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UFO Reported By Lacey Girls

Three Lacey teenage girls reported they sighted an unidentified flying object last night near Carpenter and Homann roads.

The girls said the cone-shaped object hovered above the location, emitting a high-pitched whine. The UFO, they said, had two headlights, four blue lights and one blinking red light on the bottom.

Ladell Lund and Donna and Dorietta Widener said the UFO hovered over their car and then took off toward the Nisqually Valley.

The UFO, the girls reported, was about the size of a small airplane and had a pointed tip which seemed to be the front of the object.

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Mystery In Skies At Niles

NILES — Area police agencies here this morning have no explanation, but have confirmed reports that an unidentified flying object was seen hovering and moving above the Niles-Buchanan road for about 45 minutes last night, before disappearing to the southwest.

Niles city police reported the object had a white light with flashing red, green and blue lights and that the lights moved from side to side and up and down as the object traveled westward along the Niles-Buchanan road. They said it was about 600 to 700 feet above the ground and that it disappeared in the southwest.

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According to city police, officers from the Niles state police post, and Niles township police also saw the lighted object, the shape of which could not be determined due to the darkness. A number of area residents also saw the moving lights.

Officials at the South Bend airport said they could pick nothing up on radar located there, about 10 miles away.

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Police agencies ponder UFO origin

NILES — It hovered above the treetops for nearly an hour, flashing red, green, blue and white signals. Then it disappeared, leaving four area police agencies to ponder its origin.

The multi-colored object was, of course, another UFO, or unidentified flying object. The object was first reported to city police by Janice Washington, of 119 Briarcrest, who called in the sighting at 11:24 p.m. Monday.

Officers described the object as a bright white light with smaller flashing colored lights, moving slowly westward toward Buchanan from the west side of Niles.

The object maintained a 60-degree altitude, police said, and made no sound.

Before the strange craft disappeared over Buchanan, officers from the State Police Post at Niles and Niles and Howard Townships joined in the pursuit. Police followed the object as far as the Orchard Hills Country club along Niles-Buchanan Rd.

City officers said they received several calls during the evening reporting the object. A call to the St. Joseph County Airport in South Bend turned up no clues, and the sighting was reported to the UFO Center in Chicago, according to police.

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Hovering UFO Was Grinding

OCEAN GROVE — What was that brown, mushroom-shaped object reported hovering near the boardwalk Sunday night?

"I don't know, but it was weird," said Miss Carol Grimes, Webb Ave., who said she spotted the unidentified flying object at about 10:30 p.m.

Miss Grimes said she was walking home when she heard a strange, screeching sound above her.

"I heard this grinding sound, something like a motor, but unlike anything I had heard before. Then I looked up and I saw it," she said.

The object, Miss Grimes said, was about the size of a helicopter and about 50 feet from the ground.

"There were no lights but I could see it because the sky was light," she said.

When Miss Grimes spotted a couple walking some distance away from her she said she looked away from the object with thoughts of hailing them. But when she looked back she said she saw the object disappearing into the night toward Asbury Park.

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NEW KENSINGTON, PA.

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Valley News Dispatch

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UFO reported by NK family

A New Kensington family reported seeing an unidentified flying object last night to police.

The family of three, residents of the 600 block of Moss Alley, said they saw the object shortly after 9 p.m. It was described as bright yellow and shaped like an egg.

UFO Reported Near Country Club

By MARY KEANE
Union Staff

Longmeadow residents reported spotting an unidentified flying and flaming object Wednesday night.

Fire Department Chief James E. O'Brien said about ten calls were received by the police and fire departments

at 8.30 p.m., all of which informed them of an object travelling easterly in the sky over Wolf Swamp Road near Twin Hills Country Club.

O'Brien said he and his crew saw nothing of the noiseless travelling object when they arrived at the scene and were "beseiged by

kids with flashlights hunting for Martians."

He said the descriptions of the object made him think it might have been a weather balloon set in flight with a flare in it or with chemicals that would make it glow. Such balloons, he added, "aren't at all uncommon."

After checking with Bradley and Westover airfields, O'Brien said there was little evidence it might have been a plane down.

O'Brien said he plans to check the Twin Hills Country Club Golf Course today for possible remnants of the mysterious object.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

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Has the Mount Olive area been visited by life from other planets? Are what you see in this photograph the lights of a flying saucer? Have they actually been spotted hovering in the night skies of this area? Tribune Reporter Nelson Bland thinks so. And he tells it "as he saw it" in today's issue of the Tribune on Page 4.



Tribune Reporter Sees UFO IN Calypso Skies

BY NELSON BLAND

What's oblong shaped—about 30 feet long and some 10 or so feet deep—has three pulsating (not blinking or flashing) lights, moves at incredible (almost unbelievable) speed, comes within 300 feet over your head and shines a bright spotlight on you and your car?

Whatever it is, I'm not sure. But one thing I am sure of—I did actually see such a flying object (and it certainly was unidentified) in Calypso Monday night.

I know many readers will laugh, many will say I'm crazy. In fact, right after I got back from seeing the object, I reported it to police. And they giggled, smiled—and one, who knew I don't consume any type alcoholic beverages—asked me "What have you been drinking, Nelson?"

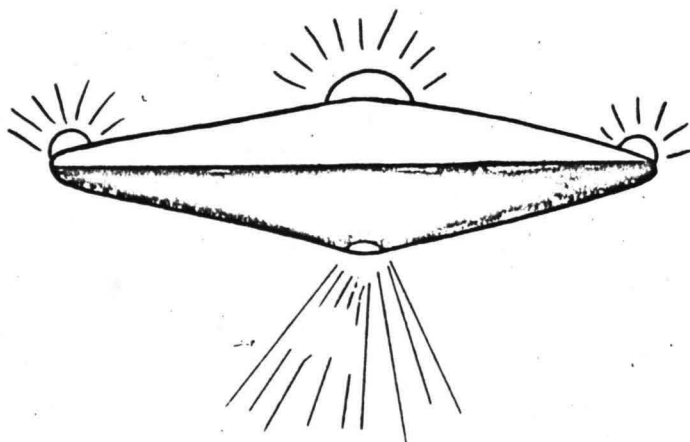
To paraphrase what a friend of mine always says, "I don't care who believes me. I know two who saw it—me and the Lord."

I had just left a town board meeting at Faison. I was driving down highway US 117, proceeding northwards toward Mount Olive. As I approached the overhead bridge, I saw this strange, erratically moving light in the sky. I'm colorblind and don't know what color it actually was, but it appeared to be either red, green or yellow.

I went down the old 117, and I noticed it was getting closer—or appeared to be. Anyway, it was getting brighter. It looked weird. The lights were not blinking, but were sort of pulsating—nothing like I had ever seen before.

I parked my car, left the motor running, got my camera with the telephoto lens and aimed at the light. It was through the lens that I could make out it was three lights—a bright one and two smaller ones. I snapped three shots. (The photos were not good—only a speck of light on the film).

I noticed it was coming closer and moving south. I then drove my car on the road between 117 business and 117 by-pass. I still saw the three lights. Then suddenly, without any noise and at incredible speed, the object appeared to come about 300 or so feet away from me and about 75 or 80 feet in the air, over a field near Scott and Jones company.



Drawing of UFO seen by Nelson Bland.

I could see the shape and color of the object. It was oblong, and the lights were reflecting onto the top part, which appeared to be metal. Anyway, it was yellow or orange in color. The bottom part I could not distinguish the color, but could see the outline silhouetted against the sky.

All this took place in about four minutes—from when I first saw it until it came down close. Quickly I grabbed my camera, stood beside my car door and started to aim when suddenly an intense, extremely bright beam of light came from the bottom of the object and beamed directly onto me and the car.

During the whole episode, I felt eerie. But when that light beamed down on me, I almost fainted. In an instant I dropped my camera in the car seat, put my car in gear and sped away.

The bright light stayed on for about three seconds after I dropped my camera. It went out, but I didn't look back, or up, to see where the object went.

Since then I have been extremely nervous, especially when driving alone at night. I hope to God that I never see another one.

For God knows, there is no way to express how I felt during the sighting. I still shudder to think about it.

The UFO I saw fits the same description of some that several reliable persons have reported seeing lately.

Marty Brogden of route 4, Mount Olive, Mark Bryan of route 1, Dudley, Mike Grantham of route 1, Goldsboro, David Neel of route 1, Princeton, and Mark Quinn of Mount Olive have all reported seeing

similar objects on several occasions in the Mount Olive-Grantham area.

Gail Stroud, a Duplin county school bus driver, Marian Green, a North Duplin student, Johnny Davis, a Southern Wayne student, Jeff Parker, a North Duplin student, have all reported seeing similar objects in the sky.

Frank Harrison, chaplain at Mount Olive College, who is interested in the UFO phenomenon, says "I certainly believe some people have seen various unidentified objects—and I don't know what to call them except unidentified flying objects."

Harrison says he has "talked to a lot of people" who say they have seen the objects in this area.

Personally, I didn't believe them and made ridiculous remarks to them. But after Monday night I remember the old rock song that was popular several years ago: "I'm a Believer."

Anyone seeing any UFO's, or know anyone who has, contact Mr. Harrison at the college at 658-2502 (day) or 658-9363 (nights.)

Cr: George Fawcett

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.
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Residents-Spot UFO In Newton County

A UFO, described as about the size of a "No. 3 washtub" was reportedly sighted late Sunday night in the area of Boxley (in Newton County) by a Rogers woman and three other persons, traveling in a car.

The woman told Fayetteville police that she, a girl-friend and her two children were driving along when one of the children asked about a bright light in the sky. The woman said she looked up through the windshield and saw a bright light about the size of the washtub, with a beam of light coming from it in a whirlwind motion. She was unable to estimate the object's distance from the car, but did say it was traveling at a "fantastic speed."

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'Ball Of Fire' Seen Locally, In 4 States

What was described by Carroll County observers as a red ball of fire falling in the southwest sky prompted phone calls to state police barracks in four states Friday night about 8:15 p.m.

The spectacular sky show was identified as a large meteorite later by officials at Friendship airport and scientists in Pennsylvania.

"Early indications were that it approached the full moon in brightness and vaporized before reaching the ground," said Paul Oles of the Buhl Planetarium in Pittsburgh.

He estimated the fireball was visible for a distance of about 150 miles in an area covering parts of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland and Ohio.

State police throughout the regions reported calls from residents many of whom expressed concern of the possibility of an airplane crash.

Two troopers from the Westminster barrack reported seeing a vapor trail after the object disappeared. Other barracks at Waterloo, Frederick, Rockville and Baltimore County also requested information from the airport.

Stan Gordon of the Westmoreland County UFO Study Center in Greensburg, about 30 miles east of Pittsburgh said his organization also received about 40 calls from a widespread area in the hour the meteorite appeared.

"Most of the callers described a very large, bright, round object like a ball followed by a long trail," Gordon said. "Some of them said the trail was bluish-black in color."

Oles noted that celestial objects of the fireball's brightness or magnitude are very rare. He estimated it would have been about the size of a baseball when it hit the earth's upper atmosphere and began to burn itself away.

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BARNESBORO, PA.

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Flying Saucer Spotted Here

The first unidentified flying object to be seen in this area in recent years was seen by a group of men at the Barnesboro Legion Monday night.

Howard Brown reported spotting the object about 10:15 p.m. as he was leaving the post home on Maple Avenue. He called a number of men from outside the Legion who also verified seeing the object.

According to Mr. Brown, the circular object was seen above Eighth Street just across the railroad tracks. The "craft" was all lit up and there were no blinking red and green lights such as an airplane would show.

He said the object was traveling in an east to west direction and moving towards West Branch when it disappeared. He and seven or eight men from the Legion watched the object until it was out of sight.

The object was described as round and about the size of a full-sized car. It's height was estimated at about 500 feet. The sky was overcast at the time and there were no stars showing.

A Mr. Pinksaw also saw the object and said it was a flying saucer.

'The Great UFO Chase'

By MARILYN BRAYNE

A three-hour 150-mile pre-dawn chase through the backwoods hinterland of Connecticut ended when four Bulletin staffers discovered that not all mysterious pulsating flickering strobes are headlights on the 'Chariot of the Gods.'

For eight solid hours, the mammoth white light (the mother vehicle for little red lights) brazenly pulsated and flickered on the western horizon — defying an investigative search by state police, radar at Bradley International Airport and a team of veteran newsmen from The Bulletin.

...It all began when I let my dog out for his 10 p.m. constitutional at Fairy Lake Apartments, Salem.

And there sitting — no, DANCING — on the distant treetops was a huge white light, mysteriously pulsating like a cosmic firefly. To the left was another blinking red-blue-green light. To the right and just below the pulsating firefly was a Hopping Red Flare, which periodically flared up, erratically hopping up to the horizon.

I fetched two neighbors as witnesses, but was afraid to alert other residents for fear of starting a mass panic.

"Look," screamed Peggy, gaping out the window. "There are little red things flying out of the big white one."

That was enough for me. My fingers literally tripped over themselves dialing Colchester State Police.

Any Green Men?

"Uh-huh, uh-huh, uh-huh,— yawned the desk sergeant as I described the scene, being very careful not to mention the word UFO. "And have you seen any little green men yet, lady?"

"Honest, officer. This is serious. I haven't had a drop to drink. There are weird lights out there I have never seen before and I've lived here almost three years. I have two witnesses who also see them."

"Okay, lady. We'll send a trooper. But don't let yourself get captured until he arrives, okay?"

Shortly, Sgt. Joseph Perry (a very nice man experienced in humoring lunatics) arrived, patiently let me drag him to the window, stood there silently five minutes, smiling slightly, calmly nodding and finally announced "I don't believe in UFOs."

Sgt. Perry admitted he saw a pulsating light, admitted he personally has never seen such a light on the western horizon but insisted, "there has to be a logical explanation for it."

Estimating the light to be 15 to 20 miles away in the direction of Chester or Deep River, Sgt. Perry said, "There is a small landing field in Chester, but they don't have any beacons or night landing facilities."

Sgt. Perry then drove off, heading for the Connecticut River in search of a logical explanation — with promises to call me when he returned to the barracks.

In the meantime, I was in almost constant communication with The

Bulletin newsroom — getting the third degree from editors who wanted to know if there were any factories, movie theaters, supermarkets in that area that could conceivably have a lighted beacon.

"You don't understand," I cried defensively. "I live in Salem, which is the boonies. And west of Salem is even boonier than the boonies. There is nothing over there except forest and more forest. There is the nuclear power plant at Haddam Neck, but that's too far north from where the light is."

At 1:30 a.m., a reporter called me to warn me that Managing Editor James M. Malone, Assistant Managing Editor John C. Peterson and Staff Photographer Ed Stevenson were on their way to my apartment.

Like a medical team rushing to a cardiac arrest, the newsmen stormed through my door and there (thank God!) were the lights still flickering and dancing on the treetops.

While Peterson and Stevenson assembled a 200 mm. telescope, Malone couldn't take his eyes off the pulsating landscape. "I see them ... I'm stone sober ... I see them ... There are lights flickering on the landscape ... I see them and I'm stone sober ... I've never taken a drop in my life ..."

State Police Called

Claiming something must be done, Malone went to call Colchester State Police — oblivious to my protestations that I had already notified the state police.

"Hello, Dan," this is Jim Malone. Dan, you've known me a long time and you know I've never taken a drop in my life. Dan, about those lights..."

Dan called Bradley Airport in Windsor Locks, which reported nothing unusual on its radar.

Through the telescope (which had been assembled with a pencil and scotch tape because a bolt was missing) the white light appeared to be a single thin pulsating filament with no solid substance. And beside it was a similar dimmer filament, not visible to the naked eye.

Sgt. Perry called back, saying he had driven as far as the Connecticut River and found no logical explanations. He suggested I notify the media. I informed him I WAS the media and the media didn't know a thing about mysterious pulsating lights.

The media then piled into the car with armfuls of photo equipment "to track down this thing if it takes all night," as Malone put it.

Down Rte. 82, across the Haddam Bridge, as far south as Chester, as far north as Middletown, we sped. Through backwoods roads, still littered with fallen trees and debris from the December ice storm, up mountains, over dirt roads sinking into swamps, down highways — and nowhere NOWHERE was the pulsating light even visible.

Five a.m., we returned to my apartment and there, dancing, flickering, pulsating and strobing on

the western horizon was the dancing, flickering strobing light that had so carefully evaded us during our three-hour-150-mile pre-dawn chase.

The next night, there it was again — familiarly winking like a harmless old man.

Two Bright Strokes

The following day, I called a pilot friend at Pilgrim Airlines in Groton, who said Chester Airport does have two bright strobes, "but I'm positive you wouldn't be able to see them in Salem."

A call to Chester Airport proved it had been a simple case of you can't see the forest for the trees. Although we had driven through Chester without spotting the pulsating strobe, we had neglected to drive up the hill to the small airport where the strobe was sitting on a 50-foot tower.

"We don't always have the strobes on — only when we have a lot of night traffic," said the assistant airport manager. "We did have them on Monday night."

"From 10 to 6?" I asked.

"Yeah, how do you know?"

I insisted that the airport strobe explained only ONE of the lights we had witnessed. "What about the Hopping Red Flare?" I asked.

"Hopping Red Flare? What Hopping Red Flare?" asked Peterson. "I don't know what you're talking about."

"Hopping Red Flare?" asked my friend the pilot. "Sounds like a great entre: Two Hopping Red Flares Flambe a la carte, please..."

Two policemen view UFO over Sachuest

Two city police officers spent nearly an hour early this morning watching what they think may have been a UFO.

Patrolmen Michael Scallin and Edward Somerford reported they watched the bright light from just after 5:30 to 6:30 a.m. today. They said it hovered about 45 degrees over the horizon near Sachuest Point in Middletown.

"The object appeared to move from left to right and then up and down in a sort of circular motion," reported Patrolman Scallin. "The brilliancy of this light did not change and in my opinion it was too bright to be a star."

Police said they notified the Coast Guard Station at Castle Hill and confirmed that the bright object was not a plane or helicopter.

"As it started to break day," said Scallin, "the stars in the

sky began to fade but this object retained its brilliance. At 0626 the object began to fade and in approximately three minutes it was completely gone."

Scallin said he first spotted the light from Washington Square. He met Somerford at the Easton's Beach parking lot, where the two observed the apparent UFO until dawn. They took no photographs.

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'Spacecreature's captive' relives his adventure

By MARCIA ABRAMSON

"At first we thought there was no use telling. People wouldn't believe it. But the more we thought about it, the more we knew we had to tell," said Charles Hickson.

Hickson, 42, and his friend, Calvin Parker, 19, are the two Louisiana shipbuilders who told the world they were captured and examined by creatures from an unidentified flying object (UFO) last October.

Since then, Parker has had a nervous breakdown, and Hickson has begun speaking all over the world on his self-imposed mission: To make people believe.

He had little trouble when his travels brought him to Troy High School Saturday night, as the guest

of the UFO Study Center of Oakland Community College.

MORE THAN 300 people of all ages packed the school gym at \$2 each to hear Hickson's story, cheer his belief, and boo the skeptics who grilled the Louisiana man in a question and answer session.

"Before this, did you ever watch 'Star Trek' or any other space programs?"

"Oh, sure I did."

"Have you ever been arrested for speeding or drunk driving?"

"I seem to recall for speeding, but not drunk driving."

"Do you ever take a drink?"

"Yes."

Moderator, breaking in. "And so do I."

Cheers from the audience.

"Had you been drinking that night?"

"No."

"Did you get a breathalyzer test?"

"A what?"

Moderator: "We have funny ways of talking up north. He means a test on a machine to see if you had been drinking."

"Oh yes, the sheriff's department went over us with a fine tooth comb."

DESPITE THE persistence of some unbelievers, most of the questions sought details of Hickson's experience. What did the creatures look like, how did he feel, when did he first see them, was he paralyzed, why didn't he flee?

Hickson's story is simple. The pair were fishing in the Pascagoula River when he turned and saw a blue light approaching. The light came from a cigar-shaped craft, 30 to 40 feet long. The craft hovered above ground, and three metallic-looking creatures came out.

Parker fainted, and Hickson was somehow levitated into the craft where he was studied by a light. He was then returned. The incident took about two hours, he said, from 9 to 11 p.m.

The creatures, he has decided, were robots because they moved all at once and did not appear to breathe. They were five feet, two inches tall, with human-like arms ending in a pincer or claw.

THROUGHOUT his experience, he felt paralyzed, although he is not certain if he was unable to move. He did try to talk to the robots, unsuccessfully.

"I mostly was concerned that they were going to take me away. I'd known fear, but never like that," said Hickson.

After the craft left, Hickson and Parker were speechless for several moments. Then they talked, and decided to notify authorities at a nearby Air Force base. The Air Force, however, told them to report to the local sheriff.

Although the sheriff promised not to release details of the incident, by 10 a.m. the next morning calls were coming in from all over the world, Hickson said.

IN RESPONSE to challenges, he has submitted to lie detector tests and hypnosis. So far, the tests show he is telling the truth.

Hickson said he would submit to sodium pentathol, "truth serum," or any other test.

Parker, he added, is recovering nicely, and has volunteered to submit to similar testing.

Since October, Hickson said, he has received thousands of letters and calls from all over the U.S. Not one person has ridiculed him, and no one has called him a liar.

"I think people in America are waking up to see that there are other worlds out there, and other life," he concluded. "And I know there is."

BARNESBORO, PA.

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More Flying Saucer Reports

Reports of unidentified objects continue to come into this office following a report here last week that an object had been seen in the vicinity of the Legion Home.

A family in South Spangler has reported the sighting of two "flying saucers" early Sunday morning. The objects were spotted about 6 a.m. and they were hovering over the mountains above St. Benedict. The two objects were described as one being orangish-red and the other whitish. They were said to be moving slowly while they were above the trees but moved faster as they rose to higher altitudes.

A second report came in from Mrs. John Tomasko of Heilwood, who said that she and her husband saw one of the flying objects about 10:15 Monday of last week, approximately the same time as did Howard Brown in Barnesboro. She said that she and her husband were going down the Nolo Hill on Route 422 off Legislative Route 403 enroute home when they saw this object which she described as "Large, bright, with no blinking lights and making no sound." She said she and her husband stopped and watched it for about 10 minutes. She said it didn't appear to be moving fast.

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Hum-ho, another UFO

A UFO sighting was reported Saturday morning at 5:18 a.m.

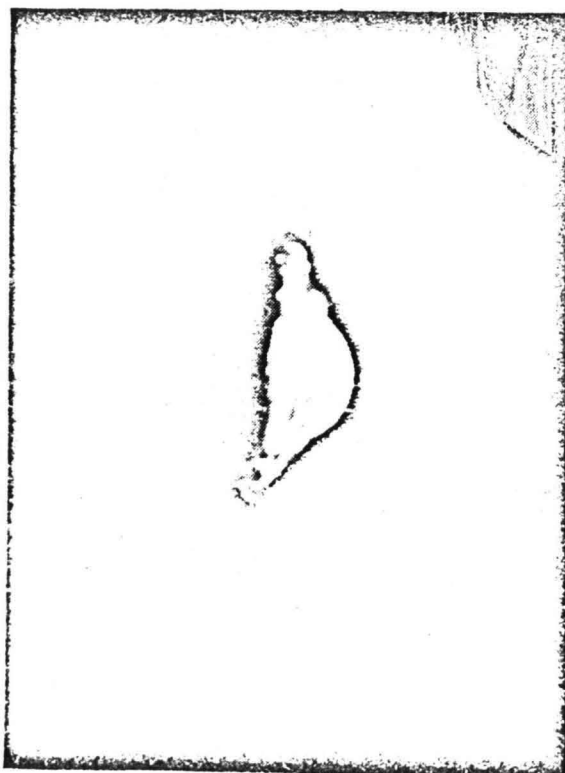
City Police said a man who prefers to remain unidentified reported seeing an orange-colored, oval-shaped object in the eastern sky.

The man told officers the object was moving eastward at a high rate of speed. He said the UFO was about three times the size of a normal star.

Patrolmen Jackie Patrick, Glenn Freeman and John Brake investigated.

Residents of Oklahoma City's northwest side, peering anxiously into the skies at the height of last weekend's storms, were startled by what many considered a sinister sight in the cloud-darkened heavens recently. A local amateur photographer snapped the above picture. The photographer (aware of the controversial hue-and-cry regarding celestial bodies often referred to as UFO's) refuses to make any claims. Nor does he have any comments. The picture is published by this newspaper as a matter of news interest. It is there for your appraisal. Your thoughts are your own.

Photo by Tom Parker



UFO Sighted In Area?

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While the light was in the sky, Mrs. Clifton put in a call to the Patrick County Sheriff's Office, where she was asked if the people seeing the sight were over 21, if they were drunk, and if their eyes were playing tricks on them. The answer to the first question was affirmative, to the second negative, and to the third, - well, the Cliftons and Plasters decided don't think so. As Plasters said in an interview last Thursday, "I don't know what I seen, but I sure seen something!"

According to the three people interviewed, there were others who saw the light on March 1 and possibly also the strange aerial object. At about the same time, Mrs. Noah Cassell and her family reportedly heard a shrill, piercing noise while inside their weekend cabin, which is located closer to the site of the hillside in question than the Cliftons' home.

Last Friday the civilian UFO investigator and researcher from Mount Airy, George Fawcett, started an investigation into the sighting on the Plasters farm. He surveyed the site of the burning, talked to the people involved, and took soil samples to be tested for radioactive material. In a telephone call to the Enterprise Monday, Fawcett said he was "impressed" by several factors in the Vesta incident: "the obvious sincerity of the people who saw it," the fact that while a fire could be easily started, it could not so easily go out by itself, and the random aspects of the charred ground. "It was unique in that it was so scattered, not like a typical brush fire," Fawcett said. "I was very mystified by that."

Fawcett, who has been a recognized UFO investigator for 29 years, says that the past year has been a record year for reported sightings of occupants of "flying saucers." "There were over 100 sightings of UFOs in the past year, and 40 reports of seeing people of some nature emerge from the craft. Fawcett also noted that in a recent Gallup poll of national attitudes toward the possibility of extraterrestrial roamings, 51 per cent of the American people expressed belief in the reality of the UFOs.

Also, he added, approximately 15 million Americans, according to the same 1973 poll, have reportedly seen unidentified flying objects.

As Fawcett said, "Can 15 million Americans be wrong?"

The Lovers Leap Mountain Light

By Nancy Lindsey

What happens when you are blessed -- or cursed, as the case may be -- with seeing phenomona that few others are privileged to see, such as a UFO?

You wonder if you are completely sane. You form endless explanations to yourself, none of which completely suffice. You have to listen to equally endless "humorous" comments about little green men and questions about the amount of moonshine you consumed before the sighting. You get laughed at by the police, who have heard that one before.

To Richard and Jane Clifton and Billy Wayne Plasters of Vesta, who saw a strange oval object rising into the sky on the evening of March 1, the whole thing is no laughing matter.

It was about 8 p.m. on Friday, March 1, 1974 that Plasters noticed that the "whole hillside was lit up" on the farm of his father, John Plasters, on Rt. 58 in the Vesta Community. Plasters was on his way to Vesta Supply and did not stop. When he returned after a few minutes, the light was still visible from the home of his twin sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clifton. As the three watched from the Cliftons' home on another hill directly across from the pasture and wooded area where the light apparently emanated, they saw an object rise straight up from the ground, then go at right angles across the sky and return.

"It was red, kind of oval," Plasters said later. "We watched it until it got out of sight."

However, the light on the hillside, which he described as "not the color of firelight, more bright yellow, like a Coleman lantern" was still there. The two men decided to take a closer look, and drove to the farm across the road in their truck. The Plasters homeplace, several hundred yards from the light, is uninhabited now.

Mrs. Jane Clifton describes what happened from her vantage point in her home on that still-light, clear, warm March night.

"I saw the truck stop and the lights go out. Then there was no noise for several minutes. Then all of a sudden I heard the truck door slam and start up. When they came back to the house they both looked like they had seen a ghost, they were so white."

What had the two men seen? To this day, they are not sure. As they advanced toward the glowing light on the hillside, they passed a small shed. While Clifton was still behind the shed and couldn't see clearly Plasters saw what he describes as a "big, tall, heavy-set man" coming toward them, silhouetted on the top of the hill in front of the glowing light. He called out to Clifton, "Something's coming at us!" The men did not run at that moment, but called out to the figure "two or three times." When there was no answer, they ran back to the truck and took off.

They went back a few minutes later equipped with guns, but the light, object and figure were gone. All that remained, as they discovered the next day, were patches of charred ground extending several hundred yards across the top of the hill, and down into the

wooded area. The ground is blackened as if by a brush fire, yet the two men have been unable to find out who either set a fire or put one out. In addition, ivy or laurel bushes and pine needles were scorched brown in a somewhat random manner; part of bushes would be brown while parts of the same bush remained green. Another aspect was that the electric fence which runs along the general area of the burning was touched by a brush thus causing an electrical lighting of the underbrush. Also, the farm animals which usually come freely to greet people in the pasture -- two white horses, a brown steer and three black calves -- were nowhere to be seen.

The Cliftons and Plasters are eager to hear common sensical, down-to-earth interpretations of what they saw. Plasters said afterward that he had "never thought of nothing like that before" and said he hoped he never saw anything like it again. A tall, rangy man who would certainly not shrink from anything human, he nevertheless freely admits that he was scared of something which "didn't look real" - something for which there was no easy accounting or explaining away.

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Several report seeing UFO

A number of persons in the vicinity of 31st and Charles streets reported that they had seen an unidentified flying object in that area between 9 and 9:30 Thursday night.

The viewers said it was cigar-shaped with a domed top, moved back and forth and hovered over St. Joseph State Hospital land, had flashing lights and moved without noise. Reporting the sighting were David Bray, Jesse Lopez, Scott Mauzey and Dusty Register, all living in the 3100 block on Charles street. They reported having seen the same object on previous evenings, moving from the Belt Highway westward.

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QUEST

By RODGER
PAINTER

"What is truth?"—Pontius Pilate

MASSIVE UFO WAVE CONTINUES

By George D. Fawcett

A massive wave of UFO sightings, which produced reports of more than 125 landings of the mysterious objects and 40 incidents involving UFO occupants, has spilled over into 1974, with a large flurry of similar encounters being reported.

UFOs were reported in more than 30 states and 10 foreign countries, with millions of persons sighting the elusive objects in 1973.

Government agencies apparently are changing their policies and procedures regarding UFOs. Some of the scientific community have already taken steps in this direction by opening a toll-free phone number, in co-operation with police departments in this country, to handle the upsurge of new observations and to evaluate them at the newly organized Center for UFO Studies in Northfield, Illinois.

Since last January, UFO sightings have been reported from such scattered locations as the U. S., Australia, Argentina, Canada, Romania, Japan, France, Korea, China, England and New Zealand. Witnesses to these incidents are mostly credible and the sightings are reliable.

The characteristics of the current UFO outbreak include circular and cigar-shaped machines having multi-colored lights, apparently controlled maneuverability, humming and hissing sounds and beams of light. The smaller, domed, saucer-shaped UFOs average 20 to 30 feet in diameter, while the cigar-shaped UFOs range from 100 to 300 feet long.

Last January, Argentine truck driver Dionisio Yanca was placed under a doctor's care after being stopped by a UFO and taken aboard for one and a half hours. Yanca said the UFO connected a hose-like device to high tension wires, apparently to take on power, and lowered a similar device into a small lagoon. A nearby air base reported a UFO encounter the same day and a local electric company noted a sharp and unexplained rise in power consumption that day.

The next day, a large number of Vernon County, Missouri, farmers reported seeing a UFO that glowed and had portholes and that flew at low altitude. In Bradenton, Florida, last December, electronic technician Patrick Thrush took two photographs of a machine-like object which hovered about 20 feet above the Bradenton River and projected a tube into the water. The bluish-green object took off, dropping some lava-like material on the hood of his car that burned its surface. The residue is under study by scientists.

The following day, a U. S. Marine Vietnam veteran in Paso Robles, California, and a friend, a computer expert, watched a hovering UFO that had a cone-like protrusion and cast a reddish beam which hit the ground and stirred up glowing dirt and material. The glowing, red ellipse-shaped object, estimated to be 25 feet long and 10 feet wide, remained in the area about five minutes.

The witnesses said that while investigating the object they saw two aluminum-suited humanoids about six feet tall with arms or appendages that were waving at them. The UFO occupants moved away in the dark night.

Gaffney, North Carolina CR:Fawcett

Last November, two 11-year-old boys at Lemon Grove, California, saw a UFO land on a nearby vacant lot. The object, estimated to be about 20 feet wide and 11 feet tall, sat on four landing pods. One of the youths rapped on the object three or four times with a flashlight and a metallic sound was produced.

Investigators found markings on the ground and dead grass lying in a circular, counter-clockwise pattern. Physicists estimated that several tons of pressure would have been required to make the indentations on the vacant lot.

Intense TV interference was reported at homes throughout the neighborhood at the time of the sighting. Two utility lines near the area were found to have been fused together. A repairman suggested that a strong magnetic field could have fused the lines.

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Too many UFOs to suit scientist

CR: White

By DAN TEDRICK

SAN DIEGO (AP) — After a five-year study of unidentified flying objects, Dr. Gerhard H. Wolter says he might believe they are alien spacecraft — if Americans saw only one or two a year.

"But there are millions of people who say they see all kinds of strange things, which would mean a whole army of objects criss-crossing the country," Wolter says.

"I find it very hard to believe that people with such a high technology who could fight gravity and travel from another solar system would come to our planet and spend weeks or months sailing around for fun."

The 66-year-old San Diego State University physics professor, a former German V2 rocket scientist, is unsure exactly what people are seeing, but with about a dozen other scientists he hopes to find out by setting up sensing equipment around San Diego County.

The group plans to use automatic recording units equipped with magnetometers and costing about \$100 each that would be capable of sensing an object in the sky as far as 15 miles away, recording data on tape around the clock.

The group plans to also use automated motion picture cameras, ultrasonic detectors, microwave radiometers and other sensing devices. They are paying for the equipment from their own pockets.

"To avoid ridicule," a spokesman says, all but Wolter and a consulting engineer have refused to allow their names to be used although "they are all highly regarded in their fields."

Wolter said he dismisses 90 per cent of the reported UFO sightings brought to

his attention "but the remaining 10 per cent deserve some kind of explanation."

"I do not go along with some scientists who say these are weather phenomena or such things," he said in an interview. "We should never forget that the government does not tell us all of what we would like to know. They have experiments with high flying drones going on, sometimes reflecting momentary light."

Wolter said he checks out most of the reports but "there are crank calls from guys who say they're in touch with them, that angels of the Lord are preparing them for the hereafter," along with simple physiological explanations.

Among Californians who report flying saucers, he said, are some who are diabetic, who suffer from adrenal cortex insufficiency, with briefly blurry vision.

Wolter traveled in the San Fernando Valley north of Los Angeles to a spot where a citizen's camera captured a UFO on film in daylight.

Instead, he found tiny bubbles in the camera's lens which produced a diffused image as a result of "internal reflection of the bubbles, scattering sunlight not hitting the lens directly."

In another instance, he and associates tried to duplicate night pictures of an usual sight which the photographer insisted was in the north "but it turned out it was a scene in the south and he actually photographed the moon rising through trees," said Wolter.

The public is too impatient, he says, adding, "If you take their dream world away from them, they say, 'Oh, we know you dirty scientists. You just want all the credit.'"

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A UFO Sightings Reported in Area

One man claimed it didn't have a loud sound. It was going quite fast and it was very large. The bright object looked as though stars were going right through it. It was another UFO.

And so several sightings of "something unusual in the sky" were reported to The Daily Review office Thursday night about 9:30.

One person traveling from Dushore claimed he saw four bright lights, three white and one red, soaring across the northwestern skies. One man from Columbia Cross Roads area reported seeing five lights, traveling in a straight line.

The Sullivan County man said the red lighted object dropped as though it were landing while the other objects, described as blimps traveling sideways, continued ahead.

One man representing a church group stopped by The Review office and reported seeing the UFO's also.

The Daily Review contacted a UFO study group in Greensburg, Pa., who said they have been notified of several sightings of UFO's in this area during the past few days. However, they could offer no explanation of last evening's sightings.

CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES

This is the latest listing of reports received from the CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES. We would like to thank Director, Dr. J. Allen Hynek for sending it to us.

UFO CENTRAL

Note: NL= Nocturnal Lights DD= Daylight Disc CE= Close Encounter

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15-18	Lincoln Park, Michigan	1	NL	Photos
15	Niles, Michigan	2		Object, Close encounter, no effects.
16	Paw Paw Michigan	2	NL	
16	Hampton Va.	2		Object, C.E. no effects.
17-21	Metuchen, N.J.	many	NL	
17	Winsted, Conn.	2		Object, CE no effects
19	Columbus, O	4		Object, 80 ft. above ground
19	Huntingdon, Pa.	2		CE White ball of fire on ground
19	Ormond Beach, Fla.	2	NL	
19	Denver, Col.	2	NL	
19	Lindhurst, O.	1	NL	
19	Washington, Pa.	1	DD	
19	Sante Fe, N.M.	1	NL	
19	St. Louis, Mo.	2		Object, CE, no effects
20	South Keston, Mo.	2		Object, CE, no effects
20	Milford, N.H.	1	NL	(separate calls)
20	Milford, N.H.	1	NL	
22	Madison, Wis.	1	NL	
23	San Diego, California	1		Animal effects/Object
24	Rapid City, S.D.	2	NL	
27	Lincoln Park, Michigan	3		Close encounter, saucer, no effects
27	Bath, New York	3	NL	
27	Portsmouth, N.H.	1		Close encounter, cigar shaped no effects

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LOCATION

OF WITNESSES

TYPE

Like 'copters, said Parkes policeman

SYDNEY, Today: Police and hundreds of residents in central western NSW reported sighting two weird unidentified flying objects early today.

At Parkes, two constables said the UFOs had made a fluttering noise as they moved east across the mountains.

Constables Joe Meynink and Ron Fellington were alerted when a terrified property owner rushed into the Parkes Police Station shortly after 3 a.m.

Constable Fellington said the objects looked like helicopters with winking landing lights.

"We distinctly saw two sets of these lights moving

in formation. They were making a sound like a sewing machine," he said.

Police at Orange, Bathurst, Lithgow, Katoomba, and Penrith reported seeing the "lights."

After the initial sighting the RAAF and Civil Aviation authorities were alerted.

At Bathurst and Orange,

police said the lights had been stars. But at Penrith, the UFOs culminated a terrifying night for two men.

They had been to a midnight horror show and were on their way home when they saw the "lights."

The men rushed into the Penrith Police Station

screaming they were being pursued by demons.

The last report of the objects was made at about 5 a.m.

In MELBOURNE, many people reported seeing two

mysterious lights in the sky last night.

The mysterious bright lights were seen by policemen in Frankston, Melton, and at Russell street police headquarters.

A young woman driver,

Miss Kerry Sheahan, 20, of Northcote, went to Russell street where she told police she had seen the lights all the way in from Coburg to the city (about seven miles).

AAP reporter, John Westbury, 31, who was at Russell street, said Miss Sheahan claimed the lights swooped down towards her car as she was driving into the city. Westbury said Miss

Sheahan was frightened. He said: "She rushed in and told us that two things were going to land in the city."

"We went up to the tenth floor observation deck and I saw one big light and one small light."

"They were reasonably low, only a matter of thousands of feet. They moved apart and dropped lower and then went up together again."

Youths sight lights in SA

Two Adelaide youths reported seeing unidentified flying objects in the northern sky over Adelaide on Saturday morning.

Daryl Lockwood, 16, and Graeme Mott, 17, both of Pooraka, sighted two brilliant lights about 4 a.m. They were watching television and went outside to get some fresh air.

The lights they saw were stationary in the northern sky at an elevation of about 40 deg. from the horizon. "The light from them was intense," said Daryl.

"One was slightly brighter than the other, but they were both brighter than a full moon, and about half the size of the moon. We watched them for 15 minutes. I estimate they were at a height of about 4,000 ft.

"I used my telescope to view both objects but they were too bright to enable me to focus properly."

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UFO over Casuarina

These people witnessed strange objects in the Darwin pre-dawn skies on four successive nights. From left to right: Tony Muschat, Vivienne Dallen, Roelf Hart and Charmaine Hart.

At least a dozen people, including two policemen, have witnessed unidentified flying objects

The sightings began last Wednesday morning when two welfare officers connected with the hostel in McMillans Rd saw two bright objects at approximately 3.30 am—a cross-shaped light and a half-moon lying on its back.

The objects appeared to be just above the south-easterly section of the RAAF base.

"We observed the phenomenon for roughly three hours," said welfare officer Tony Muschat.

"During that time they moved from side to side, faded to pin-pricks of light and then grew large again, settled

down behind the trees—peneating the area with a bright white light, then again rose up into the sky."

His companion and welfare co-worker, Vivienne Dallen, went on: "We rang one of our fellow-workers, Roelf Hart, who we knew was interested in such things."

"He and his wife went out onto their back verandah and also witnessed the lights... or whatever they were."

Tony Muschat added: "As the two shining objects rose up into the sky a beam of light shone down, illuminating an area about the size of a tennis court fairly close to where we stood."

"There was a second bright beam of light coming from the top

arm of the cross and pointing immediately skywards.

"Then both objects moved on at a very fast rate until they were little more than pin-pricks of light in the sky."

The following night, Thursday, the Harts (Roelf and wife, Charmaine) were ready.

So, too, was Annette Brown, 16 who was spending the night with them.

At approximately 5.45 am the cross-shaped light was again seen, apparently hovering over the Casuarina shopping centre.

"Our young guest became very frightened," said Mrs Charmaine Hart, "so we sent her back to bed and rang Casuarina police."

"Two officers came around."

"One of them admitted that it was like nothing he had ever seen before and that in

his opinion it certainly was not a star."

Once again the object faded to the size of a pin-prick after hurtling upward at great speed.

The same object was seen by plumber Peter Vallance and his wife, Greta, of 49 Dripton Rd, Casuarina.

"I rang the RAAF about it at approximately 5.30 on Thursday morning," said Mrs Vallance.

"Whoever I spoke with told me that, he too, could see it and that they had it under observation."

The cross-shaped object appeared at 5 am on Friday.

This time the Harts, the Vallances and near-opposite neighbours David and Maxine Richardson, who live in Truscott St, Casuarina saw the UFO.

As before, it disappeared at great speed, travelling upward at an angle of 45 degrees

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GLOW IN SKY CAUSES SCARE

A UFO scare swept the northern suburbs at dawn today when a strange light appeared in the sky over Manly.

The light, reported to local police, the Weather Bureau, and "The Sun," quickly grew into a large, dazzling glow. A Weather Bureau spokesman said the glow could have been caused by the sun reflection off an ice cloud. Some observers said the light was hanging about 25,000 feet in a cloudless sky.

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Michael's sky mysteries

ENGLAND

AIR ALERT ON EASTER UFOs

The RAAF will investigate mysterious flying lights sighted over NSW and Victoria early yesterday.

An RAAF spokesman said last night several sightings had been reported and would be evaluated.

"We get several hundred reports of unidentified flying objects a year," the spokesman said.

"Well over 90 per cent can be explained scientifically."

Yesterday's sightings were made in Parkes, Orange, Bathurst, Lithgow, Katoomba, Penrith and Melbourne.

Police in NSW and Victoria reported seeing the lights.

The RAAF said they had no flights over the sighting areas.

All who reported sightings gave similar descriptions of two moving lights, one larger than the other.

Most sightings were made between 3 am and 4.30 am.

Planets

The RAAF spokesman said many UFOs turned out to be satellites.

"There are something like 3000 man-made objects flying around the earth right now," he said.

Sightings in two States

"Every now and then one re-enters the earth's atmosphere, which causes it to burn up and split.

"It can give off a very bright glowing light."

The spokesman said other sightings were often found to be meteorites, aeroplanes or planets.

Two amateur astronomers said the flying lights were probably the planets Jupiter and Venus.

They said these two planets, along with Saturn, rose close together at this time of year.

They said the three planets appeared in the eastern sky about 4 am.

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GEORGE'S UFO IS LATE

Gordon Hepburn's yellow-tailed UFO turned up again today. It was five minutes late.

Saturday's time was 6.50 a.m. Today's appearance was 6.55.

It was in the north east. It was shapeless. And it had a yellow tail.

Mr Hepburn, of Wunnamurra Drive, East Keilor, was working at Yarraville with three workmates when he saw it today.

"I pointed it out to my mates and they saw it too," he said.

At 6.50 a.m., Saturday,

Mr George Evans, of Albert Park saw the object as he was driving on the Tullamarine freeway.

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FLYING OBJECT

CTC presents as Australian documentary — U.F.O.'s Fact or Fiction — at 10.15 on Friday, April 5.

CTC-7 Network Newsman Roger Climpson produced the report.

He talks with RAAF and radar experts; people who have seen, not only the mysterious objects, but also their occupants.

Climpson investigates scientists, churchmen and the general public on sightings of U.F.O.'s.

Climpson uses a fabricated film clip from the United States to demonstrate how easy it is to fake UFO evidence and then shows a film which is believed to be genuine. (April 5).

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The Apsley Lunhams' latest flying saucers were doubtless parked (one on top of the other), out on Bochkung Lake in the Minden district, where the former Toronto couple have lived since retirement.

Mrs. Lunham was talking about all the unidentified flying objects she, her husband and several neighbors have seen, over CKVR-TV in Barrie last Saturday night.

Although the Lunhams have been at Bochkung Lake for 20 years, it's only in the past four months they've watched, fascinated, as "lights, and more lights, in colors of red, amber, blue and white, all turning to white, eventually flooded the lake in the hours from dark to dawn."

This is what Mrs. Lunham said in our telephone conversation this week. There have been as many as 23 of the objects parked on the lake at one time, sometimes in a circle, about 10 feet apart. CR: Deplandier

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ENGLAND

'BLINDING LIGHTS' SPARK OFF UFO RIDDLE

ENGLAND

A GROUP of sixth-form students in Luton say they have sighted two UFOs.

And they have found mysterious "scorch" marks on Warden Hill, Luton, where they think space ships could have landed.

The sightings were made by Michael Jackson, aged 16, of Dunstable Road, Luton, and a group of school friends as they walked along the Leagrave area in the town.

"Suddenly we saw this light in the sky flashing green, red, then white," he said.

"It was very low, about 50 to 100 feet, and certainly not an aircraft. It went over the Caddington area near the M1," added Michael, who attends Luton Sixth Form College.

"We were all quite excited and ran further down the road when we saw another UFO. This one had three blinding white lights, and it made a series of complicated manoeuvres before shooting off in the direction of Warden Hill.

"Not many people believed us, but this was no hoax. Five of us saw these objects very clearly."

At Warden Hill, Luton, Michael and his friends spotted large scorch marks on the grass.

"There were large areas of scorched areas as though something had landed there. There were also lumps of black, clayish material lying around," said Michael.

At Luton Airport, a spokesman said: "What these youngsters could have seen was a light aircraft flying over the area."

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The first U.F.O. sighting in this area for this year was reported March 13th at 5 a.m. It was seen by OPP officers in the area and Base Borden personnel. It is reported to have been much larger and brighter than an ordinary star and was travelling at a great rate of speed. Time for me to get out and start watching — that is if the weather ever gets warm enough to go out.

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Vancouver B.C.
(Province)

Candles fire plastic bags

April 9, 1974
CR: J. Auburn

UFOs JUST A LOT OF HOT AIR

Reports of unidentified flying objects over the Lower Mainland Monday night turned out to be a lot of hot air as North Vancouver RCMP found one of the strange craft and identified it as definitely being made on earth.

A rash of sightings — rang-

ing from North Vancouver to Dunbar — were reported after someone released hot air balloons into the evening sky.

One reported sighting over Mount Seymour described the UFOs as "orange lights with long antennae" while another in Dunbar called the object a

"blazing fireball" after it no doubt caught fire.

RCMP described the downed aircraft as a plastic bag fueled by a candle underneath. A North Vancouver woman said she saw seven of the "red and pink" objects, while a North Shore man said there were about 40.

MORE SEE UFOs

The RAAF will investigate "where possible" the reported sightings of an unidentified flying object over the Woodside and Elizabeth areas last night and Sunday night.

"We had various reports of UFOs last night and this morning," an RAAF spokesman said today.

"There were varying descriptions—from stationary, to moving—horizontally and vertically."

IRENE BAJEV, 17, a student at a secretarial college, was travelling between Tungkillo and Woodside about 7.30 p.m. yesterday when she noticed "three beams of light."

She said today: "I first saw the lights a fair way away and thought they were from a plane."

"But then they got closer and I saw three beams of light from the object—and there was no sound."

"My friend stopped the car and we got out. Another car with about four people also stopped behind our car."

"The object was about 4,000 to 5,000 ft. up moving very quickly in a south-easterly direction."

"The car appeared to lose power as the object came closer—just before we pulled up and got out."

Miss Bajev, who lives in Dunbar avenue, Mitcham, said the object was definitely not a plane.

"Later on, a plane flew overhead and you could hear quite distinctly," she said.

"I couldn't make out the shape of the object; all I could see were these three lights—two shining forward and one behind."

DIANNE MERCHANT, a third-year student at a Methodist Ladies' College, was travelling in a car between Murray Bridge and Mannum on Sunday night when she saw two UFOs.

"It was about 7.30 p.m. and I was in a car with about seven other people," she said today.

"We all saw an object which looked as though it was going through the trees."

"Lights were flashing on and off."

"When we got to a clearing we saw the object about tree level."

"We all saw another object behind the first one."

"There were four or five flashing lights on each object—some white and others red. There was no sound."

Dianne lives at Mitcham. She said she was in the car behind Irene yesterday and saw that object, too.

"I am convinced it was a UFO," she said.

Australian Flying Saucer Research Society public relations officer, MR. COLIN NORRIS, said: "Several people have reported to me that they saw UFOs in the Woodside area last night."

"It is a bit rough when people start saying that these things are planets," he said.

"I believe our planet is under surveillance."

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Peter was with five other people when he saw the object travelling in a south-easterly direction.

As it passed over the car of a friend, Paul Norris, 17, of Mitcham, the vehicle suffered a temporary loss of power.

"It was an eerie experience," Peter said today.

"The spherical base of the object was spinning slowly. There were four bright lights

shining from the dome.

"I didn't see any light beams, although one of the girls travelling with us saw some."

The UFO looked metallic. The lights from the dome were reflecting on a ridge around it, and it gave off a metallic shimmering effect.

"I couldn't see what was above the ridge; it was too dark."

Peter said the object was visible for more than five minutes before heading towards the horizon.



Peter Henningsen

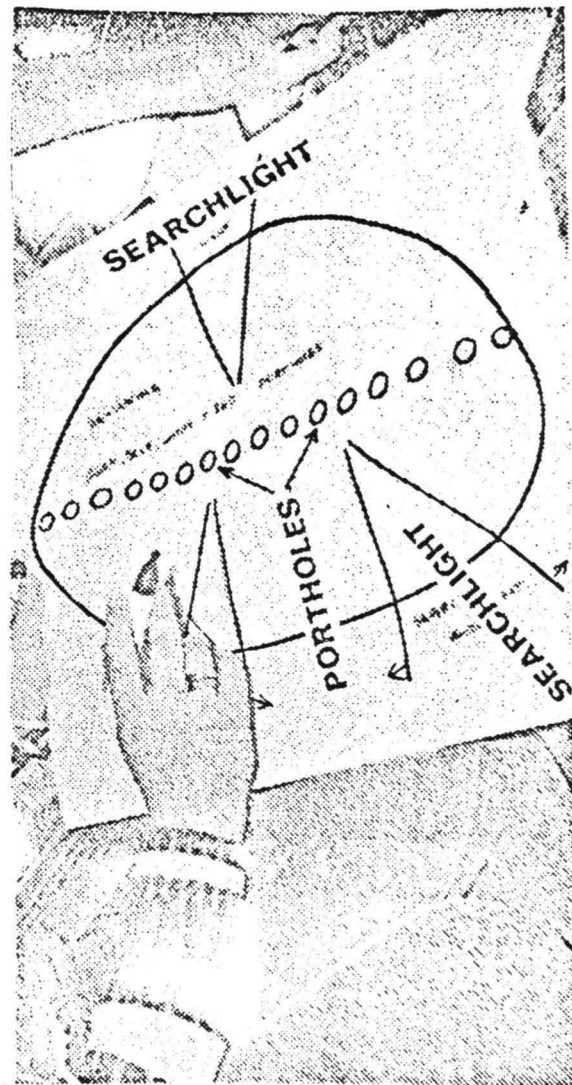
Asked what he thought he had seen, Peter said: "It wasn't a plane, that's for sure. There was no noise."

"And those lights weren't plane landing lights, either."

"But how do you tell people you have seen a flying saucer?"

It was eerie, says Peter

Peter Henningsen, 18, of Mitcham, was driving near Woodside last night when he saw this UFO, described to staff artist Greg McIvor.



IRENE BAJEV, 17 (left), and Dianne Merchant, 14, both of Mitcham, with their sketch of the UFO they say they sighted about two miles from Woodside on the Tungkillo-Woodside road about 7.30 last night.

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SPOTLIGHT ON UFOs

It has always been a rather open question, whether or not unidentified flying objects exist in the real world, or in the realm of imagination.

But if these UFOs do exist in the real world, then the chances are that they have landed in the New England area.

UFOs and psychic experiences were the topics under study at the Psychic Phenomena Society meeting at the UNE last night, and the speaker Mr. Bill Chalker, an honours student in chemistry, gave listeners the benefits of his research into sightings of UFOs in Australia and overseas.

Mr. Chalker showed slides taken from major sightings in America and Australia.

He played back cassette tapes of interviews of people not far removed from Armidale, who claim they have had definite sightings of UFOs, and told the meeting how he had

discovered an alleged landing site.

He said that bright lights had been seen by a lorry driver about two miles from the roadside, in three separate places.

Where the lorry driver pointed out he had seen the lights, a search party discovered some burnt-out circles of grass.

The circles were in a clearing in the midst of trees, and were about 30 feet in diameter.

The question of whether or not UFOs do exist or not, is not answered by this discovery, instead it is narrowed down.

"We know that SOMETHING was there, only about 60 miles from home, but we don't know just WHAT it was that made these astounding marks," Mr. Chalker said.

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UP, UP AND AWAY...

It wasn't a bird and it wasn't a plane, and it certainly wasn't Superman.

But around 6.50 a.m. today, "something" was hovering about five degrees above the eastern horizon.

Mr George Evans, of Albert Park, and his niece, Elsa, were driving along the Tullamarine freeway towards the city.

"Just past the airport my niece saw an object in the sky and asked me what it was," Mr Evans said.

"Above the horizon a large saucer shaped thing was reflecting the red of the morning sun," Mr Evans said.

"When we first saw it it was at a 45 degree angle to the right."

"We watched it for about six miles and in that time it turned from that angle to vertical and to 45 degrees in the opposite direction."

"It definitely wasn't a plane and it appeared to be about 30 miles away and stationary."

"I don't like to say that it was a UFO, but I'd like to know what it is," Mr Evans said.

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'ENTER THE UFO'

Three filmgoers who went to the Village Drive-in on Monday to see "Enter the Dragon" got an unexpected bonus when they saw what they believe to be a flying saucer. Ballarat High School student Mark Bayly said they had a good view of the phenomenon. At about 9.15 pm he had glanced up at the sky and saw an object moving across from east to west. The glowing object was oval shaped and appeared to be spinning quite fast as it moved, flashing with many lights in colors of red, green and blue. In the next 10 to 15 seconds it moved more rapidly and finally disappeared in the distance. The unidentified object appeared to be about the size of a saucer. Mark said it was a cloudy night and the UFO was definitely below the clouds. He said it could not have been a reflection as he got out of the car and could still see it. Mr Alan Dilges and a friend Neil Birkett who were with him agreed with his observations. Mark said he had often looked at the sky watching for UFOs as he had a scientific interest, but got quite a shock to see this phenomena.

SCARY NIGHT OF LIGHTS

Two strange "flying lights" set off police alerts across Melbourne and part of NSW and SA early today.

A young, frightened woman who saw the lights burst into Russell St. police HQ at 4.30 a.m. today.

She said two "flying objects" seemed about to land in the city.

Minutes later the girl, a journalist and three policemen saw two strange "flying lights" hovering over the city.

They saw them from the Russell St. HQ observation deck.

At the same time, two policewomen in Studley Park Rd., Kew, were "chased" by the lights.

The lights were seen from Frankston, 35 miles south of the city, to Parkes, NSW, 444 miles north, and as far west as Adelaide.

All who saw them — from a housewife to a police inspector — gave the same description: Two moving lights, one larger than the other. And all said they were like UFOs — unidentified flying objects, the name often given to so-called "flying saucers."

AAP reporter John

Westbury, 31, was at Russell St. police headquarters, when Kerry Sheehan, 20, of Northcote, ran inside, frightened.

He said: "She rushed in and told us that two things were going to land in the city."

"We went up to the 10th floor observation deck where I saw one big light and one small light."

"They were reasonably low, only a matter of thousands of feet. They moved apart and dropped

lower and then went up together again.

"It really frightened the girl," he said.

Westbury said he, the girl and a senior sergeant, a senior constable and an inspector saw the lights from the observation deck.

Westbury said that two policewomen arrived as he was leaving and said the lights "chased them up Studley Park Rd., Kew."

Westbury said Miss Sheehan claimed the lights swooped down towards her car as she was driving into the city with a man friend.

He said she arrived at Russell St. about 4.20 a.m. and they saw the lights from the observation deck in the main Russell St. police building at about 4.30.

Constable Ian Wilson,

27, who lives at Ballarat, but boards at Melbourne in Moonee Ponds, saw the lights while driving through MELTON, at about 4.30 a.m.

"I saw the lights over the south-west of Melbourne."

"They were too bright for stars, but when I looked again they were gone," he said.

Mrs Nola Wilkinson, 39, of Kinnoull Gve., GLEN WAVERLEY, said she saw the lights with her husband just before dark at 6.20 p.m.

"I thought it was a star at first. But it was so huge and so bright I knew there was something screwy about it," she said.

Two policemen on night duty at FRANKSTON police station also saw the lights, but they could not be contacted today.

In POORAKA, five miles north of Adelaide, a teenage amateur astronomer reported seeing the mystery object at 4 a.m.

Daryl Lockwood, 16, said "one was about twice the size of the other, and they were so bright I couldn't get a proper focus on my telescope."

The RAAF duty officer said they had three reports overnight of lights in the eastern sky.

Two freelance film cameramen, Clive Banfield and Geoff Bell, filmed the lights from the park on the corner of Union and Canterbury Rds., Surrey Hills, soon after 5 a.m.

Mr Banfield said the lights were much brighter than any stars.

Heavy cloud moved across the sky, but the lights remained unaffected for nearly forty minutes, as though they were below the clouds.

He said the lights had been seen by Sgt. Kevin Hastings and other police officers at Russell St.

NO BALLOONS

Mr Bell said he saw the lights as soon as he got outside his house. "They seemed to be sort of pulsing and going up and down."

The weather bureau said there were no unusual weather balloons in the area.

At PARKES, NSW, Senior Constable David Meynick, Constable Robert Follington and Mr Reg Sutton saw the lights at 3.15 a.m.

The lights were like those seen in Melbourne — and they were accompanied by a fluttering noise.

Constable Meynick followed the lights towards the airport where they were low to the ground, but did not land.

Then the lights moved higher until they disappeared.

The officer-in-charge at Parkes, Sergeant J. B. Foley, said today: "Whatever they are, I hope they don't bother to land."

What's out there?

Astronomer Mr W. Moser said today: "There is something out there."

Mr Moser, a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of Great Britain and president of the British-Australian Astronomers Association, said there was no other

logical conclusion to today's reported sightings.

"It is only a matter of time before more and more astronomers and scientists admit it," he said.

"They are too frightened to come forward at the moment because they think they will be laughed at."

"I have been involved with

reported sightings for more than 40 years," Mr Moser said.

"My files are full of sightings, and from very reliable people, including university professors and a U.S. airforce pilot."

He said he believed the UFOs were from a star system about 11 light years from earth.

"We have no real solution yet, but in time we will,"

His son and wife had also seen the object.

Four Elizabeth schoolgirls were "terrified" last night by a "brilliant blue light" which they said had hovered about 100 feet above them for more than three minutes.

One of the girls, June Wright, 14, of Chesternam street, Elizabeth Field, said the "light" came down towards them as they walked along Elizabeth way, Elizabeth.

"We saw it up in the sky about 6.30, and while we watched it came down and stopped about 100 feet away from us and just stayed there," June said.

June's mother, Mrs. Rosa Wright, said her daughter had telephoned her from Elizabeth and was close to hysterics. She went to pick the girls up in her car.

The Bureau of Meteorology said last night there was "no apparent reason for sky lights."

The RAAF base said the reports would be investigated. There were no flights from the base last night.

Glowing lights also were reported over a wide area of VICTORIA and NSW early yesterday.

However, the Mount Stromlo Observatory, Canberra, said the sightings were probably the planets Jupiter and Venus, which both rose about 3 a.m.

'Power losses' in AUSTRALIA wake of UFOs

Three Adelaide motorists reported "inexplicable" power losses from their cars after sighting UFOs last night.

And about the same time the RAAF base at Edinburgh received "numerous" calls from Elizabeth and Woodside about UFO sightings.

Police at Elizabeth and Adelaide also received a few calls.

The three motorists were travelling between Tungkillo and Woodside about 7.30.

One of them, Peter Heningsen, 18, of Playford road, Mitcham, said an object "bigger than a Jumbo jet," hovered about 600 feet above the road.

The object was spinning and sending out three white beams.

Both his car and that of a friend had suffered a temporary power loss as the object hovered overhead.

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The object had remained still for a minute, had begun descending and then had moved off quickly.

It had made no noise.

Another motorist on the road, who described the object as "green and red and spinning with three beams," said power was "drained from his car."

Mr. E. O'Neill, 54, of Shannon avenue, North Glenelg, said he saw an object moving in circles at about 35,000 feet at five past eight.

The object had been a faint orange color and had flashed a bright light several times.

It had remained overhead for about five minutes, and had then moved slowly to the east before disappearing.

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UFOs baffle

the experts

UFO reports from suburban and country centres in SA continue to baffle the experts.

An RAAF spokesman p.m., flying below cloud who has taken 16 UFO level. The usual Melbourne reports since Monday night said late last night that no one had been able to explain some of the sightings.

In some cases, people had been genuinely mistaken. One man had seen a light aircraft and reported it as a UFO.

Some people told "The Advertiser" yesterday of sightings which tie in with a sighting by three motorists travelling along the Tungkillo road in the Adelaide Hills at 7.30 p.m. on Monday.

A resident of Kalyra road, Blair, said she saw a brightly lit, large object fly overhead faster than any plane she had seen. It had made no noise and had disappeared towards Tungkillo at 7.28 p.m.

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SCHOOLGIRLS 'SCARED'

BY FLYING OBJECT...

"It came down from a dark cloud just behind Elizabeth Technical School.

"It was just like a bright, glowing light.

"... it was a round flying thing, just like a light, with a blue light flashing in the middle."

That's how June Wright, of Elizabeth Fields, and Joanne Swan, of Elizabeth West, both 14, described their sighting of a UFO this week.

They are pictured, right (with June on the left), with a sketch of the object.

"It started moving towards us—it must have been about 10 ft. above the ground when it stopped," June said.

Joanne was so frightened when the UFO moved towards them she had to look away.

"It just kept getting lower and lower and coming at us. It had a yellow-whitish glow with a blue light flashing in the middle."

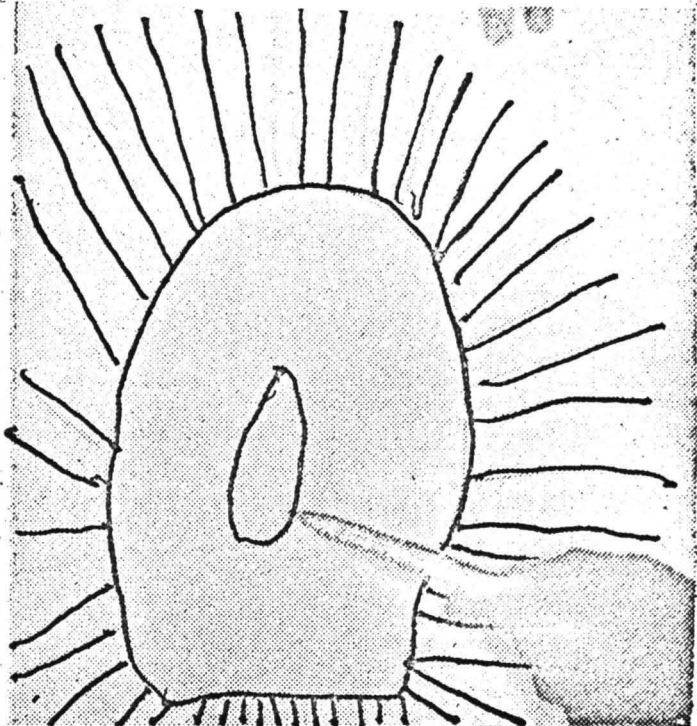
The girls said the object was round, but flat at the base. Apart from the glowing blue light surrounded by the bright light, the girls didn't notice any details on the surface of the object.

South-East farmer Brian Munro, and his wife, Pam, claimed today they were chased by a UFO for 10 miles and then "bailed up" near a neighbor's drive for two hours by the object on March 23.

The Martins, of Kybybolite, about 20 km north-east of Naracoorte, kept the incident between themselves until hearing today of the spate of UFO sightings in South Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria over Easter.

Mrs. Munro, who was driving home with her husband after a wedding reception in Naracoorte, first saw the object.

"We just sat in the car, petrified, until dawn — about two hours after first sighting the object — before it raced away at high speed to the east.



HERE'S AN EXPERT'S VIEW...

Dr. Brian Horton puffed on his well-used pipe today and said: "You can't dismiss any possibility, but I believe UFOs are a form of atmospheric phenomenon."

Dr. Horton, lecturer in physics at Adelaide University, was summing up his view on the recent UFO sightings around Australia.

For an hour in his office today, he drew diagrams and gave scientific explanations to help people who are worried about "visitors from another planet."

Referring to the Melbourne UFO sightings earlier this week, Dr. Horton said the observers had probably been looking at Venus and Jupiter.

With the aid of a diagram on his blackboard today he showed how people observing a bright light source close to the horizon, such as a planet, could easily think they had seen a UFO.

"A light ray passing through the atmosphere is bent by refraction," he said.

"When the object is close to the horizon the ray has to pass through a greater distance of atmosphere which creates certain effects.

"One effect is that the object appears to be moving because of the varying conditions of the atmosphere.

"The star can look as if it is flashing on and off where it is

actually just the result of the ray passing through different atmospheric conditions."

However, Dr. Horton, who has been studying the upper atmosphere for seven years, says there is no reasonable explanation for UFOs which are spotted up in the sky and not on the horizon.

"One theory is that the deflection of a light beam from a car's headlights bouncing off a low cloud cover

can create the 'unexplained' sighting but that is not plausible to me," he said.

"I choose to believe they are an atmospheric phenomenon we are unable to explain as yet.

"There is a lot we do not know about the atmosphere. Even though you can't dismiss any possibility from your mind, in my opinion it's highly unlikely that there are 'flying saucers.'

"It would require massive amounts of energy and we know our planet is running short.

"On top of this, mankind has developed an efficient propulsion system, the rocket, with fairly high technological ability.

"Yet the nearest star to the world is four light years away. Light travels at 186,000 miles a second so you can see how long it would take to travel from one planet to another.

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Strange lights were 'planets'

MOVING lights seen in the sky over NSW and Victoria early yesterday were probably the planets Venus and Jupiter.

An RAAF spokesman in Melbourne said this yesterday after several people, including nine police officers, reported seeing the two lights between 4.30 and 5.30 am.

In previous investigations, atmospheric conditions have been held responsible for the apparently rapid movement of bright objects, such as planets, in the night sky.

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An atmospheric inversion — when air several thousand feet above the earth is warmer than the layer of air at the earth's surface — can affect the passage of light and make it

seem that an object is moving swiftly.

This is most common on cool, clear nights when there is a possibility of frost or dew.

But scientific explanations of yesterday's phenomenon are unlikely to convince Miss Kerry Sheehan, 20, of Melbourne, that the lights were not UFOs. She and two Melbourne policewomen said the lights chased them as they were driving into the city.

Miss Sheehan rushed into Russell Street Police Headquarters and said the two flying objects seemed likely to land. A police inspector, a senior sergeant and a senior constable watched as the lights hovered above Melbourne.

Constable Ian Wilson, 27, who was driving from Ballarat to Melbourne, said the lights were too bright for stars.

"When I looked a second time they were gone," he said.

At Parkes, in NSW, three police officers reported seeing the lights. Senior Constable D. Meynick said: "They were accompanied by a fluttering sound and appeared to be close to the ground."

Two freelance cameramen, Mr C. Banfield and Mr G. Bell, filmed the lights from a park in Melbourne. Their film, shot at only two frames a second because of the dark conditions, showed the lights moving, according to a spokesman for ATV Channel 0 in Melbourne.

Two Adelaide youths, Graeme Mott, 17, and Daryl Lockwood, 16, said yesterday they saw two stationary, intense lights over Adelaide's northern suburbs on Saturday.

UFO Sightings Reported South Of Lindsay And In US

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Those unidentified flying objects continue to be in the news.

Lindsay businessman Jerry Gauvreau is among the most recent people to report having sighted objects traversing the heavens for which they have no every-day explanation.

Mr. Gauvreau says he has been hesitant to report some of his experiences but reports of others have led him to conclude that it is of general interest.

On two separate occasions, while travelling along Highway 35 south, he has witnessed what he can only describe as UFOs.

The first occasion was near the junction of Highways 115 and 35 when his attention was suddenly attracted by objects crossing the sky about 1,500 feet ahead and at an altitude estimated at 100 feet.

White or silver in color, there were five in the flight and at first were assumed to be helicopters until closer attention to detail indicated they were tail-less, appeared more circular than oblong and travelling in an arc from northeast to southeast at very high speeds.

Mr. Gauvreau said he barely had time to stop, train a pair of binoculars on the last of the flight and observe a reddish-orange cross as a distinguishing marking. He could detect no sound being given off.

On another occasion while nearing Orono, he observed what appeared to be a bright white, cigar-shaped object flying very low disappear below the horizon about 1,000

feet ahead of his vehicle. Stopping quickly, he climbed out to see if he was going to witness a re-appearance but nothing happened. Mr. Gauvreau said that from his observations, the craft had no windows, was soundless and appeared to be moving about 400 miles an hour, taking just about seven seconds to vanish after he observed it.

Writing on the subject of UFO's in the National Enquirer, Edward B. Camlin records the reports of two Pennsylvania state troopers who were witnesses to some unexplained aerial phenomenon as they patrolled their route.

He writes:

UFO Plays Strange Beam of Light on Ground

Two veteran state troopers watched in stunned silence from their patrol car as a mysterious, heart-shaped UFO, emitting a piercing beam of light, hovered silently over a grove of nearby trees.

The strange object, which had 12 to 15 red lights on it, hung motionless in the sky for about 90 seconds. Then the lights went out and it suddenly took off.

"I've never seen anything like it in my life," said Robert Bugjo, 37, a 16-year veteran with the Pennsylvania State Police.

Cpl. Bugjo and Trooper Paul Cutrufello, 24, spotted the object over Penn State's Delaware County campus at Middletown Township, Pa., while they were on patrol at 2:15 a.m. last October 4.

"These men are trained observers and if they say they saw something, they saw something," said Captain Stanley Kramer, their commanding officer.

"These men are dependable, level-headed and non-excitable."

Cpl. Bugjo told The Enquirer: "I was just looking up at the sky when I noticed this thing about 1,300 feet over the campus. We immediately stopped the car and cut our engine and lights.

"It looked like a teardrop shape to me and it had red lights halfway around the back. I observed plenty of aircraft when I was in the military, but this was not an aircraft.

"It wasn't making a sound. It was just hovering motionless, with this ray of white light coming down at the ground from the front part of it."

Trooper Cutrufello said: "The object was heart-shaped, and judging from the position of the 12 to 15 red lights, I'd say it was about the size of a 747 plane. But it definitely wasn't a plane.

"We watched it for about 90 seconds and then it started to drift away. The lights went out. Then we heard a slight purr and it suddenly took off to the east real fast and vanished."

Cpl. Bugjo added: "It could have only been a UFO. After I'd ruled out the possibilities of a plane or helicopter I wondered if it was a balloon. "But it couldn't have been a balloon because we heard an engine noise and whatever it was moved much too fast."

The two troopers made out a report on the sighting and checked the nearby Philadelphia International Airport. "There were no aircraft in the area at the time," Matthew Oates, the Federal Aviation Administration's deputy chief controller at the airport, told The Enquirer.

Jack Acuff, president of the National Investigative Committee on Aerial Phenomena, a nonprofit scientific and educational group, said: "The troopers were good witnesses.

"By a process of elimination they ruled out a possibility of balloons, helicopters, planes and reflections in the sky.

"That left them with an unknown — a UFO."

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U.F.O. Sighting By Berri Girls

The sighting of what is believed to have been an unidentified flying object was this week reported by two Berri girls.

Jane Botting and Barbara Jury, both aged 16, told a "Pioneer" reporter that they noticed three strange lights in the sky when travelling in a car with four other young people between Karoonda and Loxton on Monday night.

The sighting was made by Barbara at about 7.55 p.m. and the driver stopped the car, as the group initially thought it could be an aircraft, possibly a helicopter, in difficulty.

However, there was no sound and the lights, which were described as "bright white like street lights", kept flashing on and off.

The lights appeared to be travelling "lower than a plane would normally travel" and kept spinning around, keeping a triangular shape in formation. They were moving "at a good speed" and disappeared after about five minutes.

Jane and Barbara described the experience as "spooky".

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Are these the shape of UFOs?



These three almost identical shapes were photographed in the night sky near Roseworthy on Monday night.

The photograph was taken by Mr. Robert Smith, 19, of Anzac Highway, Keswick, who was returning to Adelaide from Whyalla with his wife Lesley.

Mr. Smith said he was driving towards Roseworthy about 8.15 p.m. when he saw "bright,

hazy" lights in the sky near the crest of a hill.

"I thought they were lights from a farm house or something, but when I reached the crest of the hill they were just sitting up in the sky," Mr. Smith said.

"I stopped the car and took a photograph, not really thinking it would come out — I didn't have a flash or anything."

Mr. Smith said he used a Polaroid camera which developed the print a few seconds later.

"I thought there were only two bright lights, but the print showed three," he said.

He said he and his wife watched them for about half a minute but they did not move or make any sound.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

VISITS PUZZLE BOSHKUNG AREA

BY PETER COURTNEY

After three months of nightly visits by small armadas of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) perplexed Boshkung Lake area residents are looking to Ottawa and a full-scale investigation to set their minds at ease.

Recently long-time Boshkung Lake residents Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Lunham wrote the Department of National Defence of their observations.

'We understand the National Research Council has been asked to investigate', said Mrs. Lunham.

The UFOs, which 'have scarcely missed a night since mid-November', are apparently capable of instantly defrosting window panes in below-zero weather.

While a number of area residents have reported UFO sightings, probably more have been seen by Mr. and Mrs. Lunham than anyone else. They describe the objects as kite or cigar-shaped, emitting amber, red, blue and white lights. They have as many as 9 antenna each and appear to signal each other in some sort of code with flashing lights.

'They have made no attempt to bother us or interfere with us', explained Mrs. Lunham. However, shortly after dinner a week ago the Lunhams saw a UFO arrive over the lake then turn towards their house. About halfway across the lake it turned on a bright white light'. Although only on a second or two, the light lit up the Lunham dining room and melted the frost from the room's windows.

'When I went to wipe up the water with a cloth the glass was so hot I couldn't touch it,' said Mrs. Lunham, who pointed out that it was 20 degrees below zero outside at the time.

Last November 23 area residents and local realtors, Earl Pitts and Jim Cooper were on their way home near Boshkung Lake around 5 p.m. when a UFO crossed the highway in front of them just above the trees.

The two men describe the object as 'about 18 feet long, a dark color, large in front and tapered.'

'Its front end was glowing and it was visible for about three seconds as it passed from west to east', said Mr. Cooper.

'It was an awesome thing', recalled Mr. Pitts. 'It could have been coming in for a landing at Stanhope Airport except it was going too fast. There was a flame-colored light trailing into a white light behind.'

Private pilot Dale Parnell of Stormy Lake also saw a similar UFO on the same date while motoring with his wife on the Buckhorn Road.

According to Pete Sawyer of Hall's Lake he saw a UFO during daylight hours near the end of last Fall's hunting season.

'It looked like a helicopter with the tail off it,' explained Mr. Sawyer who said it had four legs partly drawn up.

'It came down the gully by Shaws heading for Boshkung. The top half was lit up, the bottom dark and that was the last I saw of it', he recalled. According to Mr. and Mrs. Lunham the UFOs visit Boshkung Lake almost every night. They say the objects are a dirty rusty brown or black color, usually arrive early to mid-evening and one or two at a time until as many as seven have rendezvoused.

Apparently they show an interest in nearby hydro lines and will hover over holes in the ice left after fish huts have been moved. The Lunhams have also seen them land on the ice but have never seen any sign of life around them.

Last Fall the Lunhams called the Ontario Provincial Police after a particularly large covey of UFOs showed up.

'The officer said they were reflections', said Mrs. Lunham, 'but after he left the 'reflections' flew straight up in the air and across the lake and you could see the 'reflections' reflecting in the water'. Reflections, UFOs or whatever, people around Boshkung Lake are seeing something almost every night of the week, and it isn't television.

More UFOs 3-14-74

The recent reports of UFO's in the Boshkung Lake area are the latest in a long and growing series of sightings perplexing district residents.

Sunday night Progress reporter Peter Courtney made his fifth trip to the shores of Boshkung Lake in search of UFOs.

About ten p.m. while on the east shore of the lake he saw a UFO.

'It was a dull, red light', Mr. Courtney reported. He said it appeared just above the tree tops across the lake and travelled north, then reversed its course, before disappearing from sight.

Three weeks ago Carolyn Kinsman, 14, who lives on Boshkung Lake also saw a UFO.

Carolyn was looking out the window of her home around 7.30 p.m. when she noticed

a bright, white light about a half-mile away.

'It was brighter than a skidoo light', said Carolyn, who said the light travelled south over the lake, then rose up in the air until it was out of sight. She said it was visible for from 3 to 5 seconds. Area residents tell of scores of UFO sightings over the past four months, mostly in and around Boshkung Lake. Probably the greatest num-

ber of sightings have been reported by Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Lunham of Boshkung Lake who say UFOs are an almost nightly occurrence around their section of the lake.

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UFOs still about

The UFO conscious Haliburton Highlands reported still more strange sightings of phenomena last week as Europe's Operation Skywatch got under way with two weeks of intensive sky-watching for UFO's by more than 11,000 persons in 34 European countries.

Most recent local report is that of a seven-year Lochlin resident, Mrs. Wallace Brown, who looked out her picture window about 9:30 p.m. two weeks ago to see a strange UFO. She said that while it looked like a star with bluish, green and yellow lights, it moved about the sky erratically, travelling in the general direction of Minden and was out of sight by 11 p.m.

'It seemed to be twirling', recalled Mrs. Brown. 'I've never seen anything quite like it before.'

The object was also observed about the same time by Mr. and Mrs. Holly Kernohan of Minden.

According to Mrs. Brown, neither her TV set nor those of her neighbours would function while the object was in the area.

Reports of a UFO sighting by a Haliburton County school teacher while visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Lunham at Boshkung Lake last

March were confirmed last week.

The teacher, who asked that her name be withheld, said it was about 8 p.m. when she saw the first object, a red light that moved straight up and down repeatedly.

'It was unlike any other light I've ever seen', the teacher told the Progress. 'It wasn't like a skidoo light, an airplane light or anything else.' Shortly thereafter she saw green and white lights further south plus a group of two or three red and green lights.

'They had a faint glow with rays of light around them and were stationary, then moving,' she recalled.

The teacher said she had gone to visit the Lunhams not expecting to see UFO's as 'I thought it was all a lot of bunk'. When the UFO's appeared 'I closed my eyes, telling myself I was seeing things; but when I looked again they were still there.'

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UFO was a student prank

MILAN (AP) — Two Italian engineering students claimed responsibility for an unidentified flying object prank that attracted a crowd of 2,000 to a downtown square and had people shouting: "Martians, come down!"

In a letter to a newspaper, the UFO floated up and away.

When police turned on floodlights to identify the object, they cut lines leading from a highrise balcony and the UFO floated up and away.

ke in search of UFOs. Warmly clothed in my snowmobile suit and equipped with camera and tripod I arrived on the east shore of the lake around 9 p.m. It was a mild night, the sky was cloudless and the whole lake was bathed in bright moonlight.

Then about 10 o'clock, when I'd decided I might as well leave, a dull, red light appeared just above the tree tops across the lake. It travelled slowly in a northerly direction then began to re-trace its course before it was lost to sight.

I had my camera ready, but the UFOs glowing light was too dull to photograph. Its movements were too erratic for it to be a regular aircraft.

I don't know what it was I saw Sunday night. To me it defies rational explanation.

U.F.O. Sighting Report at Mt. McKenzie

An unidentified flying object was sighted on Monday night near Mr Bill Wegener's property, Mt. McKenzie. The mysterious object, which was glowing bright red with two central orange lights, was silent and seemed to be spinning very fast.

The witness, Mr Wayne Wegener, Wilton, and his sister, watched the large object for about five minutes.

Mr Wegener said he saw the object at quite a close range but found it difficult to keep his eye on it because it was spinning so fast.

The object was larger than a jet plane and was definitely oval shaped. The flying object headed towards Adelaide and disappeared over a range of hills.

Mr Wegener said he definitely believes in flying saucers after sighting the U.F.O.

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3-28-74 UFOs Shots fired

The skies of Haliburton were busy last week as nightly UFO sightings kept observers not only busy but just a trifle worried.

In one instance at Boshkung Lake, watchers were seen to pepper a UFO with rifle shots, the slugs zinging off its metallic skin.

Near Lochlin early last week William and Lee Barnes and their children spotted a UFO about a half-mile from their house during the early evening. Like the UFOs seen at Boshkung Lake, this one sported bright red and bluish-white lights.

Two evenings later the UFO reappeared in approximately the same position where it

was joined by a second craft. After hovering for sometime one moved off to the north-east 'at a very high speed'. 'Zip, and it was gone just like that', stated Mrs. Barnes, who said that Mrs. Lester Hicks of Ingoldsby Road also saw it.

Then the second object moved off 'but more slowly'. 'It seemed to be cruising', said Mrs. Barnes, 'when it suddenly dropped right to the ground out of sight.'

'We don't know what to make of this', said a worried Mrs. Barnes. 'A number of us have seen these things and we can't all be crazy. There's something definitely going on.'

At Boshkung Lake Saturday night UFOs once again appeared in what has become a five-month-long almost unbroken daily succession of sightings.

More than 50 persons lined the shore of the lake and stood on the ice to watch the

UFOs, according to Mrs. Kay Lunham who said six snowmobiles went out on the Lake and chased the craft.

Mrs. Lunham said that about ten p.m. someone fired shots at a UFO and 'you could hear a distinct clunk as the bullets struck its metal surface'.

The night before, two visiting Haliburton High School teachers and Mrs. Lunham watched performing UFOs. 'The two ladies were upset and shaken by what they had seen', said Mrs. Lunham. She also went on to describe what appeared to be some sort of refuelling operation on the lake with a large UFO apparently transferring something by hose or pipe to smaller ones.

'I've had about as much of this as I can take', commented Mrs. Lunham who said that sometimes the UFOs look somewhat like aircraft and appear to have a type of stubby wing.

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Progress reporter sees UFO

by
peter courtney

Last Sunday I saw my first U.F.O. For some time now one of my assignments as a Progress reporter has been to cover the repeated sightings of UFOs in Haliburton County and, in particular, the Boshkung Lake area.

Last Sunday was the fifth time I'd gone to Boshkung La-

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A couple of weeks ago, three Burlington teenagers said they saw a circular object while they were walking down Cavendish Drive.

"I was in front," said Jack Warnock, Tavistock Drive, and I said, 'look, there's a UFO' just as a joke. . . and then it stopped and it was getting real bright."

Jack said the object almost hit a large commercial airplane.

Ours wasn't as dramatic a sight. And it was only there for two seconds.

"Are you sure it wasn't a speck of dirt on the windshield from the light of oncoming cars?" Dianne began, searching for some "rational" explanation.

"Maybe it was a plane that had its lights on and then turned them off — not one of those commercial airliners, but a small plane?" she asked, again, as we turned off the QEW towards Burlington.

Hemm. Maybe it was, but as my wife said: "I want to see another one."

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Now it's those lights in Sydney

SYDNEY. — A strange light appeared in the sky over Manly at dawn today — many thought it a UFO.

The light quickly grew into a large dazzling glow. Mrs D. Munari, of Milsons Point, said: "The light started as a very thin streak, then it rose very quickly before leveling out."

A weather bureau spokesman said the glow could have been caused by the sun reflecting off an ice cloud.

"It's extremely cold between 20,000 and 30,000 ft.," the spokesman said. "It's not unusual for ice clouds to form this time of the year."

The night I became a UFO believer

By LARRY SICINSKI
Spectator Staff

Take a bow Jack Warnock, Kim Large, Carl Cornell, Carol Ottman and all you other puzzled UFOers. This Doubting Thomas has lost his scepticism.

I saw it. . . and I wasn't even looking for it.

It only took a couple of seconds. Must be an airplane, I thought. No, it seems to be moving too fast for an airplane.

A bright light moving from a northeasterly to southwesterly direction . . . moving quickly, very quickly and poof it was gone.

Disappeared.

My wife, Dianne, saw it too.

We were driving towards Hamilton along the Queen Elizabeth Way a few miles before the traffic circle. It was 10:35 last night. I checked my watch after it happened.

The bright light vanished just like it did for Michael Byrnes, 13, of MacLaren Road and a friend in Burlington on April 6. Michael said he and his dad saw the bright light several times a week earlier.

Various reports of UFO sightings have been made in the area over the past few months Michael's earlier experiences happened near Walkers Line and Woodview Avenue.

RAAF PROBES REPORTS

OF UFOs 'SEEN' IN AUST

By JACK PERCIVAL

RAAF Intelligence is probing reports of unidentified flying object (UFO) sighting in Australia.

All reported sightings, by commercial aircraft crews and people in Tasmania, West Australia and the Northern Territory, have been at night. They range from hovering round and oval to cigar-shaped objects, which have disappeared into the sky at high speed.

There have been other reports of noise like the sound of jet aircraft, but no sign of navigation lights, high in the sky over central and north Australia.

Puzzling

Inquiries have established that at the time there were no military exercises in progress from Amberley or Darwin.

A high-ranking RAAF officer admitted yesterday that some of the UFO reports were "puzzling in the extreme."

"But some people have vivid imaginations and the more you question them the more their stories sound like science fiction."

Reports received by the Air Transport Group of the new Federal Transport Department will be sent to the RAAF for sifting.

An air force operations officer said: "There are so many man-made satellites periodically speeding over Australia these days that people get confused. They can't sort out the nuts and bolts from other phenomena."

An Air Transport Group spokesman said: "We have received a remarkable number of reports so far this year — about three times the number filed in the same period last year."

Dr D. Hervison-Evans, lecturer in computer science at Sydney University, said: "Ninety-nine per cent of the reports are mistaken identification. There is no evidence that craft of the types described in the reports are being developed on earth. If they were they would be developed for military purposes."

"Scientists are more interested in facts than words. However, there is a possibility that there is life on other planets away from our constellation."

Ninety-three per cent of UFO reports received in Australia since last year have been explained.

Fragments

Some sightings have been burnt-out fragments of rockets fired by American and Soviet agencies.

Since 1957, 7,000 rockets and space vehicles have been launched and about 3,000 of them are still in orbit.

All will re-enter earth's atmosphere, glow wit friction, trail fiery tails . . . and be reported as UFOs.

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

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Ballarat, Vic.

Ballarat pair saw the elusive UFOs

A Ballarat woman and her son saw what they believe to be the UFOs reported from Melbourne early yesterday morning.

Two policewomen at Russell street said they were chased by the lights, and others, including a journalist and other police including an inspector, also saw them.

There were other reports of sightings from NSW.

SEEN AT MELTON

Constable Ian Wilson, who is from Ballarat was driving through Melton about 4.30 am when he saw the lights.

"They were over the southwest of Melbourne and were too bright for stars, but when I looked again they were gone," he said.

Mrs J. Rowe and her son Peter (13), of Sturt street, watched two bright lights — one larger than the other — for periods ranging up to three quarters of an hour, during which time the objects remained stationary.

"I had to get up to let the dog out," Mrs Rowe said. "In the east-north-east sky I saw an extremely bright light, like a massive searchlight, accompanied by a smaller light."

GLOWING

"They were both glowing white, at an elevation of 18 degrees above the horizon. There was definitely something odd about them."

Peter Rowe said the objects were a fair distance apart when he first saw them, but by the time his mother got

there they had come closer together.

"They were like bright arc lamps," Peter said. "I watched for a while, then, thinking there was an explanation for them, went to bed."

"But I got up again and saw them still there at 5.30 a.m. They were too bright a magnitude for stars and all the other stars around them were much dimmer."

He said there was no noise, but the light emitted by the objects was "almost dazzling."

EXPLANATIONS

The lights were spotted from Frankston to Parkes in New South Wales and as far east as Orbst.

Most people reported two lights, one bigger than the other, and the sightings occurred between 3 and 5 am.

The number of explanations almost rivals the number of reports, and vary from planets rising at the same time to fireballs and searchlights.

The weather bureau spokesman said there were no unusual weather balloons in the area and he had not heard of the reports.

A spokesman for the Mt. Stromlo observatory, in Canberra, said the sightings were probably Jupiter and Venus, which both rose at about 3 am.

He said the observatory noticed nothing unusual over Australia and had no reports.

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UFO SIGHTINGS
'A NUISANCE'
"Flying Saucer" sightings are becoming a nuisance to Australia's leading observatories.

The research assistant at Canberra's Mount Stromlo observatory, Miss Joanne Craft, said today: "They are a nuisance. We are not really interested in them. Our study is of astronomical objects, and flying saucers or UFOs do not come into the study. We get two or three reports a week. Mostly they are Venus."

Miss Craft said Venus could often give the impression of moving around in the sky and actually chasing cars.

She said: "When Venus rises on the horizon the turbulent air gives the

dance of UFOs."

Firm believer in Sasquatch praises grant for expedition

By TED VAN ARSDOL
Columbian Staff Writer

Plans by a well-financed expedition to try to find the elusive Sasquatch in the Cascade Mountains this summer have been praised by Rod Puller of Bellingham, who is a firm believer in the existence of such a creature.

Puller, an ex-logger who will teach a course on Sasquatch this spring at Fairhaven, a division of Western Washington State College, feels more effort and coordination are needed to try to run down the Sasquatch or Bigfoot.

The Bellingham man feels state officials should take more interest in the problem.

But there are many people who say no such creature exists.

Puller is pleased with the announcement from Washington, D.C., that a \$22,900 grant is being provided to finance a hunt this summer headed by Robert Morgan of Miami, Fla. The National Science Foundation is administering the \$22,900 grant, which is coming from a family at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Puller, 42, said he has been interested in the Sasquatch since 1958, and feels he has "been close" to the creature in the woods of Whatcom County since 1969.

He believes there is a Sasquatch, but said the big problem is verification.

The course which he will teach this year is called "Sasquatch and the Problems of Verification," and Puller thinks it is the first ever taught on Sasquatch. Prof. Bob Keller will monitor the course, and will offer comments on the subject from the scientific standpoint.

Puller has been a student for about a year.

Before hurting his back in a logging accident, Puller spent

a lot of time in the woods. He said he has never seen Sasquatch but said he has heard the noises of the creature at various times, and has whiffed it — "it was really rank."

The Sasquatch makes a wide variety of noises, according to Puller. Some are imitations of other noises, such as coyote howls or cougar screams, he declared.

One of the noises which Puller contends are made by the Sasquatch are like "yelling or cussing in Oriental language, really weird, a sing-song." The Bellingham man also states that he has heard noises like chimpanzees, and growling which he attributes to the Bigfoot.

A big question is whether the hard-to-find creature is man or animal.

As it is hair-covered, has no tools or fire, it might be called an animal, but it "does make beds" and does some other things that are associated with humans, Puller said.

He told of an elderly woman at Bellingham who got up at 4 o'clock one morning, looked out the window and saw a Bigfoot peering through the glass. This really "shook her up," Puller said. The woman's dog did not come out of his doghouse for three days after Sasquatch's visit.

Other people also have reported similar experiences, Puller said.

The Sasquatch has been reported around the mouth of the Nooksack river. Indians in Whatcom County have been "close to them," according to Puller.

He questions whether the Sasquatch is as harmless as some people have asserted — just "a big and friendly teddy bear." Disappearances of some people in the woods in various parts of the country still have not been explained and it is possible that Sas-

quatch could have been involved, Puller said. He also thinks that the disappearance of livestock in some areas can not be attributed solely to rustling.

One problem now, in Puller's view, is that some people hold back information because they think they will cash in with a lot of money if they can capture one of the creatures. But everybody should be "pulling together," providing information and cooperating in the interest of scientific proof of the Sasquatch, Puller believes.

Puller first got interested in Sasquatch about 1958 when reports were received of sightings in California.

He thinks it is possible the Sasquatch is more numerous now than in some earlier years, possibly as part of a population cycle.

After being injured in logging, Puller started wood carving and one of his specialties is Sasquatch. He has a copyright on a carved Sasquatch doll.

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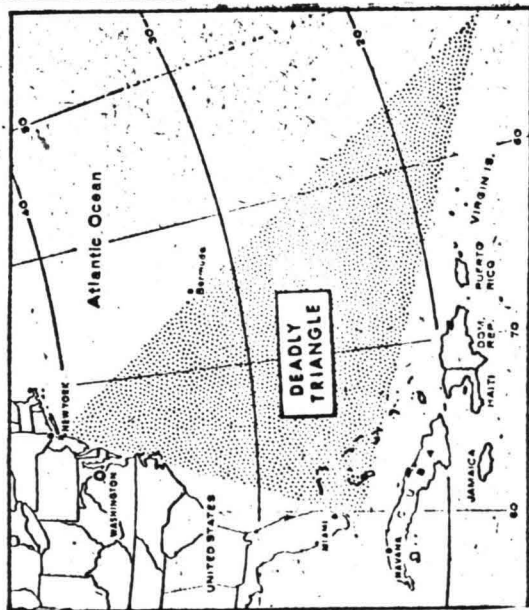
Monster sighted in Andean lake after quake

LIMA, Peru (Reuter) — A 30-foot serpent-like monster has been rising from an icy lake in the Andes mountains on moonlight nights to devour sheep and terrify villagers, according to eyewitness reports.

People in northern Peru's Quiruvilca region claim to have seen the fat, silver-shiny monster come out of Los Angeles (The Angels) Lake, more than 12,000 feet above sea level.

The monster was first reported after a strong earth tremor rocked the district a few months ago, causing landslides on a mountain near the lake.

Missing Yacht Search Ends



An expensive yacht has become another victim in what is known as the Deadly Triangle.

Sun., May 12, 1974.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE,

CR: L. Farish

The 'Monster' Has Official Home

By DAN CINQUARS

White River has a monster, according to a legend told early settlers of Newport by Indians.

While no one really knows the actual home of the "White River Monster," the city of Newport took action and proclaimed that "the White River between a southern point on the river known as Old Grand Glaise and a north point on the White River known as Rosie," would be the natural habitat of the monster.

In that same proclamation, the Newport City Council said that, "the two points on the White River designated would be the White River Monster Sanctuary and Refuge." That it would be illegal to "molest, kill, trample or harm the

White River Monster while he is in the above retreat." This was done so that the monster will be safe, and to that sight-seers will be able to see him when the monster chooses to appear.

In the summer of 1937, the monster made an appearance which resulted in nationwide publicity. Then, 34 years later in 1971, the monster again made an appearance—and again received nationwide publicity. Each of these sightings were by reputable persons who signed sworn statements.

One man, W. E. Penix, who saw the monster in 1937, said it was as long as "three autos." The monster was reported to be a long, serpent type.

MIAMI (AP) — The Coast Guard has suspended emergency radio calls that were being made as part of a search for a \$300,000 yacht with four men aboard missing for six weeks on a trip from Nassau to Miami.

The ship was due in Miami. The calls were made in an effort to establish contact with the missing vessel.

The Coast Guard had earlier called off a surface and air search.

The Saba Bank, owned by the Vaco Corp. of Wilmington, Del., left Nassau on March 10.

Aboard the vessel were the skipper, Cy Zentner, 32, of Philadelphia; his cousins Elliott Cohen, 30, also of Philadelphia, and Raphael Kaplan, 26, of Sicklerville, N.J., and a friend, John Tarquinio, 42, of Vineland, N.J.

"We put a considerable amount of work into locating the vessel with no result," a Coast Guard spokesman said of the 54-foot Saba Bank.

The radio calls, halted Thursday, had been made daily throughout the Caribbean since April 10, two days after

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CR:FRITZ KRON

Hunt for Sasquatch to be started soon

By JOHN GUERNSEY
of The Oregonian staff

Sasquatch — or Big Foot if you prefer — may have had a restful winter and spring. But he — or they — had better play it cool during the summer and fall if contact with man is to be avoided.

A hunt for Sasquatch will be launched May 18 in Skamania County, Wash., endorsed by the National Wildlife Federation.

The hunt, financed by a \$29,000 grant from a Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., family, is expected to continue into December — unless one of the 8-foot tall, hairy humanoids is discovered and photographed before the end of 1974.

Lou Clapper, conservation director for the National Wildlife Federation, said from Washington, D.C., Thursday that the intent of the expedition is not to capture or kill a Big Foot. "We just want to try to learn more about them," he said.

Since the white man first came to Oregon, Washington, Northern California and parts of British Columbia, there have been reports of men being chased by Big Feet.

Footprints of the suspected humanoids — some believed authentic and others the work of pranksters — have ranged up to 18 inches long and eight inches wide.

In March of this year, a Florence schoolboy reported being chased by something like a Sasquatch while walking to school.

"I looked and the thing was blinking its eyes at me and moving its head," said Nick Wells, 13. "Its head was bigger than a basketball."

Elusive Sasquatch still mystery after 160 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bigfoot has been around a lot longer than flying saucers, but the evidence is similarly inconclusive as to whether the creature leaving those huge footprints in Canada and the U.S. northwest is real.

Known there by the Indian name Sasquatch, he is a legendary, shy, hairy, manlike being who leaves footprints four to seven inches wide and from 12 to 17 inches long.

Russ Kinne, writing in the current issue of Smithsonian magazine, traces the recorded history of Bigfoot back over 160 years, concluding there is no proof one way or another as to whether he is real.

"Most scientifically trained people who think about it at all believe it is all nonsense but a few scientists believe in Sasquatch and so does Peter Byrne, an animal tracker of

Young Wells said he saw the beast after hearing crashing noises, prunts and growls in the brush between the road and the Siuslaw River. He said when he ran, the thing ran after him.

The Sasquatch hunt will be led by Robert Morgan, Miami, Fla., head of American Yeti Expeditions, Inc. Other members of the 10-person party will include Peter Byrne, Big Foot authority from The Dalles, and botanists, biologists and archaeologists from across the nation.

The hunt will be in full swing within two weeks.

If there are Sasquatches in Skamania County, they are protected.

The county has an ordinance prohibiting the killing or capturing of a Sasquatch, with penalties ranging up to five years in jail and up to a \$10,000 fine.

Morgan said a Sasquatch has never been caught, but added that one was nearly bagged in 1971 in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest in Washington.

Mt. Shasta, in Northern California, through the years also has had numerous reports of Sasquatch sightings or the finding of massive footprints.

For generations the mysterious Big Foot has been a popular source of Pacific Northwest folklore.

Byrne said a Sasquatch exhibit and information center will be opened in The Dalles Saturday, May 18.

legendary skill, who is currently camped out in The Dalles, Ore., determined, once and for all, to prove Sasquatch's existence or lack of it," Kinne writes.

The evidence consists of thousands of footprints, many of them cast in plasters, hundreds of reported sightings including one in the unlikely locale of Illinois last summer, and some movie film about which scientists don't agree.

Kinne, a free-lance photographer and writer, says in the magazine article that the first white man's record of Sasquatch dates from 1811, when an exploring party found in Canada 14-inch footprints that seemed to be too large for those of a bear.

In 1884, a train engineer saw a gorilla-type animal lying near the roadbed near Yale, B.C. Kinne says that when the train approached the creature

Times Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — The mystery of the phantom aircraft, as it might have been called

Mystery Plane Puzzles Citizens and Air Force

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in another day, has the office of 4th District Rep. Ike Andrews, D-N.C., firmly in its grip.

Where does it come from? What is it doing? Whose is it? Why won't it go away?

No one knows, not Andrews, not even the Federal Aviation Administration, not even the Air Force's men on Capitol Hill.

But Andrew's constituents swear it's true, and he's trying to find out about it, so far, without success. Here is the story as presented to Andrews:

Some days it skips over the tops of the Chatham County pines, screaming and roaring and scaring the wits out of the residents, before disappearing as quickly as it came. Other times, it springs out of the night, makes one pass, and is gone.

It is a four motor plane, painted black with a blunt, dropping nose and small Air Force insignia in the rear. Most days the people who live in the housing development off Russell Chapel Road can see the pilot. He wears a red baseball cap. He looks at the people. They look at him.

It began sometime last summer with one and sometimes two daily passes. The plane flew so low it rattled the windows and doors of

some houses and drove children to their mother's skirts.

When it persisted, one resident wrote Andrews, asking for assistance. Andrews got the Federal Aviation Administration on it in late August.

A month later the report came back.

In short, it said: huh?

The director of the FAA's Atlanta office reported that agents had investigated the complaint, and although they hadn't spoken to the party who wrote Andrews, they'd talked to others and found no evidence of any unidentified objects.

They also checked with the Chatham County sheriff.

In short, the sheriff said: huh?

He had received no complaints.

Send us pictures, the FAA said.

Andrews received the pictures last week. They show an odd-shaped but unmistakable aircraft apparently flying less than 100 feet from the ground. The craft later was tentatively identified as a radar-type aircraft.

Andrews also heard from 31 residents not only of Bynum, but also from Pittsboro, Chapel Hill and Chatham County at large.

From Bear Creek: "I have seen this plane many times and it really scares me and my children."

From Pittsboro: "That plane scares my chickens."

From Bynum: "For several weeks last fall my daughter was terrified of planes after being surprised by these overflights."

From Rt. 2: We are tired of being awakened by this low flying craft."

From Pittsboro: "Those planes fly so low they seem to touch the tops of the trees—it scares me and most everybody."

Andrews took no chances. He sent the pictures and letters to the secretary of the Air Force and asked for an explanation.

Friday, the Washington Bureau of this newspaper called the secretary of the Air Force's office and asked whether the secretary had gotten on it yet.

"Well, it probably hasn't even gotten here yet," said a secretary identified as "Miss C." who handles the mail. Does the secretary get a lot of this kind of phantom aircraft mail? She was asked.

Dubiously, hesitantly, Miss C. replied, "Uh, no, not really."

What will Andrews learn from the Air Force? What will the Air Force learn? Will the people of Bynum once again be able to sleep all night, work during the day without fear of the phantom aircraft, and enjoy their chicken's eggs without the thought of flying objects to disturb them?

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'Vas You Dere Still, Sharlie?'

McCall's Missing Monster

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Boise, Idaho
Idaho Statesman

By STEPHEN C. BUNK
McCALL — Is Sharlie dead? Or perhaps only in seclusion?

Or does the Payette Lake's legendary monster exist, after all, only in the minds of a few over-excited visionaries?

At least, one thing is certain: Sightings of the giant serpent have been nil in the past several years, as contrasted to a rash of reported observations in the 1950s, plus occasional ones both before and after that particularly "enlightened" decade. But the phenomenon (perhaps the fish itself?) seems to have died in the past three years. In an attempt to find out once and for all if Sharlie was a reality or only a fad, several longtime McCall residents were queried.

Perc Shelton, owner of Shelton's Real Estate, admits he's never seen the monster though he's lived right on the lake front since 1945. He has two acquaintances who are positive they saw the serpent.

"Mrs. Jack Hoag (now living in Boise) moved off the lake because she got scared for her kids," Shelton said. Mrs. Vern Emerson, a summer McCallite now residing in Boise, also reported spotting Sharlie one day.

Shelton's guess that Sharlie is probably a landlocked sturgeon is one accepted by many locals.

The theory is that the fish was trapped in the lake when it was dammed in 1926. Sturgeon, common in Northwestern United States waters, have a long life span and reach incredible sizes. According to Shelton, a Lewiston fisherman caught one years back which scaled between 1,800 and 1,900 pounds. The American Peoples' Encyclopedia says that sturgeon can indeed weigh in excess of one ton, but the largest of the species is not known to reach much more than 12 feet in length. This is where the sturgeon theory is challenged by those who have seen Sharlie.

One such person is Pauline Miller, a McCall resident for 40 years, who describes what she saw as being close to 60 feet long. Mrs. Miller related that in 1952 she was sitting in her real estate office in the Lake View Hotel (which has since burned down) across the main street from the lake when she noticed what looked like a big boat floating near the city dock. She crossed the street to inspect it and, stopping just a few feet away, realized it was a giant fish of some

"I watched it for two or three minutes ... it looked like wet rubber; it was black and slick." Pauline Miller, McCall, describing her serpent sighting in 1952. The legendary inhabitant of Payette Lakes hasn't been sighted — or, at least, reported — for three years now.

sort. "I watched it for two or three minutes, but I didn't think to go back to my hotel to get my camera, which was sitting right on my desk," she said.

She said the neck and head were submerged, as if it were feeding (which, incidentally, is a contrast to the exclusively bottom-feeding sturgeon), but the back was sticking up and "it looked like wet rubber; it was black and slick." It had no scales on the back, she said, but there were "three or four indentations like ditches, and as it swam, the water ran through these dents and over the back."

Then, as Mrs. Miller watched, the creature turned sideways, revealing a distinct line at the bottom of what she now saw as a shell-like covering over its back. Underneath this covering, the flesh was "brilliant white, with huge scales that glistened in the sun. It looked like mother of pearl." The posterior section, like the head, was submerged, but it tapered back to about three feet in thickness, whereas the rest of the body she described as being "as wide as a car is long."

It was also in the 50s that the McCall weekly, The Star News, which had published articles on Sharlie as early as 1944, sponsored a contest to give the serpent a name.

Editor Boone McCallum offered a \$5 prize for the best choice and the Idaho Statesman upped the purse to \$75. The wire services picked up the story and a panel of judges was chosen, including legislators, the governor, the McCall mayor and presidents of area service clubs.

The winner was Mrs. Lee Isle Hennefer Tury of Springfield, Va., formerly of Twin Falls who wrote "Vas you dere, Sharlie? Name him Sharlie." And so it was.

Mrs. Miller was far from the only one to spot the mysterious fish, and though her description does not correspond to some, it's amazingly close to others. For instance, Walter Bowling, who reported seeing it on July 4, 1944, said it was 35 feet long with 16-inch humps similar

to a camel's on its back. "Water rolled from them when it swam, with an undulating movement," he said. Bowling, now deceased, also noted a "shell-like covering."

Others who claim to have caught Sharlie up for a breather include Mrs. Martha Ann Peabody, who, according to The Star News, "said she saw Sharlie twice during the week, swimming near shore close to the city dock." Mrs. Crawford McBride, who spotted it during a picnic on the east side of the lake by Pilgrim's Cove; Leslie H. Ulmer (now of Washington), former superintendent of the lakeside saw mill, who saw it with Blake Hancock, another employee, now of New Meadows; and Dave Spielman, McCall businessman who is perhaps the only person to have seen Sharlie twice.

During one of the sightings, Spielman was at the Circle R grocery store across the street from the lake when he noticed the water was frothing and churning for at least a half mile radius. He and several other men watched the commotion with field glasses and suddenly saw two finned tails rise above the water. They thought some giant fish were fighting or playing.

This leads to the speculation that more than one serpent could exist, thus accounting for the longevity of the sightings. One theory, offered by Incredible Idaho magazine, is that Sharlie hides in unsounded cavern shelves in the lake which may extend back for miles, accounting for infrequency of sightings. Another is that some secret underground spring warms his habitat, since he is seldom seen except in warm weather.

Whatever the case, it is generally agreed that no one has spotted the monster in the past two or three years, so if there ever was a Sharlie, or a school of them, the possibility of extinction cannot be denied. Even so, the mystery of its very existence remains.

Housewives have stopped hanging out their wash and men scramble at sundown to move their cars under shelter.

State and county officials said they plan to assault the birds with a barrage of fireworks and electronic sound equipment that reproduces the cries of frightened birds.

They said similar gatherings of up to 10 million birds have occurred in Pennsylvania and Kentucky, and the scare tactics worked with some success on these flocks.

Local health officials believe that the rapidly growing flock of starlings, crackles and blackbirds already numbers more than 10 million. Each evening as the sky blackens, the birds erupt in a chorus of shrill whistles.

One resident described the scene near the birds' roost at nightfall as "like World War II, with guns going off all over the place. The shotgun pellets were dropping out of the air like hail last week."

Several town meetings have been called by a local pastor, Rev. Franklin Jones, to discuss the bird problem.

Cats and dogs

"The birds get into fights with local cats and dogs over their supper," Jones said. "We need help to stop this, otherwise we're going to turn into the world's biggest bird cage."

Cattle chased

"It's unbelievable, it's frightening, but it's for real," she said.

The birds chase cattle from their feed troughs, dive-bomb barns, rip open bags of seed to eat the contents and, on rainy days, swarm beneath rooftops and onto porches. In some areas of Graceham—only

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10 MILLION BIRDS BOMB U.S. HAMLET AND BATTLE DOGS

GRACEHAM, Md (UPI-Special) — The 400 residents of this rural hamlet yesterday declared war on millions of birds that have blackened the sky at sunset for months, scared cattle, destroyed cornfields and created a health hazard.