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# How UFO Changed 2 Men's Lives

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PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — The weird experience that Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker Jr. underwent five months ago as they stood casting for croakers in the Pascagoula River has changed their lives considerably.

They said a spaceship hovered nearby and three pale, wrinkled creatures seized them, took them inside for an examination, then let them go.

Incredible, of course, but mystified investigators placed the report in a special category because they found no logical way to debunk it.

Authorities said whatever happened undoubtedly

was a soul-searing experience for Hickson, a 45-year-old shipyard foreman and his young visitor, the son of a family friend.

It took place last Oct. 11 near the beginning of a great flap over Unidentified Flying Objects — (UFO) — along the Gulf Coast.

"I've done everything I can to prove I'm telling the truth," Hickson said.

He is a slightly stooped man of middle height with a monkish fringe of hair, a slow and serene Mississippi drawl. He has four children and lately has been working two jobs, which occupy him from 8

a.m. until 9:30 p.m.

"As long as I'm working, I don't have any problems, but when I don't have anything to do, I sit and think," he said.

"I don't reckon I'll ever get over trying to figure out where they came from — and why they picked me."

Hickson's report, briefly stated, was:

He and Parker, 19, were fishing at old Schaepter shipyard. The site has since been scraped clean for new construction. At the time, it bore the ruin of

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## A Soul-Searing Visit from UFO

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a barge drydock, two rusty iron piers, a jumble of auto hulks, empty bottles and beer cans.

Though it seemed to be an isolated spot, it was not. Pascagoula is directly across the 100-yard-wide river, Ingalls Shipyard's huge cranes loom a mile to the south; busy U.S. 190 is 150 yards to the north.

A soft darkness had fallen as the men cast their lures. An oblong luminous blue blob circled, descended, hovered nearby, just above the junk.

Hickson said he and Parker were too stunned to run and, in any case, there was no place to flee.

An opening — not a door, simply an indescribable opening — appeared in the side and three pale creatures came out, paralyzed him, floated him into the craft, rotated him before an instrument resembling a big eye, then put him back on the pier.

Parker, reported almost in shock when officers questioned him three hours after the alleged encounter, said he blacked out as the creatures approached and remembers no more of it.

"They weren't lying," said Howard Ellzy, chief investigator for the Jackson County sheriff's department. "Whatever it was, it was real to them."

Ellzy's evaluation was later backed up by a polygraph test given both men.

Joe Colingo, attorney for the shipyard, said Parker was first treated at a hospital for the stress of a "complete physical and emotional breakdown."

For Hickson, things have been a bit better than he expected when he decided that, "though I'll be the laughing stock of the country," he had to tell the story so government officials would know of it.

STUART, Florida (Stuart NEWS) Feb. 17, 1974

## UFO Reported Seen Friday By County Residents

An unidentified flying object was reportedly sighted in the vicinity of Coral Gardens Friday evening, about 9:30 p.m.

Laura Stuckey of The Stuart News said a resident of the subdivision called the newspaper, saying he had just seen a UFO land on Fifth Street and Jackson.

Unsure of the exact location, she called Jack Scott, advertising manager of The

News, to go and check the report out.

"I was happily watching a movie on television and it was about five minutes until the climax when Laura talked me into checking on the story."

Scott said he got into his car and drove to Sixth and Jackson, where it is completely deserted. He said he spied a bright object only about 5,000 feet off the ground and it blinked on and off like a

light bulb.

"I watched it for about 15 seconds, then it completely disappeared."

Scott said it was a clear night, with not a cloud in the sky, and the stars were clear also. "That was what was such a contrast because the other stars were not blinking and this thing was. It had to have been moving at a terrific speed because in just 15 seconds it traveled from 5,000

feet to out of sight."

He said at first he thought it was a satellite or some test equipment but the way it kept flashing on and off he reasoned it couldn't have been.

"It looked like a star, except it flashed. I know there is some logical explanation but I just don't know what it is right now."

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## Local Couple Say 'Glow' Was U.F.O.

Sheriff's deputies were called to a San Remo Avenue home Saturday shortly before midnight after an Unidentified Flying Object (U.F.O.) was sighted by a couple there.

Deputy Larry Bushong said he was told by George Roger Summerow, of 850 San Remo Ave., that he saw the object, glowing red, just off Radio Road. He was able to take photographs of the object, he told the officer.

Bushong said when he arrived, the U.F.O. was gone.

Mrs. Summerow said today that she and her husband were watching television when she spotted a reddish-orange glow through the window. They ran out and watched the object veer off over their home and disappear in the night sky. She said, "It looked just like a ball of fire. I know it wasn't an airplane."

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# UFOs No Longer A Joking Matter

By DR. FRED M. JOHNSON

The world of science, particularly astronomy, is full of unsolved mysteries and enigmas, yet none are shrouded with as much controversy as unidentified flying objects.

The present status of UFOs may be summarized thus: Do you believe they are real or mental figments of over 1,000 observers' imaginations. Therein lies the crux of the dilemma.

UFOs and associated phenomena have been observed by a small fraction of the world's population and since scientists comprise a minute fraction of it, the chance that a scientist will observe a UFO event directly is small.

Consequently the NIH (not invented here) factor is paramount, i.e., unless an individual witness makes his or her own discovery, anyone else's is automatically rejected. Each of us has to rediscover and relearn all the knowledge in existence, all that which preceded us.

Being no exception, I had relegated UFOs to the world of the fanciful. At best I was neutral on the subject and never took it seriously—until recently. My research for this article of a recent UFO sighting in Los Angeles led me to interview a number of witnesses.

The principal witnesses were two police officers and others who telephoned the police. I happened to interview one witness who had not reported his findings to anyone before and who observed it from several miles' distance.

His description of the UFO trajectory was similar to that of the police officers'. I was intrigued. I next read a well-written book by J. Allen Hynek, "The UFO Experience." I

recommend it, as it is by a renowned astronomer and contains a wealth of carefully selected and organized information on the subject.

According to Hynek, the data so far gathered requires more study and analysis. However, enough information is given to allow the reader to make up his own mind even now. The L.A. sighting is similar to hundreds of others. Most UFOs seem to exhibit purposeful, intelligently directed motion. They are not meteors, aircraft, helicopters, balloons or stellar objects. If indeed the unexplained strange UFOs originate outside the earth (we cannot completely discount that they are secret devices from the United States, Russia or China, but that is highly unlikely), they exhibit a far greater advanced technology than what we presently know.

This fact alone would make their study imperative. As an example, when we exploded the first atom bomb in 1945, no other nation had the technical details, yet we gave the biggest and most important secret away by merely showing that it could be done.

SIMILARLY, EVEN though we do not understand the propulsion and power sources of these enigmatic UFOs, it behooves us to study them if at all possible, since they imply a far more efficient, superior, silent, nonpolluting, faster transport vehicle than anything we can muster.

It undoubtedly uses scientific principles and technologies of which we are completely unaware. Would not our energy crisis make such study, even though a long shot, possibly rewarding?

It is, however, this apparent technical

superiority as well as the strangeness of the UFOs that is so frightening to so many.

Consequently, it is far more comfortable to reject these sightings altogether than to admit ignorance and expose our basic insecurity. This attitude is perfectly normal and to be expected from the bulk of 20th century "status quo man." It is after all only 12 generations since Galileo, who received similar reactions when he unsuccessfully attempted to persuade his contemporaries to look through his telescope (man's first) and examine Venus and the moons of Jupiter in support of his theory.

The typical 16th century reaction to Galileo's request was: "You must be in league with the devil, we don't even want to look." Is that not too different from the snickering and contemptuous attitude of some of the present scientific community when confronted with the UFO phenomena?

Of course, given enough time and overwhelming evidence, these negative attitudes will gradually change until finally UFOs are regarded as legitimate objects of study.

The present negative view has unfortunately carried over somewhat into the general public,

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with the result that not enough people have the courage to report their findings. This situation must be changed.

Historically the meteorites went through the same stages. First no one believed that stones fall from heaven. Now there is no problem, even though according to Hynek not a single astronomer has ever witnessed the fall of a meteorite. The analogy is perfect since the scientific community will ultimately have to take the public into its confidence, since it must rely initially on the general public for these rare sightings and data collections.

The public should be encouraged to make instant reports and use toll-free national phone numbers to a central agency, so as to alert the appropriate scientific investigators for immediate followup and study. Time seems to be of the essence.

It took about 70 years for scientists to become

convinced that there is organic material in certain meteorites—a very significant discovery, long controversial.

If I may be allowed the role of intermediary in this dilemma, I would point out to the public that scientists are faced with so many tough problems today, which challenge their intellects to the limits, that any additional and seemingly impossible dilemma just "tilts" and overtaxes them.

Let me mention just a few of the present unresolved controversies: pulsars, quasars, black holes, sun spot cycles, absences of expectant neutrinos from the sun, interstellar dust and polarization, x-ray sources, interstellar chemistry, origin of the solar system, continental drift and, prior to 1969, origin of moon craters.

TO THE astronomers I would say: Since there are more than 100 astronomers who consider black holes real even though no one has ever seen one, why not be a little generous to the more than 1,000 who have seen a UFO and who think they are real. Whereas the black holes are strange theoretical constructs, which astronomers thing possible, UFOs are strange objects which have been seen by many. Why not allow the subject to be studied seriously?

The groups that perhaps have done the most harm in frightening away the much needed scientific support are the "fringe" types, as well as science fiction in books, television and movies.

Science fiction tends to blur the real and the imaginary and brings on the twilight zone. It has made some of the public believe anything, and others overskeptical.

Reputations get tarnished very easily by stepping only ever so slightly over the bounds of accepted and conventional science. UFOs have been depicted by some "scientists" as no-nos, hence the "kiss of death fear syndrome."

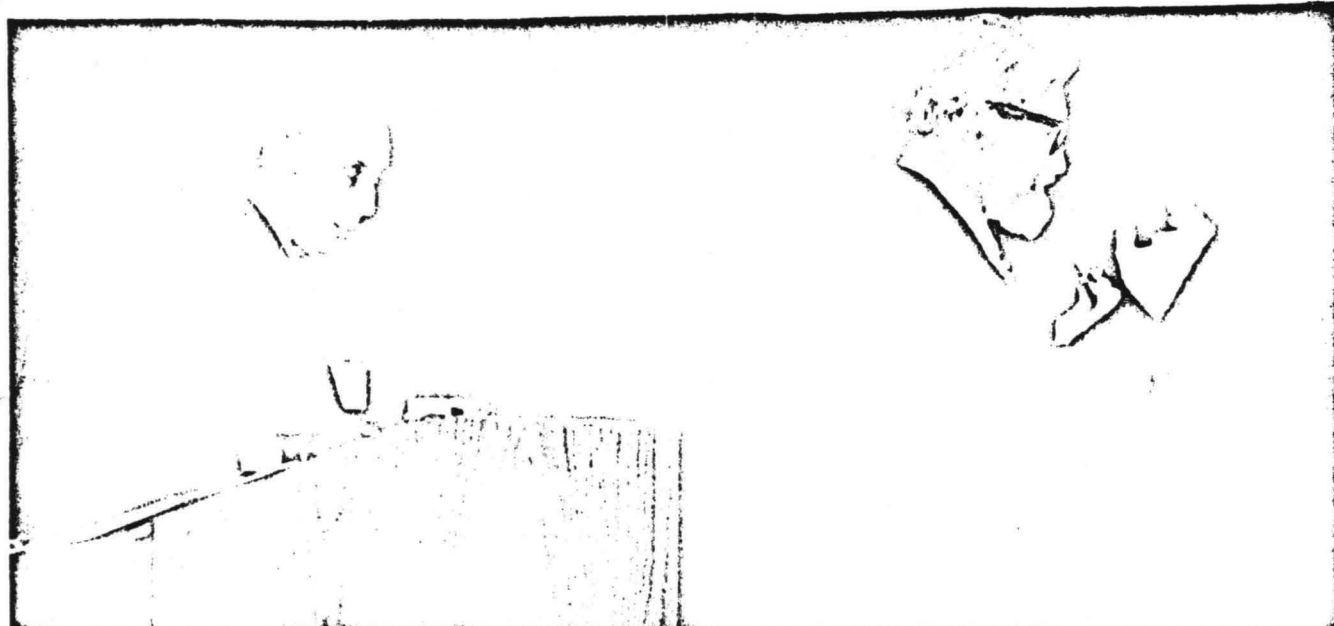
Studies of the origins of life outside the solar system are now openly discussed by scientists but with obvious tongue in cheek at all times to ensure a lack of ridicule.

However the time may be now for a thorough reevaluation of the mass of existing UFO data as Hynek has suggested.

I wish to add a note of urgency: Suppose, as may be likely, that we are being studied

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**THE UFO EXPERIENCE, A SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY —** Dr. J. Allen Hynek, scientific consultant to the U. S. Air Force on the subject of UFOs for 20 years, gestured dramatically last Monday

evening before a near-capacity audience at Flint Center, DeAnza College, as he spoke about his investigation of more than 300 reports of "close encounters." Sponsored by the

National Management Association, Lockheed Bay Area Chapter, Dr. Hynek was the third lecturer to be presented to the community by the group. To the left,

Saratoga resident Kenneth Cannestra, director of the Science and Quality of Life Series and Lockheed engineer, listened intently to the speaker.

## Talk on UFO's

# Is somebody out there?

By PAT RODGER

"Is there somebody out there?"

Addressing this question to outer space, Dr. J. Allen Hynek plunged a near-capacity audience at Flint Center, De Anza College, Monday evening into an hour and a half, provocative, rapid - fire examination of the UFO experience.

Sponsored by the National Management Association, Lockheed Bay Chapter, Dr. Hynek was the third scientist to speak in the series, "Science and the Quality of Life."

Dr. Hynek, a scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force on the subject of UFOs for 20 years, was throughout its existence the official astronomical consultant to Project Blue Book. Final official arbiter on all UFO reports, the distinguished scientist also served as associate director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass., as well as heading its NASA - sponsored satellite tracking program.

Currently Dr. Hynek is director of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center at Northwestern's Astronomy Department and also of the newly - created Center for UFO Studies located in Evanston, Illinois.

"Whenever the highly controversial subject of UFOs comes up, I find that people become very emotionally charged. Tempers fly, and lips curl.

"In my association with UFO phenomena I have been

somewhat like the proverbial 'innocent bystander' who got shot. Actually I have encountered everything from utter scepticism and scorn to deep respect.

"Today there is a groundswell of interest. In fact, more people believe in UFOs than in the President!"

## UFO EXPERIENCE

Stating that the UFO thesis has not been disproved, Dr. Hynek threw out many questions to his enthusiastic audience. A show of hands revealed that approximately one - third had actually had what is termed the UFO experience. Either they or friends had sighted a UFO.

Commenting upon the credibility of the hundreds of people that he has interviewed during the years, Dr. Hynek disclosed, "I found the accounts absolutely fascinating. The individuals I listened to were very sincere, highly creditable. I asked these persons why they were telling me, and each stated that it had been a very real experience.

"Yes, I have heard unbelievable tales related by the most reputable of people, individuals whose testimony would be completely acceptable and admissible in a court of law under other circumstances."

## COMMENTS

Speaking of what he terms close encounters by scientists and others, Dr. Hynek cited a number of their comments:

"The UFO will be etched in my memory for all time."

"I've never seen anything in the sky quite like it."

"It was a unique and never - to - be forgotten experience."

"What I am trying to say is that I didn't employ trick photography because I don't know how to do it."

"Although I am only a child, please believe me."

That the UFO experience is global, not singular to the United States, Dr. Hynek stressed. "What is significant is that the reports tend to corroborate the facts. The patterns of the sightings are similar all over the world.

## EVIDENCE

In his book, "The UFO Experience, A Scientific Inquiry," Dr. Hynek quotes Sherlock Holmes, "It is a capital mistake to theorize before you have evidence. It biases the judgment."

However, Dr. Hynek is quick to state that Holmes surely exaggerated, for "one never has all the evidence."

"After more than 20 years' association with the problem, I still have few answers and no viable hypotheses. And I have no desire to act the prophet. Yet, our society has seen dramatic progress. Just think of the days of the covered wagon, and now man has lived in an orbiting space lab for 85 days.

"One of the most exasperating and even repugnant features of the subject of UFOs is its apparent irrationality. Do you realize that not one of the 50 most famous astronomers predicted the space age 50 years ago?"

"Even Ben Franklin, when he was asked why the sun shone, could not envision the sun as a nuclear reactor; so let's suppose that there are domains of nature of which we are unaware just as Franklin was unaware so many years ago."

## DIGNIFIED STUDY

As to his present involvement with the Center for UFO Studies, Dr. Hynek cited the need for dignified study.

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"At the center we receive on the average of two reports of sightings per night, and immediately we notify investigators in the area of the sightings. We also have the great cooperation of the Mutual UFO Network, and we computerize and analyze the data plus lab - test the samples.

"By the way, we maintain a toll - free 800 telephone number for data - gathering for the use of scientists, pilots, air traffic controllers, radar operators, etc.

"When the long awaited solution to the UFO problem comes, I believe that it will prove to be not merely the next step in the march of science but a mighty and totally unexpected quantum jump."

With a wave to his literally spell - bound audience, Dr. Hynek concluded his remarks by questioning, "Who knows how many others may be giving a talk just like this one in outer space?"

## Agate woman reports UFO

Mrs. Joe Fadden of Rt. 2, Box 682 in the Agate area reported to the Mason County sheriff's office last week that she had seen an unidentified flying object.

She said the bright light appeared southeast of her home and that it shined about five minutes before it disappeared.

Mrs. Fadden said she first saw the light through her bedroom window and later through the kitchen window where she went for a better look.

Shelton, Wash.

Mason Co. Journal  
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# UFO Sightings Reported

## By Two Manatee Residents

Additional Info  
on last month's  
cover story.

By DON AKCHIN  
Times Bureau

BRADENTON — Two Manatee County residents have said they spotted unidentified flying objects (UFOs) Thursday night, and one took a photograph of a UFO hovering over the Braden River.

Both sightings occurred between 8:50 and 9:15 p.m.

Patrick Thrush, 16, who lives in East Bradenton, said he was on 27th Street E at the intersection with Manatee Avenue when he looked to his right and saw something coming down in the direction of the water. He thought at first it might be an airplane making an emergency landing on the river.

THRUSH PULLED his car off the road onto an embankment, and as he started to turn his car around, he said, the high beams from his car showed a silvery reflecting object hovering about 20 feet over the water. A tube extended from the object into the water.

"I just sat there a second," said Thrush, then he pulled his camera from the car, ran behind the car and snapped a photograph, using a strobe flash and the car headlights for lighting. The camera was a Canon FT-QL with a 55 mm. lens.

As soon as the flash went off, Thrush said, the tube, which had been at an angle, straightened up and began re-

tracting into the hovering object. He took a second shot.

When the tube disappeared, the object headed toward the embankment where Thrush was standing. He said he heard "several loud clanks" and a splash, suggesting something dropped into the water.

"THAT'S about the time I started running in the opposite direction," he said. "You don't stand around waiting for it to do something to you before you figure out what it is."

The object descended slightly as it came toward him, he said, estimating it was about seven feet above the hood of his car at its lowest point. Thrush heard something hit the car hood, the object changed direction and moved rapidly to the west, in a curved path.

When the object first began to move, he said, it was a pale bluish-green. As it picked up speed it changed to a reddish-orange hue, and rapidly faded out of sight.

Thrush said he attempted to take a time exposure of the object as it left but those photographs did not develop. The first two did, however. They show two saucer-shaped blurs of light and a tube with one or two segments extending downward.

When he got back to the car, Thrush said the headlights picked out three rocks,

about one-half inch in diameter. He gave two to Bradenton Police Patrolman Chris Schmidt. The rocks were analyzed as iron pyrite, a substance native to South America. A check by officers of the Bradenton Fire Department showed the rocks were not radioactive.

POLICE theorized the rocks may have been dumped into the river decades ago, as iron pyrite might have been ballast used by ships. Thrush noted, however, each rock was warm and dry. "The edges were rounded and it had a lava-like appearance to it," he said.

Thrush estimated the UFO was 25 to 35 feet in diameter and about 11 feet thick. He judged the object to be hovering about 35 feet from the shore.

At roughly the same time, George Montgomery, of 609 Casa Bella Drive, Palma Sola, was looking west out his upstairs window and saw what he thought was a satellite. "It looked like a star, then I saw a movement," said Montgomery.

He glanced farther south and saw what he assumed to be an airplane, with red and green flashing lights. When he looked back at the satellite, he noticed they were both moving in the same direction — northwesterly.

"THEN I noticed another dot, of lesser magnitude, up

above the first dot, also moving in the same direction as the first one," he said. "I got to staring at it and then I saw another dot underneath. All of a sudden the one above and the one below converged with the big dot." Montgomery said the large dot continued traveling for about five seconds, then suddenly vanished. He glanced back to where the airplane had been, and it too was gone.

Montgomery said he went outside to see if clouds might have obscured the objects. "It was as clear as it could be," he said. "Stars were out everywhere."

At the same time Thursday night, Thrush said a friend who is a ham radio operator lost all communication on one band — roughly 21 megacycles. He told Thrush he was able to reach people on other channels, and communication on the one band returned about 9:20 p.m.

Thrush, who is self-employed in an electronics research and development firm, has put together a theory that ties his own experience to that of his ham friend.

SCIENTISTS at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he said, did an experiment in which mercury reacted to heat by moving away from a flame. Thrush said if two pools of mercury were placed with an extreme heat source between them, the pools

would rotate in opposite directions, creating a powerful magnetic field.

With enough heat — and it would take a mind-boggling amount — enough energy could be generated to propel a spacecraft. It would require a shield to block off other magnetic pulls, and the craft would move in the opposite direction to whichever side of the craft the shield was on.

A cooling device would be needed, Thrush said, and iron pyrite would be an excellent choice because it has "a wonderful heat-dissipation quality."

For an energy source, Thrush suggests the craft used radio waves — the waves his ham operator friend lost for 10 minutes on so Thursday night.

In short, Thrush's theory suggests that the craft converts light waves (or radio waves into heat, which starts the mercury pools rotating and creates an electromagnetic field. The craft then moves by magnetic push and pull, changing direction as it changes the location of a shielding device which blocks out other magnetic forces.

Photo By Thrush Shows Spots Of Light, 'Tube' Extending  
Toward River

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# Did A Creature From UFO Land Here?

By LLOYD BROWN  
Governmental Affairs Staff

After sighting an Unidentified Flying Object and being felled by a ray apparently from an occupant of the craft, a strange "devil's head" was found growing in his yard, a Jacksonville man has reported to the UFO Research Institute.

Norman R. Chastain, 62, of 2507 Kershaw Drive W. said he delayed reporting the strange incident after it occurred for fear he would be ridiculed as "some kind of a nut."

Chastain's photograph with the "devil's head" appeared in the Journal nearly two years ago after he brought the plant to the newspaper and reported finding it in his yard.

At that time, however, he did not mention the earlier incident. He said he is telling the story now because of the investigation being made by the research institute.

Chastain is an electrician with the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Co. He was out in the St. Johns River fishing late at night Jan. 26, 1972, near the eastern tip of Blount Island.

At 3 a.m., he was sitting at anchor in a slack tide about 50 feet from shore

when he noticed "several orange and blue lights from over St. Johns Bluff Monument," he said.

At first he thought it was a mosquito control or police helicopter.

Chastain said his boat lights were on and a Coleman lantern was burning. He said the object made no noise.

"After a few minutes, the lights came directly towards my boat and I could make out the outline of something like a half of a ball with lights flashing and changing colors about every minute," he said.

He said the object was about 150 feet in the air directly over his boat. He snapped off the lights on his boats and turned out the lantern and the object moved slowly back to the bluff.

His boat had run aground by this time and he went ashore, he said.

Chastain said he went looking for a lever to pry his boat free, found a piece of 2-by-6 wood and was carrying it back when he stopped to rest, 75 feet from his boat.

"I raised my spotlight to see if my boat was still in

the muck and, in the edges of the bushes, I saw the darndest-looking human-like creature one could ever imagine," he said.

He said he dropped the timber and immediately was hit by a "brilliant white light." It made him dizzy and he lay down on the grass.

His arms and legs became numb and tingled, but he stayed on the ground, praying, until daybreak, he said. He then crawled farther inland and stayed until about noon, when his strength returned.

He swam out to his boat, which had drifted about 50 feet from shore. He noticed an "overpowering stench" in his clothes and hair that was not present until he met the "devil-looking creature."

He said he washed and threw away his old clothes before going home. Still his wife commented that he didn't look right and asked if he were all right. Chastain said he told her he got seasick.

Three nights later, Chastain said, he found himself dreaming that he was on a strange planet. Suddenly, he was awakened by a clap of thunder and saw that it was raining outside.

He also noticed the same overpowering smell he experienced three days before, he said.

Chastain remained awake the rest of the night, holding a gun.

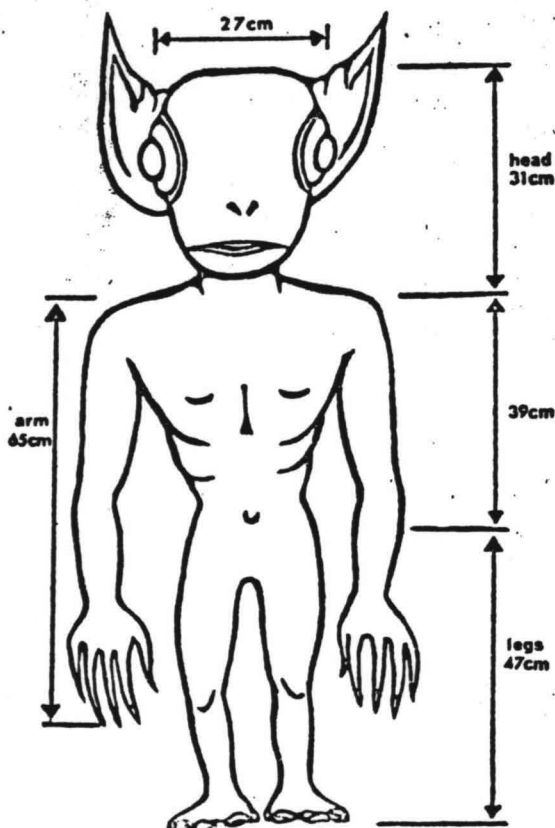
When morning came, he went outside.

"There in the grass directly behind my boat at the same distance the creature was positioned on Blount Island was a cluster of several flesh-colored heads looking at me and they looked so much like that devil looking creature I saw on the island that my first thought was the UFO was over my house that night looking for me."

He went to his neighbors' homes looking for witnesses but they were all away. He dug up the plants and brought one to the Journal, he said.

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The Air Force drew this sketch of a devil-like 'goblin' based on descriptions of witnesses following UFO 'landings' in this country and Brazil. Chastain wonders if this could be the same type creature he saw.



Chastain Holds One Of 'Creatures' He Says Stunned Him

Journal Photo

YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome. We apologize 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.

# Top UFOlogist Hynek Expresses Interest In 'Credible' Creature

By ROBERT B. KLINN  
and DAVID BRANCH

PALO ALTO—Friday, we had the privilege of meeting with Dr. J. Allen Hynek at Stanford University, where he spoke before an enthusiastic audience of approximately 300 science students and faculty members. His talk revealed his own interest in certain "credible" UFO reports involving close encounters with creatures.

Hynek now has an impressive string of titles: chairman of the Northwestern University Astronomy Department, head of the Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, director of Dearborn Observatory, former chief scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force Project Blue Book, author of The UFO Expe-

rience (Regnery), and director of the Center for UFO Studies. During his work with the Air Force, he interrogated many hundreds of people and read many thousands of reports.

"Actually, in many respects I wish I didn't have to talk about cases in which creatures are reported," Hynek explained to his audience. "But they do exist. The reports exist."

But even after a quarter of a century of personal research, he has no answers—only a problem, Hynek admitted. "As I tell my students at Northwestern, if you know the answer in advance, it ain't research."

"It was General Sanford years ago who gave one of the best definitions of UFO," recalled Hynek—"It's an incredi-

ble tale told by credible persons."

But some may argue, Hynek told the Stanford group, the creatures that have been reported don't LOOK intelligent. We may very well ask, he said, "How do we look to them?"

"I'll start with a shocker because it represents a close encounter," said Hynek. The audience was attentive. "And this one occurred just about two months ago in New Hampshire. This man and his wife had just gone to bed when the man saw a light coming under the door. He got up, turned the light off in the living room, and found that the living room was dark and the light was coming from outside."

"He had a dog which was rather vicious. In fact, when our investigator went there, the dog wouldn't let him through until he was called off. The man went to the door, opened it, and found that the illumination was coming in from outside in the region of these two creatures. (A slide projected onto the auditorium screen depicted a line drawing of two humanoids.)

"The dog rushed out, got halfway to the creatures, stopped short—his hair bristled, stood up on end—and came cringing back to the house."

"And what do you suppose these creatures were doing? They were picking up rocks and putting them into a bag. The case had only two witnesses. It never hit the papers, and the people simply didn't want their names used at all."

"Another case. This man is a staff member of the University of Missouri, at Columbia, Missouri. He is caretaker of the animals for the biology department. He, his wife, his 16-year-old daughter, and a two-year-old baby live in a trailer house on the outskirts of town. And I visited there—I always try to investigate cases I talk about. The wife is a nurse and she was on night duty."

"The 16-year-old daughter generally gets up about one o'clock in the morning and goes to the refrigerator to get milk for the baby. This evening she went to the refrigerator as usual, glanced out the window, and saw a bright light. The light had what might be an aluminum craft in the center, they thought, but the light was so bright—and this was typical—it made the details of the craft, if there was a craft, pretty indistinguishable."

"It had a blue haze, and blue and orange lights, and a large area of general illumination around it. The whole thing subtended at least at an angle of 25 degrees. I went there and made all the measurements."

"The girl, of course, became frightened and awakened her father. He got up, took a look,

"For me," Turcat said, "it is an interesting and curious document, but I'll not hazard to say what it is. After having observed it, you ask yourself what it is—why not a phenomenon of ionization or the disintegration of a meteorite, for example?"

the phenomenon and the chance to photograph it.

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"And when the police stopped there a few hours later and went out to examine it, they discovered that a fairly decent-

sized branch about 17 feet above the ground had nearly been torn—ripped off. And I was there just a few days later and verified that this was a pretty fresh tear.

"But of course you can always say they were lying, that they just made this all up. Well, I felt this was probably the explanation in many cases in the past. But I finally got to the point where I said I just can no longer keep on calling all these people either liars or crazy."

Prior to the Stanford University lecture, Hynek told us that the board of trustees at Northwestern University had recently rejected his application to allow his Center for UFO Studies to become an official part of the university. Someone on the board did not want to "ruin the good name" of Northwestern University, he said.

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## 7 UFOs Seen In Mississippi

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (UPI)—Seven unidentified flying objects, described as about the size of a small house, were sighted by more than 12 persons in Forrest County, Miss., Tuesday night.

Harold Stanton, an employee of WDAM-TV here, said several persons in cars followed five orange and two blue UFOs as they "hop-scotched to three different open fields."

He said the objects darted toward the ground and then back into the sky. "It also appeared that they were flying in pairs and some sort of formation," he said.

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# Report seeing unidentified flying object over county

A UFO in Iroquois county? Possibly. State, county and city police squads all observed a strange flying object in the sky in the early morning hours Sunday.

According to Dwayne Hallock, Watseka, the flying object was first spotted by State Trooper Roscoe Mason. He, along with several other sheriff's deputies, observed the flying object from the back door of the jail for about 10 minutes.

"It looked like a real bright star, a large bright star with four different lights. But the yellow light was the main one. It appeared to hover or move slowly towards the southeast," said Hallock.

Deputy Charlie Hall, Watseka, said one of the squads called in and said there was a light in the sky. "They told us to go to the back door and identify it for them," said Hall. "I thought they were kidding me."

## LIKE BRIGHT STAR

Hall also described the flying object as a bright star but larger than the Northern star. He also said it changed colors.

"It was hard to tell the altitude and distance but it looked like it was hovering by

Sheldon," Hall noted.

"I guess it was a UFO," he said.

Gary Weisenbarn, Buckley, didn't quite agree that it was a UFO.

"I don't know what it was. It looked just like a flying object with different colored lights flashing," said Weisenbarn.

Hallock said that he wasn't convinced that it was a UFO. "I have seen many lights before that I couldn't identify. Things will change shape and color due to the earth movement, natural lighting of the sky, even illumination from the moon," pointed out Hallock.

One squad car with James Styck and Harry Landers tried to follow the flying object as it moved west across the sky. They spotted the flying object near Cissna Park, then Buckley.

"All we could tell was it moved fast and slow and it flashed different colored lights," said Styck.

Landers noted, "It was going at a pretty good speed,

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because we were going 45 m.p.h. to 50 m.p.h. on Goodwine Road".

A rash of UFO sightings occurred in the latter part of October and the beginning of November. Some were due to pranksters but others could not be easily explained.

Two young men, Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker from Pascagoula, Miss., claimed they were escorted aboard a UFO by three red-dish-looking characters with wrinkled skin. They were questioned by two scientists who determined they were telling the truth.

Eddie D. Webb, Cape Girardeau, Mo., claims he was struck in the face by a ball of fire from a UFO. It temporarily blinded him. And his glasses were burned by some sort of internal heat.

Many citizens discount the sightings but cameras have recorded the UFO in several instances, one in Columbus, Ohio, and another in Peru.

A small fishing and farming town, Palacios, Tex., has named themselves the official hosts for UFOs. A scientist for Northwestern University's Astronomy Department, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, has urged a government agency be set up to investigate UFO reports.

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UFO Seen

Hovering Over

Wyalusing

A Wyalusing couple, too embarrassed to agree to have their names printed, sighted a UFO Wednesday night, and said it hovered over the community for about half an hour.

"Mrs. X" said the UFO was shaped like a football with white lights in the center and a red light at the top.

She said she and her husband first spotted the UFO at 8:45 and used the telescope on Mr. X's rifle to get a better look at the mysterious object. The UFO was still visible at 9:15, but was gone when they looked for it again at 9:30.

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Culpeper, Va.

## Area policemen sight 3 UFO's

WARRENTON — "I see it but I don't believe it!" said the voice on the police radio.

The voice belonged to officer Joseph Scalici of the Manassas Park police department and what he didn't believe was a light in the southwestern sky that Scalici believes is an unidentified flying object.

But Scalici was not the only one watching strange objects in the sky early Friday morning. Fauquier deputy sheriff John Payne and Virginia state trooper William M. Neal were eyeing a light in the western sky near the Warren-Fauquier County line along Rt. 55.

"I noticed the light about 4:30," said Payne. "I was riding along near Marshall when I noticed this light moving in the western sky. I followed it to the top of the mountain here until it stopped. I've been watching it for almost two hours now."

Trooper Neal was also on the spot and while Payne was talking Neal was glassing the object through binoculars.

"See the colors," Neal broke in, handing the glasses to Payne. Payne and Neal concurred that the object was indeed giving off colored light at either end of what appeared to be a glowing circular form. To the left the light was green and to the right it was red. The lights appeared to be blinking.

Meanwhile, back in Manassas Park, Scalici noticed a light in the southwestern sky moving eastward. According to Scalici this object had also initially been sighted in Fauquier County and had moved across into Prince William.

"I saw one light — and then another. They stopped very high in the sky and then one began to drop. It came down rather quickly and seemed to hover just above treetop level. The other light remained aloft in the same position.

"The lower light hovered for about 15 minutes, then moved back higher into the sky. Both disappeared momentarily."

Officer Scalici estimated that the lights were as far as 15 miles away and noticed no color.

The Friday morning reports were the first since a rash of sightings occurred during October all over the East and South.

DEC 27, 1973

## Police Search For Flying Object

Knoxville and Marion County law officers spent more than an hour and a half late Friday night and early Saturday morning searching for an object reported to have landed near the Marion County Fair Grounds.

The search began about 11 p.m. Friday with public reports of a bright, blue-green fiery object crossing the sky. Some of the reports indicated it seemed to land near the fair grounds.

The search, by foot, snowmobile and car — in windy, near zero temperatures — failed to turn up anything.

The search was terminated after midnight when the Knoxville Police Department received radio dispatches of similar sightings as far south as Missouri.

Checks by police radio after the first public reports disclosed a lightning-like flash had been reported in a band from northern Iowa,

over the Knoxville area, south into Missouri.

The reported sightings were recorded from Belmont and Cedar Rapids. These initial reports placed the location in north central Iowa. Subsequent sightings were reported from near Mingo, over Monroe, near Russell and Albia, and finally in Missouri.

There was no definite conclusion about what was actually seen, but the general consensus was the object must have been a meteor or shooting star, burning up as it plunged through the earth's atmosphere.

Astronomers say this type of phenomena is commonly sighted during the fall and winter months.

However, some of those who reported seeing Friday night's display report it to have been bigger and brighter than anything previously seen. The flash was likened to heat lightning or gigantic fire works displays.

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# Astronomer pursues UFOs

By JAMES KUTINA

If J. Allen Hynek were to choose a legacy it would probably be that Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) would no longer be a "dirty term" or unexplained.

Hynek, head of the astronomy department at Northwestern University, Evanston, said he knew he was going to be an astronomer since he was 7 years old, but he never thought he would become involved in the UFO phenomenon to the point that he is considered the top authority in the field.

Even in his lectures on astronomy, it is easy to detect the underlying concern he has for telling the UFO story.

To the question of whether other life forms and UFOs exist, Hynek explained to students at an Elgin Community College workshop Wednesday, "with the vastness of the universe and the billions

of stars like our sun, it is nonsense to think that we are unique and that our sun would be the only one with planets."

"It's the reports by the crackpots that cut into the credibility of the valid sightings," he explained.

Hynek first became involved with UFOs in 1948 when approached by the Air Force.

"They needed an astronomer and I happened to be handy," he explained.

"I thought it was just a fad," said Hynek, "but they persisted and are still being reported."

He explained that the UFO phenomenon is mind bending in the fact that reports of such things even exist.

"Why do we have reports of things looking like saucers?" quizzed Hynek.

Leaning back in a chair, he exclaimed, "Frankly, I am at the point where I don't know if I give a damn, but I would like an answer before I die."

Even as a child, Hynek had the inclination to quiz the meaning of space. He said he first became involved in Astronomy at 7, when he came down with scarlet fever.

"In those days you were quarantined" he said adding, "my mother, who was a

teacher, had to stay with me during the sickness."

He explained how his mother went through several books with him and finally came to an astronomy book. From that point he said he knew astronomy would be his life's work.

"When I was eight or nine I got a \$35 Sears and Roebuck telescope," he said, adding, "of course it would cost more than \$100 today."

Even going into a limited field like astronomy, Hynek said he really never worried about getting a job.

When asked what he would like to be if not an astronomer, Hynek said it would be something dealing with people.

"I like the loneliness of observing through a telescope, but I was always one to feel that knowledge should be given out," he explained.

Recalling two men in Mississippi who recently claimed to have been abducted by aliens, Hynek said it was a real experience to them.

"I talked to them. They were checked. Whether it was a spiritual experience I don't know, but those two men had no reason to make a false report," said Hynek.

For his closing years, he said he hopes

to devote full time to his Center for UFO Studies headquartered in Northfield.

He explained that the center is really scattered all over the country and draws on various scientists. He has even set up a special "hotline" for law enforcement agencies to call in unexplained sightings.

According to Hynek, the purposes of the center are: to provide a place to get accurate information on UFOs, to provide a place to report UFOs without being ridiculed and to provide a forum to study the subject.

Although the center relies on contributions, Hynek said he hopes to establish some sort of foundation eventually.

Until he retires Hynek plans to keep on lecturing and chasing the elusive UFOs.

With his perspective on time and space he will probably never become frustrated, because he says Earth's only a speck in the overall cosmological scheme.

As for time, he explains that the light we see from some stars left those stars when dinosaurs walked the Earth.

Although he would like to claim that his group is the only one studying UFOs, Hynek maintains that although the U.S. government has publicly abandoned studying UFOs, it is still doing it privately, adding another question to the long list about what's really out in space.



DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK

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## UFO Reported Here

The sighting of an unidentified flying object in the eastern sky in Norman was reported to The Transcript late Thursday afternoon by a New York woman.

Mrs. Ruth Brooker, visiting her daughter-in-law at 433 George Cross Road, said she saw a "beaut of a flying saucer" while she was in her car near the residence. She de-

scribed the object as shaped like a cone with flashing lights and smoke trails behind it.

Mrs. Brooker said she watched the object ascend vertically "very, very fast" until it disappeared from sight.

Police said they have not received any reports of UFOs Thursday.

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## UFO sighting reported by three officers

Three Jefferson County sheriff's officers have reported sighting unidentified flying objects (UFOs) since Sunday. Deputy Ken Fitzpatrick reported a UFO sighting at about 2 a.m. Sunday near Shafter's Crossing on U.S. 285, about 25 miles southwest of Denver. Deputy Tom Bobay and four-wheel-drive vehicle patrolman Joe Cope reported sighting a similar object early Monday in the Lakehurst area southwest of Denver.

"I estimated that it was about 5,000 feet in the air," Fitzpatrick said. "It had a sequence of six or seven white lights. In between the white lights were red and green lights. It was about the size of three jumbo jets."

Fitzpatrick said the sky was clear and he doubted the lights were reflections from clouds. He observed the UFO for about two or three minutes, "then it just wasn't there. It didn't go up and it didn't come down. It just wasn't there anymore."

He said the sheriff's department received several calls about the incident.

Bobay was on patrol when he received a call to check with Cope at his home in Lakehurst. When Bobay arrived, Cope pointed out the object, which was a great distance from Cope's home.

"Cope gave me a pair of binoculars, and I looked at it," Bobay said. "There were numerous lights — red, bluish greens, amber and pure whites," Bobay said.

"We watched it for about 35 minutes — we could tell it wasn't an airplane or helicopter. Then it slowly disappeared into the west," Bobay said.

Fitzpatrick said he believed the object Bobay and Cope saw was the same thing he saw.



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Indianapolis, Indiana

# Minister Calls UFOs 'Work Of Satan'

CR: Lou Farish.

By PHILIP ALLEN

"Are UFOs real?" the flyer innocuously asks, baiting the reader's attention.

To find out, all you need do is go to the Indianapolis Baptist Temple tomorrow and listen to the preaching of the Rev. Bill Riddick, pastor of Ocean Springs Baptist Church, Ocean Springs, Miss.

The former Air Force master sergeant says he interviewed Charles Hickson and Calvin Parker, the two shipworkers from nearby Pascagoula who say they were kidnapped by extra-terrestrial beings last fall.

That Hickson and Parker were indeed taken aboard an "egg-shaped spacecraft" piloted by three "pale white creatures with slits for eyes and hands that resembled crab claws" appears now to have been accepted by authorities in the field of UFO phenomena.

"People started asking me if UFOs are real, then what about the Bible . . . what does it say about flying saucers?"

The 41-year-old minister explained, however, that the Bible does explain the rash of unidentified flying object sightings last year, if you can "interpret" the language.

This is the Rev. Mr. Riddick's interpretation: He believes UFOs to be the work of Satan. That way when the second coming happens and the believers are taken "up," as the saying goes, those left behind (i.e. the nonbelievers) will think it was the work of a "higher being" other than God.

"I don't see these incidents as visits from other parts of the universe but rather as 'fallen angels' as part of Satan's master plan of deceit," the Baptist minister stressed.

In case you don't follow the direction of his sermon, a long-playing record of it titled "Visitors from Outer Space—What Saith the Lord?" probably will be on sale after the service.

For those who might accuse the Rev. Mr. Riddick of capitalizing on a topical event, he quickly points out that all the

proceeds go to the Ocean Springs Boys Home. He does admit, however, that "love offerings" have been good to his message.

But there still remains this curious twist to his story that "Hickson's children attend our Sunday School"

This writer called his church and spoke with the Rev. James Quidley, associate pastor of Ocean Springs Baptist Church, in an effort to reach Hickson.

When asked about Hickson's association with the church, the associate pastor said, "Neither one of the (kidnaped) men are members of our church."

"What about the children, are they members?" he was asked.

"No . . ."

What saith the Lord, now?

## UFO Sighted By Laguna Residents

LAGUNA BEACH — Two Laguna Beach residents reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) off the art colony shores Saturday, however, police officials were of the opinion the object was probably an aircraft of some type.

Dorothy Joyce and Patrick Archer noted the sighting at approximately 5 p.m. Saturday.

Laguna Beach police officer Lt. Neil Purcell and Patrolman Terry Temple indicated they had seen the object at about the same time but thought it appeared as a conventional aircraft.

The sighting, however, was reported to the UFO Center in Chicago. Center personnel told of other observations in the southern California area during the weekend.

The object, according to Joyce and Archer, appeared to linger over the Laguna Beach shoreline for some time and then moved southward toward San Diego.

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"Blood" was coming from the plant, he said. It also had teeth, big eyes, a wide mouth and pointed ears, Chastain said.

Chastain said each of the plants shriveled up into a ball about six hours after they came out. No more have grown since then, he said.

Since the sighting, Chastain has been back to the same spot on Blount island several times, he said. In fact, he was fishing in the same spot recently and caught a 40-pound red bass, good enough for a third place in a fishing tournament.

He says the reaction from persons he tells his story to is "peculiar."

"The educated person is very, very interested," he said. "Those who are uneducated — the reaction is nil."

"Railroad men are the hardest to convince," he said. That is the reason he took one of the plants to show his fellow workers, some of whom advised him

to move out of the house, he said.

When the Journal contacted the University of Florida's botany department, a mycologist there appeared to recognize the plant immediately from a verbal description.

He said it is a stinkhorn, very common in Florida, especially during cold weather after a drizzly rain. It is not poisonous, but generally is not considered edible because of the smell, he said. It is a form of mushroom.

It was not until he attended a lecture at Florida Junior College by Stanton Friedman, director of the UFO Research Institute, that Chastain decided to report the incident.

He had letters from the institute, which is located in California, indicating his report is being investigated. Friedman told the Journal by telephone that he is a nuclear physicist who spends all of his spare time investigating UFOs.

Chastain said that he submitted his story to the Journal now "to let the public try and decide whether or not the saucers are from Planet Earth or some other planet."

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## Family Receives Thanks For Reporting On UFO

The Friday night sighting of an unidentified flying object over the Benton County Courthouse has brought national recognition to Corvallis.

The family of Larry and Dorothy Underwood of 1540 NW Hillcrest Drive reported the sighting to Corvallis police after watching the UFO hover over the city for 13 minutes.

Mrs. Underwood said her 17-year-old son Wendell was the first to see the object when the family returned home at 9:57 p.m. from a wrestling match in Salem.

"It was very strange," said Mrs. Underwood. "It was hovering at about 3,000 feet over the courthouse."

"I would call it a very bright, creamy white light, with red ones underneath. We couldn't really tell whether it was oscillating or actually turning around, but we watched it stay in the same spot for 11 or 12 minutes, then it shot straight up and took off in a northwesterly direction."

She said the object made no sound and when it finally mov-

ed, travelled at "an incredible speed."

"We didn't really know who to report it to," said Mrs. Underwood, "so we finally called the police, thinking maybe they would know."

An alert police department dispatcher notified the Chicago, Ill., UFO Study Center, and the Underwoods received a phone call Monday evening from center director Walter Andrus.

"He thanked us for calling, and said many people don't because they are afraid of what others will think," Mrs. Underwood said.

She said her son Wendell, who watched the object through a telescope, spent most of the time talking with Andrus on the phone.

"He told Wendell we did the right thing in calling," she said.

"We thought surely someone else would have seen it, like from OSU or even our neighbors."

"We were so excited we didn't even think about our camera, which was right by the door and loaded."

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Costa Mesa, Calif.  
Daily Pilot  
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by extraterrestrial intelligent beings, and suppose that they are about to conclude their mission and disappear from our vicinity. What a unique opportunity we then would have missed in our lifetime and at this critical juncture in our uneven, erratic evolution from stone age to so-called civilized man!

We should not miss this unique opportunity to study these UFOs more intensely (even though it is tedious work) in order to understand the apparently far superior technology of transportation, guidance, navigation, energy sources, life support, reliability and compactness of their systems.

If indeed we are being observed, should we not attempt to communicate and to make it a two-way communication? How do the earth dolphins react to us, now that we have finally attempted to communicate with them?

Since the probability of world disaster via nuclear holocaust is constantly with us, it would be a tragic ending indeed if superior intelligence and maybe assistance were close at hand which we chose to ignore completely.

Note one significant aspect of UFOs: They seem to be friendly and benign—so far. What other than curiosity brings them here?

My remarks about the UFOs may be premature or too speculative. However, I feel strongly that time may be running out both on our present state of civilization and on UFO contacts. In our present state of insoluble multiple dilemmas, particularly the impending population, food and energy pressures, can we afford to neglect or reject this flimsy reed of evidence of far superior technology and perhaps wisdom?

Is our feeling of technical superiority, sense of personal insecurity and fear of ridicule so great that we dare take this ostrich-like stance? Let's be brave and take one giant step forward.

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## Many Of County's UFO Sightings Remain Unsolved

CR: GEORGE FAWCETT

By GEORGE B. FAWCETT

Despite a small number of hoaxes (fake photos, over consumption of alcohol, plastic laundry bags with birthday candles) and misinterpretations (planets, stars, satellites, meteors, parachute flares, Quality Mill's water tower, airplanes, etc.) many of the October and November, 1973 UFO sightings in Mount Airy and throughout Surry County remain 'unsolved' after close investigation and evaluation. Also unknown to many, UFO encounters during this same period of time were reported from all 50 states and over 40 countries overseas. Truly, UFOs represented a 'global enigma' and one in need of a new international scientific investigation. Cooperation among police and sheriff's departments, UFO investigators and research-

ers, news media and the public in general resulted both in the increase of 'quantity & quality' observations. Credible persons from all walks of life were reporting incredible things both in the skies and on the ground at numerous locations. The largest number of UFO sightings since Fall of 1967 lead to a concentration of sightings in a small area (Surry County) within a short period of time. Such reports are still being made in many locations.

Most fascinating of all the fantastic happenings were the reports of UFO occupants on three occasions, one in Mount Airy, one in Copeland and one in Dobson. . . reported by a school students, a farm couple and a housewife. These reports of UFO occupants paralleled similar reports from Gaffney, South Carolina; Pascagoula, Mississippi; Falkville, Alabama;

Athens, Georgia; Robeson, Pennsylvania; Kimbra, Australia and Danville, Virginia during 1973—just to mention a few. These interesting reports came from students, housewives, farm families, auto dealers, police chiefs, shipyard workers, etc.

The earliest report (delayed 5 years before permission was granted to use the witnesses name) was reported by Mrs. Harold B. Eggers on the Buck Shoals Road, Mount Airy in July or August, 1968. Mrs. Eggers related that she saw a small UFO occupant, dressed in some sort of a silver suited outfit complete with a helmet; who looked at her through one of the windows aboard a hovering UFO. The UFO was estimated to be 15 feet wide and 6 feet high. During its appearance Mrs. Eggers dog was

## Fleet of UFO's reported in Hattiesburg area

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(Biloxi-Gulfport)

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"I have seen anything like  
this. They didn't appear to  
be any kind of light that I  
have seen... something  
like a neon type of glow."

BILOXI-GULFPORT, Miss.

DAILY HERALD

Feb. 20, 1974

a field but took off in formation before observers could get close to them.

"They gave you the impression they were staring at us," Stanton said. "At times they would dim until they were a bluish halo-like affair which seemed to rotate."

The college professor, who requested anonymity,

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Hattiesburg, Miss. A college professor said he also saw the seven objects, which he said changed from a dim blue to a bright orange color.

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ARKANSAS GAZETTE,

Friday, Feb. 15, 1974.

## UFO Reported Seen Over Romanian Town

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Residents reported seeing an unidentified flying object emitting intense bursts of green light and leaving a multicolored trail over the northeastern town of Piatra Neamt, the official Romanian news agency Agerpress said.

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severely agitated, the UFO made a sound 'like a huge swarm of bees' and a power failure occurred in the immediate neighborhood, where the UFO maneuvered for almost an hour starting at 2:30 a.m. Three of the electric clocks in Mrs. Eggers home registered a loss of time the following morning after the incident.

Next came a report by Mr. and Mrs. David A. Doby of Copeland who encountered a large bluish oval-shaped UFO hovering near their mobile home at 7:45 p.m. as they left to attend a football game on October 19. While watching the hovering UFO overhead David was startled by the

screams of his wife who suddenly saw a 'small three-foot creature in her front yard. This occupant was dressed in a golden metallic suit from head to foot. The couple piled into their automobile and fled their farm with their young son. The farm couple refused to return to their mobile home that night, but spent the night instead with Mr. and Mrs. George Doby. Their family dog also fled the farm to return the next day.

Another 1973 encounter was reported by David Simpson of Dobson on October 24 at 9 p.m. David Simpson, while driving down U.S. 601 reported that his car engine and headlights suddenly stopped when an 'oval-shaped UFO, about 12 feet wide and 8 feet high' landed near his car. Simpson fainted when he saw a creature with eyes 'like balls of fire' that peered through his window. Finally upon the departure of the UFO and its occupant his car lights and engine started running again without Simpson having to touch his ignition switch and the badly frightened motorist resumed his journey to Mount Airy.

Other unexplained incidents also included reports from almost 100 cities and towns in North Carolina during this period of time. Many reports of E-M effects on police radar, and CB radios and neighborhood TV and radio were also reported. Other photographs and fragments are still under investigation, also landings, etc.



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'Like A Flat Cupcake'

## Five Witness Strange Light

By GLEN FAHRENKRUG  
Nonpareil Staff Writer

UNDERWOOD — Mrs. Ramona Dicks of Route 1, Neola, knows what she saw.

And what she saw was strange light in a soybean field Wednesday night southwest of here.

Mrs. Dicks was driving her four daughters, ages 10 to 18, to the farm of her father, Donald McQuin, to get warm after the electricity was cut off at the Dicks' farm home near Bentley.

It was about a mile from the McQuin farm that the five saw

the strange light.

"We first saw what looked like a flash of lightning. Then there was an explosion of green," Mrs. Dicks said.

As their car neared the crest of an icy hill, they all said they saw a lime-green domed object, glowing yellow in the bean field.

"It was cupcake-shaped but a little flatter. We were so excited and scared, we didn't know if we wanted to stop." They didn't.

They traveled on up the hill hoping to catch a better glimpse of the object, but it was blocked

from view by terraces in the field.

A search of the area revealed no evidence that anything had been in the fields, possibly leaving an identification in the snow and the stalk rubble.

Mrs. Dicks said she wasn't sure if the vehicle had actually settled onto the ground, or whether it was hovering.

In any case, she said, it was snowing and the wind was blowing, causing the snow to drift over any possible evidence that the Underwood area had been visited by an extra-terrestrial vehicle.

Costa Mesa, Calif.  
Laguna Beach  
Daily Pilot  
Feb. 11, 1974

## Laguna Has UFO

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### Police Officers Confirm Sighting

An Unidentified Flying Object over Laguna Beach was reported Saturday to Laguna Beach police and officers subsequently confirmed the UFO sighting.

The UFO was described as being a brilliant light which hung over north Laguna, then moved sideways and went off into the Southeast.

The object was seen from South Laguna by Dorothy Joyce and Patrick Archer who observed it from the deck of the Laguna Royale, 31423 S. Coast Highway at about 5:15 a.m. Saturday.

Police Lt. Neil Purcell and Patrolman Terry Temple reported having observed the object but indicated that it was likely explained as a conventional aircraft.

The incident was reported to the UFO

Center in Chicago which today said there were several California sightings over the weekend in addition to the Laguna Beach report.

Mrs. Joyce said she was up early reading. Archer who works as a parking attendant at the Royale first saw the object, and then seeing that Mrs. Joyce was up, alerted her. Both called Laguna police.

Mrs. Joyce described the UFO as a long cigar shape with a green light on the rear and a red light on the side. The brilliant white light appeared to be coming from the front. Mrs. Joyce said she could see no wings on the craft and that it appeared to move sideways.

The object appeared to stay over Laguna Beach for some time and then moved off towards San Diego.

## UFOs spotted at airport

peared in a line as five, flat flying saucers."

Jim Owens, supervisor of the D-FW control tower, said the objects did not appear on radar.

"Often following a dust storm like we had Monday, particles suspended in the air may be seen the next day," Owens said.

However the technicians said they have grave doubts the objects were dust particles.

A fleet of five unidentified flying objects was spotted just east of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport at dawn Tuesday by four airport employees.

The airline workers said the objects, seen about 8:15 a.m., were "bigger and brighter than large stars."

"They were not any aircraft I know," one technician said. "They were clearly visible and ap-

Dallas, Texas

Times Herald  
Feb. 19, 1974

## Silvery, Whistling Craft Startles Oklahoma Farmer

Vinita, Okla. (AP)—A silvery, flashing object "the size of a bedroom" and emitting a shrill whistle terrorized a dairyman's herd and frightened his herd dog into hiding before dawn yesterday the dairyman told officials.

The object took off and landed three times in a pasture near this northeastern Oklahoma town, Clay Knight told Joe Davenport, deputy sheriff.

The deputy said Knight was so shaken by whatever he saw that Davenport believed the report was not a hoax or a prank.

"The man was scared or shook enough that you could tell he was startled by whatever it was," Davenport said.

"It wasn't any prank or fake call. He was really sincere about it and was scared."

Davenport inspected the area before dawn and planned to return during the day.

Knight said the object, first sighted about 4:30 a.m., was a shiny, silver color and had

flashing red or orange lights, the deputy said.

The dairyman was getting his herd out for early-morning milking when he saw the object, Davenport said.

"It scattered his cattle and he said it scared them so bad they wouldn't give a drop of milk," Davenport said.

"His herd dog got so scared from the flashing lights and noise that he took off to the house or garage somewhere, and he never could get him to come out again."

Star Tribune  
Casper, Wyoming  
Jan. 6, 1974

## UFO seen?

CASPER — The first clear view of the comet Kohoutek in the southwestern sky may have led to an unconfirmed UFO report here.

Mrs. Jackson Denney of 1532 South Jackson called the Star-Tribune at about 7 p.m. Thursday, when she said more than one lighted object appeared over the Paradise Valley Country Club golf course.

Questions about the location and appearance of the objects, checked out from the area by a reporter, revealed what was apparently the comet and a couple of evening stars or planets.

The woman said the object appeared to have a "boat shape" and seemed to increase in brightness, then moved gradually away.

The comet is visible in the southwestern sky in the early evening hours, now, after having been obscured by the sun for several weeks, astronomers say.

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# Is your neighbour a spaceman?

**NOTICED ANYTHING** strange about your next door neighbour lately, or any of the blokes in the pub or sprawled on the beach? No? Then take a closer look, it's possible some of them could be creatures from outer space. It's not the theme of a science fiction movie, even if it sounds like it, but the carefully thought out conclusions of scientists in Australia, America and many other countries experiencing UFO phenomena.

According to Willy Ley, a leading US expert on space exploration, the commonly accepted idea of space travellers being little green men, with three legs and long antennae, is a lot of rubbish.

"Basing our theories on scientific fact we can be certain that our visitors from space will not have webbed feet or TV antennae growing out of their foreheads, but might well bear a strong resemblance to ourselves," he said.

Many responsible scientists go along with that theory and they have good grounds, because it has been proved that there's nothing accidental about the shape and construction of living bodies. Rules of biological construction worked out by 17th Century scientist, Christian Huygens, are universally accepted today, and by applying them to space travellers, scientists have been able to work out a fairly accurate picture of the creatures that may be piloting flying saucers across our skies, or even living among us undetected.

The scientists had to accept only two basic assumptions — spacemen's bodies are made of protoplasm like our own, and they are intelligent. If they can build and pilot spaceships, the latter is hardly an assumption, but once accepting those two suppositions, the experts have managed to piece together a portrait of the men from Planet X using known scientific facts.

The first conclusion is they breathe air and eat both plants and meat. Water breathers could develop intelligence, but it's unlikely (some scientists think impossible) for them to smelt metals underwater, which means their technology could not have reached that of Earth's stone age men, let alone have reached the spaceship stage.

Researchers believe they must also eat meat, because plant food is not concentrated enough and strict plant eaters would spend too much time eating to build up a sophisticated civilisation.

After assembling all the data, scientists finally came up with this picture of a man from space who could be living among us. He would be about 1.5 and 1.8m tall, weigh no less than 22kg, which, according to scientific theory, means his brain would weigh at least .9kg. He would also have some kind of skull to protect his brain.

So what are the chances of meeting a space traveller even if he is hard to recognise? Pretty good if the evidence collected by author Michael Harvey is anything to go by. He has written two books about UFOs and sifted through thousands of reports of sightings.

"These reports cannot be disregarded as nonsense," said Dr C. H. Mackenzie, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Control Board. "There is scientific evidence that strange objects visit our planet. It's lamentable that governments tend to draw a veil of secrecy over them."

Take the case of four Sydney youths happily setting up camp on a beach a few kilometres south of the city on a summer evening in 1968. It wasn't imagination that left them terrified and wondering.

They were digging a trench around their tent when suddenly a bright light appeared not high above the hill extending across their view. It jerked and zig-zagged as it descended behind the

Beings from outer space don't necessarily have to look any different from you. They might look like us, talk like us and even eat and drink the same foods. The startling thing is that the creatures seem to be showing a special interest in Australia

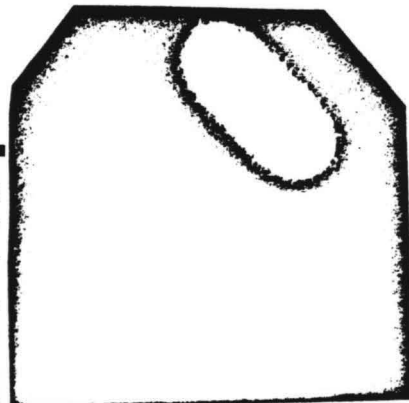
hill, then reappeared and began to approach them.

It grew bigger and brighter as it came closer. At this stage it became evident that it actually consisted of two lights, one bright and large on the front, and one smaller and red on the back. It also appeared that they were part of an object having a bell-like shape. As the object glided silently closer, the whole area beneath of bush and rocks suddenly became brightly illuminated as though lit by a giant spotlight.

The boys were frightened, but relaxed a bit when the object stopped, switched off its lights and hovered about 365m away and 60m high. Silhouetted on the dark background of the sky there was still a darker shape, triangular with a base of about 15m and a small dome at the apex. Along the sides of the object was a dim reddish light reflecting from the surface and coming out of a row of small lights situated along the edge.

No windows, antennae or other appendages were visible. Two of the boys decided to go closer and see what the object was, but changed their minds. Instead, one of them, having a powerful torch in his hand, decided to shine it at the object. As soon as the torch was switched on, the object responded by switching the big lights on. Frightened, the youth switched off his torch and the object reacted by switching off its light. Three times they signalled to the craft, and twice it responded. The third time the brilliant light of the object did not switch off, but after hovering for about 25 seconds, it began moving slowly away in a north-westerly direction following the line of the ridge of the distant hills, until it suddenly disappeared.

Another spectacular sighting was made at Moe in 1963. The weather was poor, with rain and low-lying clouds when Charles Brew and his twenty-year-old son, Trevor,



A UFO in the south-west NSW town of Deniliquin (above)

saw a UFO come in from the east, over the trees towards them at a 45-degree angle. It was travelling very slowly, on an even keel and hovered a short distance away, about 23m above the ground. No sound of motors was heard, or lights of any description seen, although from the underside came a "bluish glow." After a few seconds the strange craft, on an even keel, moved off at the same angle in a westerly direction at "about twice the speed of a jet plane." With a sound vaguely resembling the "swishing of a humming top."

The object was about 7.6m in diameter and 3m high. The underside was curved like a saucer, was pale blue in colour and seemed to glow. This lower third of the craft revolved 'anti-clockwise' and had "scoop-like" protruberances about 457mm apart around the outside edge, turning very slowly while it was hovering. The main part was battleship-grey and appeared to be metallic. The topmost section was described as being a transparent dome of a glass-like material, from which protruded a 1.8m mast, or aerial. This was the thickness of a broom handle, and looked like bright chrome.

They are just a few of the sightings examined by Harvey. It's significant they did not include hysterical claims to have seen little green men, or were even made by people interested in UFOs. The observers were surprised, but who wouldn't be, but there seems no logical reason to doubt they saw what they saw.

If that's so we are left with the big question. Why did the space vehicles land? Surely they wouldn't have bothered unless it was to send out scouts to sample life on earth, particularly here in Australia. And how many other landings have taken place undetected?

According to Harvey, there could have been hundreds.

BRIAN FORBES

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# Flying saucers:

Truro Daily News, N.S.

Jan. 12, 1974

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## The incidence of Truro sightings is increasing

By DON RETSON  
Staff Writer

"You'd better think twice before telling me my mind is in outer space just 'cause I've got enough guts to admit that I've seen an unidentified flying object."

Hardly the most elegant words ever spoken but no one could deny the sincerity with which the warning was uttered. The Truro resident who spoke then is not alone in expressing those sentiments. Many local people like him are convinced that the recent U.F.O. sightings in the area are no hoax.

The most recent sightings to date were made by a group of youths while skating behind the North River Elementary School. Between 10 and 15 youths claim to have seen a U.F.O. hovering close to the school early on the evening of Jan. 2.

While walking toward a friend's place nearby, 11-year-old Brenda Leahy said she saw the "thing" as it came toward the ground on "a bit of a slant."

She described the object as being "oval-shaped and sort of bluish in color. I know it wasn't a comet or a falling star because I've seen both and it wasn't like either."

### DIDN'T BELIEVE HER

Miss Leahy said that when she first told her teachers about it; they didn't believe her story. However, after other youths confirmed the sighting, they weren't too sure what to believe, she explained.

"When I first saw the thing, I was scared out of my wits," she exclaimed. "I can still picture it in my mind very vividly and have had dreams about it."

Another 11-year-old who claims to have sighted the flying object that night is Karen Lorraine of Lower Onslow.

"Like Brenda says, it came down on a slant and then began to rise fairly sharply—sort of a half-motion," she stated, waving her hand to show the pattern of its path.

At first, the Grade 6 girl believed that her eyes were playing tricks on her, for as she observed, "it's something I've never seen before in my whole life."

In retrospect, she believes that the object she sighted that night is probably a spaceship. "However," she added, "it's a frightening thought—something you don't like to admit to yourself."

Lawrence Best, principal of the elementary school, said that he is less than convinced about the authenticity of the objects. Mr. Best explained that he had heard other children talking about the object but "my mind just doesn't allow me to believe in things like this."

Another school principal, Arthur Lindsay of the Chiganois Elementary School, said that while none of his school children have spoken about U.F.O.'s, "there are just too many reports about them to ignore completely."

A number of the children at the North River school claim that at the same time the object was sighted, lights in the community went off for about five seconds. An engineer at C.K.C.L. radio admitted that the radio transmitter went off the air for a few seconds last week and that he was still unable to say what caused the dead air time.

Officials at the Nova Scotia Power Corporation in Truro declined comment on the question of the brief power shortage.

An R.C.M.P. official in Truro said that the majority of people reporting U.F.O.'s were "serious mature, adults who were quite aware of what was going on."

Regardless of the personal feelings of police officers involved in investigations, reports of all U.F.O. sightings are sent to Ottawa. This has been the policy of the R.C.M.P. since sightings were first made of the unidentified objects, the police spokesman noted.

Another person who has reported sighting a U.F.O. is Mrs. Lucy McSween. Mrs. McSween and her husband Gary were up by the ski slope on Wood Street one evening last month when they saw "an orangy, phosphorescent object somewhere over Bible Hill. It was like a big star," said Mrs. McSween.

The McSweens' watched the object for over a half-hour before "it split into two, one part went higher and higher and then just disappeared."

Mrs. McSween said that after their report of the incident was published in The News, a number of people phoned to say they had also seen the object only much closer. "Apparently, it was quite a large object to those closer to it," she explained.

Mrs. McSween said that she was upset that many people, including the local media, had treated the sighting as "a big joke." She said that more people would probably be willing to come forward if they were not held up for public ridicule.

Another person who wasn't afraid to come forward on the matter was Catherine Lantz. Twelve-year-old Miss Lantz claims that she first sighted an "orangy-colored object" about a month ago.

"At first I thought it was a comet," she said, but after watching it awhile, it rose up in the air, split up into two pieces and then disappeared. I've never seen a comet do something like that," she argued.

### NO BALLOONS

Contacted by The News yesterday, the weather bureau said that contrary to what many people think, there are no weather balloons in the local area.

"As far as I know, the closest weather balloon is on Sable Island," exclaimed the weather official.

Another recent U.F.O. sighting was made by 13-year-old Louise Knight.

Her description of the object, which she sighted over the Bank of Montreal in Truro, was identical to that given by Miss Lantz.

"I had always believed in them (U.F.O.'s) so it just confirmed by belief," she observed.

However, Miss Knight is not concerned about those who don't take her sighting seriously. If I hadn't seen it myself, I would probably have the same doubts, she noted.

"At least most of my friends are open-minded about the whole thing."

Daily Post  
(Rotorua)  
New Zealand  
Jan. 16, 1974

NEW ZEALAND

MORE

U.F.O.s

SEEN

More people reported seeing unidentified flying objects in the sky over Rotorua last night.

At Okareka, a group of people reported seeing eight objects in one hour.

They said they were all very high up in the sky, and all moving in different directions.

A resident of Devon Street also saw a U.F.O. last night, moving toward Reporoa.

On Monday night, a Rotorua motelier was called by guests to see a very bright light moving across the sky toward Reporoa.

# Object over Wearside may be flying saucer

ENGLAND

A SUNDERLAND housewife and her 11-year-old son may have spotted a flying saucer last night. The unidentified flying object which Mrs Margaret Naylor, of Ewesley Road, watched with her son Michael, hovering over Barnes School, corresponded with many classic descriptions of flying saucers reported throughout the world, says Mr Raymond Drake, Sunderland's own expert on space and space-men.

Mrs Naylor described the object which she watched through a pair of binoculars for six minutes as "a long black oblong, rounded more on the top than underneath."

She told the Echo: "I saw a red light come round it, then green, yellow and orange, and it seemed as if it was going to go up in flames. Then the lights died down and it became black again and buzzed around. It hovered over Barnes School and then disappeared. I have never seen anything like it in my life before."

Earlier in the day when her son returned home at lunch-time from Thornhill School he had said he had seen four U.F.O.s together. Then, on his way home from school last night he saw another. "I didn't really believe him until he called me outside and showed me the one by Barnes School," said Mrs Naylor.

The object looked similar to a drawing in a book about cave men. "The likeness was really remarkable," she said. Mr Drake, author of a number of books on the subject, said: "It is difficult to know what it was as I didn't see it, and, of course, our own Air Force could have been carrying out experiments. But it seems very probable that this was a flying saucer."

## MYSTERY BLAST

He could not say whether the mystery explosion which rocked a 60-mile area of North Wales last night and led to a full-scale police search today, had any connection with the object.

A police spokesman in Wales said an initial search with torches in the Berwyn Mountains, Merionethshire, was called off when nothing was found. Switchboards were jammed with calls from people reporting tremors strong enough to shake houses and a streak of light falling to earth.

The spokesman added: "At the moment this is all a mystery, but something has hit the mountain. We have checked all kinds of ideas, but at present we think meteorites and a tremor are possibilities."

Sunderland Echo  
England  
Jan. 24, 1974

Vancouver Sun  
B.C., CANADA  
Feb. 9, 1974

Police, a rescue team from R.A.F. Valley, Anglesey, and local people were concentrating on the 2,500ft. high Cedar Bronwen, part of the Berywn range, where a meteorite might have fallen. Experts at Edinburgh University's seismological department recorded an earth

tremor at 8.39 p.m. and were today trying to pin-point the spot where a meteorite might have struck. Their reading showed a "substantial tremor."

Farther south, coastguards were also investigating reports of "flares" seen in the Somerset and West Wales area of the Bristol Channel.

We carried out extensive checks and put them down to meteorites," a coastguard said. Mr Bob Halliday, observatory director for the Liverpool Astronomical Society, said: "Over the past few weeks we have had meteorites much more brilliant and active than anything in the last five years. It is very strange, as they don't fall into the normally

predictable pattern of meteorite showers.

"It is possible that if one was big enough and travelling relatively slow enough, it could have survived entry into the atmosphere and come down. To produce a tremor of this scale it would have to be of tremendous size. Personally I would have thought it unlikely, but never the less it is possible."

Mr Drake agreed that it was possible and said he doubted whether it was a spaceship, although he added: "A considerable number of strange objects are visiting Earth more and more frequently and I believe one day people from other planets will land openly."

Chatham News,  
Ontario  
CANADA  
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## STREAKED ACROSS SKY

CANADA

# Unidentified Object Like 'Ball Of Fire'

WALLACEBURG (Staff) — Several persons in the Wallaceburg area reported seeing an unidentified object moving across the sky Saturday evening.

The descriptions pointed out an orange-glowing ball that separated into two smaller objects as it crossed in a northwesterly sweep from Dresden to Pain Court vicinities.

Constable Jack Causley, a 20-year member of Wallaceburg Police Department, spotted the reddish light that looked like a "ball of fire" and seemed to travel very straight or parallel to the horizon.

He was walking near the James Street entrance to the police station about 7:40 p.m. to begin his shift Saturday when

the glowing light caught his attention in the clear sky, the constable reported.

"It was travelling extremely fast to the north and broke into two parts, with one staying evenly ahead of the other."

## "SOMETHING BURNING"

Wallaceburg Police Constable Larry Murdoch was hailed while on foot patrol about 8 p.m. by an unidentified Wallaceburg woman who reported a similar sighting of "something burning moving across the sky".

The woman said the object broke off into two parts and then disappeared.

Another person who reportedly saw the phenomenon said

it appeared as a candle flame which had been inverted.

Wallaceburg Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police, also received reports about the sighting and Constable Frank Dalgleish said Sunday he made an investigation of the area for possible fallen objects.

He indicated the sighting was made by Dresden Police officer Al Thompson and by a Pain Court woman who called about 8:30 p.m. to report "two glowing round objects, reddish in color".

Local Wallaceburg service station attendants also reported seeing the object.

The provincial police constable said one possible explanation for the reports could be meteorites since the sightings came on a very cold, clear night when visibility was good.

A large meteorite passed over Wallaceburg area in 1966.

Gerald Waring CANADA

# A helicopter it wasn't

CR: J.B. Musgrave

OTTAWA —There have been reports lately of UFO's buzzing people driving along roads in the Ottawa Valley.

So what else is new?

Ever since a flying saucer gave me the once-over when I was driving to Montreal on the afternoon of April 22, 1966, I have refused to be surprised by reports of saucers in the valley.

A chap named Brian Lee was driving along a back road just about dusk recently when, on rounding a bend, he saw a large round airborne object with three red lights and one blue light on its underside.

"When it saw my lights," Mr. Lee said, "it started to blink one of its red lights, and it moved right over the road." And there it hovered, he said, about 30 feet in circumference and 50 feet up, while Lee jammed down on the accelerator "and just kept moving." He didn't even look back.

My own saucer experience went like

this. I was heading down the Valley towards Montreal, driving to Dorval to catch a plane for New York, when I spotted this patrol saucer hovering several hundred feet up and about a quarter of a mile away across some fields.

I slowed up, the better to watch him as I drove past, but he simply held his station, gleaming silvery in the sunlight. I am sure it was not a helicopter. His attitude was akin to that of a highway patrol car parked in ambush for speeders.

I didn't stop. I had a plane to catch. But I should also confess that I had no inclination to stop and thereby encourage the attention of whatever was in that elliptical vehicle.

With saucers my policy — formed on the spot — is live and let live.

Obviously there's somebody out there keeping an eye on things down here. I'm not sure whether that's good or bad. However, it hasn't hurt, at least not yet.



Cornwall, Ontario (Standard Freeholder)

NEAR SUMMERSTOWN Jan. 11, 1974

CANADA

## Mysterious Celestial Object Baffles District Residents

"It was strange."

That comment sums up the feelings of several persons in the Williamstown - Summerstown area after their experience with something in the heavens Wednesday night shortly after sundown.

And though anyone The Standard - Freeholder spoke to invariably said they were looking for comet Kohoutek, most swear they saw something else - although what it is, or was, none would guess.

Take the story of Mr. and Mrs. Archie McRae.

Both are retired. He was a farmer, she was a teacher at St. Columban's. Both have good vision. They live on a farm at RR 1 Williamstown.

"Archie had to go out Wednesday shortly after sundown to take down some of the Christmas decorations that were hanging around the house," Mrs. McRae said. "All of a sudden he came running into the house telling me to look to the west."

Mrs. McRae says what she

saw initially convinced her "it was some damn fool fooling around with an airplane and trying to scare the living daylight out of us."

Mr. McRae says that theory went out the window shortly after when the couple discovered it didn't go in a straight line but zig-zagged in a perpendicular way.

"It was generally going south though and then we thought it was Kohoutek, the comet," she said. "But then we realized it would not be visible."

Second item working against the comet theory, they say, was the fact whatever was in the sky had a tail 10 feet long from the observer vantage point.

"It had a diameter of about a foot, had a tail which gradually stretched out, then it became 10 feet long and then it disintegrated - disappeared," Mrs. McRae says.

Mrs. McRae said whatever it was it stayed in the sky "about four minutes" turning that part of the sky crimson.

The story is strange enough but then other people in and around the Summerstown area said they had seen it too.

Some described it as a "funny cloud" or "something red in the shape of a dragon."

Bob Montpetit, president of the Cornwall Space Observers, a group which investigates such reports, says he and some other members of his club saw it too.

This sighting was from Cornwall.

"We saw a flash in the general area of Williamstown," he said. "From the looks of it it could have been a meteorite. But we are still waiting for information on the sighting."

Lancaster OPP say they have not seen or heard of anything crimson in the skies on the evening of Jan. 9.

Had the object been a meteorite, it would not have appeared to travel across the sky but, rather, it would have fallen right to the ground, experts say. It would not have stayed airborne any longer than a few seconds.

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## Paddock Markings Evidence of U.F.O. Visit

Following the report of a number of peculiar markings in a stubble paddock near Bordertown last month, we have received a communication from the public relations officer of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, Mr C. Norris, who said these markings were similar to many other reported cases throughout the world.

Mr Norris and a colleague made a personal inspection of the markings which were found on Mr K. O'Connell's property.

Mr Norris writes:

"In 1971 at Tooligie Hill, ninety miles north of Port Lincoln, on Mr Habner's property and in a wheat paddock, the straw was pushed down in an anti-clockwise direction. However, there was a circular indentation as though a huge tractor tyre had spun in from directly above.

"Many of the photos sent to me from overseas have always shown the movement to be anticlockwise.

"In England, an obvious object rise from behind a craft landed in a potato patch. It uprooted the potatoes, left three prod marks from landing gear, and in the centre of the circle pushed a hole one and a half inches in diameter by eight inches deep into the ground.

"During the winter of 1967 in Sweden, over a frozen lake area, several perfectly circular holes, ten to twelve feet in diameter, were made and the cut out chunks of ice were stacked up beside them. Military authorities could not give an

"In a lavender patch in France a farmer saw a saucer-shaped object sitting on tripod landing gear, and two people standing alongside it. When he approached these humoroids ran into the craft which took off leaving lavender plants lying in a circular pattern.

"The Tully sighting in Queensland in 1966 was most spectacular. A Mr Pedlar was returning a tractor to a neighbour's property and on approaching a swamp heard a hissing noise and thought one of his tyres was going down. He stopped the engine and was astonished to see a saucer-shaped object rise from behind a tree. On inspecting the area, he found all the reeds were sucked out of the ground and laid in an anti-clockwise direction, in a circle 15-20 ft across.

"There have been many more reports, but the one shown on a slide by Dr Hynek, an eminent astronomer and consultant to the air force for twenty years, on the U.F.O. problem, really topped the lot because a phosphorous glow shone for several hours after the object disappeared from the spot.

The air force and other authorities were completely confounded by the whole incident, and this, of course, has applied to the other circular markings around the world.

"Dr Michael Duggin of the C.S.I.R.O. in N.S.W. is extremely interested in such markings and would appreciate measurements, soil samples and photographs of any further incidents similar to the ones on Mr O'Connell's property should they happen again in your general area.

"The number of sightings of U.F.O.'s throughout the world is between six and fifty every hour and I would suggest that U.F.O. reports will increase, particularly as the American and Russian space probes increase," continued Mr Norris.

"Our Society is most active and monthly meetings are held in Adelaide. We put out a quarterly magazine, and if one becomes a member then they have access to an extensive library. Membership fee is \$3 for adults, and \$1.40 for students and pensioners (including magazine). Subscription to magazine only is \$1.40."

In a covering letter, Mr Norris urges any readers to report UFO sightings or any markings which would be investigated.

He added that he has given many lectures to schools, Rural Youth Clubs and other organisations, and would be pleased to hear from any interested.

## UFO AT KELLERBERRIN

An unidentified flying object was sighted at Kellerberrin at 11.08 pm on January 6.

The object was first thought to be a commercial airliner, until the observer noticed a brilliant flashing white light contrary to lights shown by aircraft at night.

It was first observed west of Kellerberrin, and appeared to be ten to 15 miles south of Kellerberrin and travelling on an easterly course at fairly high speed.

When observed through binoculars the object appeared to be cigar shaped with a steady light at the rear end, an intense red glow from the centre section, with a regular, pulsating brilliant white light, (similar to a photographic flash) in the front.

The object was kept in sight for a period of five to seven minutes.

Although a clear still night, no noise was heard coming from the object.

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version of the Anglo-French airliner, said that photographs taken on June 30 while Concorde was flying 55,000 feet above Chad showed a luminous spot during the total eclipse.

Scientists, calculating from the exposure time of the photographs and the speed of the plane, concluded that the object was about 650 feet in diameter.—AAP-Reuters.

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## UFO seen on eclipse pictures

PARIS, Thurs: Scientists on board a Concorde supersonic airliner photographed an unidentified flying object while taking pictures of a solar eclipse above Africa last June, it was learnt today.

Officials at Aérospatiale, the company that makes the French

## Lights over Boston Bay

Shortly before 8.30 a.m. on Tuesday, Mr. David James was driving north on Mortlock Terrace when, opposite the Catholic Church, he saw in the dark sky ahead of him, two bright white lights.

The lights were close together and stationary, then they dipped swiftly to the

right, were momentarily stationary again, then disappeared.

"I couldn't keep my eyes off them," Mr. James said today.

During the morning he made a number of enquiries but was unable to find any explanation of the two lights over Boston Bay.

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## Unidentified Objects Seen

COFFS HARBOUR, Sunday. — A Coffs Harbour man claims to have seen three unidentified flying objects pass over the town at 10 minute intervals.

He says the objects appeared as very bright lights which passed over the town last Wednesday night and re-appeared far out to sea later in the evening.

Mr. Lindsay Sawtell, of Hillview Crescent, Coffs Harbour, is definite that the objects he saw were not conventional aircraft.

They were bright white-yellow lights without tails, he said. They did not flicker but travelled steadily across the town from the north-east to the south-west. Mr. Sawtell said the objects did not appear to make any noise at all when they passed through clouds and they did not make vapour trails, like jets do.

## Brotherhood members chased by unidentified ball of light

**C**HASED along a dark highway by a 10-foot ball of glaring light, travelling at speeds up to 100 miles an hour, was the harrowing experience for two Brotherhood members last month. Rick Bouchard and Ron Hamelin, members of Ottawa Local 110, employed by the Canadian National at the Ottawa Station ticket office, Bouchard's wife and three children and Hamelin's lady friend, all saw the strange illuminated object, which has inflicted a fear in the hearts of the Bouchard family that it is now afraid to travel to a new home along the highway where the night-lights appeared.

Rick Bouchard explains that he was with his wife and children, looking at a home recently rented about 15 miles from Ottawa, where they moved a few days later. They were driving home when the flashing light appeared in their car mirrors. At first they thought it was a careless driver tail-gating them with the high lights on. Donna Bouchard looked back and urged her husband to start praying and step on the gas.

Rick reported that he drove up to 100 miles an hour but the thing kept following him, at times getting within 15 feet of his vehicle. "We went so fast that the radiator cap blew off," he said. Eventually on nearing the city, the light vanished over a clump of trees.

On reaching their Ottawa home, Rick said the children were so afraid they wanted to sleep in the same bed with the house lights on. Rick and his wife were also shaking and telephoned to Ron Hamelin, his friend, to visit him. Ron said considering the condition of the Bouchard family he had to believe them but to satisfy himself, he also drove over the same highway and had the same experience of being trailed by the strange light.

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**CHASED BY BALL OF LIGHT:** Rick Bouchard, left, and Ron Hamelin, members of Ottawa Brotherhood Local 110, are smiling in the safety of the Ottawa Railway Station, but for several hours they lived in fear after a haunting experience of a strange light hovering over their motor cars, although they both drove at high speeds in efforts to escape.

Both Bouchard and Hamelin reported their sighting to the area police, municipal and provincial. The police admitted they had received similar reports. The Ottawa Brotherhood members are not alone in sighting unidentified flying objects. Similar reports have been received from different parts of Canada and the U.S.A. All are about the same. All describe the unusual lights as oval shaped, travelling in a staggering pattern and disappearing without a trace of any landing.

The National Research Council at Ottawa has more than 900 sightings on file since records were kept in 1965. Allen G. McNamara, chief of upper atmospheric studies in Ottawa, reports that all sightings are checked as close as possible. "If the lights appear like a meteor, the scientists are interested," McNamara explains "but if it remains unexplained it merely remains on file."

There may be some comfort to the worried Bouchard family in that no harm to any person or any damages from the UFO's have ever been reported.

The Ottawa expert believes that many of the UFO observers are seeing perfectly natural phenomena, such as a plane switching on its landing lights 50 miles away from an airport. He explained that the U.S. government spent millions of dollars a few years ago trying to explain the many sightings but without any positive results.

The fact that many reliable people, like Brother Bouchard and Hamelin, have sighted the unidentified objects is no proof that the lights were launched by people from outer space, McNamara explains. He also admits there are hundreds of artificial satellites that periodically burn up as they fall back to earth, which may account for some of the sightings.

While the mystery of the lights continues with reports of more sightings every day, the Bouchard family is constantly reminded of their frightful experience. Perhaps the fear will vanish in time, Brother Bouchard has been advised, but with the shock still haunting them, the family will only travel over the highway in daylight, except in emergencies.

Friends at the Ottawa station are trying to help the Bouchards as much as possible and none of them consider the situation as a laughing matter.

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## MYSTERIOUS OBJECT IN SKY IDENTIFIED

That thing persons in the Williamstown - Summers-town area reported seeing Jan. 9 was a meteor, the president of the Cornwall Space Observers, says.

Robert Montpetit, in a letter sent to the Centre for Short - Lived Phenomena of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory at Cambridge, Mass., says that is the answer to mysterious sightings in that area last week.

Reports stated a bright red, almost crimson light, flashed across the sky for about four minutes. Then it disappeared.

Persons who saw the phenomenon were looking for comet Kohoutek at the time.

"Through careful investigation of our field workers we have come to the conclusion that the findings of the short - lived phenomena of Jan. 9 . . . was (a) meteor . . . very similar to the fireball," Mr. Montpetit says in his letter.

He says meteors are observed to explode in the air and break up into two or more fragments with each having the appearance of an exploding rocket.

"When a meteor enters the earth's atmosphere, it generates light, either from the glowing body itself caused by friction, or from the luminescence of the flowing gases surrounding the body," he says. "Technically, this light itself is the meteor."

Mr. Montpetit says meteorites vary in size from a few ounces or less to masses of 60 tons or more. The falling on earth are called micrometeorites.

"Meteor falls are completely unpredictable," he says. "The brightest meteors, called fireballs, are quite spectacular and even frightening. Indeed, unprepared observers are often so shocked that the reports of fireballs are often confused."



# HORROR OF THE WEETEKOW

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STORIES BY **CANADA**  
**BRIAN McA'NULTY** [Part 1]

In the Himalayas the natives call him Yeti and the white man calls him the Abominable Snowman. In the Pacific Northwest of B.C., Washington and Oregon states he's called the Sasquatch and in the rest of the U.S., Big Foot.

Now, in Manitoba, he's called the Easterville Monster or, in Cree, the Weetekow, and Saulteaux, the Wendego.

This is the mythical — or is he? — huge, hair-covered creature said to roam the wilds. And in our province reports of sightings, as well as huge, human-shaped footprints 21 inches long and indicating a stride of five feet have wildlife experts befuddled.

These articles provide the first reports of large, human-like tracks documented in Manitoba — the most easterly sightings in Canada. They were found by conservation officer Bob Uchtmann of The Pas, when he was hunting Sept. 29 and about 20 miles east of that northwestern centre.

Word that the three tracks had been found on a weathered ant hill came to light only recently, while The Free Press was making a check to determine if any unusual sightings had taken place following the recent and unusual shooting in Manitoba of a cougar.

Other reports quickly followed.

Stomping out forest fires by foot wouldn't be impossible if some kindly and co-operative Weetekow could be found, says conservation officer Bob Uchtmann of The Pas.

Folk-tales and legends about a Weetekow — Cree for devils, ghosts or troublesome spirits — have been heard more frequently since Mr. Uchtmann came across the 21-inch-long, seven-inch-across, human-like footprints while hunting about 20 miles east of The Pas, north of Landry Lake.

Now, he admits, people wonder about his mental state and stories about the Weetekow do seem "pretty far-fetched." Still, in 14 years as a conservation officer he has never seen anything like those three large prints on a scattered and rain-softened ant hill.

According to legend, the mysterious creatures are huge, dark and hairy, with gigantic feet that leave massive footprints behind.

"Other than that, there's no explanation" for the prints, says Mr. Uchtmann.

Out hunting Sept. 29, he left his truck at an earthen dam down a crooked road, setting off to look for moose on a limestone ridge. With no luck, he was returning along the ridge and was walking through a semi-open clearing with a sparse growth of spruce and pine trees.

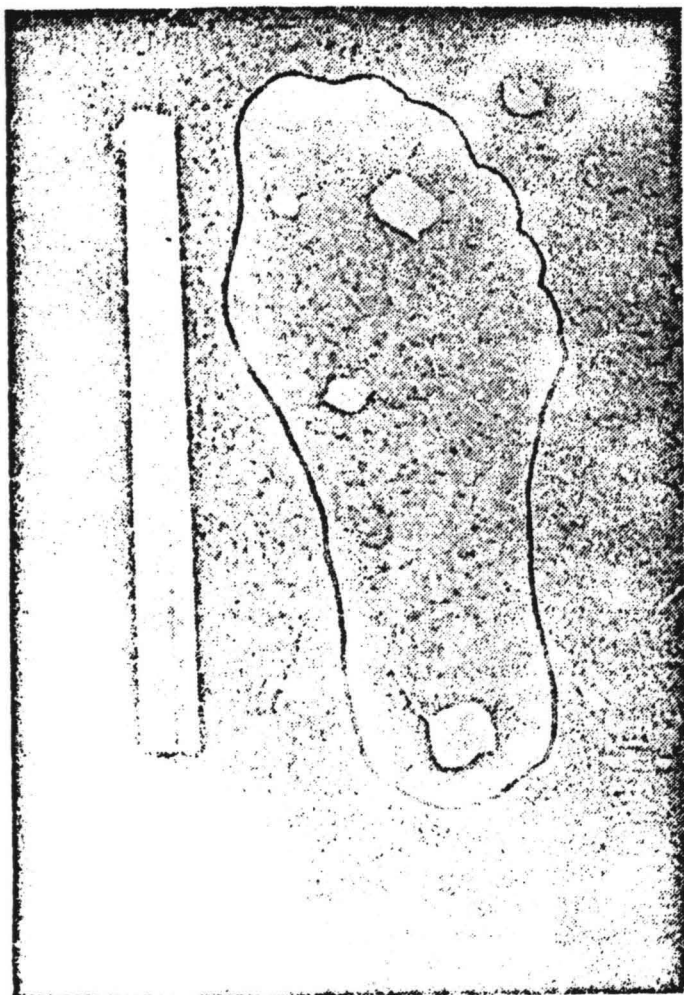
"Then I saw something that just didn't seem right!" There in the soft earth of a flattened ant hill were three strange footprints.

"I took a good look and they didn't strike me as anything made by any ordinary type of animal ... Some funny thoughts began to cross through my mind.

"It just wasn't possible for an animal to make them — but they were right there." Bemused, he returned to the truck.

Then Mr. Uchtmann found that some things are better not mentioned. His story brought guffaws from many, who found the story incredible. "But they don't say, 'You're crazy', or anything straight to my face. It's sort of an unknown feeling."

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... a practical joke is ruled out



BOB UCHTMANN  
... just wasn't possible



JED READER  
... Indians were scared

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After the weekend he discussed the tracks with fellow employees of the department of mines, resources and environmental management and that Monday returned to the tracks with regional biologist Dick Robertson and wildlife technician Barry Jahn.

A light rain had fallen that morning and a hunter had later walked through the anthill, stepping through two of the tracks despite a red ribbon left by Mr. Uchtmann to mark the prints. Rain had also washed down the sides of the impressions, making it impractical to take plaster casts.

Almost circular and some six feet in diameter, the worn anthill was surrounded by an area with a ground cover of light moss and vegetation atop a clay-gravel base, making it impossible to detect any tracks other than the three in the anthill.

A first print, most likely from the right foot, showed the heel placed some 18 inches into the soft patch of ground. The flat-footed impression showed what appeared to be four joined toes. A second print, likely from the left foot, led the men to believe it had resulted after a stride of more than 58 inches. A third track also would have a required five-foot-stride.

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(Part 2)

There are three people who will swear the Easterville Monster exists. Coincidentally, each is a teacher, and all the sightings took place on provincial road 327 to Easterville from Highway 6.

Former teacher June Emerson, since returned to Brandon University, saw the creature twice. On one of those occasions she was accompanied by Easterville school principal Don Jones, now teaching at Fort St. John. The other teacher was Allan Skrumeda.

These are their stories:

## Two Incidents Have Her Convinced

After two incidents — more than a year apart — June Johnson is thoroughly convinced that at least one Weetokow exists.

The last time she saw the "seven-foot or more" creature, it stood on the side of the road as she and two passengers, school principal Don Jones and the late Tom Mink of Easterville, Man., were returning to Easterville from Grand Rapids in November, 1970.

A year earlier, she passed it as it was "hurdling" some low willows or bushes.

Miss Johnson, now 36, taught school at Easterville for five years before returning to Brandon University. Many of the Interlake community's residents believed in the monster, she says.

"People would tease and warn me about getting stranded on the road where the 'moose man' would catch

me ... but they definitely believe it exists." Many were reluctant to discuss it.

"It's just something you don't normally talk about, because people might think you're crazy, and they would treat it like a big fish story.

"I'm prepared to say I saw something. I know I did" she adds emphatically.

Most recently she saw what she took to be someone with car trouble but she couldn't see a car ahead, and a s s u m e d the vehicle had gone into a ditch.

"I thought it was a man at first, because it was upright. The first thing that hit me was that it appeared to be stooping forward and had such long arms.

"I had kept looking at it, but didn't say anything to Don Jones, but when we got past it he asked if I had seen it, and I said I had. It's arms were long — and what-

The prints were depressed 1½ inches while Mr. Uchtmann, who weighs 160 lbs., left a half-inch impression.

Mr. Uchtmann now regrets not having returned earlier to the prints. "The only reason I didn't go back until Monday was because the more I thought about it, the crazier it seemed."

A search of the area failed to provide other tracks, fur tufts, feces or other clues.

Chances of a practical joke are ruled out. "To me," says Mr. Uchtmann, "it would seem that someone would leave footprints on the road where they had stopped.

"If it was me playing a practical joke on someone, I certainly wouldn't leave prints way back in the bush" where it's unlikely they would be seen.

Conservation officer Jed Reader, a lifelong resident of The Pas, said the tracks correspond to those described in Indian folk tales. The Wee-te-ko left immense tracks and "as far as I know ... if he caught you, he would eat you," said Mr. Reader "That's why the Indians were so scared of him."

People would drown, perish after falling through the ice or even die in the bush. And if no solution could be found ... Wee-te-ko could always be blamed.

A figure she first took to be that of a man ran from the road.

"He was running and it appeared to be an upright thing and it was just as if it was hurdling the willows or small bushes. It was like you see the hurdlers doing it on television sports shows."

They were long strides, "not short ones for sure," she said, describing the dark, upright figure.

Miss Johnson always paid extra attention when highway driving for fear of moose, deer or other animals on the roadway.

In each incident, the creature "definitely had two legs and not four," she said. "They looked very upright, but stooped with long arms, and they certainly weren't bears because I certainly know what a bear looks like."

Miss Johnson wasn't frightened either time, but "after passing them I would wonder just what I had been looking at."

ever it was, was, stooped over.

"I was stunned; it's a strange feeling, like seeing something you've never seen before. You don't really know what you're looking at."

Driving past, she saw its "flashing green eyes" as it stood off the road to her left. "There was sort of a flashing bright green color ... and there was sort of a reflection and I was staring at it."

She backed up and turned the car to see if her lights would spotlight it, but it had disappeared.

The previous summer, within several miles of the same spot, was her first meeting.

"If I'm not mistaken I had rounded this curve and hit a straight stretch one night when Wilson Easter and his wife, Nora, of Easterville, were in the car with me."

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To Nab A

Sasquatch

VANCOUVER, Wash.

(AP) — A team from the National Wildlife Federation hopes to end all speculation about whether the ape-like creature sasquatch actually exists by capturing one.

A federation spokesman said the Louisa D. Carpenter family of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has given federation hunters \$29,000 to try to track down a sasquatch.

The expedition will be headed by Robert Morgan of Miami, Fla., who said the hope is to capture a sasquatch, study it, then release it.

No sasquatch has ever been caught. Morgan said one sasquatch was nearly captured in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Washington in 1971.

Morgan said the hunt for the sasquatch will begin this summer and may continue through December.

The mysterious "Big Foot" has been a source of Pacific Northwest folklore for generations.



# Frankenstein Monsters Are Beyond Belief —But What About When You Meet One?

Frankenstein monsters are just beyond belief — but what does a person say after seeing one, asks Gary Holowchuck.

The young electrical design draftsman for the Atomic Energy Commission plant at Pinawa, Man., was driving Jo'anna Moore from her Werner Lake, Ont., home to Winnipeg, where she was a student. They had just crossed the border into Manitoba.

"I had just turned this corner about 15 miles from Werner Lake when this 'thing' ran across in front of my car.

"It was running, hunched over; it was a semi-grayish, brownish white in color. It was like a tawny color... you know, like the way some chicks streak their hair," he explained.

Miss Moore said it was unforgettable. "It gave me such a weird feeling — one that I've never felt before. I felt chilled all over."

They saw the creature "for only a minute, only seconds," said Miss Moore.

"It was sort of like an ape," and certainly wasn't a bear, she said. "I've seen plenty of bears; we've got a lot of them in the country.

"It must have been close to seven feet tall," recalls Miss Moore, now a secretary for the Canadian Consolidated Faraday Mine at Werner Lake. "Its arms were long and it was very dark and dark, though not a dark, dark color."

Mr. Holowchuck said he was driving about 30 miles an hour that clear, cold Sunday night in December, 1972, along the little-travelled road.

Braking as he sighted the creature to the left, Mr. Holowchuck thinks he stopped the car about 15 feet past the spot where the figure had crossed the road. It went into a snow-covered, rocky area covered with tall spruce trees.

"It took really big steps. It was across the road in a few steps. It was running... bang, bang, bang."

By the time they stopped, backed up and turned the car's headlights to the bush, the creature was gone.

"It was kind of freaking us out... I had a rifle with a scope on it and I used this to see through the bush," he said. He didn't plan shooting at the figure and, in fact, had no shells for the .22-calibre rifle.

Footprints in the snow, he said, were too far apart to have been made by any man.

"A person couldn't run that fast in snow that deep," he said. "First I thought it

was a man poaching, but there were no cars parked along the road, nor were there any snowmobile tracks."

It wasn't possible to thoroughly examine the prints since they were so deep and because Mr. Holowchuck had no flashlight.

"We were shook up for a while, but it sort of passed off.

"Every corner after that, I figured we would be seeing another one. I saw it good enough to know it wasn't a person."

Miss Moore telephoned her mother from Winnipeg and

the next day, her father, Faraday mine manager Clayton Moore, sent geologist Brian Weir and another employee to verify the tracks. They verified the prints' existence.

"If I ever had the chance to see another one I wouldn't be scared this time," claims Mr. Holowchuck. I would want to see what the hell it was.

"It's like you walking down a back alley and bumping into a Frankenstein monster.

"Everybody knows there is no such thing as that, but you've just seen him."

## A Weetekow Is Ridiculous —But What's The Alternative?

"A Weetekow, or Sasquatch, is ridiculous, but every alternative explanation is impossible," says Dr. Gover Krantz, an anthropologist at Washington State University and a leading figure in the academic community concerned with determining reasons for sightings of large, two-footed, hair-covered creatures.

"The animals do exist, I'm sure," he said when contacted at Pullman, Wash. "And now you have people in Manitoba saying they have sighted them."

Manitoba reports are the easternmost verified in Canada, Dr. Krantz said.

Huge, human-like footprints found at Landry Lake, 20 miles east of The Pas, "sound like another Sasquatch-type print," he said, on hearing a description of their size and width.

The 21-inch print was unusually large, he said. Until now the largest he had heard of was 19½ inches long.

An animal leaving impressions such as those at Landry Lake would likely weigh about 1,000 pounds and possibly stand about nine feet tall, he estimated.

It is quite possible, he said, that the creature sighted at various locations in Manitoba was the one responsible for leaving tracks near The Pas.

"It frequently happens in other areas that one or more will stay in that area and then move away. There is no pat-

tern," he said, citing his experiences in Alaska, British Columbia, Washington State, Oregon and California.

"I'm sure it's the same animal" as reported in the Easterville area.

Dr. Krantz has not been successful in tracing reports of such creatures being shot or killed in road accidents.

"I'm sure someone has shot and killed the animal before — it could have been almost anywhere — and if someone has, I would like to find the skeleton," he said.

"People wouldn't talk about it (shooting the creature) for fear of being in trouble," he believes.

The unsuccessful attempts to capture or find a skeleton of the creature has cast doubts on its existence, despite hundreds of sighting reports.

Carcasses of dead animals are torn into pieces before being dragged further into the bush and consumed by other animals, he said.

This, along with falling leaves and bone-consuming porcupines, would make rare bones difficult to find, he said.

Any animal or bones can be difficult to find in heavy brush or in little travelled areas.

"And a rare animal is even more difficult to find."

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## Capsule Stirs Talk, Rumors Along Pier

SANTA BARBARA, Cal. (AP) — Some said it was a space ship from a far-flung planet, and others said it was a Russian spy gizmo.

The Navy refused to claim it, and the Santa Barbara Harbor Department didn't care as long as Sam Babcock took it off the pier.

The 2½-ton, stainless steel capsule was recovered from the seabottom off Santa Rosa Island Monday by Babcock, who runs Hurricane Charters, a local service for sport divers.

He put the 30-foot, bullet-shaped capsule on an old pier and then passersby spotted it. "That kicked off the rumors," he said.

Babcock, 40, a former political science teacher at the nearby University of California campus, said, "I got a call from a former crewman on a minesweeper, and he said it was a hammer box, which is pulled behind a minesweeper. It contains a large motor which emits a sound wave that detonates submerged mines."

Babcock's partner, Bob Guthrie, said the Navy was contacted but "they said it wasn't theirs. But I think it is and when they find out what we've got, maybe they'll want it back. It's probably covered in Monel, which is a very expensive alloy."

"The thing's probably been submerged for years and yet there's not a sign of corrosion. Monel is virtually impregna-

ble."

# His Eyes Looked 'Most Peculiar'

"I said, 'June put on your brakes! Stop! What is that?'" recalls former Easterville school principal Don Jones. It was late one night in November, 1970.

Mr. Jones had noticed what appeared to be a man on the left side of the road about 600 yards ahead. He appeared to be ready to hitchhike, though Mr. Jones, who wondered if perhaps someone's car had gone off the road.

Some 200 yards closer, he thought the figure was about to cross the road in front of the car.

"I had this strange feeling there was some animal, perhaps a dog, with the figure." Then it suddenly struck Mr. Jones that this was no man at all.

"It appeared too heavy and its shaggy appearance and its form didn't seem human..."

As the car approached "the creature then stepped to the side. It didn't run — it just stood there. I said, 'June, put on your brakes! Stop! What is that?'"

She stopped and backed up, but the creature had disappeared into the bush. Mr. Jones recalls they had passed a seven-or-eight-foot-tall creature that "wasn't in the form of man," covered with dark hair and with an extremely short neck and long, hanging arms.

Mr. Jones still remembers "the most peculiar look" in its eyes. "They didn't have a distinct coloring, but the eyes were deep-set, ... like a neanderthal man's. I didn't see any color, but June said she noticed its green eyes." Mr. Jones recalls "a flash of redness" but doesn't remember any iris coloring.

"I felt there wasn't much of a nose; it wasn't pronounced and the impression I received was that the creature was ape-like, but more humanoid. What I could see of its face was hairy, and I don't recall a mouth. The ears didn't stand out as the face appeared heavily covered in hair."

The arms were long, like those of apes, hanging to the knees and almost clutching

the legs, as if the creature was nervous.

At first it appeared erect, but "up closer, I felt the head seemed a little forward and not as straight as I had thought when I first saw it." Its coloring "was one of general darkness because of the hair," and its skin coloring was dark.

"I got the impression this creature wasn't of any great age, (more) like a young boy in good physical condition, and very strong," Mr. Jones said. "There was no doubt in my mind that it was a strong, virile creature, and in our standards would have been aged 25 to 35 ... It wasn't in the form of a gorilla. I know what they look like — and this wasn't that type of being, not that type at all."

Mr. Jones, now 43, said he understands that a few years earlier there had been reports of sightings of a creature, called the Easterville Monster. Most reports were taken with a grain of salt.

Legends of the Weetokow strike fear into many, but



DON JONES

... wasn't fearful

that wasn't Mr. Jones' reaction. "We didn't get out of the car, although I later explained to June that I didn't have the feeling or fear that we would be attacked or harmed."

He had an an instinctive feeling that the two-legged, hair-covered creature would cause no danger.

## 'The RCMP Will Think We're Nuts'

Until he turned off Highway 6 onto provincial road 327, Easterville schoolteacher Allan Skrumeda would have been inclined to scoff at tales of the Easterville Monster, as reported in The Free Press in 1968.

But last April, returning from Winnipeg with fellow teacher Allan Pfeil, his attitude to reports of "monsters" and huge, hair-covered creatures was radically changed.

"We had gone about two miles down the Easterville road and Allan and I earlier had been discussing things that had nothing to do with what I was soon to see," said Mr. Skrumeda.

Lights from his car picked out a figure that, within seconds, was to terrify him as he slammed on his brakes to avoid a collision.

"As we drew close there was something that appeared to be walking on two legs with his back towards us. That is, he was walking in the same direction as we were. It was no further than

100 feet away when I first saw it."

Suddenly the creature stepped out in front of the car.

"I hit the brakes — and it turned to face us, staring into the headlights. I screamed and nearly lost control and almost went off the road," he recalls, still excited.

"It was covered with hair — darker than a deer — and there was a flat-profiled face. Looking at us was this thing that had the appearance of man, although it was three times the size of the average man."

He estimated the creature as nine feet or more in height and very broad across the chest and shoulders. It appeared erect, but it "crunched forward" when looking into the car lights.

Most striking feature was the creature's eyes. "They were really sunk in, and beady, staring with a great intensity as they gleamed" in the lights. "You got the feeling that something was

looking through you."

The car was within 50 feet of the creature "and skidding all over the road. When I was going sideways it leaped across the road, through a ditch and it was gone into the heavy bush."

Mr. Pfeil said he was "half asleep and dozing off" and didn't see anything when the brakes were slammed on. "It was real shaky. He claimed he had just seen the Easterville monster."

The two shaken men headed down the road and, recalls Mr. Skrumeda, they wondered what to do. "I said, 'We can't call the RCMP. They'll think we're nuts.'"

Mr. Skrumeda, on staff at Keewatin Community College at The Pas and teaching basic adult education at Easterville school, discussed the sighting the next day. He found that Easterville principal Don Jones and teacher June Johnson had also reported seeing the creature. Several students said it had been seen by other people.



ALLAN SKRUMEDA

... sudden terror

That day there was also a blizzard so no attempt was made to return and search for tracks.

"Neither I nor anyone else was quite prepared to return anyway," says Mr. Skrumeda.

Was it male or female? There was no time to concern myself over its sex."

## Vanishing Planes Tied With UFO's

Since 1945, several planes and ships and hundreds of persons have disappeared while traveling through an area of the Atlantic Ocean known as "Limbo of the Lost."

Now, John Wallace Spencer, an author who has been a member of the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena, believes many of the answers to these mysteries are tied to the existence of unidentified flying objects.

Spencer, an air force veteran, believes there is proof

UFO's exist and that activity of these crafts is especially high in the area where mysterious disappearances have occurred.

Spencer has written a book, "Limbo of the Lost," and has asserted that the U. S. government has ordered a cover-up of data resulting from its investigation of strange aerial phenomena.

The sector of the disappearances runs from Cape May, N. J., to the continental shelf, encompassing an area which includes the Gulf of Mexico, Cu-

ba, Jamaica, Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, and the West Indies. The well-traveled area also intersects the Bahamas and Bermuda.

Spencer reported 10 major plane disappearances in "Limbo of the Lost" since 1945. One incident involved the loss of five fighter planes, a boat, and 27 men.

This baffling incident began as a routine training mission. The fighter planes were manned by combat veterans with one to six years of experience.

### Planes Vanish

"The crew took off from Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) at 2 p. m. During the course of the flight several routine messages were received from the craft," Spencer said. "Then at 5:25 p. m., the crew leader radioed in a nearly hysterical tone. 'We are

lost ... instruments are not working ... don't know where we are,' and then as if a cord were being pulled ... nothing."

But the mystery had just begun. The Banana River Naval Air Station sent a rescue boat at once. That craft vanished too.

Spencer refers to other unexplained disappearances, including vanishing private, commercial, and military aircraft. He believes there is a direct relationship between these mysterious incidents and UFO's.