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UFO Researcher Declares Sightings Are 'Valid'

By TONI GOODYEAR
Robesonian Staff Writer

A UFO researcher here to investigate the many unidentified flying objects sighted in Robeson and surrounding counties over the past week says he has found the sightings to be valid, significant and consistent with UFO experiences of other areas.

A non-commissioned officer with the U.S. Air Force stationed at Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base was reportedly in Lumberton last Saturday night and told investigator E. Lee Spiegel that he believes the county is dealing with something not of this earth.

A UFO landing site in Pembroke is now being documented by national experts. Samples of a metallic blue ash were captured before the rains came.

Spiegel, organizer of the National UFO News Information Network based in New York, has been assigned by famed UFO research J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University to investigate the sightings in this area. The UFO flap, which has made national headlines, began early Thursday morning, April 3, in Lumberton and has continued sporadically since then.

"The consistent thing we find in UFO reports, including Lumberton's," Spiegel says, "is that none of these objects make any kind of sound. We're talking about reliable, law enforcement officials who say that these things have gone directly over their cars, 50 to 100 feet away. When you don't hear something that does incredible maneuvers, makes 90 degree turns, starts and stops and accelerates at hundreds of miles per hour, then you have to start considering that maybe we are dealing with something that is not made on this earth.

"I make that kind of statement only because the Air Force has been making those kind of statements although they haven't really been doing it publicly. We had a guy here

Saturday night from Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base. He's been with the Air Force for 28 years and his job is to train new pilots in how to recognize different kinds of craft. He said all the reports of things seen here definitely indicate something unusual. He said we have no kind of experimental aircraft anywhere in this area.

"I asked him point blank whether he thought we were dealing with something manufactured on this earth and he said 'No, I do not.'"

Spiegel has contacted the Federal Aviation Administration in Fayetteville to track down the source of a statement that the UFOs were a Piedmont craft.

"The FAA has declined to say who their spokesman was," Spiegel states. "... They've sort of clamped the lid on it. . . . We intend to find out who said it or get another statement indicating that either we are dealing with something unusual here or that it is something they can document and explain to us."

Spiegel has invoked an April 1 directive in the FAA manual that insists on cooperation with UFO studies. The Fayetteville office, when contacted, said it had not heard of the directive. Spiegel is not satisfied with explanations that a Piedmont 737 or Delta-wing jet were responsible for the sightings.

"The Lumberton sightings are very significant," he says, "in that most center around a V-shaped object that has one, sometimes two bright searchlights with an alternating row of red lights all around the outside of the vehicle. It seems to be a pretty consistent thing.

"We can't just disregard the fact that we have sightings here by more than 30 separate police officials including sheriffs, deputies, town police and state troopers in a six county area and not one of these witnesses said they heard any kind of engine sound. And the majority of these sightings were close up. We've got a lot of good description,

independent sketches from the officers and they all apparently saw the same type of thing." V-shaped craft have been seen before in other parts of the world.

Spiegel says, "When I came down last week I tried to determine what it was about this area that might have attracted UFOs . . . Based on patterns we've found in the past, I discovered that Lumberton has all sorts of swamp county down here, and lakes, and is near the coast, and has a lot of high tension power lines and water towers. These are basic sites we find all over the place . . . UFOs seem to prefer the countryside in swampy areas."

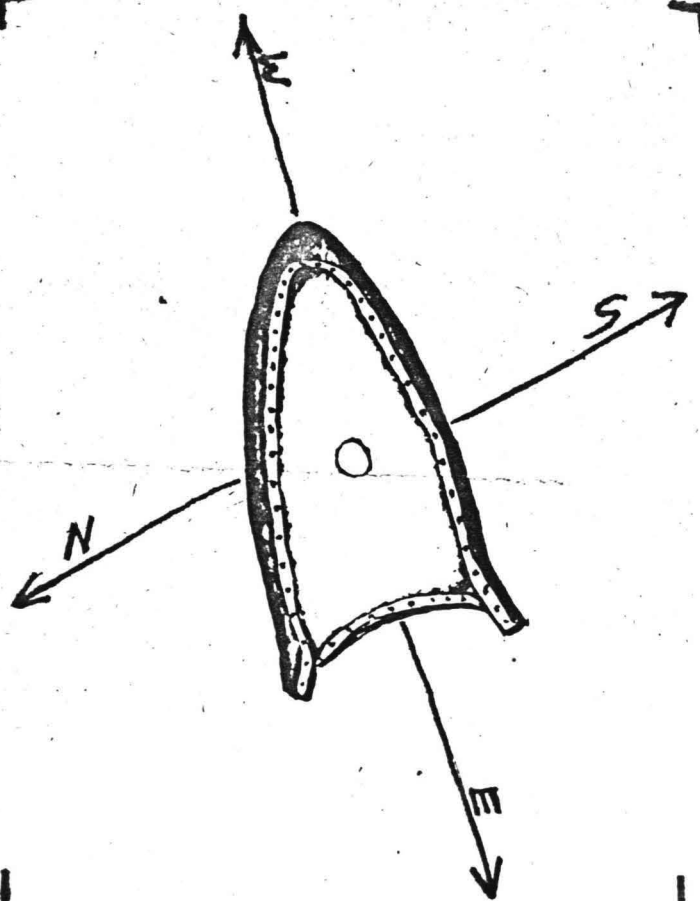
He hopes also to investigate an area near Parkton where

meteorites once landed and where a magnetic field reportedly plays havoc with compasses.

The Robeson County sighting which Spiegel considers most "strange and interesting" is that of Ray Strickland of Pembroke. Strickland, his wife and children reportedly saw five or six small objects land in a field north of Pembroke. The objects subsequently vanished.

"It's totally different from all the other sightings we've had down here," Spiegel says. "... A series of lights were seen and came down to the ground and obviously disappeared or vanished or burned up. The ashes had a strange blue color to them, unlike normal ashes.

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A SKETCH by Chief Garry Moore of the White Lake Police Department of what he saw hover directly over his car.

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Dear Subscribers: We really appreciate your patience while we are catching up with our Newsclip Service. The next issue will be out as soon as we can put it together. Again, our thanks! Rod Dyke

UFO Researcher Declares Sightings Are 'Valid'

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"Strickland seems a sane, sober person, genuinely excited about what he saw."

He and his family were driving the Philadelphus Road on a Sunday afternoon when they saw a formation of pinkish-red lights head into a field. A house was located in the field and children in the house later said they saw and heard nothing.

Strickland reported that his wife was afraid the objects were going to crash into the house and he turned off the road to follow. Behind each object he saw a bluish trail, which he described as a "streak." He said the objects were several feet apart.

The objects landed in a potato patch and Strickland went to his home two miles away to get someone to the scene quickly. When Ronn Thompson of the Robeson County Sheriff's Department arrived with a photographer, all that was left were six circular ash patches which the family said were not there before. Each patch was said to be about a foot in diameter, comparable in overall pattern to the flying formation Strickland saw. The area was cordoned off and photos were taken (some of which appear in The Robesonian today).

Ted Phillips, recognized as a

landing trace expert, was expected to arrive in town this weekend to examine whatever the rains have not taken away.

Spiegel says there have been many instances in which persons reported that small, probe-type vehicles landed in an area and subsequently disintegrated or simply vanished.

Samples of the ash and photos taken at the potential landing site are in the hands of Hynek and the Center for UFO Studies and word from that quarter is expected shortly.

Spiegel added his own sighting to the growing list of incidents in the Robeson area.

On April 4, he arrived at the sheriff's office just as Thompson, who took on the chore of initially documenting sightings here, was out in the county looking at a UFO. Spiegel joined him and they subsequently made four sightings that night.

The best one, Spiegel reports, was as follows:

"At first it was a white light that could have been anything — and I stress the fact that I am here as an objective investigator. We were about 500 or 600 feet away from a line of trees that stretched from south to north and the object was just above the treetops, going in a northerly direction very slowly, just lumbering along."

"It would stop and start up again, just hanging over the trees and then it began to pulsate white and at one particular moment it just stopped dead in its tracks."

"As it was happening I was recording what we were seeing. I didn't realize until I got back to New York and listened to the tape just how long the object had remained stationary. It was a good two and half minutes. We were all so excited over what we were seeing that we just didn't think in terms of minutes."

"At the point it stopped, it became really bright, as bright as a magnesium flare, so bright that you could hardly look at it. Then all of a sudden, in just the flash of an eye, this thing turned totally red and it started pulsating and moving very slowly away the way it had come."

"There was a car full of deputies who were closer, seeing the thing from a different angle. They joined us afterwards and said they saw the thing, after it turned red, really accelerate. They could see some structure and said it was round, basic elliptical shape, and made no noise at all."

"From our vantage point, had there been any type of engine involved we would have heard it. It was a perfectly clear, starry



E. LEE SPIEGEL

night. No moon that could cast any kind of glare. We made sure everyone shut off their engines. The only thing we heard out there were a lot of dogs, obviously nervous about something that was happening."

Spiegel says that sudden flurries of UFO activity in otherwise quiet areas is extremely common.

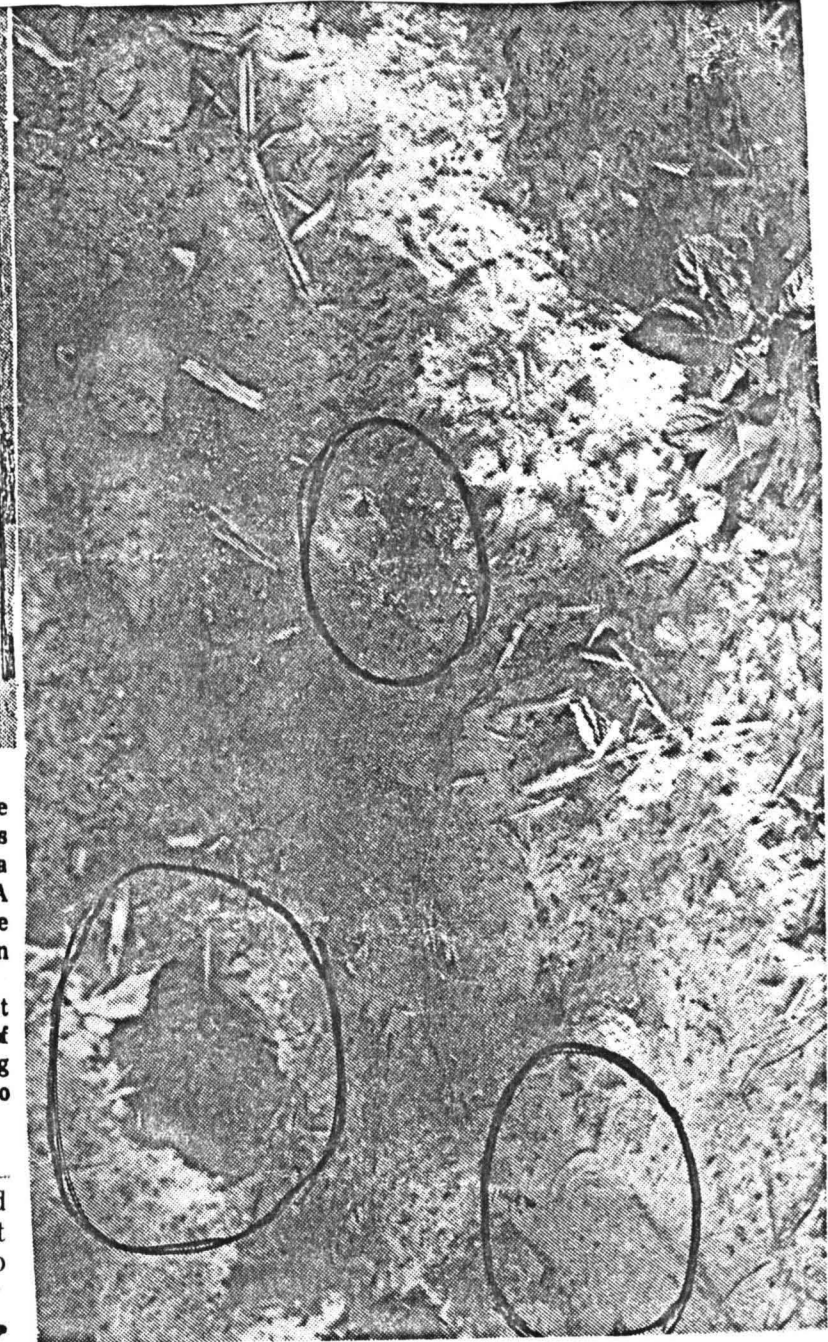
"These things are incredibly

unpredictable," he states. "The UFO center can go for months and get no calls and all of a sudden it's swamped like now. A lot of people have tried to relate it to weather conditions in certain areas."

"We planned a big hunt Saturday night and had a lot of people on hand and nothing happened. It was a big zero night."

UFO LANDING SITE as photographed shortly after Ray Strickland of Pembroke reported that five small objects had apparently landed in this field. The area circled at top is one of six patches of ash with a bluish tint. The circle at lower right is what some feel might

be a tripod imprint but which UFO landing expert Ted Phillips says is unlikely without others. The circle at right is a spherical imprint considered by Phillips to be "extremely interesting". (Bill Hunt Photo)



UFO Is Reported by

N. Grove Policeman

Post

Salisbury, N.C.

April 8, 1975

Deputies Chase Possible UFO

A "UFO" has been sighted in Rowan County. And that is the report from Deputies Bob Harrison and Mike Klutz. They said they saw an unidentified object with colored lights about 1:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. And they join the numerous others who have made like reports. According to the deputies, they spotted the "UFO" and "chased it for about seven miles to the Iredell County line." But spokesmen for Piedmont Airlines in Winston-Salem said over the weekend that some of the "UFO's" reported seen might have been their pilots in their 737's who were making low approaches in this and other areas of the state where the "objects" were reported seen.

Witnesses Discount Theory That UFO Was Airplane

From Staff and Wire Reports

The strange V-shaped object flashing a light over Eastern North Carolina Wednesday and Thursday nights may have been a delta-shaped airplane with its landing lights on, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration said Friday.

But even as the explanation was being offered, witnesses of the unidentified flying objects insisted the thing they saw could not have been an airplane.

Law enforcement officers in four eastern counties reported seeing the triangular object with red, blue or clear lights and spotlights in the sky between 1:45 and 5:50 a.m. Thursday. Witnesses said it made no noise and at times appeared to be hovering, only to zoom away at a high rate of speed.

Officials of the FAA and Piedmont Airlines said Friday Ralph Shipton, a Piedmont pilot from Wilmington, had been making training flights in the area at the same time the officers reported seeing the UFO.

The airline said the pilot was using a delta-shaped aircraft that was used for touch-and-go landings at the Fayetteville airport and had kept his main landing lights on at all times.

The aircraft's altitude averaged 1,000 feet, airlines officials said, but the

flights included several lower banking maneuvers over the Lumberton area, where most of the reported sightings were centered.

Ralph Shipton of Wilmington, a Piedmont Airlines pilot who was conducting training flights in the Robeson and Sampson County areas. Wednesday and Thursday, said he saw nothing unusual in the sky during the flights.

Shipton's plane, a Boeing 737 with swept-back wings with red, green and white lights and two rotating beacons, may have been the mysterious object spotted by the law officers, FAA official said Friday.

The airline pilot said he was putting trainee pilots through maneuvers that included steep turns and banks, many at less than 2,000 feet and at reduced airspeed. He said the flights occurred between about 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., the same times the UFO sightings were reported.

"It's hard to tell what people on the ground can see," Shipton said. "I don't deny the possibility they saw something. I just don't know."

The pilot said he would conduct a similar training flight Friday night in the same area.

But Parkton Police Officers Ernest Hagen and Charles Prevatte said they

drove their police car to within 550 feet of the object. "It was definitely not an airplane," Hagen said.

Officer John Hayes of Roseboro, who reported seeing the object about 200 feet from the ground, said he became familiar with aircraft while in the service and that the object was unlike any airplane he had ever seen.

Hayes said the craft was 40 to 50 feet in length, had a blue tint, and had two rows of about 12 red lights along each side. There was a large spotlight on the front with a small blinking light directly behind that, he said.

A representative of the National Center for UFO Research was in the Lumberton area Friday checking out the reports of sightings of the craft. Frank Harrison, a UFO researcher from Mount Olive, was conducting interviews with those who saw the object, but had reached no conclusions on the origin of the object.

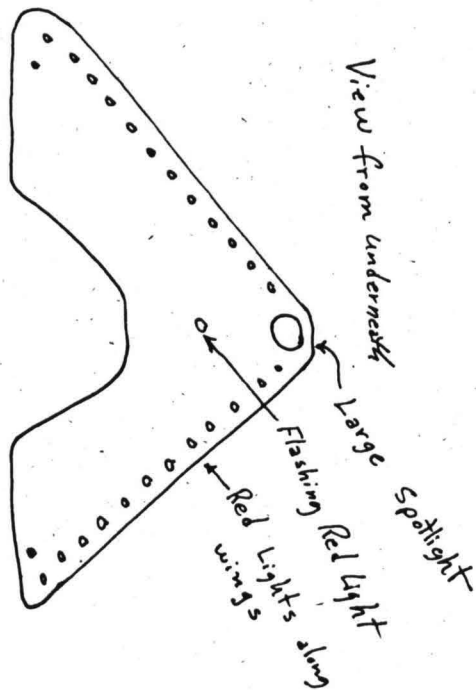
Sampson County sheriff's deputies on duty Friday night planned to carry cameras in hopes of photographing the object should it reappear.

A spokesman for the Angier police department and rescue squad said six officers reported seeing a similar object in the sky over Angier late Friday.

Harrison said the officer told him that when the UFO passed over Newton Grove it had an electromagnetic effect on his police car radio. He said it was about 300 feet above the ground and had a wingspan of about 50 feet.

Officer Hayes is one of nearly 30 law enforcement officers in four counties, including Sampson, who reported seeing UFO's last Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The lawmen said the object could not have been a conventional aircraft. Seven deputies at Lumberton

DRAWING—This is a drawing made by Newton Grove Policeman John Hayes describing an object which the officer says he saw Thursday night. Hayes estimated the unidentified flying object's wingspan to be about 50 feet. According to Hayes, the object had a large spotlight which beamed down on a grove of pecan trees near the Sampson county town.



reported seeing a cigar-shaped object at 9:15 Friday night. Others reported seeing fast-moving lights in the sky. Scores of citizens in the four-county area have also reported the sightings, Harrison said. One officer, White Lake Police Chief Gary Moore said the UFO hovered above his patrol car Friday and shined a light on the vehicle. He said the light was "so bright I could hardly look at it."

Federal Aviation Administration officials have explained the UFO sightings as jet airplanes, and Piedmont airlines has said it had a pilot on a test run in the area.

Harrison, along with Mount Olive Police Captain G. W. Swinson, Mount Olive College Professor Willis Brown, some other local persons, and an Air Force official from Seymour Johnson AFB, went to Lumberton Saturday night to talk with the law enforcement officers and attend a news conference.

Harrison toured the area with Lee Spiegel of New York, an investigator with the National UFO News Information Network of Indiana, who was there on behalf of Dr. Allen J. Hynek, chairman of the department of astronomy of Northwestern University.

Hynek, who worked as a consultant with the U.S. Air Force for 18 years doing UFO studies, held a telephone interview with Harrison to obtain an account of the North Carolina sightings of unidentified flying craft.

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April 5, 1975

UFO sighting draws law officers to Briar.

By JIM STREET
BRIAR — Law enforcement officers from 50 miles away responded Sunday night to reports of an unidentified flying object in the sky northwest of here.

A woman, who did not identify herself, telephoned the Wise County Sheriff's office in Decatur about 9:30 p.m. to report a "cone shaped deal with lights on it and somebody was turning the lights on and off," a sheriff's office spokeswoman said.

The spokeswoman said the caller insisted the object was not a helicopter because it had remained stationary for more than an hour. The woman who called said she was using field glasses to see the object better.

A Wise County deputy saw the object and described it as "yellow-white." He said it had a red light on the left side and a green light on the right. The deputy, identified as Wayne McConnell, said the object definitely was stationary. He said it appeared to be about 5,000 feet above the ground.

"One of our officers saw it too," an Azle police dispatcher said. "He saw a brilliant flash, a long way off."

She said the object appeared to be in the vicinity of Lake Bridgeport; the Wise County dispatcher confirmed that location.

A Decatur policeman said he saw an object over Chico,

north of Bridgeport, but it was not known if it was the same object.

Sightings also were reported in Forestburg in Montague County and at Sunset in Wise County.

However, a spokesman for the Dallas-Fort Worth Terminal Radar Control of the Federal Aviation Administration said there were no unidentified "blips" on their scopes. The radar system monitors all air traffic within a 40-mile radius of the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport.

A spokesman at Carswell Air Force Base said at 9:20 p.m. Sunday that he had received no reports of an unidentified flying object.

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Telegram
Ft. Worth, Tex.
March 31, 1975

Documentation Gets Started As UFO Sightings Slack Off

By TONI GOODYEAR
Robesonian Staff Writer

While UFO sightings have slackened off in Robeson County for the past two nights, enthusiast Ronn Thompson has been busy documenting sightings, particularly a Friday night incident in White Lake.

The switchboard at the Robeson County Sheriff's Department handled only three UFO calls Monday night and none at all on Tuesday night.

But investigations and data collection are continuing. A new visitor on the scene is Paul Jenkins, a reporter with the National Enquirer. Lee Spiegel with the National UFO News Information Network in New York was expected to arrive in town today.

Thompson spent his day Tuesday talking with White Lake Police Chief Gary Moore who

had an extended confrontation with a brilliantly lit craft on Friday night.

Moore said he was driving a lakeside road at about 50 miles per hour when an unidentified flying object "came down" and "the whole side of the road lit up like it was daylight."

"I went on about 300 yards," Moore said, "stopped my patrol car, got out, looked in the air and the light was so bright I had to look back. I got a set of binoculars out of the car and I looked up at it. Then I got an airplane landing light that I carry in my patrol car and I shined it up there. I blinked the light at it, and it blinked back."

"I took another good look at it with the binoculars. Then it moved west toward Lumberton. As it moved away from me I followed it about two miles I got up to 85

and 90 and it left me."

Moore said that after the object blinked its light, it "went straight up and out" at about 200 miles per hour.

He said that when he first observed it "it came right down on top of me like it was going to get the car and I pulled over."

He was about 200 feet from it and "got a good look at it," he said.

Moore described the craft as V-shaped with lights around and one big light "that looked double the size of the steering wheel of a car". It reportedly lit up an area of about 500 feet on either side of the road and made no sound at all.

While the chief was looking at it, several cars stopped and others viewed the object through Moore's binoculars. The craft reportedly hovered for about five minutes, causing Moore to discount theories of conventional aircraft.

"A jet can't park in the air," he said.

Asked how he felt during the time of observation, Moore said, "I couldn't say anything for a second or two I said if they want me, they're going to come and get me but they didn't seem to want me."

In Robeson County, a UFO was sighted at Allenton School at about 11 p.m. Monday, described by Billy Hammonds as an object with red and green lights, two bright lights on the middle, and of a triangle or V-shape.

He reported it last seen heading toward Lumberton.

A Robesonian staffer later met a somewhat hysterical woman at the junction of 211 and I-95 who claimed a UFO had chased her car along 211 toward Red Springs.

James E. Floyd, night security guard at Alamac, reported Monday that for four out of the past seven nights he had seen boomerang-shaped objects with red and orange lights pass over the mill, producing "a light of such intensity that the automatic night lights went completely off."

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Whiteville, N.C.
April 3, 1975

Unidentified lights in the sky over Warren County last night prompted residents from throughout the county to contact state police at the Warren barracks. Although two state troopers also reported seeing the lights, police were at a loss to explain their origin. Conewango Township police officer Larry Kopko, who also saw the lights, described the object as three large, white lights flying in a "V" formation. Kopko said the lights appeared in the sky for a full minute to minute and a half before disappearing. "At first I wasn't going to tell anybody," said Kopko, "I couldn't believe what I saw." Kopko said he finally asked a state trooper if he would believe he had seen a UFO and the trooper said he had a caller on the line telling him the same thing.

CORRY, PA.
Feb. 22, 1975
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Mysterious Crafts

By DAN SEARS

It may have been near the first of April, but the sighting of three Unidentified Flying Objects by Robeson County law officers Thursday morning was no joke.

The crafts, reported to be the size of a small Cessna airplane, were said to be a "V" shape, with a large white light on front and rows of red and blue lights on the back.

Robeson county officers reported that they saw the craft rise out of a wooded area near Parkton and head northwest at an estimated speed of 200 mph.

The craft was first sighted headed north over US 301 from Lumberton and later observed by St. Pauls police officers while it was heading South on 301.

Hoke County officers later followed the craft to the Cumberland and Hoke County line where it was last seen headed east-northeast toward Sampson county.

A sighting was later made by Roseboro police in Sampson County and followed to Garland where contact was lost.

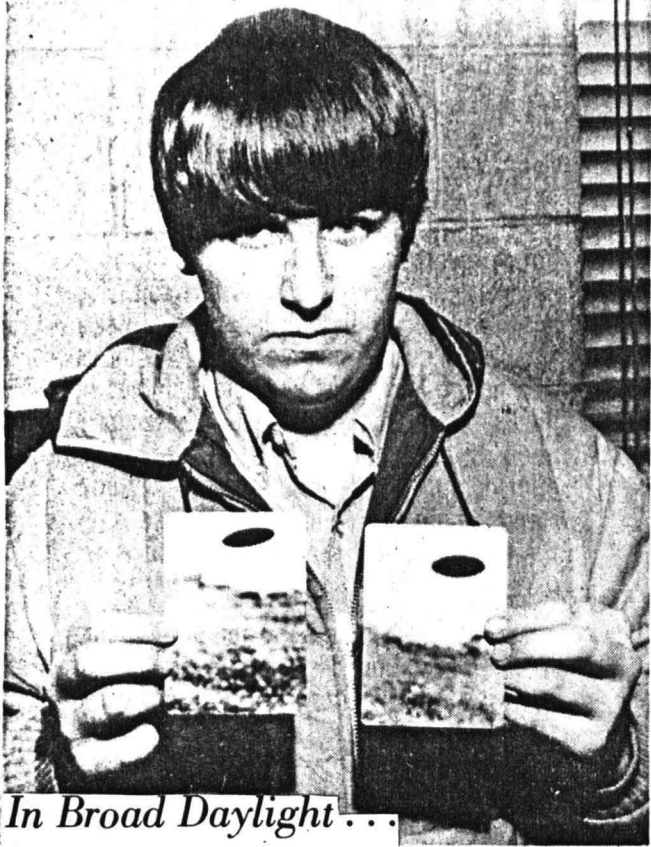
Officers reported that the craft had no engine noise and was skimming about 100 ft. above the treetops at speeds from 115 to 650 mph.

Shortly after the first sighting was made, about 2:00 Thursday morning, the National UFO center was advised and a helicopter was dispatched from Robeson county to follow the craft.

Around dawn this morning, the last sighting was reported at the courthouse in Elizabethtown with the craft headed toward Columbus County. Columbus County police dispatched Officer Ted Williams to the Columbus Bladen County line.

Just before sunrise, Columbus County officers were notified by Robeson County that they had plotted the course of the craft from its last sighting in Elizabethtown and stated that the object should cross Columbus County in the Fair Bluff area.

County Police officers were sent to the area, but no sighting was reported. The search was called off around 7 a.m.



In Broad Daylight...

Brownstown Youth Sees, Photographs Flying Object

By Dave Schert

There are times when a man has difficulty in getting other people to look at what he has seen, especially if he is a young man and what he has seen is an unidentified flying object. They just don't get the picture—and they won't look at your pictures either.

At least that is the trouble 14-year-old David Mahon of rural Brownstown has been experiencing lately.

On the afternoon of Sunday, Jan. 5, David was tramping in a wooded area on his father's farm three miles south of Brownstown with a camera, taking pictures of whatever caught his fancy.

A sound he describes as "like an electric motor" caught his attention and there it was.

"It was black and shaped like a saucer," David says. "And it had a sort of glowing haze around its

edges. "It came from the southeast toward me and then hovered maybe 1,500 feet away and some distance in the air. I would say it was about 100 feet in diameter and had a dome on top of it; and there were circular-like markings on its bottom that looked like they were built in as a part of the machine."

From the time he first saw it until it left in a westerly direction, David snapped pictures of the contraption. Alone with no other witnesses to the event, he estimates it was in the area for about 45 seconds before leaving at a high rate of speed.

He noticed no markings or signs of life about the object.

"I was scared," he says. "I could hardly get my breath. And this part of it may be a dream, but I think I was in it. I don't know how to describe this part, but it seemed like levitation, do

you know what I mean? Like I was drawn to it and up inside it several feet off the ground. I don't know how far.

"I was in a room, maybe five feet in diameter with walls that looked like brushed aluminum. And on the wall were things that looked like camera lenses with a glow that came and went. It seems like I was in there for about 25 seconds. I just really don't know, but in my own mind I

David is shown above holding two of the pictures he took of the flying object. The five pictures to the right are shown in the order in which David said he took them . . . after he first noticed the strange object.

am convinced I was in there, and I could not move."

David, an eighth-grade student

at Brownstown Junior High School, discussed his experience with neighbors, family members and classmates. He indicates his story was greeted with disbelief by many but was taken seriously by others.

He did not report the occurrence to authorities until last Wednesday when he received copies of the pictures back from the company which developed the film.

Upon receiving the photographs he said he contacted the Federal Aviation Administration in St. Louis. The FFA showed no interest, and referred him to Scott Air Force Base in Belleville. A telephone operator there told him to contact Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, he said, and SIU also showed no interest.

His final call was to Illinois State Police headquarters in

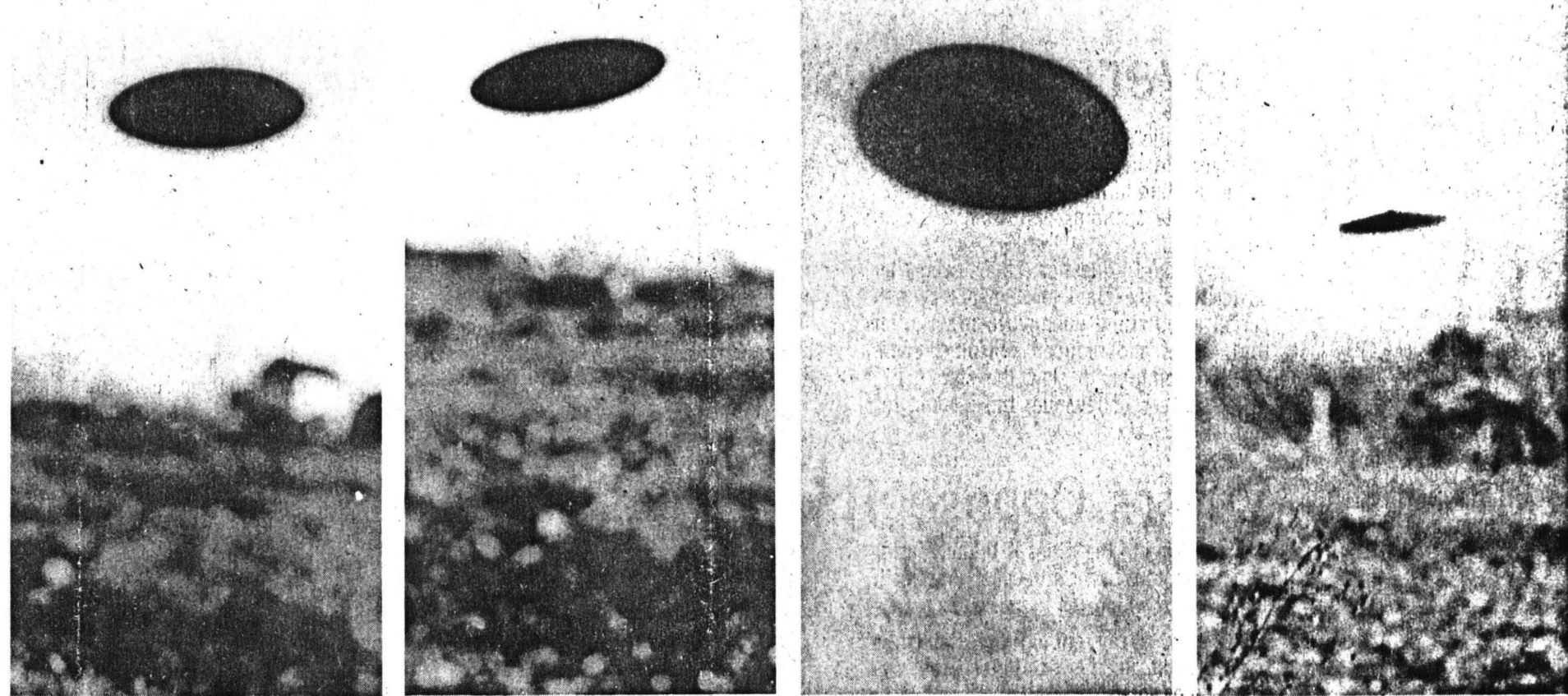
Watson. An officer there questioned him about the report and said the proper authorities would be notified and would then contact David for his information.

By Saturday, no one had called, and he brought his pictures to the Leader-Union office.

While relating his story here, he was told by Jim Michels, one of our reporters, to contact a professor at Northwestern University in Evanston who collects data on UFO sightings.

And things may be looking up. In a telephone conversation Sunday, the youth said he had talked with Dr. Allen Hynek at the university.

The professor questioned young Mahon, told him to send copies of the photographs and has indicated he will talk further with him if the photos prove to have value.



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Wisconsin Officers Report Multiple Sightings of UFOs.

ASHLAND, Wis. (AP) — Authorities in a four-county area of Northern Wisconsin have reported several recent sightings of unidentified flying objects, with nine deputies in Ashland and Iron counties saying they saw four UFOs at one time.

At the time of the sightings, officials said, police radios were garbled or went out of service and witnesses said they saw the objects moving, changing colors, and heading toward a common position in the sky.

Authorities at the nearby Duluth airport said there was no radar contact made at the time, late in the evening of March 13.

Ashland County Sheriff Joe Croteau said "telephones were ringing off the hook from citizens who also saw the objects."

Sightings were also reported in Douglas and Price counties.

A rural Mellen resident, Mrs. Phil Baker and her daughter, Jane, 15, told authorities "an object" landed on a road near their home, made noises and high-pitched sounds, and had red and green lights around it.

Ashland County Under-sheriff George Ree, who investigated, said he found no

evidence of a landing. He left their home and drove about two miles to meet with deputies. Then, he said, he and the deputies saw four UFOs, one brighter than the others.

They said the brightest one moved, changed colors, and then became stationary while three smaller objects headed toward it.

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UFO Reported

An unidentified flying object report was made to the Roscommon County Sheriff's Department Feb. 3.

Georgia Mercer, Steckert Bridge Road, South Branch Township, said she saw an object giving off red, blue and yellow lights in the sky near her home for about 10 minutes around 6:50 p.m.

Roscommon County Sheriff Garth Meyer went to the scene to investigate, but found nothing unusual.

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The Wheatland County Sheriff's office was contacted by radio about 9:00 p.m. Sunday, February 17th by a Highway Patrol radio station who reported that three deputies in Roundup had spotted three UFO's on the horizon headed towards Harlowton. The radio officer at the Sheriff's office called Special Deputy Herb Lynn at Shawmut who drove north of Hedgesville where he would be in a good position to observe. He reported that he had a UFO in sight.

Deputy Sheriff Larry Clifford and Game Warden Gene Tierney then proceeded north of Harlowton and turned east on a county road and traveled several miles east, to a location about 12 miles east of U. S. 191. They also observed a UFO and used a spotting scope to get a better view. The first object was at an altitude between 2,000 and 3,000 feet and was changing in color from amber and white to blue to red, alternating. A second, smaller object was also visible 200 to 300 feet below it, but it soon disappeared, moving in an easterly direction.

The men continued to observe the larger object for a period of 10 minutes before they had to readjust their spotting scope to get the object back into the field of vision. It was moving slowly and gaining altitude, moving in a westerly direction. They reset the scope on it and this time

it was moving out of the field of vision on the scope in about 8 minutes, and the third time around it was going out of the scope's view in about 5 minutes, an indication that its speed was gradually picking up.

In the meantime Sheriff Richard Egebakken and Highway Patrolman Tony Hensel arrived on the scene and also observed the objects from this same location.

The men were unable to say how far the object was from them.

However, Herb Lynn was located about 4 miles due east of their location, and the object was located between them, so their best estimate was that they were observing from a distance of about two miles.

While it was being watched, it had changed directions and begun to move in a southerly direction, still climbing. Eventually the group of four officers lost sight of it in a cloud bank. As the clouds had moved into the area however, the stars had been covered over, although the UFO continued to be in view, until finally its increasing altitude appeared to carry it into the cloud cover before disappearing.

Herb Lynn on the east side was able to continue observing it after the others had lost sight of it.

Some time between 10 and 11 p.m., Keith Clark of Absarokee, a visitor at the Edgar Langston ranch south of Harlowton, was

walking down to the calving pens when he noticed an object up in the skies to the east of the ranch. He called Edgar, and the two of them set up a spotting scope and watched the object for about 10 minutes. They reported the object to be pretty high up in the air and they were unable to gauge the distance, although Edgar said it might have been "halfway to Billings." They watched it with a 25-power spotting scope and

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could see red, blue and green lights flashing or blinking. They also saw something they called "protrusions" with lights running up and down them and said they gave the appearance of being antennas coming out of the main object, or something similar. The object they saw appeared to be stationary, and after watching it for about 10 minutes, went back to doing their work, although they kept watching from time to time without the scope. The object was visible for 30 to 45 minutes before disappearing.

Other folks in the area also saw the same object and reported it.

The Sheriff's office had notified the Air Force and none of the bases in the area had any aircraft in this area.

After the Langston sighting had been reported, Herb Lynn was contacted again and he proceeded south and saw an object at tree-top level moving along the Musselshell River bottom. When he had crossed the highway and river and came up on the south bank, the object had disappeared from sight.

At 2:00 a.m. several Air Policemen from the K-1 missile base north of Harlowton reported they had spotted an object hovering over K-10 which is located 7 miles north of the Harlowton airport. Deputies Clifford and Richard Mull went to K-1 and also observed the object which appeared to hover for a time, then would drop below the horizon, before ascending up into the sky for a while. It was lavender or bright blue and had no variance in the lights. Finally it dipped under the horizon and disappeared.

Malmstrom reportedly had a number of sighting reports from along the Canadian border, all over Montana and other Western states.

The observation period on this last object lasted for about 25 minutes.

The two deputies went to the site of K-10 and found no sign of any object or landing area.

None of the eyewitnesses reported any sound from any of the sightings.

The Billings Gazette on Tuesday carried a story describing a phenomenon in the skies that involved two planets that had caused numerous UFO sightings in the south, but there did not appear to be any relation to these northern state areas.

OBJECTS!

UFO sightings more numerous than expected

By LOUIS SINCLAIR

Apparently there is no shortage of flying saucer watchers in the Venice Area.

Since I reported that my wife and I glimpsed a strange object in the sky on a Sunday two weeks ago, I have been almost deluged with telephone calls and also received a couple of letters.

Many of the people corroborated our sighting of a possible space craft in the western sky on a drive from North Port to Venice. Now others are reporting that they also have sighted other objects just before and since my first report appeared in the paper.

LATEST TO BE heard from is Mrs. Carlas Campbell of Englewood who reported that she and three other persons have been watching what they believe to be a space ship for more than three weeks at night.

Mrs. Campbell said that, at first, she glimpsed two brilliant

lights high in the sky and they appeared to be stars. However, Mrs. Campbell is a veteran star gazer and familiar with the location of all the brilliant ones. So she was convinced she wasn't seeing two stars.

SHE CALLED her husband and together they watched the strange lights through high-powered binoculars.

"Suddenly one of the objects started moving slowly and then completely disappeared. The other object remained in the sky but also moved occasionally.

"Since that first night we have seen this same brilliant object in the sky each night and sometimes it vanishes and other times it remains static or moves slowly. Often the light dims and then will flare brightly with an apparent blue mist surrounding it."

THAT'S THE WAY Mrs. Campbell describes it and besides her husband, Ronald,

others who have watched are her father, Fay Tooker and her nephew, James Tooker.

In a letter, Mrs. Myrtle Belliveau of Nokomis reported seeing some kind of space craft. She made the sighting with her son, Ray Steffen at 6:35 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28. Here is the way she described it:

"I wish to inform you that we also saw an object of the same description that you and your wife saw. However, we saw it Feb. 28 at 6:35 a.m. Everyday I have been driving my son to VJHS for his wrestling practice.

"ON FRIDAY morning just as we entered Business 41 we saw an object shoot through the sky but, being a typical mother, I said there's a shooting star. Then we noticed how bright it was and the shape was oval so we thought possibly it was a meteor. Our third thought was that it could have been a distress flare. Whatever we saw, it traveled fast.

"Since we were headed south the object came from the east crossing 41 and disappeared from our view toward the gulf.

"I just thought you would be interested to know someone

else saw an object even though it was on a different day. Maybe the spacemen have learned Venice is a nice place to live."

Mrs. Charles Snyder witnessed a most unusual space happening from her home at Laurel.

"I WAS LOOKING at the gulf about 6 a.m. last Saturday when I saw a red light moving along the horizon. At first I thought it an airplane but it kept coming closer and there was no noise.

"I kept thinking how unusual it was that there was no sound. Then the red light turned into a series of red, white and green lights flashing on and off."

After a few minutes the flashing object descended below the trees and disappeared. Mrs. Snyder said she would guess that it could not have been more than a mile or so from her when it passed out of sight.

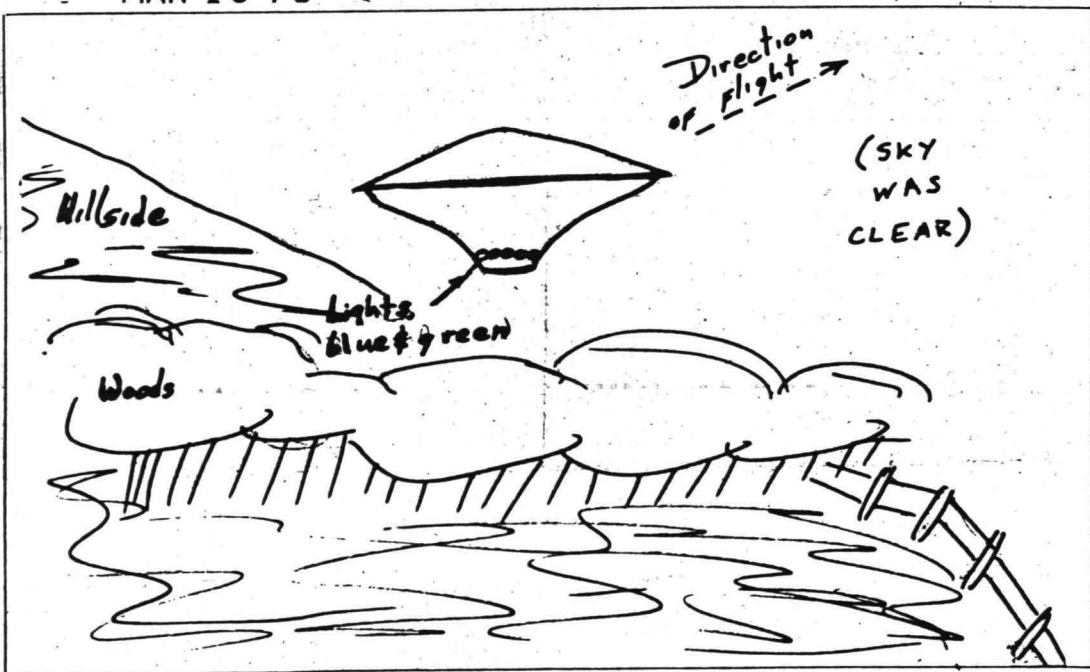
If you don't have anything exciting to do tonight, why don't you put a chair in the backyard and join the sky watchers. The possibilities are unlimited.

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What Did He See?

A Morehead high school junior, Robert James Wilson, made this drawing of what he says he viewed while returning home from work around 9:15 last Thursday night. According to Wilson, he was coming south on Virginia street — still north of the state line — when an unidentified flying object hovered, not moving from its position, off to the side of the road. He noted flashing blue and green lights at the base of the object and said these lights appeared to be rotating. There were no known unusual atmospheric conditions at the time and the sky was clear that night. Wilson, who notes that he travels the same route every night but had never before seen the object, said Monday that he has not reported the sighting to authorities because he did not know who to contact.

Modesto, Cal.
Bee

April 7, 1975

Woman Reports Auto-Sized UFO Near Airport

A UFO sighting over Modesto was reported today by Mrs. Howard Olds, 1122 La Loma Ave.

"First it was white, the size of an automobile, flying quite low near the airport," she said. "Then there were greenish-bluish lights in two tiers along the side, with flashing red lights on the front, and not one sound."

Mrs. Olds said she saw the object about 3:45 a.m. when she had trouble sleeping.

Four persons, including two police officers, reported spotting a reddish-orange unidentified flying object over Stockton March 19.

GREENISH-BLUE LIGHT

'Space junk' falling into sea?

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By MIKE McCOY

A meteoric streak of greenish-blue light seen plunging into the Pacific Ocean off Bodega Bay may have been a result of America's space technology.

Eric Lyss, a 68-year-old retired coast podiatrist, reported sighting "a greenish-blue streak of light, descending and disappearing when it hit the water" at 10 p.m. Wednesday to Bodega Bay Coast Guard officials.

Reports of similar sightings in Point Arena and San Francisco were made to San Francisco Coast Guard stations and Alameda's Naval Air Station.

Press Democrat attempts to verify reports with officials at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

(NASA) offices in Mountain View, Federal Aviation Administration offices in San Francisco and the Alameda naval station failed Friday. Officials were either unaware of such reports or could not be contacted.

However, Bill Honey, 2nd class quartermaster with Coast Guard Group San Francisco, said, "There were various sightings of whatever was entering the atmosphere."

Honey said, "We got reports from Alameda Naval Air Station that it was material entering the atmosphere which was burning up."

David Ramsey, a Coast Guard operation's officer in San Francisco, said the Navy reported it was "some space de-

bris" but added, "I don't believe there was any definite statement to that extent."

Ramsey said, "It was definitely not a flare sighting but probably unusual atmospheric conditions."

Lyss said the incident began when "I was watching television."

He said he was "facing the ocean when my eyes caught a greenish-blue flare coming down. It lasted about two seconds before it hit the water."

Lyss called Bodega Coast Guard officials because he originally thought it was a distress signal — something he's seen before during Coast Guard exercises — but something which didn't quite look like the same thing.

He said he first saw the light about 300 feet above the ocean one and a half miles off the coast of Carmet, near Bodega.

Bodega Coast Guard boatswain's mate Rod Storme and crew responded to Lyss's call. Lyss telephoned when he saw the boat near the sighting location.

Storme said his crew "got under way to investigate" after Lyss called. "We blanketed the area with the boat," Storme said, "but it apparently sunk. We didn't find anything."

Storme said he was told by San Francisco superiors that "it is all the craft and stuff we have sent up to space and is falling down all up and down the coast."

Stan Miller, NASA public affairs officer, said, "We have had no reports."

Miller stated, "We do not customarily calculate the re-entry of space material. The Air Force is responsible for this."

"The only time we do so is when something big is coming back, like the Saturn Skylab booster," he added. "Otherwise," Miller concluded, "it's a computer's job to keep track."

Stockton, Calif.

Record

March 20, 1975

2nd Night of UFO Reports

A deaf teenager used sign language to tell his teacher at Edison High School this morning that he saw Stockton's unidentified flying object Wednesday night.

The student, Albert Strobel, 19, of 1815 Robertson, told the teacher, Mrs. Eleanor Simon that he saw the object about 10:30 p.m. in the southern and eastern sky as he was riding with a friend at Fremont and Main streets.

Strobel said the object was the same cigar shape as described by two police officers and a Morada area resident Tuesday night and Wednesday morning.

He said it was flying low and had three quivering blue lights.

Rapid City, S.D.

Journal

March 31, 1975

UFO sightings reported

The Pennington County sheriff's office received a report Sunday night from a Rapid City couple who said they were followed by an unidentified flying object as they drove from Hot Springs to Rapid City late Sunday night.

Rebecca Remos, 110 E. Watertown, told officers that she and her husband and son were driving north on Highway 79 just outside Hot Springs at about 10:30 p.m. when a white light, about the size of a basketball, appeared. The light followed their vehicle all the way to Buffalo Gap when it disappeared behind some hills.

Shortly thereafter, the woman reported, a red light appeared, about "three times the size of a shoebox." The light followed the car to about three miles past the Pennington County line, then disappeared.

The report did not say how far away the lights appeared to be from the car.

Santa Rosa, Calif.

Press-Democrat

March 30, 1975

Hollister, Calif.

Free Lance

March 19, 1975

UFO sighted over Hollister area

A further development in UFO sightings Wednesday in the Stockton area cropped up early this morning in San Benito County's own back yard when a San Martin woman spotted a red-orange object moving in a circular pattern above Gilroy, Morgan Hill, San Martin, and northern San Benito County.

Two policemen and a private citizen reported separate sightings of a "reddish-orange circular object" in the night sky over Stockton between Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, according to the Associated Press. Descriptions placed the object's altitude at between 500 and 700 feet,

and one said the UFO changed from a cigar shape to a circle while moving across the sky.

The San Martin woman, who requested anonymity, said she had gone out to the barn at her home near Hill Country to feed her horses and calves when she noticed a light in the sky in the direction of San Jose. The time was approximately 5:30 a.m. Looking up, she saw a "tangerine-orange" colored object fly overhead, then circle over the hills east of San Martin and move south toward Hollister.

The object circled back, passing overhead toward Morgan Hill, then repeated

the pattern. It moved "gracefully" through the sky, she said, unlike any plane, and when it came back over Gilroy it went into a jerky, stop-and-start motion. The UFO then cruised north, coming directly over her house at an altitude of about 500 feet.

It had no discernible outward shape, she said. "All I could see were three very clear, distinct orange lights, like oval portholes," she continued, "with a big blue light below the two forward orange ones. There was kind of a white-light glow behind the blue one."

She said the object cruised east, toward the end of her

block. "The morning was so still you could have heard anything," she said, "but it didn't make any sound. All of a sudden I heard what sounded like the noise of a small plane in the distance, and I thought a plane was coming; then I realized the noise was coming from the thing closeby in the sky." After that, she said, the UFO flew off east toward the Pacheco Pass.

The woman, who works in Hollister, reported the incident to the Free Lance this morning. Local law enforcement and fire agencies said they had received no reports of other sightings during the night.

A recent observance has been made of two yellow lights in the sky after dusk, southeast of Beloit. A person wishing to be left unidentified called the Post and reported the sightings.

The caller said the lights are quite similar to stars but are yellowish and move into the area and stay in the same location for an hour to an hour and a half. They then leave the area and go southeast again.

The lights are together and one above the other. The highest one is the brightest. They were first seen by the caller about two weeks ago. At one time they came quite close. They were spotted again over the two weeks and had been seen three nights in a row when the report was made Fri., Feb. 21.

The caller said they wished to be left unidentified because they felt nobody would take them seriously. They were reluctant to call the lights a UFO. But they couldn't explain how a plane or helicopter could remain in the same spot for that length of time and then move off. They ruled them out as being stars because of the rate at which they entered and left the area.

What they are? Maybe satellites or planes. Possibly foreign objects returning back into the earth's atmosphere. Maybe just a stretch of the imagination...or maybe Mitchell County has its own little UFO.

UFO Reported

An unidentified flying object report was made to the Roscommon County Sheriff's Department Feb. 3.

Georgia Mercer, Steckert Bridge Road, South Branch Township, said she saw an object giving off red, blue and yellow lights in the sky near her home for about 10 minutes around 6:50 p.m.

Roscommon County Sheriff Garth Meyer went to the scene to investigate, but found nothing unusual.

Houghton Lake, Mich.
Resorter
Feb. 20, 1975

Galt, Calif.
Herald
April 3, 1975

Weird object in the sky seen by Galtonians

We wonder if anyone else saw the strange happening that occurred on Friday, Mar. 28. Mrs. Howard Johnson and daughter Beth were returning from Sacramento to their home on Poplar Street, when they saw a large round bright light or object hovering over them.

It would dim and then flare up and followed them all the way from Sacramento to the off ramp on Elm Street where it suddenly appeared before them, and then swung over the home of Mrs. Jinx Camelio

across the racks on Poplar Street.

It moved about there for about 2½ hours before it traveled to the Shell gas station then went straight up and disappeared. The Johnson's say it was one of three they observed in Sacramento. The strange object or light was also observed by Larry Camelio, a junior in Galt High School, his sister Susie, a freshman and their mother, Jinx. So far they have found no explanation for the weird sight.

UFO sighting in East County?

(Editor's note: When two boys contacted Ledger reporter Ben Reed and claimed they had seen a mysterious flying object at night, Reed was startled. For, on the same night he, too, had seen a strange object in the sky, within a relatively few miles of where the boys reported seeing their UFO. The following article is the result of that phone call.)

By BEN REED

"Nothing from this world could fly like that!" exclaimed Keith Nance, 14, of Brentwood.

He was referring to a mysterious oval-shaped object he and a friend claim they saw making 90-degree turns while hovering over trees near his Anderson Avenue home at 12:54 Thursday morning.

After dawn, Keith and his buddy, Richard Gill, 16, of Brentwood, examined a field they said the object hovered over.

They discovered evidence, though admittedly weak, to convince themselves what they had seen earlier that morning existed and wasn't their imagination.

The youths came across a depression about a foot and a half long and several inches wide in a small open area of compacted sand in the middle of a grassy field off Balfour Road.

This field is north of Anderson Avenue one block away.

Next to the depression is a compacted mound of sand, the same size, shape and length of the furrow. Keith said he saw a tube emerge from the unidentified flying object with

a nozzle on the end the approximate shape of the depression.

Something else the boys found they said fits into what they saw concerns two pine trees at the back of the field, a hundred feet apart.

When the UFO left, the boys said, it flew off between the two trees, the tops of which can be seen from Keith's home. The limbs of the two trees branch straight out and touch, except towards the top of the trees where there is a space and no longer any limbs.

Flimsy evidence? Perhaps. But, hearing Keith and Richard tell their story, whether what they found in the field is relevant or not, they are convinced they saw something.

"I don't care if people think we're crazy," Keith said. "I just want to know if anyone else saw it."

In fact, that is exactly what led this reporter to Brentwood to hear the boys' story. I, too, had seen a UFO that same night, but had shrugged it off. At least, up until the time I heard of the boys' tale.

Keith and Richard related the following story concerning that night:

Richard was spending the night at Keith's house. The boys were lying on sleeping bags in the recreation room watching the end of a movie on television when Keith saw something out of the corner of his eye.

"Hey, look at the comet," Keith said he told Richard after observing through the window of a storm door an orangish ball of light descend from the sky.

(This is the same type of object that I had observed

driving east on Highway 4 approximately two miles from Antioch's city limits. He saw an orangish ball of light fall from the sky and then disappear behind some hills, never observing it again. Time was approximately 9:45 p.m.)

Both boys got up and went outside. They said the descending light suddenly leveled out over an open field off Walnut Boulevard, between Balfour and Anderson Avenue.

It was, then they said the object took shape, appearing like a diamond ring standing on its side. The UFO then started moving toward them, they said, causing them to flee back inside the house.

"We were really scared," said Keith.

The boys stated they then watched the UFO move from right to left and hover over the field off Balfour Road for several minutes. They said it was then the object took on a "hulking" oval-shaped, dark-colored appearance.

While hovering, the boys contended, the object slowly rotated and they could make out what appeared like three portholes with light emanating from them and lines running from top to bottom of the holes.

Suddenly, the boys said, the UFO started spinning very fast, taking on an array of colors. It was then they said the object flew off between the two pine trees toward the northeast.

Antioch, Cal.
Ledger

March 29, 1975

Tower Hill Girls Report Sighting of UFO

Two Tower Hill girls report having seen a UFO as they were travelling east on Route 16 toward Tower Hill around midnight, Saturday.

Nancy Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Campbell, and Kim Sisk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sisk, all of Tower Hill, had been bowling in Pana and were on their way home. As their vehicle topped a knoll about a half mile north of the village, there it was! The girls described the object as a large orange glow in the sky that seemed to be drifting slowly from their left, to the right, going over Steve's Standard station.

As they continued along the highway, the young ladies kept watching the "thing" which was oval-shaped and very near to them. There was no noise coming from the object, only a steady glow, such as that put forth by neon lights.

When the UFO neared the home of Bob Keller, mayor of Tower Hill (just south of the highway), it was just as when a light switch is turned off. It suddenly disappeared, the girls related.

Nancy recalled saying a silent prayer for their safety during the frightening experience. "It was weird and rather spooky," said Kim of the incident. Neither of the girls had seen anything like the orange glowing object. The arrived at their respective homes in a very frightened condition.

After learning what happened,

Mrs. Lee Sisk related that 2 weeks ago, she had also seen a similar object, as she was getting into her car around 5:30 a.m., to go work at Shelbyville. The object, described as lighter shade of orange, appeared suddenly and seemed to race straight toward her from across the fields to the south of her home.

Mrs. Sisk jumped from her car and started to run to the house. Then the object disappeared, she said, as rapidly as the one Kim and Nancy had seen.

Although Mrs. Sisk had told her husband about the matter, she did not tell anyone else, not wanting to frighten the family, she related to this reporter.

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Pana, Ill.
March 3, 1975

News-Palladium
Pana, Ill.
March 6, 1975

UFO Activity Is Reported

Eight Shelby County towns, including Civil Defense units, reported UFO sightings from 9:00 p.m., to nearly midnight, Monday, Mar. 3. Bob Wemple of Shelbyville told PN-P early this week the Civil Defense check-in at Shelbyville at 9:00 p.m. revealed the sightings, located at the west edge of Shelbyville and also due west of Cowden and Herrick. Also reporting were Tower Hill, Sigel, Windsor, Shelbyville, Beecher City, and Lakewood.

Wemple said the UFO he saw straight west of Shelbyville was shapeless, with at least 3 lights, red and white, and rotated slowly in an east-northeast direction. The object was watched through high powered field glasses by several units of the Shelby County Civil Defense communications squad.

The UFO was observed for the longest period from the overlook area at Shelbyville Dam.

Wemple, who lives at the west edge of Shelbyville, said that the object gained altitude and passed out of his sight in about 20 minutes.

He said that since Herrick and Cowden reported a sighting due west at the same time he had viewed the one directly west of his home, there had to be 2 UFO's in the vicinity.

Three or 4 calls to Shelby County Sheriff's office concerning an object that was "shiny and low to the ground" on Rt. 16

west of Shelbyville were made early Tuesday morning. There were also a couple of calls on the object that same night, from Tower Hill.

Although the department dispatched squad cars to the scenes, officers reported that they did not see anything such as described.

March 24, 1975
Yuba City, Calif.
Independent-Herald

UFO over Olivehurst?

What may have been one of several UFOs spotted the night of Mar. 13 in the Ashland, Wis. area was seen that same evening by a Sault man.

Bob Arneson, an employee of The Evening News, reports he was driving north on M-129 near the Three Mile Road about 7:30 p.m. when he observed what appeared to be a greenish bullet-like object to the northeast.

"At first I thought it was an aircraft, but it was flying too fast, but it remained in view for several seconds. He said the object appeared illuminated with a darker green area around the perimeter and lighter green inside.

Arneson didn't say too much about his sighting until he read a newspaper account of the large number of sightings seen that same evening in the Ashland area, which is about 400 miles northwest of here.

Charles' recollection is that he accidentally kicked a rock into the street and this diverted their attention long enough for the light to "just vanish." The other two boys disagree.

They are agreed, however, that they ran to the Guerrero home to tell the family what they saw. Then they called newspapers to report their experience but did not regard it as a police matter (the Yuba County Sheriff's Office received no reports of UFO's in Olivehurst over the weekend.)

It was "like a fire... little bitty sparks coming off," according to Charles, but TSgt. Gary Hales of the Beale AFB Office of Public Information took the news calmly.

This was his first report of a "flying saucer" since coming to Beale AFB last November, although he handled several while the Air Force's "Project Bluebook" was still being conducted in the late 60's.

Project Bluebook, according to Hales, established to the satisfaction of the Air Force that Unidentified Flying Objects pose no threat to national security and advises anyone seeing one to report it to police if it presents any danger to personal security and to a university if it is of scientific value.

Three boys claim they saw what their relatives call an Unidentified Flying Object dive and vanish over Olivehurst schools Saturday night. The Air Force is not impressed.

Charles Guerrero, 11, a student at Ella School, says he was at 11th and Fleming avenues when he saw "something. It was green or blue and went down fast. We turned around and it was gone." As he remembers it, the object was 800 feet over Olivehurst School, his alma mater, when first sighted and was descending toward Powerline Road.

The second witness was his brother, Mike, 12, Mike believes it was over Ella School at first and disappeared over Olivehurst School. It was a "big white ball of light", he says, that had overtones of blue and green; was 100 feet up and "two cars big" (Charles estimates it was the size of his house at 4647 Fleming Way).

Mike admits, however, that he began running away as soon as he saw the object. An it was travelling fast: "I couldn't tell, but maybe around 800 miles per hour."

Jim McQuade, 12, Mike's fellow-student at Yuba Gardens School, says he was the first to spot it—and is not sure where it went because he was running toward the light and lost sight of it.

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Residents Report Seeing UFOs

NOWRYTOWN — Several residents of the Nowrytown-Elders Ridge area have reported seeing what they believed to have been two unidentified flying objects hovering over the area last night.

Howard Kline of Nowrytown said he was driving on Route 286 near Elders Ridge Sunday evening when he observed a large bright object and a smaller object in the sky. He said the large object looked like a bright star but kept moving around the sky. The smaller object, he stated, moved around the sky and repeatedly changed colors, from yellow to green and red.

Mr. Kline said he stopped at a Nowrytown club and reported the sightings to approximately 20 persons in the club, who went outside and observed the objects.

He stated the smaller object rapidly flew over the horizon, came back into view and hovered above the horizon for a time before both objects disappeared from sight. He said the sightings occurred around 7:30 p.m.

The state police at Indiana said today they have received no reports of unidentified flying objects in the area but stated that a Pennsylvania State University helicopter has been flying over the area at all hours of the day and night taking air samples, which could account for last night's sightings.

UFO? They say it was

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Do you believe it? Joe Parsley, Claude Nalley, Herm Radke and Larry Buchanan do. So does Claude's wife, Linda. And Joe's wife, Cathy. And Claude's kids. Even the youngest, Stacie, just 3 years old.

They saw it Tuesday night all the way back from Selah. Then again from their front yards in Cowiche. Herm heard them talking about it over his citizen's band radio — a gadget all four men have and converse over regularly — so he went out in his back yard in Moxee for a look. Herm saw it too.

Claude said he also heard that two Highland High School girls saw it on their way home from a dance. And he heard a man driving between Gleeed and Naches also saw the strangely lighted craft.

Could it have been the military? Army Capt. Pete Monahan, public information officer at Yakima Firing Center, checked and said:

"We didn't . . . there were no aircraft out . . . but there's a million different people that coulda . . . but it's highly doubtful at that time of night . . ."

Do you believe?

Ask Joe, or Claude, or Herm, or Larry, or Cathy, or Linda, or the kids. Even Stacie, age 3. Ask her.

They all believe.

"It was REALLY somethin'!"

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I SAW IT — Claude Nalley, Cowiche, holds drawing of UFO. (Staff photo by Gary Bound)

Was it a UFO? They think so

By ED STOVER

"I weren't drinking! No, I don't drink, for one thing."
"It weren't no airplane, that's for sure!"

"The light from it was real big!"
"YEAH! The light was REAL big!"
"It was out due west of Cowiche."
"Yeah . . . straight west."
"Out over Jump-Off Joe Mountain."

"It ended up over Bethel Ridge Tower."
"Yeah."

"It was about nine last night when I first seen it" . . . "Yeah" . . . "Claude and Larry and us were out driving around" . . . "Yeah" . . . "We'd been out at Selah and we were comin' back when we seen it" . . . "Yeah" . . . "It seemed to be getting larger and larger" . . . "No . . . yeah, that's right . . ."

"We're lucky we didn't run in the ditch" . . . "Yeah" . . . "We got home and I ran in and got some binoculars . . . and I got my older son . . . he's . . . uh . . . yeah, 11 . . . and my daughter . . . she's . . . uh . . . yeah, 8 . . . then I got my binoculars . . ."

"Then it came right straight toward us!"

"Then back t'other way!"

"At least five times!"

"It ROTATED!"

"Yeah, it ROTATED!"

"From left to right!"

"It was a large cone-shaped object" . . . "That glowed not quite as bright as a star" . . . "It was the largest object in the sky other than the moon" . . . "It had a greenish-blue light at the top and sort of a pale flame light at the bottom" . . . "At the big end of the cone . . ."

"IT WAS REALLY SOMETHIN'!"
"YEAH!"

"I told my lawyer this morning. He said I was crazy, that I better quit drinkin' vodka for breakfast."

"No, but we all saw it . . . we all drew pictures of the same thing . . . it was approximately two to five miles from us at the nearest, but it would continually go back and forth . . . go away . . . sometimes almost out of sight . . . then it would come back."

"It was there a good 45 minutes . . . it went out of sight 'bout ten o'clock."
"It was a UFO, that's for sure!"

"I never saw anything like it before!"

"We WILL say it was not a star."

"No."

"Yeah."

"Or a plane."

"Too much light on it for a helicopter."

"An aircraft wouldn't hover like that."

"No."

"Yeah."

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Conneaut, Ohio
March 7, 1975

UFO's Spotted Here

By MARK TODD
News-Herald Writer

Is Conneaut under observation by extra-terrestrial beings?

Two separate reports of UFO-type sightings were reported in the city Thursday night, each roughly occurring around 9 p.m.

Both incidents involved the spotting of three "lights."

hovering over different parts of the city.

One woman, traveling south on Mill Street, said the lights were yellow-amber in color, and seemed to follow her and her husband down Mill Street. "When we finally pulled into our driveway, they seemed to hover right above us," she said.

According to the woman the glowing trio began moving

east ten minutes later, then quickly disappeared.

The same three lights, this time a reddish hue, were apparently spotted about the same time by a woman and her husband traveling down Broad Street. The "lights" moved in a single-file formation, then hovered for some minutes.

Then two of the lights began moving once again the second

observer said, while the third branched off in a different direction.

Both witnesses claim the light sightings were not airplanes or helicopters. "They didn't make a noise," said the first woman. Both couples say they left their cars in efforts to detect a familiar sound.

"I never believed in UFOs," said one woman, "but now I'm not so sure."

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UFO REPORT

An Ellensburg resident reported to the Kittitas County Sheriff's office at 1:16 a.m. today that a unidentified flying object described as being about four feet across with a reddish glow and sounding like a plane, was seen just west of his residence on the Manastash Ridge. The object was said to move erratically and did not have blinking lights. A deputy was unable to locate anything in the area. This is the second sighting reported to the Sheriff's office in as many days.

MULTIPLE WITNESSES REPORT UFO LANDINGS IN ITALY AND SPAIN

By DAVID BRANCH

At first Roberto Imolesi thought the sky object he saw was a reflection on his car's windshield. But then when one of his four passengers saw the glow, too, he stopped the vehicle.

"I noticed a light in the distance at the center of the highway, right above the white line," says Imolesi, describing his alleged encounter with an unidentified flying object at Barbiano, Italy, July 8, 1974. At least six other witnesses, in addition to police officers, support Imolesi's story.

"I got out of the car," Imolesi continues, "and noticed that the light, yellow and dark, was at the center of a huge 'wing,' not very well defined in the darkness. I had the impression that it was in the form of a cap with a visor. . ."

Imolesi estimated the size of the domed disc as 45 feet in diameter.

"After we stopped," he says, "the light rose and I began to squat and to make gestures with my arms to call attention of other passing autos. The mysterious object then made a change in position, flying in the form of a circle, returning to the point of departure."



"I searched in vain to follow it. I met some farmers who also had observed the very same phenomenon."

Settimio Zambrini, a resident of Barbiano, confirmed Imolesi's account by relating a similar sighting in the area, as did several other local men. All witnesses said the light moved

in the same direction, toward the mountains and the sea.

Police, alerted by callers, saw a glowing object at about 1:30 a.m., July 9—the same night.

A few hours before, police in Ravenna, Italy also received reports of a swiftly moving mystery light, flying across the highway to Ravenna, at an altitude of about 30 feet.

On the morning of July 9, a farmer discovered strange ground markings in the area of the Imolesi sightings. The markings claim that the physical traces were not visible the previous day, because he had not seen them although he had cut grass at the trace location. The markings were a large circle (25 feet in diameter, with a circular impression 2' to 3 inches wide in the circle and four smaller circles (4 feet in diameter, with a circular impression 2½ to 3 inches wide in each circle). In addition, some "strange and very thin powder of some sort"

was found near the rings.

Another possible landing report comes from Spain. On Jan. 2, 1975, a UFO apparently touched down on an aircraft firing range at Bardenas Reales.

According to a Madrid newspaper, "Informaciones," the sighting was made public by a

Lt. Campos, a firing range staff member. But not many details are available because of tight military security pending a complete hearing on the matter.

In addition to Campos, other military personnel from the Spanish Third Air Force Region apparently also saw the object. It gave off bright, rapid flashes

during the short time it was on the ground. After taking off, the object shot away and "immediately was lost in the sky" according to the Madrid newspaper.

Adding mystery to the sighting is the report that a similar object was observed in the same area in 1972. At the time

the "strange and luminous object" was seen, a North American Phantom jet crashed. Two crewmen parachuted to safety.

The current issue of the Mutual UFO Network journal (Skylook, published in Quincy, Ill.) describes both the Italian and Spanish reports and observes regarding the firing range inci-

dent: "Two guards of the Hydrographic Confederation, who witnessed the 1972 crash, said they observed something similar to a luminous ball 'of the size of a balloon when it was close and of a pinhead when it was farther away,' which gyrated in all directions over the zone where the airplanes were."

Although at least two crashes of military aircraft in the United States appear UFO-linked, no positive proof of UFO hostility has been found (unless such information has been withheld by officials).

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UFO was Not
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When state troopers arrived at the house of Carl Sutherland of Sandusky Sunday night, they didn't quite know what they would find. They had received a call from Southerland at 8:00 p.m. stating that there was a bright spherical light in the sky that apparently was a U.F.O.

Troopers Copley and Wilmer investigated the report and also observed the object in the sky at a 30 degree angle. The troopers obser-

ved the object as it moved from right to left and changed color from red to yellow.

After observing the object for a period of time, the troopers reported that they both agreed that the light was caused by a planet possibly Venus or the evening star. The object appeared to move, according to the officers, because of light refraction. After the report was made, the case was closed on the sighting.

Sampson County lawmen were among officers from five counties who reported sighting an unidentified flying object in pre-dawn skies Thursday.

Early that evening, Sampson Sheriff's Deputies reported seeing another -- or maybe the same -- object again.

The Thursday morning sighting by Roseboro Officer Jim Driver was one of many reported by lawmen from Hoke, Robeson, Bladen, Columbus and Sampson Counties. The object was the series of lawmen's reports from shortly after 1 until dawn.

Driver said he saw a "V-shaped object" near where he sat in his patrol car on Highway 24.

The Roseboro officer said the

object "moved real slow" and then stopped above a grove of pecan trees.

"It stayed there about a minute. Then there was a flash of light -- a wide beam -- like the spotlights police helicopters use. It lit the top of a pecan tree," Driver said.

"There were quite a few lights on the vehicle -- I saw the red and blue lights best. There seemed to be other colors but it was hard to tell what color they were," he continued.

Driver described what hovered in the Roseboro skies as "bigger than a police car, but from where I was standing I could only see one side."

Three other officers got a look at the mysterious visitor (s) in different parts of Sampson

County.

Deputy Sheriff Marshall Gilbert, patrolling on Highway 421 north of Clinton, spotted the lights flashing past and radioed a report. At almost the same time, Newton Grove Policeman John Hayes witnessed a similar sight, a dozen miles away.

Then, shortly afterwards, Deputy Jack Brewer also had a glimpse of the nocturnal voyager, this time over Highway 403 east of town.

As of today, the post-midnight visitor was still unidentified.

Military authorities in both Carolinas said they had no aircraft in the multi-county area at the time of the sightings. In Raleigh, the Federal Aviation Administration reportedly had no information.

The radar unit at Fayetteville's Grannis Field reported no contacts during the time of the spottings.

Descriptions of the object varied. Some sightings reported red, blue, or clear lights aboard the craft, while other observers saw only a beam probing the nighttime sky.

Observers reported the craft appeared to hover over certain areas, and other witnesses seeing it accelerate to high speed. Reports agreed the craft made no noise.

Except for the original sighting by Lumberton officers shortly after 1 Thursday morning, other sightings came in response to an alert issued by the Robeson County Sheriff's Department.

'UFO's' Sighted By Lawmen Here

More U.F.O.s Over Marshall

by Lisa Breckenridge

Grab your Coke, or pour yourself a cup of coffee...get seated and steady down now. All set?

Doesn't it sound a bit overboard to know of six, yes SIX!, UFO's again sighted near Marshall??

The date: February 26, 1975, Wednesday.

The Time: 10:30 to 10:37 p.m. Full moon, clear, thin wispy clouds.

The route: appeared from over Backbone Mountain area, moving from South to North, then veering East to West direction, roughly appearing as parallel but a bit north of Highway 65. These were not as close by to us as the 1/2 mile away, two UFO's of December 12th sighting.

The position: Well higher than treetop level, but far too low for planes to fly.

The color: sparkling and luminous red. Brilliant. Impression was of a round shape, slightly flattened bottom. Appeared to have a twinkling or revolving type of super light on the top rear rim edge.

The speed: Fast. But not nearly as fast as a jet plane. Movement was evenly forward in a level and orderly line. Entirely silent. No sound whatsoever.

Head on as they appeared over the mountain one by one, they had an incredible dancing effect...to the stupefying count of six. As they veered slightly to our sight to a clearly parallel course, and reappearing from behind some foreground pines which obscured them from sight for a fraction of a minute, they were evenly spaced in two groups of three each, with a longer spacing between the two groups.

It was an incredible sight. Carroll was first to spot the first two as they slipped into sight, then as he ran for the house to get our binoculars and coats, I kept them in sight. We found they were moving too fast for us to sight them well with the binoculars. (Maybe our hands were shaking in our utter astonishment plus the chill of the night and the chills running up and down our spines!)

There was no question in our minds as to what they were. Having seen them before, the color itself sets them completely apart from any known earthly object. A lone jet at a farther distance than these UFO's were, can be heard very plainly. These six objects emitted no sound at all.

Any moving object usually has a place of departure, a destination, a purpose for moving. The baffling question remains... what is the mission of these UFO's??

MUCH TOO MUCH!!

Thursday, February 27, 1975. Standing out in the yard again with the dogs after the

late news on T.V., we were conjecturing about last night's episode of the sighting of the six UFO's...remarking that it was likely now that we would never again sight another fabulous happening in our lifetimes! And how reasonable it would be not to expect anyone to believe what we had seen when we were having difficulty ourselves in crediting what we saw with our own eyes just last night!

We scanned the sky as is now habitual, went indoors to bank the Ashley for the night. Carroll remarked that just for fun, at exactly 10:35 (a few minutes away), he was going to step out onto the porch for one last look for what he really hoped he would never see again.

In the kitchen, winding up the late night chores, I was setting up the coffee pot, scoop one, scoop two...then Carroll, "Lisa, LISA!" The tone was urgent...to me, unmistakable! "LISA... NOW!!!"

I dropped the scoop (later found coffee all over the stove), made a wild dash for the front door grabbing up my jacket en route. "LISA, QUICK!!"

There they were again! This time, four of them...FOUR... coming over Backbone Mountain. Neatly, evenly spaced, entirely silent, gliding along as if skidding on a slab of well oiled glass...direction, South to North, then they veered, this time to the East...just the reverse of the turn of the night before. We watched in utter fascination until they swiftly disappeared from our sight behind the east ridge. These were in all ways similar to those of the night before but flying lower than the prior ones, to a level barely above the tree tops.

Any future supposing will now remain elastic, forevermore! And I am giving a bit more analytical thought to The Lord's Prayer!!

Marshall, Ark.
Mountain Wave
March 6, 1975

Ronda describes UFO - 'large, round and silver'

By SUE BARNARD

Dispatch Staff

On the afternoon of Thursday, March 13, 14-year-old Ronda Ridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Ridge, 2275 E. Dunne Ave., was home alone nursing a sprained ankle. It was snowing, a rare occurrence for Morgan Hill.

Around 1 p.m., she looked out the window and saw something coming out of the mists. At first she thought it was a low-flying airplane that was going to crash, but as it came out of the mists, she could tell it was no airplane. It was large and round, silver with a band of yellow lights around it. It was definitely a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object).

As she watched, the thing hovered on the more distant hills for a few seconds. Then it started coming down the hill toward the Ridge's back yard. Ronda was terrified. "I didn't know what to do," she remembers. She thought at first of finding a camera and taking a

picture of the UFO, but when it started coming toward the house, she forgot all about it. She called the fire department. The man who answered obviously didn't believe her, but promised to send someone out.

Finally, just before the UFO reached the Ridge's back fence, it started slowly back up the hill and disappeared into the mists again. The whole thing had taken 20 minutes. When the police arrived an hour and a half later, it was all over, although Ronda was still shaking. Her mother, who had gone to the store and knew nothing about the UFO, followed the police up the driveway, wondering what was wrong. Ronda's father thought she was crazy.

The next day, however, a representative of APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) came to talk to Ronda, and she was far from skeptical. In fact, she was sure from

the description that Ronda had seen a UFO. Together they speculated on what it was and where it was from. It was either controlled by some kind of force or manned by some being, but since there were no windows and no being got out, the former seems more likely. It may have been forced down by the snow. Ronda was reassured by the visit from APRO. "Now I know someone believes me," she said.

Last Sunday she went up into the hills with her family to see if the UFO had left any marks. The woman from APRO had told her that there would be burnt grass if the UFO had landed. The grass was matted, but not burnt, so perhaps it just hovered above the grass.

After a person has seen a UFO, he is eligible to join APRO, and Ronda thinks she probably will. Before the sighting, she explained, "I believed in them kind of, but not really. Now of course I believe in them."

Gilroy, Calif.
Dispatch
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Aberdeen, Wash.
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Aberdeen Briefs

WOMAN REPORTS SEEING UFO

A Second Street woman told Aberdeen police last night that she saw a pair of objects in the sky near her home that she believed were unidentified flying objects. An officer in investigating the incident confirmed the objects were indeed UFO's, but speculated that they could be planets affected by water vapor in the lower atmosphere.

Thurs., April 10, 1975—Arkansas Democrat-



Jack
Anderson

FLYING SAUCERS: The long arm of the Central Intelligence Agency, it seems, extends from a sunken Soviet submarine three miles under the ocean to flying saucers cavorting in space.

As far back as 1953, the CIA held secret, high-level meetings on the question of flying saucers. It's all described in a report that has been hidden for two decades in the CIA files. We now have obtained a copy.

At the opening meeting, the CIA's space watchers expressed concern over the "potential dangers to national security" from flying saucers.

"It was interesting to note," the report states, "that none of the members of the panel were loath to accept that this earth might be visited by extraterrestrial beings of some sort, some day."

But there were skeptics present who apparently thought that seagulls might be behind the flying saucer scare. For, on the second day, the participants were treated to "a motion picture film of seagulls."

In the end, the CIA experts solemnly concluded "that there was no evidence of a direct threat to national security" from flying saucers.

The greater menace, they suggested ominously, might be "the current gullibility of the public and consequently their susceptibility to clever hostile propaganda."

However, the CIA, which always has one eye on the Soviet Union, "noted a general absence of Russian propaganda based on the subject of flying saucers."

To reduce public gullibility, the CIA wanted to enlist radio personality Arthur Godfrey and Walt Disney cartoons to quiet the excitement over flying saucers. This would take a minimum of one and one-half to two years, the experts estimated.

"At the end of this time," they predicted, "the dangers related to 'flying saucers' should have been greatly reduced if not eliminated."

The public was gullible, the CIA men felt, to Walt Disney cartoons.

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Paul M. Dubbs Looking around at... Pursuit of UFOs over Centre County

Unidentified Flying Objects are still with us in Centre County according to reports from Pete Krone, 30, of Snow Shoe, who is employed at night as a machine operator in a coal strip mine between Moshannon and Pine Glen.

In the past two weeks, he reports, he has seen UFOs three times. As a former helicopter navigator with two years of combat duty in Vietnam, he is familiar with various types of aircraft and is accustomed to close observance of them.

"The light I saw the first night (all the sightings were between 8 p.m. and midnight) was going from north to south. It stopped, then moved, then stopped, and kept doing that and I first thought it was a helicopter.

"As I watched, two aircraft approached the light. I took them to be military aircraft because they had a rather new type of flashing strobe lights of a type so intense they are visible for up to 11 miles in fog.

"The aircraft seemed to be trying to intercept the UFO, but as they neared, the UFO seemed to become aware of them and left the area at tremendous speed. The planes stayed around awhile and then left."

Much the same activity was repeated the next night, but the planes this time approached from the side and got quite close to the object before it suddenly changed direction and disappeared rapidly to the east. "I never saw anything change direction so abruptly and move so fast," the Snow Shoe man related. Similar action was observed one other night.

He said the first night he saw the UFO was during a period when the mining machinery was shut down for repairs and he plainly heard the noise of the pursuing planes, but the UFO made no noise. At one time it seemed to leave a vapor trail.

Mr. Krone estimated the height of the object at from 10,000 to 15,000 feet. He said that when he lived on a farm near a military installation in Georgia from 1969 to 1972 he saw UFOs quite often. "They seemed to be interested in the installation," he said.

And so it goes. Sometime, somewhere, somehow there will be a break-through on UFOs. Something is bound to happen to prove beyond doubt what they are, and maybe where they come from.

Venice Gondolier

Venice, Florida

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UFO wasn't 'pie-in-the-sky

By LOUIS SINCLAIR

My friends thought I had been smoking too much cornsilk when I reported that my wife and I had seen what appeared to be a UFO on a trip from North Port to Venice.

Today I am thrilled to announce that I have been vindicated. So far several persons have reported to me or The Gondolier that they also apparently witnessed the same spine-tingling scene in the sky and agree that it could have been an unidentified flying object.

It is not unusual for a reporter to stick his neck out a little if he witnesses something himself and feels confident of what he saw. However, he

hates to get the guillotine treatment and that's what usually happens if he can't turn up with some witnesses.

ALREADY ten sky watchers have verified my sighting of a strange object in the western sky over Venice a week ago Sunday evening and they generally agree that it behaved much like my description.

These people said they did not previously mention the phenomenon because they feared that other people would believe they were "seeing things" or making up a story.

My feelings, of course, were that this makes a good story because everyone has some interest in UFO's and I also

hoped that by publicizing the unusual event, others would come forward who had witnessed it.

Now that they have, the reader must agree that apparently there must have been something strange in the sky. In numbers there is strength and that strengthens my long-held belief that UFO's are not a figment of anyone's imagination.

FIRST TO REPORT seeing the UFO was Betty Edgerley, 170 Sandhurst Dr. and a friend, Lewis Romack, 2513 Alfred Rd., who noticed the celestial craft as they were motoring from Englewood to Venice. They watched it for quite a

while and she said that it did not seem to move, which they felt indicated without a doubt that it was not an airplane.

"To me it appeared to be the shape of an inverted half crescent with a small trail. However, the trail was not nearly so long one left by an airplane," Betty said. She also said it seemed to be very bright and turned from white to a pinkish hue.

After awhile, Betty and her friend stopped watching it and when they finally looked in that direction again the space ship had disappeared.

THREE OCCUPANTS of an automobile driven by Ed Roush of Venice also corroborated

what I reported. Ed said he, his wife and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Paul Rice of Sunbury, Pa., first noticed the phenomenon as they left Rotonda West, headed for Venice.

"I was certain the object was standing still in the sky," Roush said. "I was tempted to drive off the highway and park to watch it but the traffic was so heavy I decided against it. Finally we stopped watching it and the next time we looked it had disappeared."

Roush recalled that he saw what appeared to be a flying saucer near Venice about five years ago. He was walking on Golden Beach with his dog and a strong flashlight. Suddenly he saw bright lights coming

toward him from the sky. He turned on his light and flashed it at them. All the lights in the sky went out and the craft disappeared.

"THE SAME evening after dark I saw a large object in the sky over the gulf," a woman living on Povania Road in Nokomis told me, but she didn't want her name mentioned.

"I was driving in Nokomis and when I reached home, I stood and watched it but the object didn't move. I went to my neighbor's house to tell her about it and when we came out the mysterious craft was gone."

This lady believes in UFO's and she is certain that is what she saw.

At 8:30 p.m. on this particular Sunday night a woman visiting on Casey Key Road in Nokomis was walking her dog along the road.

As she looked up into the sky she saw a bright, white light. This light didn't move, she said, and bright rays were shooting from it.

A few minutes later it started moving and then stopped. It didn't seem very far from the earth, she said. Finally the bright light shot up into the sky and disappeared.

THIS UNUSUAL event was witnessed by Miss Bessie Traber of St. Petersburg,

sister-in-law of Mrs. Isabel Traber of 1708 Casey Key Road. Mrs. Traber said her sister-in-law is convinced that she witnessed a strange event.

Three other persons who witnessed the unusual object were watching it from a home on Jackson Road. They said they saw it in the western sky shortly after dark and that it was stationary. It was brilliant and reflected different colors, they said.

After watching it for several minutes they returned to the house. Half an hour later when they looked the object had disappeared. These people were unwilling to be identified.

UFO Sightings Over Valley Prove Enigmas

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By RICHARD ZIMMERMAN

With the aid of a telescope he was observing an aerial object that appeared unconventional and quite unfamiliar.

This is significant because Daniel M. Vucurevich has an aviation background spanning almost 40 years, much of it centered in tower operations for airports in Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis and Dayton, Ohio.

The FAA chief of tower operations at the Hollywood-Burbank Airport, he is currently a resident of Granada Hills.

From his home on the night of Sept. 27, 1973, Vucurevich saw an aerial object that isn't listed in any flight manual with which he's familiar.

Walk Dogs

"My neighbor and I both have dogs," he said. "We take them out walking late at night. He was a Royal Air Force pilot during the war. And one night he told me:

"I saw the damnedest thing last night. It looked like a circle with red and white lights on it, rotating, going over eastward."

"If you see it again," said Vucurevich, "let me know."

A couple of nights later the neighbor, Cliff Curry, would find Vucurevich working in the garage about 10 o'clock.

"It's out there," said Curry, who is chief of production operations at the Vany Nuys General Electric plant.

Sight Object

Vucurevich followed him outside into a cool summer night. Among bright stars in a sky with no moon, no clouds and no haze, both men saw the object situated to the northeast.

"It looked like a ring going around slowly," Vucurevich would later tell a field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

"Flashing red, green and white lights could be seen individually with the naked eye," he said.

Curry went to get his wife and daughter while Vucurevich went inside for his wife. He also telephoned the airport tower in Burbank.

Rises Slowly

Tower operator Ralph Garcia was on duty and, with the aid of binoculars, spotted the object to the northwest.

Vucurevich and his wife joined the Currys outside. The object was still in the

same area of the sky, rising slowly but coming no closer. For well over an hour the group observed it.

Through field glasses, and later through an 80 power telescope, they got closer and closer views of the object.

"It was definitely disc-shaped," Vucurevich told Walt Greenwald who reported on the sighting for MUFON.

Lights Flash

In the field of the telescope, Greenwald reported, the UFO would remain stationary for as long as 10 minutes at a time. The lights were flashing in a red, white and green order, with several of the lights simultaneously flashing at random.

With triangulation of the witnesses the altitude of the object was established as being about 4800 feet before it disappeared at about 13,000 feet.

Triangulation also placed the location of the object at a point north of the Van Norman Lakes. On a map the lines converged at the location of a major power plant near the junction of the Golden State and Foothill freeways.

Those of you who read my two other reports this month in The Valley News may notice the similarity between the descriptions of all the objects.

Location Noted

You may also remember that the object sighted Oct. 31, 1974 was seen near the junction of the Golden State and Ventura freeways, only about a block from a power sub-station in Glendale.

Like the Vucurevich object, both were seen on a Thursday night.

Also on a Thursday night was the Oct. 5, 1950, object spotted by the California-Central Airlines crew — two men who, like Vucurevich and Curry, possess the background necessary for a credible evaluation of aerial objects.

The 1950 UFO was sighted over San Fernald. It was over this city on Saturday, Sept. 29, 1973, that the Currys and Vucurevichs saw that appeared to be the same object they had seen two nights earlier.

Passes Overhead

Curry said the first object he saw passing overhead at about 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1973, had the same flashing lights plus one bright light. In comparison to a conventional aircraft,

he said it had an excess of lights — all in a horizontal plane.

Vucurevich, often in the presence of other qualified observers, has seen several UFOs, including one of the Valley's famous "fireballs."

Witnesses often report that these fireballs explode without a sound. They usually travel too slow to be meteors. They often hover for long periods which rules out flares. The brilliant, silent explosions rule out candle or gas balloons sent aloft by hoaxers.

See Explosions

Vucurevich saw one explode in the summer of 1973. In June 1974 two independent groups of observers in North Hollywood saw one explode. At the time it was directly above one of the groups. Two women reported seeing three successive explosions over the hills in Sunland last December.

These witnesses, who do not know one another, were not aware that anyone else had ever seen one of these fireballs.

But at one time or other in the last 25 years this enigma has been reported over every city here in the Valley, and in some locations these reports cluster.

Unidentified Caller Tells Police Of Seeing UFO On Horizon

An unidentified caller told Sacramento City Police that he spotted an unidentified flying object along the eastern horizon at dawn today.

The craft was described as moving slowly just beneath the cloud cover with eight to 10 blinking amber lights.

It is the fourth reported sighting in the area in two days.

Yesterday a reddish-orange circular object was seen by two Stockton City policemen and a Stockton couple.

This morning's sighting was reported to patrol units on duty, but they were unable to confirm it.

Fear of UFO 'nearly paralyzes' policeman

iff at 12:55 a.m. Monday to report a glowing UFO. Seven minutes later she called back, obviously frightened, and said there were two, the sheriff said. She called a while later and said she had spotted a total of four UFOs. That number was confirmed by sheriff's deputies who said they also spotted four objects. They said one was large, as described by Wheeler, and the other three were small.

All who observed the UFOs said there was no noise from the objects.

So far, there has been no ready explanation for the UFOs, which have been reported in the area several times since last week.

The Twin Cities office of the National Weather Service said it had no information which could explain the sightings and said nothing unusual turned up on the radar scopes.

Prof. Sherman Schultz, a Macalester College astronomer, said descriptions of the objects have been poor and have not been of any value to investigators. He declined to speculate on what may have accounted for the sightings.

CR: Mark Hall

could hardly believe it," said the 30-year police force veteran.

He estimated its altitude as 2,000 feet and its speed as 15,000 to 18,000 miles an hour.

The UFO apparently was spotted first by the James Koehler family, who live 12 miles southeast of Ellsworth on Hwy. 10 near the Grange Hall. They said they spotted a large, luminous object in their yard that lit up their property and their neighbor's.

The Koehlers said their 3-year-old daughter became very frightened, and the family quickly left for Mrs. Koehler's brother's home. They called the Pierce County sheriff's office from her brother's house at 11:25 p.m. Sunday.

Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the Koehler home and later reported there was no evidence of the UFO but that dogs at the house were extremely nervous.

Sheriff Stanley Christiansen said he received numerous other calls about the UFO from people in the Ellsworth, Ellsworth and Malden Rock communities.

Nancy Thels, who lives two miles south of Ellsworth on County Road C, called the sheriff.

An Elmwood, Wis., police officer said Monday he was "almost paralyzed with fear" by an unidentified flying object (UFO) spotted by many Pierce County residents late Sunday night and early Monday morning.

Officer George Wheeler said he was in his squad car on County Road PP outside Elmwood about 12:45 a.m. Monday when he noticed "a huge flaming object about the size of a football field or a 747."

"My first thoughts were that there was a 747 overhead and it was on fire and about to crash and wipe out the town of Elmwood," Wheeler said.

He said when he observed the object moving rapidly across the sky toward the east he immediately dived for cover in a ditch. When he looked up, it was gone, but Wheeler said he drove east to higher ground and again observed what appeared to be a cigar-shaped, glowing object which seemed to have either blue flames or blue lights coming from the rear. The whole object had taken on a white, orangish glow, Wheeler said.

"It seemed so unreal, this phenomenon, I

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She's Waited 50 Years

Flower People In UFO Said They'd Come Back For Her

By BETTY FRENCH

Mrs. Evelyn Wendt has carried a secret for the past fifty years. In 1924, she saw and talked to people from a UFO.

"But in all that time, I've never said much about it. You have no idea what I went through in those days. People used to laugh and think I was crazy," the beauty salon operator explained. "Even my husband - well, I'd rather not talk about it."

Now, however, the friendly woman in her middle years, feels that times have changed.

"This is only the second time I've talked about the experience. Times have changed," Mrs. Wendt smiled.

The event took place while Evelyn was playing in the school yard of the Holy Name Convent School in Dade City, Florida.

"The UFO must have knocked me out, because the first thing I remember is that this egg-shaped thing was on the ground, and this bright light was shining in my eyes," Mrs. Wendt recounted.

"Then the light went out, and a hatch opened from the upper edge to the ground. Little people emerged. I think they were robots. I tried to count them, but they changed about so. They were smaller than I, and resembled animated flowers with faces where the bud would be. Remember, I was just a

bitty thing then, and kids don't fear flowers."

The little people were carrying a weapon of some sort to the school's science building, Mrs. Wendt continued. I wanted to help them, but someone said stop. I replied they were so small, I was going to assist. They let me try, but I couldn't even budge the machine.

"I was told they were going to stop the work that was being done in the science building, and they said if the work continued, they would destroy the place." Asked what the 'work' was, Mrs. Wendt shook her head. "All I know is later I heard the place was a shambles."

"There seemed to be a man with the little people," Mrs. Wendt added. "Everything looked real, even though I wasn't so sure. The conversation wasn't real talking," the auburn-haired lady continued, but she knew inside, somehow, what was being said.

"Later, when the people were going to leave, they asked if I wanted to go. I said 'no,' but I could have gone," Mrs. Wendt said. "They promised to come back for me in thirty five years, but that was up a long time ago and nothing happened that I know of," Mrs. Wendt laughed shortly.

"Just recently when I told my story to a Mr. Stephen Putnam from the scientific organization investigating

UFOs, he said the group is trying to duplicate the UFO propulsion and verify the reported sightings. He also said he knew my sighting was valid because of certain parts in my story that are the same as many other true happenings."

Asked what those specific parts were Mrs. Wendt shook her head.

"I can't tell you what those facts were. It would not be a good idea for everyone to know." She also added that the scientist had not forbidden any sort of disclosure.

"Mr. Putnam also took me to a hypnotist to check out my story in that manner, but for some reason I wasn't able to be hypnotized," Mrs. Wendt said in a puzzled manner.

The Riviera Beach resident added, however, that if anyone provided the funds for another attempt at hypnosis, she would be willing to cooperate.

"All I can remember now is that the saucer was leaden-looking and very pock-marked. Then, when it started up its molecules expanded and it turned silvery bright. The UFO then went straight up, hovered a minute, and disappeared from my sight."

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1967
Pint-sized
'UFO'
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examined

Robert Breedlove, office manager for James E. Clark Corp., of Santa Paula, shows co-worker Eve Gray the 'UEQ' that struck his house recently. Breedlove says the object bounced off the roof of his home at 334 Moultrie Place about 2:30 a.m. on a Sunday but caused no damage. No one to whom he has shown it has been able to identify the object. Breedlove gave it to the Chronicle which, turned it over to the Ventura County Sheriff's Department crime lab.

Santa Paula, Calif.
Daily Chronicle
March 25, 1975

Gilroy, Calif.
Dispatch
March 14, 1975
Police probe
2165 1967
UFO report

MORGAN HILL - An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was reported Thursday to police by Rhonda Ridge, 14, of 2275 East Dunne Ave., who first observed the round disc while she was sitting in the living room and watching the snow fall.

Miss Ridge stated that the UFO slowly moved a short distance down the hill and then became airborne. She described it as round and flat with yellow lights on it.

Officer William Johnston, who investigated the report, said Miss Ridge was sincere and very disturbed by the occurrence.

Another UFO was reported in the area months ago according to Officer Bob Gomez. This UFO was observed at night by a young boy who stopped a passing motorist to report it to police.

The boy told police the UFO, which was a round object, landed near Llagas and Hale Avenue and then flew straight up.

CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES

This is the latest listing of UFO reports from the CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES. All reports are received by telephone from cooperating law enforcement agencies nationwide. We would like to thank Dr. J. Allen Hynek for these monthly listings.

note: NL means Nocturnal Lights DD means Daylight Discs
CE means Close Encounter * means the sighting is being investigated.

For more information on sighting types, read THE UFO EXPERIENCE by Dr. Hynek. (Regnery 1972, or Paperback by Ballantine 1974 \$1.50)

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CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY
NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

UFO CENTRAL CALLS/ MARCH 1975

Date	Location	Witnesses	Type	Followup
2	Matton, WI	7-8	NL	*
3	Wausau, WI	2	NL	*
3	Athens, WI	+	NL	*
4	Du Page County, IL	1	NL	
5	Framingham, MA	2	NL	*
5	Yorbalinda, CA	1	CE	*
6	Lynnwood, WA	1	CE	*
6	Portsmouth, VA	1	NL	*
7	Chester, IL	4	NL	*
8	Carbondale, IL	1	DD	
11	Clovis, NM	1	CE	*
12	Ft. Pierce, FL	+	NL	*
12	Phillips, WI	5	NL	*
13	Washington, PA	1	CE	*
13	Deerfield, IL	3	NL	*
13	Jefferson, WI	3	NL	*
17	Locust Valley, NY	1	NL	
18	Jamestown, NY	2	NL	*
-4	Enfield, CT	2	CE	*
19	Chino, CA	1	NL	
19	Davis, CA	1	NL	
19	Stockton, CA	3	NL	*
19	Franklin, IL	5	NL	*
20	Mobile, AL	1	NL	*
20	Seattle, WA	2	NL	*
20	Antioch, CA	2	NL	*
21	Miami, FL	1	NL	*
23	Tunkhannock, PA	2	NL	*
23	W. Hartford, CT	-	NL	*
23	Clinton, VA	3	NL	*
24	Hampton, VA	6	CE	*
25	Glen Ellyn, IL	1	NL	*
25	Fairfax, VA			*
26	Hayward, WI	1	CE	*
26	Madison, CO	1	NL	
27	Westland, MI	1	CE	*
29	Davis, CA	1	NL	
27	Syracuse, NY	1	NL	
27	Phoenix, AZ	+	NL	*
27	Dover, PA	6	NL	*
28	Livonia, MI	1	CE	*
29	Woodland Hills, CA	1	NL	
31	Glen Ellyn, IL	5	NL	*
31	Yakima, WA	3	NL	*
31	Eau Claire, WI	1	NL	* INDIANA, PA.

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Residents Report Seeing UFOs

NOWRYTOWN — Several residents of the Nowrytown-Elders Ridge area have reported seeing what they believed to have been two unidentified flying objects hovering over the area last night.

Howard Kline of Nowrytown said he was driving on Route 286 near Elders Ridge Sunday evening when he observed a large bright object and a smaller object in the sky. He said the large object looked like a bright star but kept moving around the sky. The smaller object, he stated, moved around the sky and repeatedly changed colors, from yellow to green and red.

Mr. Kline said he stopped at a Nowrytown club and reported the sightings to approximately 20 persons in the club, who went outside and observed the objects.

He stated the smaller object rapidly flew over the horizon, came back into view and hovered above the horizon for a time before both objects disappeared from sight. He said the sightings occurred around 7:30 p.m.

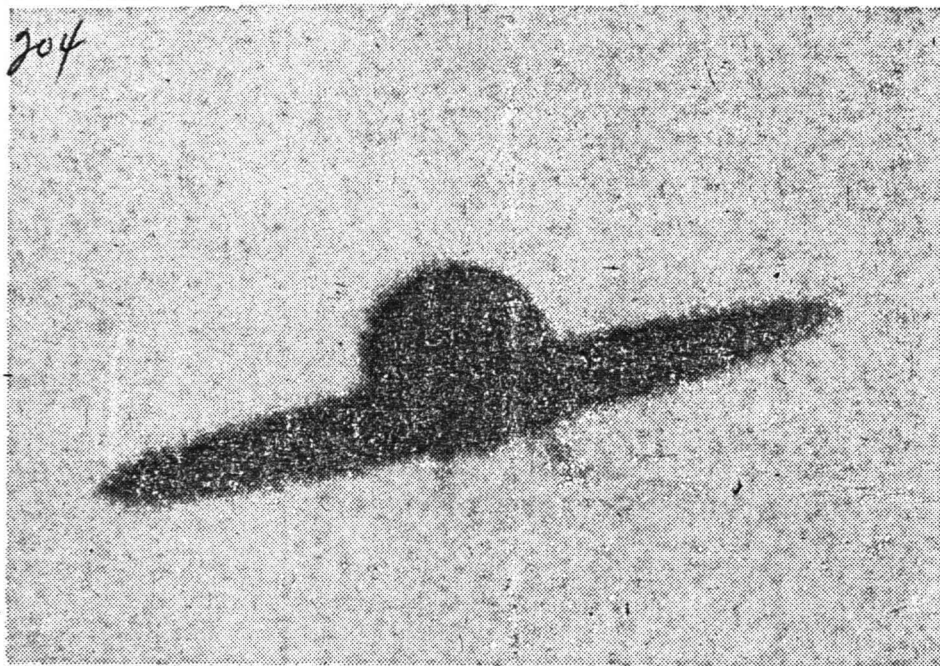
The state police at Indiana said today they have received no reports of unidentified flying objects in the area but stated that a Pennsylvania State University helicopter has been flying over the area at all hours of the day and night taking air samples, which could account for last night's sightings.

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An unidentified flying object photographed Tuesday by Hamilton teen-ager Pat McCarthy sprouted what appear to be landing legs or antennae when the photos were examined closely Thursday. (CP)

Look, legs!

Close look reveals 'prongs' in photos of flying object

HAMILTON (CP) — Staff in The Spectator's photography department reported Thursday that a saucer-shaped object photographed Tuesday by a 19-year-old amateur astronomer has protrusions from its body that resemble legs or antennae.

Pat McCarthy, a high school student, had gone to a disused quarry to photograph birds and was walking back "when I suddenly saw this massive object in the sky."

"I'd been focusing on a branch when I saw this thing like a frisbee zig-zagging around above me," he said in an interview. "I just started snapping away as soon as I could."

Pat immediately called The Spectator and was told not to take the film out of the camera. The film then was processed in the newspaper's darkroom.

Each of the four pictures was magnified about 150 times and the two thin protrusions were discovered.

Scientists, aeronautics experts, experts on unidentified flying objects, military personnel and astronomers who were interviewed were baffled by the object.

The photographs will be studied by

the United States Centre for Unidentified Flying Objects at Dearborn University, Evanston Mich.

A spokesman for the centre said: "We're obviously interested—it's rare that photographic evidence of this kind is available and from what we can understand, the pictures really are exciting."

A group of physicists at McMaster University studied a blow-up of one of the photographs and looked at the pictures through a microscope.

One of the scientists said that "all we can say with absolute certainty is that it is an unidentified flying object. Beyond that, it's all hypothesis."

"Unfortunately, people tend to think UFO means spaceship," he said. "It doesn't—it just means that it's an object, it's in flight and nobody can tell you what on earth it is."

Air traffic controllers in the area said that nothing unusual showed up on radar screens. But one spokesman said "that doesn't mean a thing."

"We pick up aircraft on our radar system, but if this object was composed of an alien material, then conceivably we wouldn't get a bleep."

CANADA

MINDEN PROGRESS Thurs., Feb. 20, 1975

ONTARIO

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UFO appears to land

A startled Lindsay motorist and his family watched a UFO apparently land somewhere northwest of Minden Sunday evening while a second hovered protectively high in the sky.

According to Tom Simmons, 33-year-old lead hand with Unifroya in Lindsay and son of former Snowdon Township councillor Mrs. Grace

Simmons, he first spotted the two UFOs near Irondale about 8 p.m. "Actually my wife Sandra saw it first," Mr. Simmons recalled. "We had been visiting my mother in Irondale and were on our way home."

He said the two objects appeared in the sky in the direction of Minden and were about the size of large streetlights. "They were at an angle of about 45 degrees," said Mr. Simmons. "The upper one was simply a very bright, white light. The lower one had an equally bright white light on top with flickering red, green and yellow lights below, like a capsule with lights flickering on the bottom of it."

"Then we realized that the lower object was descending very slowly," he continued.

The Simmons parked their car at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Graham and watched with the Grahams until the lower UFO disappeared below the trees 'as though landing', a period of

between 15 and 20 minutes. The Simmons then drove on towards Kimmount, still observing the second UFO glowing brightly high in the sky. "We could still see it when we reached Kimmount," Mr. Simmons continued, "and it didn't seem to have changed either its position or size."

Mr. Simmons said it seemed as though the one UFO had landed slowly and deliberately while the second stood watch above it.

CANADA

London, Ont.
Free Press
March 21, 1975

Edmonton,
Alberta

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Scientists

find UFOs

credible

TORONTO (CP) — Astronomer Dr. Robert Garrison says there has been a change in the scientific community's attitude when dealing with the subject of the existence of unidentified flying objects (UFOs).

Dr. Garrison, who teaches a course in exobiology — the study of extraterrestrial life — at the University of Toronto, attributes the change to the work of Dr. Allen Hynek, director of the United States Centre for UFOs.

"He's (Dr. Hynek) stuck to his guns and he's certainly influenced other people," says Dr. Garrison.

He says he uses Dr. Hynek's theories in classroom lectures which focus on the development of planets, the chemical evolution of life and the possibility that these processes occur throughout the universe.

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Pat's UFOs 99.9% true: world expert

By IAN HAYSOM
Spectator Staff

CHICAGO — The world's leading authority on UFOs is almost 100 per cent convinced Waterdown's flying saucer is genuine.

J. Allan Hynek, head of the United States Centre for UFOs, examined the negative and prints of the sombrero shaped object yesterday and said he couldn't find a flaw.

"If they are legitimate photographs — and all the evidence suggests they are — then they are among the best ever taken," he said.

Dr. Hynek said the photographs, snapped by 19-year-old Waterdown high school student Pat McCarthy two weeks ago, closely resemble three UFO pictures taken in Peru, Australia and Europe, which are regarded as the most authentic.

But he said the fourth frame, showing antenna-like protrusions jutting from the object, had him stumped.

"I honestly have never seen anything like them before," he said.

We're into something completely new — something I admit is pretty exciting."

Dr. Hynek, who has been invited to the White House next week to discuss federal U.S. funding for UFO research, announced his centre will be making serious overtures to the Canadian government to take a positive stance on UFO investigation.

He said there had been overwhelming evidence in recent years of seemingly authentic UFO data in Canada.

"We have investigators in Canada, but now we have to do something concrete, especially in the light of these photographs," Dr. Hynek said.

He said he intends to meet

with Dr. Frank Maine — the liberal MP who last week said he believed the Waterdown object is a flying saucer — and exert pressure on the Canadian government to set up an official UFO program.

Dr. Hynek, who for 22 years was the consultant to the U.S. Air Force on UFOs, examined the Waterdown photographs and the evidence supporting them yesterday afternoon at the Dearborn Observatory in Evanston, near Chicago.

He said he intends to carry out more detailed research over the next few days, culminating in what he anticipates will be 99.9 per cent endorsement of the photographs.

"I can never say I'm 100 per cent certain because there is no way you can be," he said. "You can examine a photograph from every technical angle imaginable and still be wrong."

Dr. Hynek, who for many years as an astronomer was a self-admitted debunker of UFO pictures and sightings, says his centre can normally spot fakes very quickly.

"These," he said of the Waterdown pictures, "are either the best I've seen of their kind or a magnificent hoax which is fooling everybody. I don't think they are fakes. They couldn't have stood so much testing for so long and survived."

Dr. Hynek, who says the

catalogue of recent sightings in southern Ontario should be thoroughly examined by the authorities, contends that the final tests on the photographs will be a psychological one.

He said Pat McCarthy, the photographer, and only Pat McCarthy, has the key to the answer.

The doctor said he would like to see a lie detector test given to the Waterdown student.

"If he is willing to take one, then I'm sure that could be the final step," he said. "After that the proof factor is irrelevant. It becomes a fact and a statistic."

Dr. Hynek taped the statement of the circumstances surrounding the taking of the pictures. Pat claims they were taken on an expedition to take photos of hawks in Waterdown.

He said the fact The Spectator processed the film and investigated the whole affair is perhaps the most pleasing fact of all.

If the Waterdown sombrero is genuine, then Dr. Hynek hints broadly that there has to be some form of life inside the object, operating it.

He believes approximately one in five of the sightings in southern Ontario are genuine, unexplainable phenomena, that support his findings over the past 25 years.

Blowup of Buddy's picture shows saucer-shaped object over hydro wires. (circled)

CANADA

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City schoolboy photographs 'silver saucer'

Scientists at McMaster University who examined the photographs yesterday said they did not appear to be fakes.

It could be some form of space ship but the photograph was not clear enough for them to be more specific.

It could also have been a kite or some other man-made object sent up as a hoax.

They do not dismiss an outer space possibility.

• See Scientific MP, Page 10.

A photograph of a "silver flying saucer about 200 feet from lip to lip" has been handed over to The Spectator by a Glenvale Drive schoolboy.

Buddy Thomas, who will be 14 on April 15, says he saw the saucer-shaped UFO while walking on Garth Street a few blocks from his home.

He used his Polaroid camera to get a picture before the object disappeared.

He has been searching for flying saucers since the beginning of the Easter break and this is his second sighting.

Buddy is not a doubting Thomas when it comes to flying saucers.

His ambition is to be a UFOlogist and he feels his quick camera action and persistence has brought him a step closer to his goal.

In addition to keeping his eyes peeled on the sky, he has also been reading about UFOs in the Hamilton reference library and the Terryberry Library on Mohawk Road West.

The photograph was taken with a Polaroid camera and shows an object hovering over the power lines on the east side of Garth Street near Glenvale Drive on the Mountain.



BUDDY THOMAS
Camera at the ready

'Incredible' UFO photo stirs Canada, U.S. experts

By IAN HAYSOM
Spectator Staff

Provincial UFO investigators are conducting detailed tests of the Waterdown "Mexican Hat" photographs today in an air of unabashed excitement.

Photographic and astronomical experts from the Mutual Unidentified Flying Objects Network say preliminary investigation shows the pictures are "100 per cent genuine . . . the best daylight UFO photographs we've ever seen."

The pictures were taken by 19-year-old Waterdown high school student Pat McCarthy on Tuesday when he was on Highway 5, in Waterdown, taking pictures of hawks.

In the past four days he has been besieged by UFOlogists, TV and radio stations, magazines and American newspapers asking for his detailed version of the incident.

Yesterday afternoon, Dennis Prophet, a provincial member of MUFON and the owner of a \$20,000 mobile UFO research unit, spent three hours in the Hamilton area probing the sighting.

He studied blow-up shots of the object processed by The Spectator from the undeveloped film Pat brought to the newspaper on Tuesday night.

Then, he spoke to Pat for 90 minutes, asking for a detailed account of the sighting and the method used in photographing it.

"All I can say is that I've never seen anything quite like this," he said afterwards. "You sometimes get the odd photograph of a blurry image, but these are just incredible."

"I'm certain they're genuine. We'll be studying them minutely over the weekend and seeing what happens."

Mr. Prophet, director of the Reptune Research Organization, said he intends to bring his research unit to Waterdown one night, soon, in an attempt to track down "whatever's up there".

The unit, a converted Dodge van, is equipped with a dome for observational purposes, a variety of telescopes, camera equipment, binoculars, sound equipment — and an intriguing licence number UFO 002.

Mr. Prophet says he has documented hundreds of UFO sightings in the past year, many of them in and around Hamilton-Wentworth, but said the Waterdown evidence "looks as if it could be a real breakthrough".

He said he had studied many photographs "which after a short while we could easily see were hoaxes."

"But the fact these photographs were processed by The Spectator rules out any suggestion of tampering with the negatives, and they look authentic right down the line."

UFOlogists from other North American societies agree that they cannot find anything wrong with the pictures. They hope they can be fully authenticated by the UFO research centre in Evanston, Illinois, next week.

The centre has the most highly-developed equipment in the world and is headed by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, director of the Dearborn Observatory and consultant to the U.S. Air Force on UFOs.

The centre says it is anxious to carry out its own investigation into the sighting.

Meanwhile, Ontario UFOlogists say there have been many sightings across the province in the past few months, many of them consistent with other sightings, and the majority from intelligent, mature persons.

Only 25 per cent are ruled out as having no credence . . . the remainder "bear looking into and 3 or 4 per cent are indisputable," one investigator said yesterday.

So what is the Waterdown object? Nobody yet is willing to say for certain and UFOlogists say nobody probably will until full investigations are made by governmental and military agencies.

"At the moment, all I can suggest is that it is some extra-terrestrial craft . . . but that's as much as I can guess," said Mr. Prophet.

AUSTRALIA

Girls tell police of UFO sighting

MAR-21-1975

POLICE have been given more information about a reported landing by a UFO in the Derwent Valley.

Two girls who made the first of a number of UFO reports to police last Friday night, contacted Const K. Britten, of Bushy Park yesterday.

The girls said the Hobart police radio room had not taken them seriously when they reported that they believed a UFO had landed in the Derwent Valley last Friday.

They came forward yesterday following an appeal by Const Britten.

Phoned twice

He said the girls had

seen what they took to be a UFO flying near the Mt Lloyd hill region.

They first called Hobart police when they saw it flying, and again when they thought it had landed.

The girls said the UFO hovered over the hills, and directed a strong silvery light downwards which bathed the hillside in bright light.

"There was little moon that night, the region was well off the normal course for aircraft, and there were no helicopters about," Const Britten said.

Six reports

The girls told him they were sure it touched down before it finally flew off along the valley.

Six reports were made from the New Norfolk area about the same craft which alternately hovered, rose and fell in a zig-zag, and then shot off at high speed to the east.

The reports have been passed to Mr K. Bennetto of the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre.

Yesterday, he said there appeared at the moment to be no logical explanation for the sightings.

The investigation will check aircraft movements, satellites, and meteorological phenomena.

"If we can't come up with a logical explanation, we log it as a UFO," he said.

AUSTRALIA

Horsham man sees UFO — 2nd time!

A Horsham man believes he has seen a new type of unidentified flying object.

Mr Fred Randel, of River-rd, has seen the object in the night sky twice — a few days ago, and about the same time last year.

"My heart nearly stopped!" Mr Randel said yesterday.

He has unsuccessfully searched books about UFO's for reports of large cloud-like objects similar to those he saw near Horsham.

The first sighting was when he slept outside on a hot night soon after last year's Apex fishing contest, at which his wife, Elsie, won a Valiant Galant car.

"It was a beautiful night and I was lying back looking straight up into the sky," Mr Randel said.

"I was wide awake—the mozzies wouldn't let me sleep!"

"All of a sudden, my heart nearly stopped!"

"There was a great big shadow, about 30 feet in diameter and at about the height of Noske's flour mill!"

"It was a milky-color, almost like the bottom of a cloud, but it certainly wasn't a cloud."

Mr Randel said he experienced a strange feel-

ing just before he saw the object.

He had the same 'funny feeling' before the second sighting when he slept outside before this year's fishing contest.

"I knew a split second before that I was going to see it," Mr Randel said.

It was between midnight and 1 am when he saw the object 'more or less' following the course of the Wimmera River on its south side, travelling from east to west.

Mr Randel said the object was noiseless and travelled about the same speed as a plane.

It had no definite outline, but he believed it was made of metal because it was shiny and gave a reflection from lights near the river.

Mr Randel said the sighting could not be attributed to faulty eyesight.

"I can shoot 99 out of 100!" he said.

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.

Mail-Times AUSTRALIA
Horsham, Vic. Mar. 19, 1975



Staff photo by Bob Rudsit

Robert Watson, center, illustrated track for his mother and Stockwell

Searchers report huge footprints

Three Spanaway searchers combing a densely wooded hillside near Issaquah last weekend claim they found a half dozen enormous footprints.

The searchers discovered what they think are Sasquatch tracks during a search for more bodies in an

area where the remains of two Seattle-area women were found last summer.

The searchers were Mrs. Marie Watson, a member of Northwest Bloodhounds Search and Rescue Team, her son Robert, 18, and a friend, Jay Stockwell. The trio was planning for a major search scheduled for the area next Sunday.

The area was where partial remains of Janice Ott, Denise Naslund and an unidentified woman were found last summer.

Mrs. Watson said the huge prints appeared to have been made with a bare foot and were imbedded an inch into the mud. She estimated they had been there a week.

Robert, who wears a size 10½ shoe, said the prints were six inches longer and three inches wider than his boots. The stride between tracks was much longer than a man's, he said.

Mrs. Watson, a well-known and experienced Northwest

tracker, said the prints definitely were not human.

"They were not from a human foot," she said. "The one I examined had a kind of thumb and an arch." Mrs. Watson said she was frightened by the size of the tracks and somewhat fearful since her bloodhounds had been left at home.

"I wasn't even thinking about a Sasquatch, and when I saw them, I thought My God in Heaven," she said.

Mrs. Watson isn't sure what made the deep tracks in the lonely woods above Issaquah, but something big obviously did, she said.

The question is—what was it?

Tacoma, Wash.
News-Tribune
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Bigfoot

Bigfoot has reportedly turned up again in Shasta County. Contractor and hunter John Russak reported that he found human-like prints, each 17 inches long from toe to heel, across a mile of snow near the community of Round Mountain.

Newhall, Cal.
Signal & Saugus
Enterprise
Feb. 24, 1975



FOR JACQUES COUSTEAU

Do you believe in the Loch Ness monster?—N. Somes, Casper, Wyo.

● No, I don't think it exists. But the legend persists, and will continue to do so, because one human being out of every four is a mythomaniac.

Tall, hairy and funny-looking? Maybe it was Crazy Rich

Continuing on the road to fame and riches, you can make a cool \$1,000 if you can come up with any Sasquatch information which leads to a "find" judged to be significant by the Bigfoot Information Center, Box 632, The Dalles, Ore.

I know this because Candy Stewart sent me a copy of the Bigfoot News, published by Peter Byrne of the center. Which includes such diverse Sasquatch lore as

—A distiller is promoting a new drink, made with sloe gin and ginger ale, called an "Abominable Sloeman";

—The next issue would feature an article proving that gorillas do not exist.

The last Bigfoot sighting, near Puyallup a couple of weeks ago, came a day after the Sam Browns, Dick Kleins and Phil Hayeses threw a Bigfoot party, with Byrne and 200 guests, at the Mountaineers Clubhouse. Maybe Bigfoot just got the date wrong.

Tacoma, Wash.
News-Tribune
Feb. 9, 1975

DEVIL'S TRIANGLE 'HITS' U.S. SATELLITES

TAMPA, Fla. — Startling scientific evidence that strange forces lurk under the sea in the Devil's Triangle was uncovered this week.

A physicist at Longwood College, Va., revealed that "some kind of energy source under the water" was distorting pictures from weather satellites — only while they were over the Devil's Triangle.

Physicist Wayne Meshejian would

not say whether flying saucers could be responsible.

Some UFO experts believe there is an underwater UFO base right in the middle of the Triangle.

"The disturbances we have

recorded do not refute that contention," Meshejian said, "but they do not support it either.

"All I know is that something down there is affecting the satellite pictures. It could be a Government installation for all I know. But if it is it must be very unusual, because it is selectively stopping one of the two pictures — and they are sent almost simultaneously in a multiplex mode.

"It is as though someone is choosing them."

Mr. Meshejian said the Physics unit at Longwood College had been plotting pictures from polar-orbiting satellites for three years.

Misbehaving

"The satellites have been misbehaving for the past two years," he said.

Mr. Meshejian said the satellites transmit a clear picture, followed a fraction of a second later by an infra-red one.

Over the Devil's Triangle, the first picture was received correctly, but the second one was wiped off. This was the only place such a thing occurred.

Mr. Meshejian rejected official explanations of interference. "There is no way the visible picture is interfered with by other impulses," he said.

Yes, that abominable search is on again

KATMANDU (UPI) — For more than two decades, mountaineers have been searching for the Yeti, better known as the Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas.

And the Snowman, if there is such a creature, has successfully eluded all attempts to track it down.

But the search continues.

This spring a team of Japanese adventurers will attempt to locate the Yeti from an airplane, the latest of many novel schemes to find the mysterious Snowman.

Last November a Polish climbing team reported sighting footprints 14 inches long, and the team's Sherpa guides claimed they belonged to a Yeti.

Andrew Zawada, the team leader, said later: "In my 29 years of climbing experience in Europe and Asia, I have seen footprints of bears but what I saw at the base of Mt. Everest makes me believe in the unbelievable."

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The team filmed and photographed the footprints in minute detail and sent the pictures to experts for scrutiny.

"At least judging from the footprints," Zawada said, "it is evident they were of an animal that is not known to man."

The rich folklore centering about the Abominable Snowman in this ancient Hindu Kingdom came to light when Norman G. Dyhrenfurth, a noted American climber, discovered "Yeti droppings" while on a Himalayan expedition in the early 1950s. Many Nepalese believe the Yeti is the messenger of Lord Shiva, the presiding deity of the Hindus whose abode is in the Himalayas.

The Snowman made headlines last spring when police from the village of Pheriche at the base of Everest reported a 19-year-old Sherpa girl was attacked by a Yeti after it killed five of her yaks by snapping their necks.

The girl reportedly is still hospitalized, recovering from shock, but police photographs of the Yeti footprints did not turn out.

Among those who think the Snowman is pure fiction is Sir Edmund Hillary who, along with Sherpa Tenzing Norgay, was the first to climb Mt. Everest in 1953.

Sir Edmund asked western experts to examine a paw, reportedly that of the Abominable Snowman. The findings proved negative and the paw is now kept in a Tibetan monastery near Everest.

In his autobiography, Tenzing says his father twice saw the legendary creature — in the Barun Glacier in Eastern Nepal and in Tibet. He describes the Yeti as a large monkey with a pointed head and deep, sunken eyes.

Greyish in color, according to Tenzing, the Yeti's hair grows into two directions, upward above the waist and downward below the waist. In his book he says the Yeti is about four feet tall and walks on two feet.

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He Didn't Believe Till He Saw It

Agence France-Presse

KATMANDU, Nepal — An archeologist from Warsaw has claimed here that he saw a Yeti — the abominable snowman — from a distance of about 40 yards in the Mount Everest region while he was hiking there.

Janusz Tomszczuk, who returned here recently from a month-long trip with two colleagues, said he saw the Yeti on Feb. 11 at about 7 p.m. between Loboche and Pheriche in the Everest region.

Tomszczuk said he saw the Yeti while he was returning from Pheriche. He was nearly half an hour behind his colleagues as he was limping with a swollen knee. This is his story.

"It was dark. I missed the right way and so I was separated from my colleagues . . . I saw a black, hairy, biped creature walking nearly 40 meters ahead of me — walking with a stoop and moving his hands very fast.

"Seeing this creature about 180 centimeters (about six feet) tall, I mistook him as a Sherpa guide and called to him, 'Please, come and help me.'"

"On hearing this, the creature moved on fast without turning his face. From his movements, I then realized that the biped creature was not a human being: . . .

"Later I realized that the creature I saw was none other than a Yeti. Before I saw it I did not believe the existence of the Yeti, but now I do believe it."

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Does Green Swamp Monster Exist?

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POLK CITY — Stories of a wild man who eats raw armadillo and corn and lives off the "fat of the land" in the Green Swamp are being investigated by Cpl. Jim Carris of the Polk County Sheriff's Department.

According to Green Swamp residents who have reported seeing him, the man is thin, stands about 6 feet, 2 inches tall, has very large feet and can run fast. He sometimes ambles along on all fours but has been seen walking erect.

ACCORDING TO reports, residents living in an area from the Green Pond in Polk to the Withalacoochee River in Pasco County have seen the man and described him as being either Negro or Indian.

Carris said persons have reported seeing the "Swamp man" closeup on several occasions and one person reported having hit him with a motorcycle.

Those who have seen the man, reported he spoke little or no English but could be heard grunting and making other animal-type sounds.

Several camps have been located where he apparently had been living and remains showed he ate raw wild animals, such as armadillo and corn thought to have been taken from barns, officials said.

Carris said the man doesn't appear to be afraid of other human beings and is not considered dangerous either.

Carris, who is searching the Green Swamp trying to locate the man, has contacted other law enforcement agencies in the state seeking information.

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