumvent the sphere.

Stone, who watched the strange body for one and one-half to two hours, also roused his neighbors, the Ernie Koshneys and Douglas McConnells. Pattee McConnell reported that once while she was watching the object, a beam or ray appeared to come off of it. Koshney, who peered at it through a gun scope, said it looked like some kind of craft.

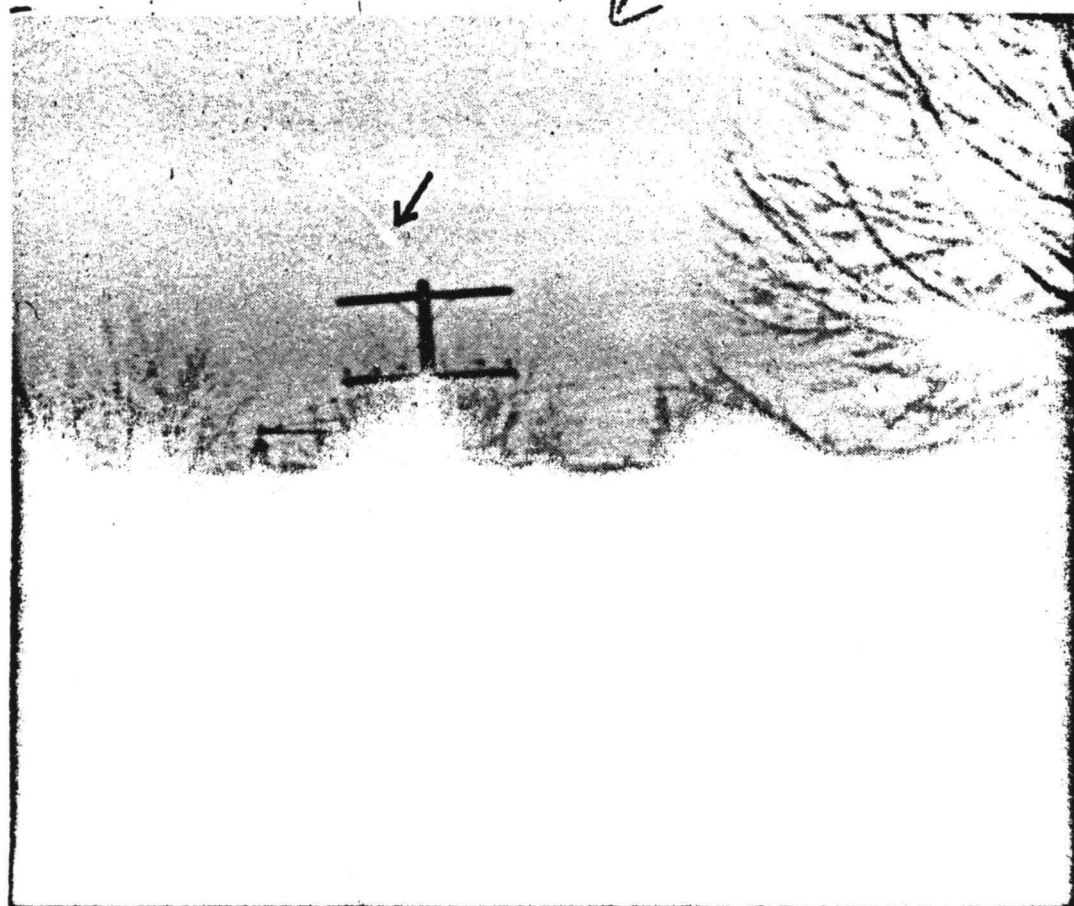
The Stones observed the skies again both Sunday and Monday nights. They reported seeing the unidentified object again the second night. It was in the same stationery

location and again appeared lighted red or green. They decided that it must be a star of some sort.

A second UFO report came from the Kah-Nee-Ta Village Restaurant where early Monday morning employee Yvonne Leno observed a dome shaped object — "like a teacup up-side-down" — hovering high over the Kah-Nee-Ta Lodge east of the Village. The object had a pinkish glow cast by the rising sun and remained stationery over the lodge for 10 to fifteen minutes. After that time a jet flew toward it from the north and the object, still dome shaped, "zipped away" faster than the jet and disappeared beyond a hill. Mrs. Leno said she observed a vapor trail behind it similar to that of the jet but shorter.

Several other observers of the phenomenon disagreed with Mrs. Leno's interpretation, stating that the object was simply a cloud or a jet. But Mrs. Leno felt that there was another explanation. Unlike a cloud it kept its shape and unlike a plane it kept its position, she explained.

The sighting of UFOs was not limited to the immediate area. A Bend woman also reported a UFO moving over Bend late Sunday afternoon.



UFO, COMET KOHOUTEK, or Fireball? This object, photographed in the Tuesday morning sky, S.E. of Madras; is a Fireball according to Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. A Fireball is a meteor that burns and explodes into a bolide at its nadir. Jefferson County residents reported sighting the object for about 15-20 minutes on the early morning horizon. UFO, Comet or Fireball? Take your choice.

Photo by Jay Binder

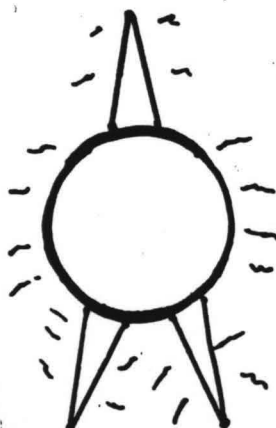
UFO Sighted On FM 413; Followed Car For Miles

Dim, Bright, Three Pointed

By John Killgore.

"It chased us, and we were scared, and our boys were scared," so said Mrs. Fay Seeley and Mrs. Fay Hileman Sunday night when they saw an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) on FM 413 between Kendrick Ranch entrance and the Brazos River.

"This is just too much. I know that people are just going to laugh at us. It is something you read in the papers and laugh at yourself, but our children saw it too, and we are all still scared," told Mrs. Seeley late Sunday night.



This is a description of the UFO sighted by five Rosebud residents last Sunday evening. Texas Highway Patrolmen Marvin Pavelka and Gary Johnson investigated.

Mrs. Seeley, her sons Richard, 13, and Russell, 8, Mrs. Hileman and her son Richard, 7, were returning to Rosebud from a deer hunt near Buffalo. They were traveling on State Highway 14 and were nearing Bremond when Mrs. Hileman noticed a bright, then dimming light low in the sky. "I said nothing about it, because I thought it was a helicopter. I first told the others about it when we were on the highway between Bremond and State 6. They all began watching it then. It was when we turned from State 6 onto FM 1373 that we really noticed that something was really happening, because first it was on our left side, then quicker than the eye could see, it was on our right," she said.

Richard Seeley told, "It was following us, but I did not say much about it. I knew that my mama was worried, and I was scared myself."

They kept driving west on FM 413 and saw that the thing dimmed and got brighter, and seemed to disappear, but that when they neared the Brazos River Bridge, it appeared again, and they slowed down.

"We were near the Kendrick Ranch house alongside the highway, and I saw that the thing was going to

land in front of us on the highway. It never did land but was about treetop high and was blocking my way, so I stopped. No, I did not stop, I don't think. I whirled that car around and got out of there fast as I could, and it still followed us and stayed behind us and I was driving as fast as I could but it was still right there all the time, but when we got to Reagan and got back on State 6 we were behind another car and the thing just seemed to lift up and disappear," so related Mrs. Seeley.

Richard Seeley was asked what the UFO looked like to him, and he said, "I don't know, but it was pointed on top."

Mrs. Hileman told that, "it was, I guess sort of round and had a point on top and two on the bottom. When it would be bright, I could not see the points too well, but when it got dimmer, you could see the points real well, and there were the shadows it cast when it was just over the highway. I just wish that Cecil (Tiny) would have been with us, because he will never believe this."

A call was made to Mrs. Seeley Monday morning, and she tells, "I just do not believe that that thing would have let me drive on any farther. I did not sleep last night, and may not sleep any tonight. I just know that the thing would not have let me go by."

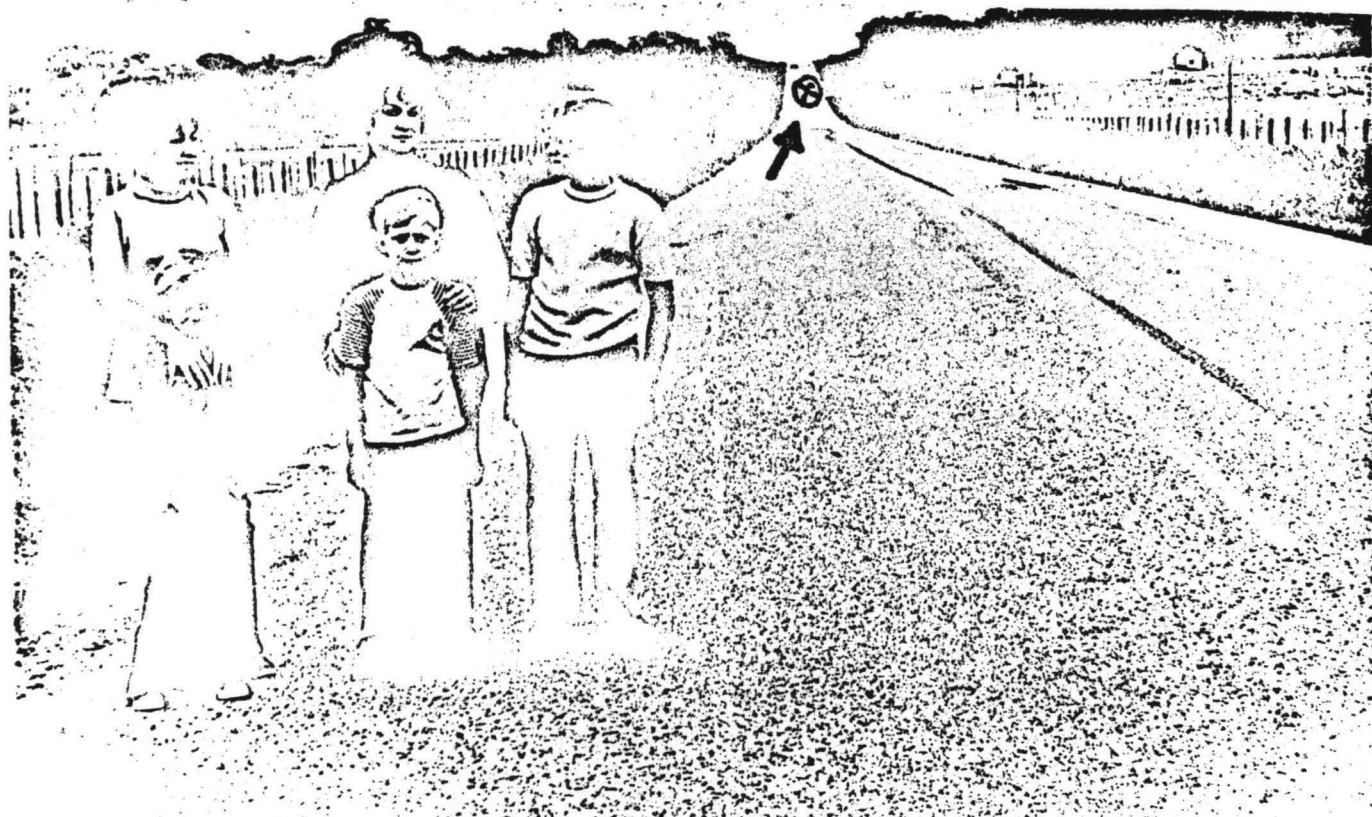
Were there others that saw this UFO? Well, maybe. Four of us Killgores were riding back along this same highway about 8 p.m. Sunday, and the question was asked, "Is that the comet?" Off toward the south was a star-like object that would glow a bit, then get dimmer, but it seemed a long way off.

On Saturday evening Mrs. Weldon Walston told of seeing a bright light to the south of their home near Powers Chapel. On Sunday night Homer Seeley told that he noticed a brightness outside their home in the Pleasant Grove community. Mrs. Myrtle Scarborough told of seeing something bright crossing the sky from south to east at Wilderville store. This has been seen a couple of times in the past few days. A motorist told Marlin police recently about such an object following his car along State 6 from the Reagan to Marlin route.

Is there such a thing? Some say "Yes, I believe it." Others just laugh when told the story. There are scientists who say that there are such things and there are supposedly photos taken of such objects in the sky.

Should anyone in the area see another such UFO, they are urged to contact this writer in Rosebud at any time of the day or night.

Rosebud, Texas (NEWS)



THESE FIVE CHASED BY UFO--Mrs. Fay Seeley, and sons Richard and Russell, and Mrs. Fay Hileman and son Richard stand where they turned around on FM 413 east of Rosebud and west of the Brazos River nearby Kendrick Ranch. They turned around because they saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) directly in front of them about three-tenths of a mile up the hill in the background. Read the adjoining article for more information.

20% OF SIGHTINGS UNEXPLAINED

Latest UFO reports reduce scoffing

EVANSTON, Ill. (UPI)—People don't scoff at J. Allen Hynek as much as they used to when he talks about the unidentified flying object (UFO) phenomenon—too many have seen UFOs themselves.

Hynek, who heads Northwestern University's astronomy department, is considered by many the

foremost expert on UFOs. He has tracked UFO reports for more than 20 years, from the swamps near Dexter, Mich., to Samoa in the Pacific Ocean.

"There are some very grave popular misconceptions about UFOs," Hynek said. "One is, of course, that reports come only from crackpots, which is most decidedly untrue.

They have come from the governor of Ohio, the associate director of MIT's instrumentation lab, air traffic controllers, pilots and police."

He said, "There is no doubt that four-fifths of the reports of UFOs are misconceptions of common things," but the other fifth is intriguing, because the reports do not seem

The latest flood of reports came from across the nation last fall. He said there are normally "only a handful" of reports during a month, but during that three-months, about 800 sightings were reported, of which 25 percent were "good" sightings. Most of them ran in a band from the southeastern section of the United States northwest, with a fork going up into Ohio and Michigan.

"You get a handful of genuinely puzzling reports. If they don't hit the press, it's all right. If they do, as in this case during the fall, then you get a great excitement and people say 'let's go and see a UFO' and then anything becomes one.

Hynek has started a center for UFO studies to handle reports from across the nation. In the past week, he has sent out 4,000 letters to law-enforcement agencies around the country, giving them a private "hot-line" number to the center and instructions for handling UFO reports from citizens.

While the center is a voluntary operation at present, Hynek said he hopes it eventually will have enough funding to send investigators out on every valid report.

"I don't have a theory about what UFOs are. I don't necessarily believe that we are being visited. But if I am a crackpot, then I'm finding that I am in good company."

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Cr: Mark Hall

explainable "after close technical scrutiny."

He said people in general are less derisive about UFOs than they were eight years ago when a large wave of sightings was reported.

"I wouldn't have dared to mention UFO in any of the astronomical meetings I went to then, but recently at one, three astronomers came up to me separately to ask me about UFOs. You can actually mention UFO now and you'll get less giggles. A Gallup Poll said recently that 15 million Americans say they have seen UFOs. In 1966, the Gallup Poll said only about five million had," Hynek said.

Jan. 28, 1974
Walla Walla, Wash.
Union Bulletin

UFO sighted

A yellowish, banana-shaped UFO reportedly buzzed Walla Walla County last night about eight miles southeast of Walla Walla.

A man and woman told Walla Walla County sheriff's deputies they saw the UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) while they were in a southbound car about 11 p.m. on Mormon Grade Road.

The couple said they first saw the "small, yellowish-colored object" in the western sky.

It seemed to get darker, then became much larger and brighter, they said.

"The object was shaped like a banana, then rotated and looked like a sphere," according to a deputy's account of the sighting.

Shortly after it brightened, the UFO went out of sight below the horizon.

It then reappeared about 10 minutes later when the car was heading back toward Walla Walla at a high rate of speed so the couple could report the incident, deputies said.

The man said the UFO was much further away and smaller at the second sighting.

A radio was turned on in the car and there was no electrical interference with it, deputies were told.

Night-Flying Object 'Definitely No Toy'

"People always think you're crazy when you tell about something like this," said Clifton McGhee, 3675 Florida Ave., Cabana Colony, as he reluctantly told about watching an alien flying object in the night sky near his home Dec. 13.

"I was working at the station," he recalls (McGhee is employed at the Colony Shell Station). "When Carnell Bales came in and told us about this thing.

"I knew he didn't drink but when he described it I asked him, as a joke, what he'd been drinking.

"I think he got a little hot under the collar and he urged us to take a look at it.

"And I sure did see it. It was as big as four or five of these houses put together."

McGhee's wife, Priscilla, saw it too, and said it was "big as

an auditorium."

"I just don't have any idea what it was," McGhee said. "But I think that if we can send men into space, if we can send men up there, then maybe someone up there can send men down here.

"It couldn't have been a toy. Or if it was a toy, someone went to an awful lot of trouble.

McGhee said the object dipped low behind the Shell station at one point.

"It just kind of floated around," he continued. "It changed colors, yellow, orange and red, and it seemed to get brighter just before it would rise a little.

"I think whatever it was it was having trouble and that's why it stayed around so long because usually when you read about these things, they streak away right after they're seen."

Jan. 26, 1974
Fresno, Calif.
Bee

UFO Hisses Over Lemoore

McClatchy Newspapers Service
LEMOORE — It hissed and had amber and white lights. Four persons saw it doing aerobatics over Charlie Kendall's house here, but Lemoore police said today they have no leads on whatever it was.

Kendall, a Lemoore pizza shop owner, said he never really thought too much about unidentified flying objects but after Friday, he added: "Well, I just don't know."

Kendall, his wife and two friends had returned from a wedding and about 12:30 a.m. he said he was getting food for the cats when he heard a hissing sound and saw an

object about 15-20 feet above the ground.

He said the object soared into the air hissing "like an idling jet" and making a clicking sound "like a bicycle when kids put cardboard against the spokes."

Kendall called his wife and two friends out of the house and they too reported seeing the object.

"I have done some flying but I have never seen anything that could change altitudes as quickly, and gracefully as

this thing did," Kendall said.

He said the object rotated clockwise and had numerous white and amber lights. He said it lifted into the air and disappeared and then returned a few minutes later. Finally it sped off toward the south.

Police said no one else reported seeing the object and a check was being made to see if any Lemoore Naval Air Station craft were in the area at the time.

Aurora mystery grave to be probed by radar

By BILL CASE
Airport Bureau

Ufologists said Thursday they expect soon to be able to examine the grave of an unidentified flying object (UFO) pilot reportedly buried in an Aurora, Texas, cemetery after an alleged 1897 crash.

Walter F. Andrus, executive director of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON) whose investigators have been working for nine months to unravel the 73-year-old mystery, told the Times Herald:

"While we have been prevented from exhuming the body of the reported pilot by refusal of the Aurora Cemetery Board, we believe we can check out the grave's contents scientifically by radar without disturbing the grave or cemetery in any way."

Andrus said MUFON has been in contact with the Calspan Corp. of Buffalo, N.Y., which now is working on a commercial version of a sub-surface radar. He said the device has been successfully used by the Army at Fort Belvoir, Va., to detect buried plastic explosives, buried dogs, pipes and conduits through several feet of concrete and soil.

"Ever since we began an investigation into reported crash of a UFO and recovery of the pilot's body in Aurora last March we have made substantial progress," Andrus said.

"It has been our goal solely to prove or disprove the story told all of these years..." he said.

Andrus asserted the MUFON-Times Herald investigation produced enough scientific evidence to warrant an attempt to open the alleged pilot's grave.

The crash was reported from Aurora on April 19, 1897.

"This case especially is important because it is the only known instance where a UFO crash was reported and the pilot's body recovered and buried," Andrus said.

Our information has led us to the point where only identification of the contents of the grave will settle the controversy once and for all.

Andrus said he could see no reason for the Aurora Cemetery Board to refuse radar examination of the grave.

Robert Kell, an official of the Calspan Corp., said the company is building the commercial version of the sub-surface radar and expects it to be completed "in two to three months."

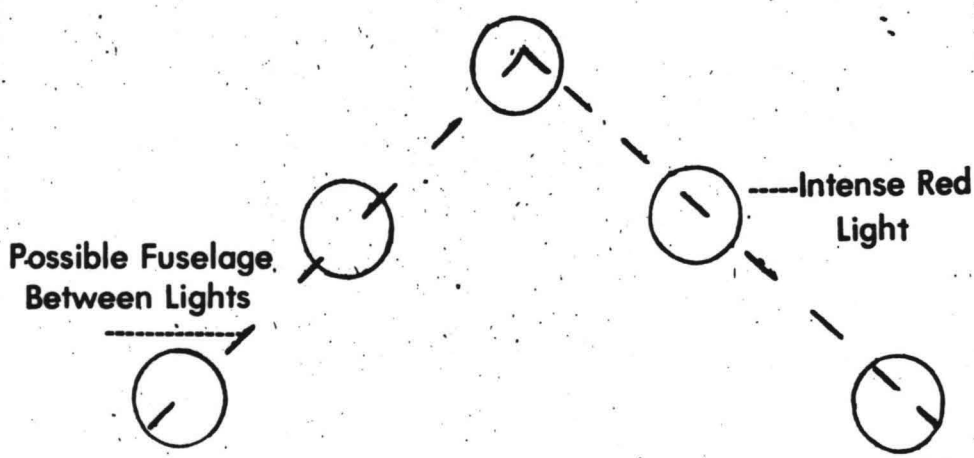
He also told The Times Herald that Calspan "would be very interested in checking out the alleged pilot's grave in Aurora."

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Drawing of UFO Seen By Michael DeLong



Businessman spots UFO

R. Michael DeLong, a Robesonia businessman, has been a dedicated UFO watcher for the past two and one-half years, for no special reason, other than the interest generated in unidentified flying objects by numerous sightings throughout the world.

As an experienced pilot who logs plenty of flying time, he thought he would be in a pretty good position to get a good look at a UFO. But his vigilance has been a dry well.

"I didn't see a thing that I could honestly say was an unidentified flying object." Until Monday, November 19.

While on the way to his company's mill outlet store in Pottsville, (by car, not airplane) DeLong had in sight for several seconds an extremely interesting craft. South of Pottsville on the Gordon Nagel trail, he saw a V of five intense red

lights speed over the horizon, heading toward Tumbling Run.

"It was pitching toward earth from 30 degrees off the horizon to the horizon. I'm familiar with speed. If that would have been an airplane it certainly would have crashed."

DeLong said that he estimated the object to be traveling at between 400 and 500 miles per hour. Whether or not the lights were part of a fuselage, or five separate objects flying in V formation, could not be determined, he said, because of their intensity and the short time he was able to see them.

"Size? That I couldn't say. You have to be able to compare it with something else to estimate size. I think I can judge ceiling pretty good, and I'd say the ceiling was about 3,000 feet. I suspect it was not more than

2,000 feet coming to the horizon."

After sighting the UFO, DeLong said he debated reporting it.

"People ridicule, but that doesn't bother me. I had to make sure that my mind wasn't playing tricks on me. I knew positively that what I saw was nothing flying that I'm familiar with."

He said he contacted the Pottsville police department "out of obligation" and with the thought that "someone else might have seen the same thing. If they did, I'd like to know about it."

The object seen by DeLong nearly matches some UFOs photographed over Idaho at night. The differences are that the Northwestern U.S. objects were orange, instead of intense red, and changed shape as they flew.

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S-F UFO Not So

By PAMELA BROWNING

Non-believers in flying saucers from outer space can cite a recent local incident as an example of UFO reports being explainable as natural phenomena.

Steve King, 14, of 4610 Spruce Lane, Palm Beach Gardens, reported to PB Gardens police Jan. 4 he had spotted a UFO.

King said he was looking for the comet Kohoutek when he saw an apparently unexplainable object moving through the night sky. He said it appeared to be flashing red, yellow and green lights.

"Later, my next-door neighbor told me what it was," said King, a student at Palm Beach Gardens High School, "It was the star Sirius hitting some atmospheric clouds."

YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome. We apologise here for being generally unable to acknowledge these items as the pressure of work on our tiny staff and on our postage resources is too great. However, please do not be deterred by this seeming lack of courtesy. We really do appreciate anything you care to send.

We are always in need of UFO and Fortean clippings- we would appreciate ORIGINALS to photocopies but will take anything you care to pass on. Please help us by sending in those clippings! Thank you.

C.R. MARK A. HALL

Strange Lights May be on Schedule

More strange lights in the skies over the North Shore have been spotted by Two Harbors area residents. Two Harbors druggist Joseph Zastera and his wife Ann were returning from Duluth around 8 p.m. Tuesday when they saw several blinking lights in the sky overhead. They saw the lights about one mile this side of Larsmont.

"They didn't look like airplane lights," Zastera said, "And were so unusual we stopped the car for a better look." They shut off the car engine but heard no sound of an airplane. Zastera said there were three lights, all a bluish-white color about the hue of a fluorescent light bulb. The lights appeared to be traveling at a speed "slower than an airplane yet faster than a helicopter". The druggist said it was difficult to tell, but estimated their height to be about one-quarter mile. They were traveling up the shore, he said. While the Zastera's were parked along the expressway, another Two Harbors resident also saw the lights and pulled over for a better look.

UMD student Lee Carlstrom was returning from a late class, and described the object much the same as Zastera, although he believed there were four flashing lights, not three.

"It's quite a coincidence, but I saw identical looking lights at this same time- and same location a week ago Tuesday night," Carlstrom explained. "Next Tuesday I'm going to bring my camera and look for it again."

Zastera said he was certain the lights were no optical illusion nor reflection.

The three residents said the lights just suddenly disappeared. "One second they were there, and the next they were gone," they said.

A week ago last Friday night lights somewhat similar in appearance were spotted in the area by five residents at two different locations. Those seeing the lights included two sheriff's deputies, Andy Haugen and Fred Dufresne, and Dwight Moe, Philip Holbeck, and his 12-year-old son.

it's high enough for radar,

He discounted the possibility the UFO might be a mountain airplane beacon because most such lights have been discontinued.

Bob Hadler, National Weather Service official here, said it was "pretty doubtful" the UFO could be a weather balloon.

"The balloons that we do send up (near Spokane) don't have lights on them," he said.

"With the cloud cover we've had the past couple of days there haven't been many stars showing. I don't know just what it could be."

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Moorpark College To Offer Classes on UFO Phenomena

Moorpark College will present the first college classes for credit anywhere in the United States on UFO (unidentified flying objects) phenomena when the spring semester opens Monday, Feb. 4, according to college officials.

Two classes are planned. The first, "The Literature of the UFO", will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 7

p.m. at the community college. The second class on "The Literature of Psychic Phenomena" will be held Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Both classes will last eight weeks.

During the second eight weeks of the semester, two classes on "Research Project Focus" are planned as an extension of both courses during the same time periods.

In "the Literature of the UFO", major questions con-

cerning UFO sightings will be thoroughly considered and various theoretical approaches to answering these questions will be presented.

A few examples of topics: "What is it about the behavior of UFO's that distinguishes them from the ordinary phenomena — meteorites, weather balloons, swamp gas, etc. which have been used to explain UFO sightings? Can they be spacecraft or robot

space probes from advanced extra terrestrial civilizations? Is there convincing evidence that they may have visited the earth in the past?

The second class will study psychic phenomena, the mysterious dimensions of the human mind. There will be a survey of the various forms of psychic phenomena, including such baffling topics as telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, retrocognition, experiences and mediumship.

James Staley, who has been studying UFO and psychic phenomena for the past 20 years, will be the instructor.

Registration information may be obtained by calling Moorpark College.

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Union Bulletin

Prison guards say they spotted UFO

By Jo Moreland
of the Union-Bulletin

Guards at the Washington State Penitentiary have spotted what appears to be the same UFO two mornings in a row from their tower positions at the prison.

"It was very weird, really," said Correctional Officer William Hill.

"I was trying to think of a hundred things I wish it could have been."

Hill said the Unidentified (apparently) Flying Object has made three appearances, two Monday and one yesterday, all between 3 and 4 a.m.

Seven officers, using binoculars, have been able to see the object, in the sky southwest of the prison.

"It looked like a little moon," said Hill.

He said the UFO was round with a bluish-green light on each side of the sphere, which appeared to be revolving clockwise.

It didn't sparkle, Hill said, but there seemed to be something reddish-colored at its base.

The UFO also gave off some type of emission from underneath the object, he said.

"When the officer in seven tower saw this thing he thought it was a shooting star, but it was

throwing the gas out of the bottom — sparks or something," said Hill.

"It wasn't an airplane because it was the same size all the time and it was there for 45 minutes (when first seen Monday morning)".

After the first sighting Monday, the object disappeared, then reappeared briefly to the west for a short time, Hill said.

This morning's sighting occurred at 3:45 a.m. in the same direction but the object appeared to be smaller, he said.

"It stayed there for 10 minutes and then it moved west," said the officer.

Monday the men thought it might have been above the KUJ radio towers. Verne Russell, KUJ owner, said there was nothing unusual about the station yesterday.

The station's announcer, Scott Forrest, said the area around KUJ appeared to be a little quieter than usual when he opened the station at 4:50 a.m.

"It was really almost eerie," he said.

Robert Grandstaff, chief of flight services for the Federal Aviation Administration office at the Walla Walla City-County Airport, said it might be possible to track the object if

But Deputies, Residents Did—

CR. MARK A. HALL

Radar Doesn't Spot Unidentified Lights in Area

They've returned, only this time bigger and better than ever.

Last October two law enforcement officers saw some strange, unidentified lights hovering over Pork City Hill in Two Harbors. The lights, it was noted at the time, could possibly have been some reflection from the nearby railroad yards.

Last Friday night, however, an unidentified object was seen in the area, by two different groups of persons in two different areas. The object did not show up on radar.

About 8 p.m. Friday night two deputies of the Lake County Sheriff's Department were traveling in the Waldo area several miles north of Two Harbors when they saw the object.

Deputies Andy Haugan and Fred Dufresne were driving on a county road near Dr. David Armin's home in Waldo when they spotted four "unbelievably bright" lights in the sky.

They stopped the car and watched them for about 30 seconds. The lights were described as the color and hue of a burning log, or somewhat of a rust color. The center of each was so bright as nearly being white. Reflections from clouds was ruled out, and visibility on the cold, cloudless night was said to be excellent.

"Although we saw only the lights, it appeared they were all on the same object," Haugan said. "Because as it moved, they remained the same distance from one another, and in perfect formation."

"We turned off the car engine," he said. "But heard no noise. The four lights were traveling west, then they banked to the southwest. At one time it appeared to be about 800 feet over Silver Creek Cliff."

Upon seeing the object, the deputies radioed to the Highway Patrol, who in turn contacted the Duluth Air Base, which scanned the entire area with radar.

Haugan, who flies small aircraft, said even a small plane can be easily detected in the area once it is over the trees.

The deputies saw two lights on the object's lower left side blink and then go out, and shortly after the two remaining lights also were extinguished.

"If the lights were all one object, then it was huge," Haugan said. "It would have made a 747 jet look like a canary."

"Fred and I are glad that we both saw it," Haugan said. "If I had seen it alone, I would have been afraid to mention it to anyone."

But Dufresne and Haugan weren't the only ones to see the lights. The deputies also learned that three other area residents saw an identical sight while they were snowmobiling on Legler Lake, which is located near State Road 2, just north of the Marble-Kane Lake area.

Dwight Moe, Philip Holbeck and his 12-year-old son, saw the four lights, also the color of a burning log, at about 7:20 p.m. This is about 40 minutes before the deputies spotted them. Again, these three heard no noise. They said the lights were traveling in a straight path, but appeared to be climbing in the sky.

The deputies said they also radioed to the Silver Bay area of Lake County but no other sightings were reported. Anyone having more information concerning the lights is asked to contact the Chronicle or Haugan.

"Dwight Moe told me he was a disbeliever," Haugan said. "As for myself, I guess you'd say I'm not a disbeliever (of UFO's). Anyway, all we know at this time for sure is that it remains unidentified."

"I've been getting a lot of ribbing since we saw it," Haugan said. "At one service station the attendant kept looking nervously at the sky."

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'Object'

Hovers

Over Trees

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UFO's red and green lights blinked only when the object stopped. The bright, white rocket-like thrusts appeared only when the UFO moved in a darting, horizontal motion, she said.

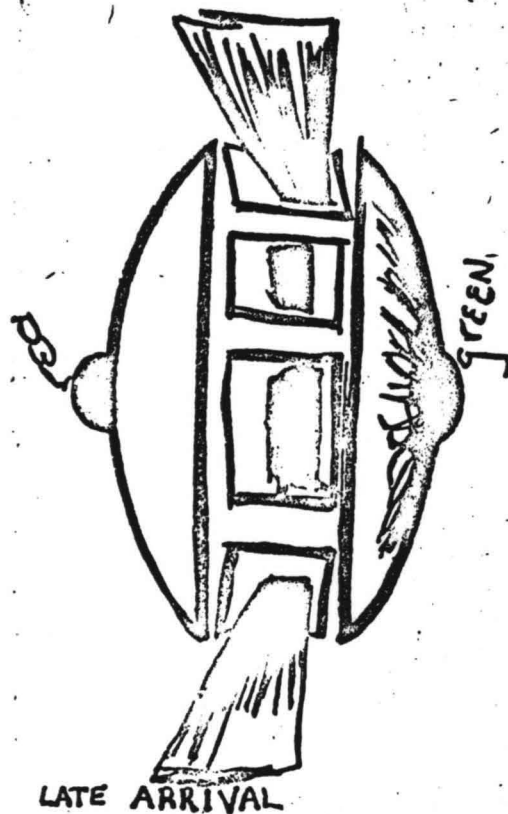
Police said she was disappointed when they told her they had no other reports of the object in the area.

Miss Rader went to the station shortly after sighting the UFO which, she said, made a "hissing" sound, police said.

When warned by Ptl. Angelini that she could be charged with giving false information to police, an indictable offense in New Jersey, he said she volunteered to take a polygraph test.

Police said they made a report of her sighting and informed U.S. Air Force authorities at McGuire Air Force Base.

Police said they returned to the scene where the UFO was sighted with Miss Rader but found no evidence a UFO had landed in the wooded area.



UFO—A Glassboro resident drew this sketch of UFO she said she saw.

Huge Object Rises From Logan Woods

By VICKSKORONSKI
Of the Times Staff

LOGAN TWP.—A young woman told police Monday she saw a flying, hamburger-shaped object with blinking lights while she was driving east on the Route 322 overpass at Interstate 295 earlier in the evening.

The woman, Jeanann Rader, 26, of 261 Summit Ridge Apartments, Glassboro, a student at Glassboro State College, told police she spotted the UFO about 9 p.m.

She said she was returning to Glassboro when she saw a huge object coming out of the woods about 1,000 yards north of Route 322.

It was hovering at tree-top level at takeoff, she said, and gave off a bright light. She said she noticed a glowing red light in the wooded area and first believed it was a fire.

Miss Rader told Ptl. Robert Angelini the UFO headed toward her and had "extending bright, white lights coming from the side of the object, like thrusts from a missile."

In drawing a sketch for police, she described the object as having a red light on the top and a green light on the bottom. She said it appeared to be about 50 feet in diameter.

She said the object hovered about 40 feet above her car before moving again in a horizontal direction, heading south over Interstate 295.

"It stopped—so did I. It flashed and moved back towards me—flashed again, stopping, and then moved away," she said. "It was huge—big enough to fit three or more cars within it."

Miss Rader reported the

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Are saucers now shaped like kites?

A 10-year-old Don Mills boy, alone with two teenage sisters in the house while his parents were at a cocktail party last night, had a hard time convincing police officers he'd seen an Unidentified Flying Object.

"We looked at it through opera glasses and it's shaped like a kite," he complained for the third time to 33 Division in North York. "It's been up there for three hours. Things keep shooting out of it and it lights up the whole street."

Police sent a patrol car, but two officers saw nothing in the sky but moon, stars and a few airplanes. So they told the star-gazer "OK son, we'll get a gun and shoot it down."

The 10-year-old was not impressed. "They didn't take it seriously," he complained to The Sun. "They just wanted to make a joke. They're like the people on our street who were looking at it and thought it was a star."

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Great balls of fire! Forget about Kohoutek

WALLACEBURG — For area sky watchers disgruntled last week by comet Kohoutek's poor show, two balls of fire darted from south to north across the Saturday evening sky, possibly providing some compensation. For UFO doubters, this one is confirmed by three policemen who saw the phenomenon streak across the sky about 7:35 p.m.

"It was a ball of fire at first . . . then it split in two and one ball followed the other into the north," said Wallaceburg police Constable Jack Causley who made the sighting on the way to work.

"I thought maybe I was seeing things, but later in the night, calls started coming in, maybe six or more."

He said the balls were orange and yellow in color and estimated their height at 5,000 to 6,000 feet.

Checks were made but no conclusion has been made as to the identity of the "balls of fire." Constable Causley said besides several civilians, a Dresden and a provincial police constable each made a sighting.

Wallaceburg and Chatham airports were not operating at the time of the sightings and

City resident spots UFO on Nov. 8

CANADA

By EILEEN TUOMAALA
"Why," asked the woman who came into our office Thursday morning, "wasn't there been anything in the Sun about the UFO that appeared the night of Nov. 8? I've been waiting to read about it ever since."

The reason, of course, is that we didn't receive a report of an unidentified flying object until our subscriber came in and told us.

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Most people who see flying saucers don't want to be identified.

Our reader was no different. But she let us know that she is a skeptic and a reputable individual and hadn't taken a drop to drink when at midnight Nov. 8 she saw from her Keil St. home a huge, oval object hanging in the sky, east of Mt. Baker.

The centre was bright orange yellow and it was bordered by 10 lights.

"It was a clear night and there wasn't a sound," our friend said, adding that it wasn't a plane because it hung stationary for about five minutes and then vanished.

Though most of us are doubting Thomases until we ourselves have seen UFOs, there's no reason to believe they don't exist.

People from all walks of life have seen them. Our Thursday informant, for instance, is a retired school-teacher.

A similar sighting was made by another woman, also living in the east end, several years ago.

A man who was quite willing to be identified but we thought if the others weren't, he shouldn't be either, said that about nine years ago in White Rock he, his wife, her sister and their brother-in-law saw a UFO one night in August which travelled soundlessly from southern to northern horizon in no more than 1 1/2 minutes. As it passed directly east of the house, it appeared to be one half to one mile away.

It was very bright, like a large crystal colored light, and appeared round. There were no colored lights to indicate an airplane. One very bright light kept flashing on and off but, as it travelled north, the flashing light went off.

This man saw his first UFO before the airplane was a common sight. It was in 1912 in Saskatchewan when he was a boy and herding cattle. A cigar-shaped, greyish-brown object came out of the clouds from the north and disappeared into clouds in the south. It was round at one end and cut off straight up and down at the other and it travelled at a terrific speed.

In 1960, while living in Vancouver, he saw a blob of blue white light travelling from west to east at a tremendous pace with no noise.

UFOs — they've been reports of them both before and after modern technology appeared on the earthly scene. Today they can be explained away as man-made objects, perhaps secret weapons.

But what was the explanation yesterday?

U.F.O. SPOTTERS

MAYBE it was a good year for spotters of Unidentified Flying Objects? No, it wasn't. It was terrible. Rarely have so few UFOs been spotted. Peter Hill, chairman, of the Wessex Association for the Study of Unexplained Phenomena (WATSUP), told me: "1973 has been a very quiet year in this area. It's one of the things we are interested in, why it

comes and goes like this." As the name suggests, WATSUP is dedicated to the scientific investigation of such mysteries as UFOs. "We have been going laboriously through all the reports throughout the United Kingdom," said Mr. Hill, of Malmesbury Place, Southampton. "It's going to be years rather than months before we come to any conclusions."

London airport had no such reports from pilots.

The fireball wasn't sighted by astronomers at the University of Western Ontario observatory in Elginfield who are concentrating on researching the Comet Kohoutek.

Fireballs aren't uncommon said astronomy professor J. M. Moorhead. "They're mainly bright meteors."

He said a meteor, only a few inches across, can produce a bright flash when it enters the earth's atmosphere at an average speed of about 15 miles a second and disintegrates.

The heating up of the meteor from atmospheric friction generally begins at altitudes of 60 to 100 miles, Prof. Moorhead said.

Concerning Kohoutek, he said, between 100 and 150 persons turned up nightly last week to observe the comet through a small telescope in the UWO Natural Science Centre.

A decision on whether the telescope will be opened to the public this week, will likely be made this afternoon, he said.

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Fireball over Perthshire

A FIREBALL from outer space was sighted on numerous occasions as it passed over Perthshire on Thursday night. Police were informed at Abernethy, Pitlochry, Longforgan, and Madderty about the "U.F.O." which burned with a bluish-green flame.

Yesterday, Miss Margaret Thom, Highdrum Cottage, Dupplin Estate, by Perth, told the "P.A." about her sighting of the fireball. She was travelling south on the A9, at Almond Bridge to Perth railway station, with her sister-in-law and nephew. It was just after 9 p.m.

She said: "As I was approaching Dewar's, a bright burning object like a huge firework, descended from the sky. Streamers of fire licked from it and it was brighter than my car headlights. It filtered itself out and appeared to drop over the Crieff Road area of Perth."

An expert from Edinburgh said yesterday that the object was a fireball from outer space.

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'Ha, ha, there's a UFO' — but is it a laughing matter?

IS IT POSSIBLE that beings from outer space have taken a sudden interest in West Essex?

Reports of strange craft floating silently across the sky have increased dramatically during the past month, and some UFO enthusiasts have been so impressed by the new spate of sightings that a group has been formed in Epping to make a special study of these objects.

The latest full account of an unexplained "craft" comes from a 29-year-old designer, Caroline Ebborn, who shortly before Christmas was "amazed" to see a mysterious array of lights moving across the night sky while she visited her sister in Abridge.

Caroline, who used to live in Loughton, says she has a keen eye for shape and colour and has made drawings of the object she saw.

She told the Gazette: "It went straight over my head, though it is difficult to say how high it was."

"It started off as a red pulsating ball beside the moon. I jokingly said 'ha, ha — there's a UFO,' but then this thing started to rise. It became paler and then turned towards me with remarkable speed."

The craft, she said, was diamond shaped with bright yellow lights on two opposite points and "neon-red lines at the back which reminded me of a jet on take-off." After a while a pale green, fluorescent, light appeared.

Could it not have been an ordinary aircraft? Said Caroline: "Funnily enough there was an aircraft in the sky at the same time so I was able to compare. I assure you this looked nothing like an aeroplane."

She added: "I don't know what it was. It just couldn't have been a man-made machine, unless someone has developed a silent aeroplane which flies without wings!"

Caroline's description of the craft is similar to that offered by two Epping residents who saw an object in the sky over Epping later that evening.

Paul Davis reports on some local 'sightings'

Several days later another strange object was seen over Buckhurst Hill by 18-year-old Alison James while she was waiting for a bus.

"It was a red light that caught my eye first. Then I saw some incredibly bright blue lights whirling round the red one at terrific speed, like sparklers. It moved smoothly and absolutely silently towards the forest."

"I've always been sceptical about these things, but there was something definitely odd about this one. It certainly wasn't an aircraft—I had seen one a minute or two earlier and that was quite different."

One person who is particularly excited by recent sightings in the area is Miss Jane Greenhow of Forest Glade, Epping. Jane and her boyfriend—who is a journalist on a newspaper devoted to UFOs—have started a full-scale investigation of all the "happenings" over West Essex.

They believe this could be the start of a new bonanza for UFO enthusiasts. "It seems as though something very interesting is beginning to happen in this part of the world," said Jane.

"We have had several reports of weird lights over Hainlow and are anxious to get details of any other sightings in the area."

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UNIDENTIFIED flying objects over Britain will come under closer scrutiny with the setting up of the country's first observatory for this purpose.

With so much ironware now in orbit around us, a giant magnet might prove more effective than a telescope, if only to sort out the crocks from the saucers.

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Amateur Astronomer Explains Strange Sightings In The Sky

WESTVILLE — Morris MacDonald, an amateur astronomer from nearby Stellarton has taken the mystery out of a UFO sighting Thursday night by five members of a family from this Northern Nova Scotia community.

George Windsor, 20, his brother Bill, 18, and their sisters Stephanie, 14, Elaine, 13, and Rose, 11, watched fiery balls of light flash about the sky while they stood in their backyard.

Some of them, George said, were as large as a rising moon.

Mr. MacDonald said what the Windsors saw was a dust shower given off the by the meteor Geminides which was scheduled to have a dust storm Dec. 10-13.

Ted Teiman, news director at radio station CKEC in nearby New Glasgow, said he went to

the Windsor home to see the "balls of light" and was surprised when he actually did see them.

"Being an old flyer, I was inclined not to believe they were there, but I watched several of them and even saw a jet fly overhead that we were able to use as a reference," Mr. Teiman said.

"There was no noise from the lights and they were fairly low, very bright and George said one flew low over the house," Mr. Teiman said.

Reports of UFO's began spreading through the area several weeks ago but many of them were immediately explained away by Mr. MacDonald of nearby Stellarton.

There were also several sightings of unidentified objects in the sky from the Moncton, N.B. area in recent weeks, none of which were explained.

Strange Light High In Sky Over Churchville-Bridgeville

NEW GLASGOW — Another strange sighting has been reported in the sky over a section of Pictou County.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson, Green's Trailer Court, New Glasgow, reported late last night that at approximately 10:15 in the Bridgeville-Churchville area they spotted a bright light in the sky, lasting for approximately 30 seconds, then streaking away out of sight.

Mr. Peterson said the light was similar to a bright searchlight, but was high in the sky.

A short time later they saw the light appear and disappear once again, also for approximately 30 seconds.

Local airport officials and Royal Canadian Mounted Police had no explanation of the light when contacted today.

During the past six weeks several sightings of strange, sighting in the sky have been reported in the Pictou County area and also in part of New Brunswick near the N.S. border and Moncton areas.

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'WHITE BALL
OF FIRE'
IN THE SKY

An unidentified flying object described by a South Shields eye-witness as a white ball of fire, gold-centred with a white tail, was sighted by dozens of people in the North-East last Thursday.

Newcastle Weather Centre reported the time of sighting as 9.10 pm. It received reports of sightings from several telephone callers in Northumberland and Durham and one space-spotter even rang up from Cumberland.

Colours reported were blue, green and orange and the object — believed to be a meteorite — appeared to come down to earth rather than disappear, said a spokesman.

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TWO Wellingborough girls fled home in terror on Sunday night after they claim a UFO followed them hovering less than 100 feet above a lonely road.

The girls, Jeanette Newyniak and Cheryl Robinson, claim the hovering UFO, flashing blue lights, followed them into Wellingborough to Jeanette's home in Midland Road.

Jeanette's mother hen claims she saw the flashing lights disappear then return again before fading away.

"I don't believe in this sort of thing. But I definitely saw something," Mrs. Newyniak told a reporter this week.

"We first saw the UFO in Turnell's Mill Lane. At first there were three red lights. Then they joined together and the light turned to blue," said 22-year-old Jeanette, of 111 Midland Road.

Circular

"It was a circular shape and it was definitely following us. It was not very high and there was a buzzing noise.

"We were beginning to get frightened and we walked into Doddington Road. It definitely followed us as it moved with us every time we crossed the road.

"I am sure it was going to land but we reached the tall trees near the Grammar School just as it began

to come closer," said Jeanette.

She continued the story: "As we came into the town it seemed to fade away but as we got nearer home it reappeared and we ran home. My Mum came out and she saw it too."

Frightened

Mrs. Newyniak said the girls almost knocked her over as they ran in frightened and shocked.

Jeanette said that she had been discussing UFO's with her 18-year-old friend Cheryl who lives in Kiln Way.

"She didn't believe there were such things. But she does now," said Jeanette.

Both girls work as cashiers at Brierley's supermarket in Wellingborough.

Certain

"I believe there must be life on other planets. I think what we saw was a small craft which had detached from a larger one.

"I am certain this is what we saw. Now I would like to know if anyone else in Wellingborough saw it.

"We just went down there for a walk as we were fed up with the town. But one thing is certain we won't go down there again," she added.

UFO Sightings
Near Pictou

PICTOU — Unidentified flying objects may be back in Eastern Canada following several sightings in the Pictou area recently.

Wednesday, a young woman, who asked that her name not be used, said she was driving into Pictou around 10:30 a.m. when she saw an orange ball moving eastward out over the Northumberland Strait trailing smoke for several hundred feet.

She reported the sighting to police who had received a report Tuesday from another Pictou woman, Mrs. Dan Power, who said she saw something in the sky.

Mrs. Power went into her backyard to put mittens on her child who told her about 'the sparkler' in the sky. Looking up, Mrs. Power saw an orange ball of fire moving in an easterly direction and trailing smoke.

The airport tower at nearby Trenton said there were no aircraft in the area at the time.

Last month sightings of UFO's were reported in New Brunswick around Moncton and Sackville and in Nova Scotia near Amherst and New Glasgow.

Hovering
lights

a UFO?

What it was no one knows, but a Kamloops woman is certain that the "UFO" she saw last night was no helicopter.

A resident of 5th Ave. and St. Paul St. stated this morning that she saw red and white lights accompanied by "strange noises" hovering to the east of the city at about 11:30 p.m. last night.

A check with the Kamloops Airport indicated that there were no helicopters in the air last night. However the PWA 737 service to Kamloops left at approximately 11:20 p.m.

She remains unconvinced, saying what she saw and heard was definitely no airplane.

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See Lights
In The Sky

Len Fraser, Reg Manuel, and their wives, all of Kirkland Lake, were driving south on Highway 112, last Friday, and as the car they were in had just passed Round Lake, Mr. Fraser noticed a large flashing light in the sky ahead of the vehicle.

He said to the others "take a look at that thing," and as they all watched the light, which kept changing color, it appeared to lose altitude and disappear behind the trees.

Mr. Fraser, said Tuesday, "It was large and I have no idea what it was."

Oxbow Herald, Sask.

November 28, 1973

CANADA

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Unusual objects
in the skies

Two sightings of objects in the skies have been reported during the past week.

C. M. Ching reports a sighting last Friday morning in the east, between 7:00 and 7:40, of what he believes to be the comet, which is expected by astronomers.

On Sunday afternoon, Ron James sighted a silver object in the southern sky, which he was unable to identify even with the use of a telescope. After dark, the object was observed again, when it appeared to give off a silver light from its upper part and a reddish hue from the bottom.

No definite identification could be made.

HERTS & CAMBS
REPORTER
ENGLAND
Weekly

11 JAN 1974

Another UFO?

While some people have been keeping a watchful eye open in the hope of catching a glimpse of the comet Kohoutek, residents of Therfield have been peering through their curtains to watch a mysterious flying object hovering above their village.

Some of the residents believe the object is simply an aircraft, while others point out that they cannot hear any engine noise, so it may be one of those "UFO's" which are reported from time to time.

One couple have seen the strange object on a number of occasions. Although they could not describe its shape or size, they both saw it displaying a bright light, like that of a car headlamp.

It appears to hover quite low over the village and surrounding area and a bright light flashes as it slowly moves from one area of the dark sky to another. Only last week the mystery object was spotted again and is usually seen about the same time on each occasion, between 10 pm and 11 pm.

Gravenhurst News, Ont.

November 29, 1973

CANADA

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Supports
sighting of UFO

A Bracebridge area woman reports sighting an unidentified flying object the night of November 16, several hours before a similar sighting by a Doe Lake Road family east of Gravenhurst.

Mrs. Willy (Inga) Fritz, of Monck ward, says she had driven her two daughters to a show in Bracebridge, and was returning to her home on the Muskoka River along Muskoka Road 15 when she was suddenly attracted to a strange object hovering over a large field, about one mile east of Bangor Lodge. She stopped her car briefly and watched the large, oblong object while it remained motionless in the air. There was no sound, and only two lights — one very bright white light and one red light.

The UFO was still there as she continued to her home to pass along the news to her husband, but when they went outside together to see if there was any sign of the machine over the surrounding trees, it was gone. Mr. Fritz is a teacher at Huntsville High School.

A similar sighting the same night was reported last week by Terry Fraser, his wife and daughter, who saw a strange object over a neighbor's barn at about midnight, about five hours later than the sighting by Mrs. Fritz.

4 JAN 1974

HEAVENS ABOVE!

Three teenage girls were buzzed by what they think to be an unidentified flying object when returning from a shopping excursion in Lismore one Thursday night before Christmas.

The girls, shaken up by the sighting and the mysterious behaviour of the "space ship," viewed the oval shaped object through high powered binoculars when they arrived home at Casino.

Christine and Jenny Perry, along with Jane Fairbanks first sighted the object near the Tatham turn-off about eight miles east of Casino on the Bruxner Highway.

Changing from red, green and white in colour surrounded by a blue haze, the object followed them back to Casino.

Christine said yesterday Jane was first to notice the object which was heading in the same direction as they were.

"It came from Lismore, around Casino, down south, circled Casino went up high and then low again.

"When we got to Casino we went to Jane's place and looked at it through the binoculars."

she said. Jane's father, Wilf, also studied the object.

"It worried us a bit and we didn't believe it. There is no doubt in my mind there is such a thing as unidentified flying objects," Christine said.

At first they thought it was a plane but its mysterious behaviour discounted this argument.

Mr. Fairbanks said they watched the object for about 10 minutes — it maintained a height of about 100 feet.

"It would stop, start and take off quickly. After 10 minutes it went out of sight, heading north.

"I've never seen anything like it before but a young chap that works in the same store as I do, Brian Stratford, saw one close-up in daylight at Broken Hill.

"It was oval shaped and the port holes and all was visible," he said.

AUSTRALIA

Dec 14, 1973
Mackay, Queensland
AUSTRALIA
Mercury

UFO seen

A Homebush resident last night reported the sighting of the district's second U.F.O. within about two months.

A woman motorist, who declined to give her name, and her three children, travelling in the direction of the General Gordon Hotel, saw the object about 7.20 p.m.

Two lights, much stronger than car lights, appeared to be shining at a low altitude. They then turned and went upwards. As they turned, the bright lights went out and were replaced by a green light.

The object rose for about half a minute, then descended again somewhere close to the roadway and disappeared altogether.

It was at first thought the lights might be those of a plane but airport officials said no planes were scheduled to be flying in the area at the time.

A previous sighting of what is believed to be the same U.F.O. was made in the Homebush area about two months ago by two brothers (Ross and Peter Jewell).

MACKAY MERCURY

QUEENSLAND
14 DEC 1973

Nov. 15, 1973
Lithgow, N.S.W.
AUSTRALIA
Mercury

ORANGE LIGHT IN SKY

A Hassans Walls Road resident reported to the Mercury yesterday that he had seen a bright orange flying object cross the Lithgow Valley on Tuesday night.

He was Mr. Stan Sharpe who said that his wife Doris and grandson Stan had also seen the unusual looking object.

Mr. Sharpe reported noticing the object at about 10.40 p.m. and he said it took about five minutes to cross the valley.

Mr. Sharpe said the object traced a path from Sherdy's Gully, across the Channel Six booster, over the Bowenfels railway station and out towards the Lithgow Golf Club.

AUSTRALIA

Nov 29, 1973
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(Paper Unknown)

ANOTHER U.F.O!

Flying westerly in the northern sky, a bright, flashing light resembling a camera flash-light was noticed by many district residents last Saturday night.

Many people sighted the object after it was mentioned by broadcasting station 2PK.

From Parkes the object appeared in a similar position in the sky as seen from Forbes suggesting it was at great distance from Forbes.

The lights were similar to those of an aircraft but were much brighter.

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(Victor Harbour)
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thirteen. After watching about five minutes the men continued on towards Strathalbyn. At the Finnis turnoff, six miles from the initial sighting, six lights were again sighted, this time lower in the sky, and they seemed to settle among some trees about a half-mile distant. From the roadside the lights were seen by the tree for about five minutes.

The sightings were reported to police at Strathalbyn and the officer received authority from Adelaide to accompany Messrs. Jones and Hook to the scene in a police car. When the party arrived, however, the lights had disappeared.

Nov 21, 1973
S.A. Whyalla
NEWS
AUSTRALIA

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IT WAS A ROCKET

A brilliant pale blue object that rose vertically in the sky north of Iron Knob on Monday night has people wondering whether the source was Woomera or outer space.

The housewife who saw it together with three other people did not wish to be identified, but said all descriptions tallied.

At about 8.45 p.m. the object was seen rising from above a line of hills north of the town.

It was "like a ball of light, pale blue and bright, about half the size of the moon."

The light rose vertically disappeared from view.

then reappeared, descended a short distance, changed into white and vanished.

Those who saw it first thought it may have been a rocket sent up from Woomera and destroyed after a failure, but they say there was no rocket-like trail, just a "blue glow."

[In fact, the phenomenon observed was the result of a rocket being fired at Woomera Research Establishment.]

AUSTRALIA

Dec. 15, 1973
Gympie, Queensland
Times
AUSTRALIA

More mystery sightings

MORE unidentified flying object sightings have been reported to this office.

About 9.10 p.m. on Thursday Mrs. R. G. Foster, 8 Crescent Road, observed a strange object in the sky moving south fairly fast. The object was red in colour and had a low trajectory.

Mrs. Foster is confident that it was not a plane or the new comet. It had no tail.

Since the UFO sighting by Mr. Gary Wright a few weeks ago, a Widgee woman has advised that she saw the same mysterious object.

AUSTRALIA

Dec 6, 1973
Darwin, AUSTRALIA
News

UFO puzzle

TURIN, Wednesday. — Thousands of people in this northern industrial city last night reported seeing a mysterious flying object hovering over the city.

The sighting, registered on radar screens at the airport, was also acknowledged by local police headquarters.

It was the latest in a rash of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects in northern Italy.

The new sighting followed disclosure by executives of the respected Turin newspaper, La Stampa, that the paper's sports editor had managed to film a similar object a week ago.

The object seen last night, clearly visible to the naked eye, seemed to rest motionless in the air for several minutes, rotating on its axis, eye-witnesses said.

Six police patrols were sent out to investigate the phenomenon, but as they reached a spot more or less underneath the object, it suddenly shot upwards at great speed and disappeared.

Dec. 28, 1973
Eureka, Calif.
Times-Standard

Maybe, a thanks to Mr. Bigfoot

The North Coast may be in for some more free publicity on a national — and perhaps worldwide — scale, courtesy of the mysterious or mythical "Bigfoot".

A group of some 30 scientists is seeking to consolidate all possible information on alleged sightings of this huge creature of the heavily wooded areas, and to find something positive and concrete on which to establish the fact of his existence or non-existence.

"Project Discovery" primatologists, or many of them, believe that the Sasquatch, as he is most widely known, is a highly intelligent creature, but more animal than "human", although the human himself is an animal.

The photographs taken by Bigfoot hunters in the North Coast mountains some years ago are far from conclusive, even to the believers. Project Discovery hopes to come up with some indisputable close-ups, which is quite a hope.

There is ample reason to believe that such creatures could and do exist, amidst relatively dense population. The story of Ishi, the last of the "wild" Indians who lived for many years under the very noses of the white men who slaughtered the rest of the Yana tribe in the upper Sacramento Valley foothills is very real. No one suspected his presence until, near starvation, he gave himself up, to become highly civilized and a national figure. The book, "Ishi", complete with photographs, is available in most public libraries — one of the most, at once, cruel and compassionate stories of an individual in modern times.

The story of the Yeti, "the Abominable Snowman" of the Himalayas and other regions of Asia, is a familiar if unproven one. The fact that humans can reach giant stature is highly evident among the Watutsi tribe of south-central Africa, although these are plainly human beings. Neither are our star American basketball players mid-gets, and let us make it clear that we do not imply any relationship to Sasquatch — merely a comparison in height.

Whether or not Project Discovery is successful, the resultant publicity can do the tourist-oriented North Coast no harm.

Daily Courier-News, Elgin, Ill. Sat., Jan. 26, 1974

Aurora comes clean ... it's 'Abominable'

GENEVA — The Abominable Snowman — or his counterpart — has been sighted in Aurora, according to persons here who wish to remain anonymous.

Other Aurorans refer to the "monster" as Big Mo. It is said to be huge, hairy, of dirty white color and with a "peculiar" howl.

Some residents report that dead dogs have been found with their throats torn out.

Others say they have seen footprints similar to a barefoot man but much larger and with longer toes.

The "thing" is supposed to be in the North Lake Street region where there is a tunnel leading to the river.

It is said to have been in the area for about three weeks.

Kane County Sheriff's police say they've had no reports on wild animals or strange happenings.

They didn't seem surprised at the question, however.

Abominable Footprints On Film

Feb 1, 1974
Detroit, Mich.)
News

'Snowman' living in a forest?

LONDON — (UPI) — A team of zoologists studying the evidence for and against the existence of the abominable snowman, or yeti, believes there may be such an animal, but he has not been found because explorers are looking in the wrong place.

The yeti, they believe, is not a dweller of the Himalayan snows where there is not enough food to sustain life for a creature of its size, but probably lives in the dense forests below where he could find enough to eat.

Writing in "Oryx" the magazine of the Fauna Preservation Society, J.A. McNeely, E.W. Cronin and H.B. Emery gave as one theory the possibility the yeti may be a descendant of Gigantopithecus, an ape whose fossil jawbones and teeth are about twice the size of a gorilla's.

THEY THEORIZE that some 500,000 years ago Gigantopithecus, under competitive pressure from early man, was able to survive only in areas where man was not a threat.

"Such areas," they said, "are today generally confined to the high mountain forests of the Himalayan chain. That Gigantopithecus might still survive in such areas is indicated by tracks seen by many reputable Westerners and by eyewitness accounts of local people."

The authors went to the Himalayas for their research on behalf of the Thailand Association for the Conservation of Wildlife. They said their tent was visited one night "by an animal which left tracks that are not referable to any known animal."

"Expeditions sent in search of the yeti have returned with tracks, hairs and other evidence, but have not been able to confirm the existence of the yeti," they said.

"THIS SEEMS to be due to a poor research design. The name abominable snowman suggested to earlier expeditions that the yeti would most likely be found in the snowfields, where the tracks had most often been seen. But such a habitat clearly would not support a large primate, whereas the rich Himalayan forests could."

Jan 26, 1974
San Francisco, Calif.
Chronicle
Hiroshima, Japan

A team of Japanese climbers yesterday claimed to have photographed the footprints of the yeti — the Abominable Snowman.

A spokesman for the Hiroshima University team said one of its members spotted the prints January 6 on a snowy slope of an unnamed peak in Nepal's Annapurna range.

The footprints, which the spokesman said were later photographed, showed four large toes, about eight inches by six inches.

Footprints purportedly left by the yeti, were first found in the Himalayas in 1921. Team members said the local people believed anyone who saw the yeti would die within three years.

Reuters

16 O Wed., Jan. 23, 1974
Northwest Arkansas TIMES,

Bermuda Triangle To Be Studied On TV Program

NEW YORK — Some of the questions that have defied answers sometimes need to be seen from a different perspective to be unraveled.

Take the matter of the Bermuda Triangle, for instance.

This is a region in the Caribbean where ships and planes have vanished under circumstances that have defied all logical explanation.

"Just after the close of World War II in December, 1945, five Navy fighter planes vanished without a trace, leaving a mystery that remains unanswered today," says narrator Rod Sterling when "Timex Presents: In Search of Ancient Mysteries," to be broadcast on the NBC television network Jan. 31 (7-8 p.m.)

Their disappearance has been the subject of a 21-year investigation by magazine reporter Art Ford.

According to the special, more than 100 ships and planes have been lost in the Bermuda Triangle, along with 1,000 lives.

"There is no explanation for the disappearances that have taken place in clear weather and calm seas," Sterling states.

The special then advances its intriguing theme and theory:

"Is this the corridor to outer space? Did the first colonists (astronauts from outer space) plant a homing device, a navigational aid under these waters — a beacon for spacecraft to home in on that somehow interferes with our own navigational devices?"

The Bermuda Triangle is but one of several mysteries cited in support of the program's thesis.

CR. MARK A. HALL

That Thomas P. Skizenski never has been accused of playing with less than a full deck is noteworthy and possibly amazing.

Skizenski believes Bigfoot should be declared an endangered species and he's written score of letters to conservation agencies asking for their support of his policy.

As you may know, Bigfoot (also known as sasquatch) is an alleged creature of the Northwest that has been seen, heard, tracked and photographed but which, officially, does not yet exist.

Technically that makes Skizenski's request akin to asking citizenship for the boogeyman. But replies to his letters contained not one "you're nuts."

"I do not ask you to believe he (Bigfoot) exists," he wrote, "I merely ask you to support this policy when I start to look for him."

Skizenski is a 30-year-old furnace repairman who has quit jobs and moved from the East Coast to Portland, Ore., to dedicate his life to finding Bigfoot. The obsession began 15 years ago.

"I'll look for the rest of my life if I have too. But it won't take that long," he said in a telephone interview.

He saw tracks, heard call

Skizenski, like many others, firmly believes that Bigfoot can be found. In 1968, he spent two months in the Northwest wilderness "getting cold and wet." He did see Bigfoot's tracks, however, and heard a long call (15 seconds) which he attributed to Bigfoot.

"It was similar to a buzz saw," he said.

But Skizenski's concern is that Bigfoot will be killed or captured when found.

"To take one may upset some kind of natural balance," he said. "The best way to observe it would be in the wild."

Skizenski's problem is that Congress cannot act on Bigfoot's behalf until there is something to behold. That's why he sent letters, including to Roger Holmes, game supervisor, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

He wrote: "When I speak of Bigfoot, I actually mean all creatures of his type that live in the United States. In physical description, he is approximately 7 feet tall, completely covered with fur or hair, has a pair of exceptionally long arms and he gives off an extremely foul odor..."

"Others are already in the process of hunting him, but they make no provisions for his protection if found. This is where I offer a new concept in the Bigfoot question—protection for him."

Several conservation groups agree

Skizenski said that several major conservation organizations and agencies have agreed with his proposal. None has disagreed.

Protection of Bigfoot is Phase I of a three-phased plan which Skizenski has developed to find the creature. Phase II and III, he said, cannot be told yet or "it would all be ruined."

But he said he has plans for financing an extensive expedition and will "of course" quit his job.

"If you believe in something and it's worthwhile, you just do it," he said.

"I think Bigfoot is rare, quite rare. But there have been too many sightings. People normally wouldn't speak up because of ridicule if they weren't sure about what they saw."

Skizenski is right, of course. If Bigfoot exists, it should be protected.

We ought to be at peace with UFOs too.



Ink used on Vinland map was key to dating

Vinland

Tests Show Yale Map Is a Forgery

Jan. 26, 1974
San Francisco, CALIF.
Chronicle

New Haven

Yale University announced yesterday that its prized "Vinland map," showing North America as discovered by Leif Ericson centuries before Columbus, is an elaborate and highly skillful modern forgery.

The university, which had described the map in 1965 as "the most exciting cartographic discovery of the century" and had successfully defended it for almost nine years against the criticism of skeptical scholars, said newly devised chemical tests had showed that the ink used to draw the map could not have been produced before the 1920s.

University officials cautioned, however, that the tests cast no shadow on other evidence of the Vikings' discovery of America in A.D. 1000 or on the authenticity of two 15th Century books associated with the map and donated to the university along with it in 1965 by an anonymous benefactor. He had reportedly paid a New Haven book dealer almost \$1 million for the set.

The book dealer, Laurence Witten, said he could accept the test findings for now, but he harbored faint hope that new evidence would one day be uncovered to re-establish the map's authenticity.

Because of the circumstances of his "discovery" of the map in 1957, he said, "highly fantastical and improbable" theories of a complex and immensely profitable conspiracy among himself, library officials and a now-deceased Spanish book dealer will probably be raised again.

Neither the university nor the anonymous donor, Yale officials said, has asked for a criminal investigation of the forgery. The identity of the forger has not been determined, the university said.

Rutherford Rogers, the university librarian, said the tests were undertaken, not under the pressure of criticism, but because of the availability of new procedures.

The Yale University Press sold 10,000 copies of the map and the related works at \$15 each over the years, and also contracted with the Book-of-the-Month Club to print an additional 40,000

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Dolphins Rated Smart As Children Of 6 Or 7

MOSCOW (UPI) — Two old," the newspaper said. Soviet scientists said Wednesday that tests show dolphins have the intelligence of the average 6- or 7-year-old child. The scientists at the Moscow Institute of Biology told the trade union newspaper Trud that dolphins are capable of many tasks requiring reasoning rather than reaction. "Judging by their ability to solve tests, the dolphins are of the same level as a 6- or 7-year old," the newspaper said. A. Yablokov and N. Krushinskaya said dolphins are capable of extrapolation, a basic indicator of higher intelligence. Extrapolation is the application of known values to an unknown situation. The scientists said dolphins also have a highly developed sense of measurement and perspective and are able to perceive the size and shape of objects at first glance.

copies for its members. There are no plans to offer refunds

The tests were made by Walter C. McCrone Associates, Inc., of Chicago, experts in small-particle analysis, and showed that the yellowish-brown ink contained large quantities of anatase, a form of titanium dioxide invented in the 1920s and still widely manufactured through a complex chemical process for use in paint pigments.

The ink on the other two works, and the parchment and paper in all three works, was found to date from about 1440, as had been

previously believed.

The university, in its official announcement yesterday, reported that "researches suggest that the famous Vinland map may be a forgery."

But the experts' report is understood to have dismissed any possibility that the ink on the map was of 15th Century origin.

The Chicago company's methods and conclusions were reviewed and confirmed by Dr. Kurt Heinrich of the National Bureau of Standards, an internationally known expert in small-particle analysis.

New York Times

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Jim Klobuchar



EVERY SO OFTEN man feels the urge to prove he can function independently of the rules of logic. At these times you can expect another outburst of sightings of 7-foot sasquatches.

The latest to discover the bigfoot legend is the New York Times' Dave Anderson, who is otherwise a man of reason and steady bearing. His account of some of the hoarier wildman sagas appeared just a week after the pro football season ended. This may not be accidental. Anderson has spent the last five months describing the deeds of the hairy gargantuans who play in the NFL. Many anthropologists now accept that the first reported sighting of huge, unidentified humanoid creatures in America was at Wrigley Field in Chicago, the original home of George Halas' Chicago Bears.

Six years ago I led a four-man expedition into the rain forests of the Siskiyou Mountains in northern California, a mysterious land said to abound with giant footprints suggesting a half-man, half-ape creature weighing 700 pounds.

Our exploration, sadly, was uneventful. The only improbable creatures available were members of the nearby Chamber of Commerce. They evidently were planting the rare prints by moonlight and then calling the wire services with scientific findings.

The object of our search was the creature reputedly filmed at that very site by Roger Patterson. Patterson had money tied up in proving the existence of the bigfoot. By an uncanny twist of good fortune, he turned up with the only movie ever made of an alleged abominable snowman in action. His showed a 700-pound 7-footer with shaggy hair and apparently bad breath.

Since this was California, other characteristics were needed to make the creature truly conspicuous. Patterson's sasquatch appeared to have pendulous breasts, which meant that somewhere in California there might be a hairy 700-pound female struggling with a lonely life.

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THE HUGAG

Last sighted near Bemidji

This immediately reduced the list of potential explorers drastically.

I WAS NOT PREPARED for the battering experience that followed. In lectures that spring, I admitted it was theoretically possible for such a creature to exist but the one in the photograph was probably a Shriner who took the wrong turn out of Sacramento.

The public would not accept this or parallel explanations.

Each time I voiced skepticism about the bigfoot story, I was met by fresh salvos of rage and denunciation. Man's yen to believe the unbelievable overpowers all pale rebuttals of reason. It accounts for the sudden comeback of the devil, and probably our willingness to accept the oil industry's statistics.

In this light, there is no reason to suppress any longer the scholarly research by the late Minnesota state conservationist, William Cox, and Walker D. Wyman of River Falls, Wis., State University. Their combined work has been unrecognized while the flashier creatures get the attention. Allow me to introduce you to some of the more credible monsters they have turned up in their interviews with veteran lumberjacks:

The Hodag — As described in the monumental tract "Mythical Creatures of the North Country," the hodag has the head and body of an ox and a tail resembling an alligator's. It is alleged to have flourished in Vilas County in northeastern Wisconsin. The hodag was said only to eat white bulldogs, and then only on Sunday. Much cynicism has been directed toward this lumberjacks' account but it is a matter of record you cannot find a white bulldog in Vilas County to this day.

The Lufertlang — An animal said to be the mascot of the early northwoods politicians. It had a tail in the middle of its back which made it possible to run in either direction.

The Mermaid of Lake Superior — First sighted north of Duluth by a French trapper and occasionally up to the present by late-departing customers from the municipal bar at Grand Marais.

The Hugag — A mooselike creature with jointless legs, which forced the animal to stand while sleeping, and a long upper lip which prevented it from grazing. It is the only animal whose extinction can be blamed on insomnia. Last seen near Bemidji, a common epitaph in northern Minnesota.