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Mystery of Light Puts Two to Flight

HOLLAND — Phil Andrews isn't sure what he saw, but he knows it wasn't a forest fire.

Andrews and Dawn Springholt, both 20 and from Holland, said they were playing cards at their deer hunting camp Saturday night when they saw what appeared to be a fire glowing in the Manistee National Forest near Wellston. Neither had had anything to drink that night, Andrews said.

A closer inspection revealed, however, that the glow actually was a clump of mysterious flashing red lights. Their intensity was obstructed, Andrews said, because the lights "looked as if they were coming from behind a cloud."

Andrews later told Wexford and Manistee County Sheriff's deputies the lights were so unusual that he and Miss Springholt were frightened and fled to a nearby hunting camp.

The pair asked the two hunters at that camp if they had seen anything unusual. The hunters said they hadn't but "their dogs were really acting up strangely," Andrews said.

The hunters persuaded Andrews and Miss Springholt to call the authorities. However, the lights had disappeared by the time they had broken camp and the deputies arrived, Andrews said.

The deputies investigated for a possible forest fire in the area south of M55 and west of M37 near the Manistee-Wexford-Lake county lines, but found nothing unusual.

The report is the third unidentified sighting within a week in Manistee and Wexford Counties.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

(Press)

November 24, 1975

Benton Harbor, Mich.
(Herald-Palladium)
November 21, 1975

Couple Also Sighted UFOs Near Airport

A Benton Harbor couple late yesterday became the second and third persons to report seeing unidentified objects in the sky near Benton Harbor late Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. William (Elsie) Peterson, 1881 Sweet street, said she and her husband were traveling southwest on Red Arrow highway near Benton Harbor sometime between 5 and 5:30 p.m., when he husband told her to look at three things in the air.

Mrs. Peterson said the three objects were a brilliant gold in color, resembled a small cigar or pencil in shape and seemed to drift along in a V-shape. She said the objects moved out of western sky to the east until they disappeared. Mrs. Peterson said after the first three objects disappeared, a fourth object, similar to the first three

was also spotted.

Yesterday a Michigan Lutheran high school junior from Benton Harbor reported seeing three unidentified flying objects over Ross Field about 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. Henry Thomas of 1195 Villa court said he spotted three distinct round discs over the airport.

Officials at Ross Field yesterday said they had received no reports of the sighting and had not seen unidentified objects themselves.

Mrs. Peterson said the western sky early Wednesday evening had brilliant color and there were no clouds.

Concerning the objects she and her husband spotted, she said "I've never seen anything like it before. I don't know what it was...could have been anything."

Youngstown, Ohio
(Vindicator)
Oct. 27, 1975

Credit: Mark Swift

UFO Reported By Residents, Two Policemen

Sighting an "unidentified flying object" by several north-east side city residents and two patrolmen Sunday night is being investigated.

Patrolmen Fred Green and Robert Wayland reported several persons told them the UFO had "pulsating red, green and blue lights and was hovering at about 5,000 feet."

Wayland and Green also reported seeing the object.

A man with a portable two-way radio said he was following the object on the ground when suddenly "a door opened and a bright white beam of light shone down," illuminating the man's head and radio. "I ran," the man told police.

SHENANDOAH, PA.

NOV 20 1975

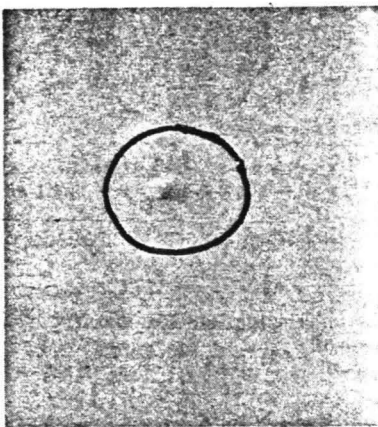
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'Followed' by UFO

Frank Ziolk of Shepton had an encounter with an Unidentified Flying Object last night and he's still scratching his head over it. He told state police he was driving through Brandonville valley toward Shepton when he noticed a light box-like object that seemed to be following his car at treetop level. The light became so bright that he had to pull off the road for a spell. He continued home to Shepton and the light was still visible but eventually disappeared over the horizon. Ziolk said there were no other vehicles on the road, and Frackville troopers said they received no other reports.

Gerald, Missouri
(Star)
October 22, 1975

U.F.O.?



What is believed to be a U.F.O. (unidentified flying object) was sighted over Gerald Saturday evening in the north-western sky just before dark.

The light object had an oblong shape or horseshoe appearance.

Several County Sheriff's Departments confirmed sighting the object in the sky and they also observed the U.F.O. or something which was not a star or moving aircraft.

The above photo was taken by Gerald Star Newspaper and the object was observed through binoculars by newspaper staff members and several area residents.

Cr: Dwight Connelly
SKYLOOK MAGAZINE

KANSAS
Atchison Daily Globe

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UFOs were spotted by persons in northeast Kansas yesterday and Peggy Junk, an employee at Gibson's Discount Center, recalled the time she thought she saw a UFO. There were three objects moving in the sky across the river and they definitely weren't planes, Peggy said, but what they were, she isn't sure.

Student Reports Seeing Three UFO's At Airport

A high school student from Benton Harbor has reported sighting three unidentified flying objects over Ross Field Wednesday afternoon.

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Thomas, a junior at Michigan

Lutheran high school, said a neighbor woman also saw the three discs and his father saw one of them.

Officials at Ross Field this morning said they had received no reports of the sighting and had not seen any unidentified objects themselves.

Benton Harbor, Mich.
(Herald-Palladium)
November 20, 1975

November 5, 1975

Minnesota

Credit: Joe Brill

Shades of Flash Gordon: strange flying object sighted

By SAM MACALUS
Press city editor

Several Medford area residents reported seeing a strange object hovering above the city Sunday and according to some witnesses, they've never seen anything like it.

Mrs. Helen Kay of Medford said she and her daughter saw a bright object move very slowly toward the earth.

"It was about 700 feet from the house and it disappeared behind one of the buildings," Mrs. Kay said Monday. "When we got there, it was gone. Then it appeared above the trees by the hill west of Medford."

Mrs. Kay said she and her daughter got into a car to follow the object which appeared to be travelling northeast.

"It flashed red, green and white. I was surprised when it first came down. It was quite large. I've never seen anything like it," Mrs. Kay said.

She added that at first she thought the object was a flare but became confused when she saw the object after it reappeared in the sky.

"We watched for about an hour. When my daughter and I saw it, it was terribly bright, like a ball of fire, reddish orange. Later on it wasn't quite that bright. No one saw it on the ground because it disappeared behind some trees," Mrs. Kay said.

Mrs. Kay's son Jerry, also of Medford, told his mother he saw something that looked like smoke coming from the object.

"I don't know what it was, but I'd like to find out. Maybe someone was goofing around with something," Mrs. Kay said. "We saw the darn thing go northeast. Several people saw it," her husband Dick added.

Leona Rafdal, also of Medford, said she and her husband Donald saw a red object hanging in the sky.

"Before we saw it, we were driving south on Highway 3 coming toward Medford and noticed a white light flash. We thought it was lightning. My husband said he saw it also but we didn't think too much more about it and kept driving. I jokingly asked him if he thought it was a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object). He joked back and said maybe it was," Mrs. Rafdal said.

But before the couple reached Medford they saw the red light in the sky, which beamed steadily. Mrs. Rafdal said they didn't think the object was an airplane or helicopter because of its appearance.

"The object went over Hammel's pit and we decided to follow it. It looked like it was going east. We made the bend from the old dump, going north, and it disappeared on us," Mrs. Rafdal said. "It appeared to be a couple hundred feet up. My husband said he thought he saw smoke coming from it."

Steele County Sheriff's Deputy Eldo Utpadel said he saw an object in the sky and it flashed red, white and blue.

"It looked like a star when I saw it," Utpadel said. He added that the

incident was reported to the Medford Police Department.

"Of course, we had to go see what it was, you know. We didn't dare go too quick because we were afraid those little green fellows would probably get us," Utpadel said jokingly.

The deputy added that he doesn't believe in UFOs. "I don't know what it was. It could have been a weather balloon, I just don't know," he added.

A spokesman at the National Weather Service Bureau in Minneapolis said Monday night he doubts the object was a weather balloon.

He said a weather balloon was launched by the service at 6 p.m. Sunday in Huron, S.D., "But it wouldn't have had time to get near the Owatonna area by 9 p.m.," he added. He also explained that weather balloons do not have lights and suggested that maybe the object was some type of government air traffic.

Another weather service spokesman said Monday night that the "Northern Lights" were visible in the northern part of the state and possibly could have been seen in the Owatonna area.

The "Northern Lights," known as "Aurora Borealis," is a luminous phenomenon, visible only at night, and supposed to be of electrical origin. It is seen to best advantage in the arctic regions. The light usually appears in streamers ascending, often in a fan shape, from a dusky line or bank a few degrees above the northern horizon. When reaching south beyond the zenith, it forms what is called the corona, about a spot in the heavens toward which the dipping needle points. On very rare occasions, the aurora appears as an arch of light across the heavens from east to west. Sometimes it assumes a waving appearance, and

the streams of light are then called "merry dancers." Sometimes they assume a variety of colors, from pale red or yellow to deep red or blood color.

But Rufus Alexander of the Medford Police Department said he's seen the northern lights and what he saw Sunday night definitely wasn't that phenomenon.

The auxiliary policeman was on duty Sunday night and at about 9:30 received a report on the strange object.

He said he was checking out a report that someone was shooting off flares west of the city. Upon his return trip on County Road 12 he said he noticed some parked cars and stopped to see what was happening. Persons there pointed out an object in the sky.

"I didn't see the object when it was in Medford. Later, I and some county deputies were watching the object through field glasses. It was definitely some type of strange object, there's no doubt about it," Alexander said. "It was changing colors. When I first saw it, it was moving northeasterly and all of a

sudden it seemed to stop and hang for some time. Then it took off again.

"I'm not a believer in these things at all, but at one time Sunday night it made me believe there definitely was something going on," Alexander said.

Phillip Keeler, Rt. 3, Owatonna, said that last Thursday night he saw a strange object in the sky east of Medford.

"At first it looked like an airplane that was real low with the landing lights on. The light got bigger. I hollered for my wife to go out and look. It disappeared behind the trees. It was like one big light. It kept getting bigger and was quite a distance away," Keeler said Monday night.

He added that he reported the incident to the sheriff's department and wanted to know if any reports had been made.

"It's nothing I can explain," Keeler said.

Another thing authorities can't explain is a square, brown patch on the Medford High School football field. One source said the brown area measures about 12 feet square.

"We checked for frost and excess water on the field but the whole area, except for the large brown spot, was perfectly green," the source said.

UFO 2165 sighting reported

BENTON CITY — Police Chief Ed Flieger said he and a deputy watched for two hours a pulsating, umbrella-shaped object in the sky early today.

Flieger said the object moved slowly over Richland, West Richland and surrounding hills changing from dull yellow to bright white, then from blue to red, before it disappeared at about 5:30 a.m. today.

Flieger said a Benton City woman was returning to her home from work at 3 a.m. when she spotted the unidentified object which appeared to be hovering over her house. Afraid to get out of her car, she drove to the police station for help, Flieger said.

Flieger and deputy Phil Carpenter drove out to the woman's house and spotted the object. Flieger estimating its position at 1,000 feet altitude halfway between Benton City and West Richland.

"I couldn't believe my eyes," Flieger said. "I watched it through binoculars and saw it was shaped something like an umbrella

with antennae or something extending from the top and bottom.

"Most of the pulsating light seemed to be coming from the bottom extension," he said.

Flieger said he'll watch for the object again tonight and call an Air Force reporting station if he spots it.

"I don't believe in this flying saucer stuff," Flieger said. "I think the Air Force probably was experimenting with some kind of balloon and didn't notify anybody."

The object also was seen by his two 14-year-old sons, Flieger said.

Pasco, Washington
Tri-City HERALD
November 4, 1975

DEAR SUBSCRIBERS:

This is a double issue due to lack of time at Xmas & also Xerox problems. We will be on time again with our February issue. It will be mailed in 3 weeks. We wish all our subscribers a belated Merry Xmas and Happy New Year! My Best,
Rod Dyke *Rod*

Aberdeen, Wash. DAILY WORLD
November 17, 1975

SIGHTING OF UFO REPORTED
LEBAM — A local man reported to the sheriff's department about 7 p.m. Saturday that he had just seen what he believed to be two "flying saucers" above Lebam. He said the objects were traveling together and moved west above Highway 6 toward Raymond.

Experts Believe Man Who Says He Boarded UFO

By PETER REICH
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Travis Walton, 22, who says he was taken aboard a UFO in Arizona earlier this month, is not lying, several scientists who have examined him agree.

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(However, Arizona police said Walton had refused to take a lie detector test.)

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Charlotte, North Carolina
(THE CHARLOTTE OBSERVER)
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From: Joe Brill

Man believes he was aboard a UFO, scientists say

By PETER REICH

Globe-Democrat—Chicago Tribune News Service

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"IT WAS glowing all over — a yellowish white. It was twilight when we saw it, and it seemed to light up the area. I'd never seen anything like it before."

Rogers said Walton jumped from the truck and ran towards the UFO when a bolt of bluish light emanated from the UFO and Walton fell.

"We all panicked and drove off," Rogers said. "When we came back, about 15 minutes later, Travis was gone and there was no sign of the UFO."

The six reported Walton's disappearance to the sheriff's office. A three-day search by nearly 50 men turned up nothing.

Walton telephoned five days later from a service station in Heber, 12 miles from where the men say they saw the UFO, and told his story.

But he declined to take a lie detector test offered by the Arizona Department of Public Safety, and has avoided newsmen.

UFO sighting reported to sheriff's office
CADILLAC — The sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) Saturday night was reported to the Westford County Sheriff's Department at 10:20 p.m. by Phillip Andrews of Holland. The sighting reportedly took place in the Manistee National Forest near the Manistee-Westford county line. Three hunters from the Detroit area also told officials of seeing Saturday night what they at first thought to be a forest fire in the same area. Upon investigation, the men said they saw glowing lights hovering over the forest and ran away.
According to a Manistee County sheriff's deputy, there had been sightings of similar lights in the same area over the past several nights. The National Weather Service said recent heavy sunspot activity has caused displays of the Northern Lights at night. However, skies have been overcast during the sightings, making it impossible to see the Northern Lights, officials said.

CADILLAC, MI

EVENING NEWS

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A new flurry of UFO sightings have been reported in the Wayne area during the past three weeks including a vivid account by an Air Force sergeant in Goldsboro who described an object emitting puffs of smoke and a smell he could not identify.

The sergeant who asked that his name not be used said he walked out the back door of his home on Franklin St. on the night of Nov. 22 and was confronted by a large, pulsating orange light shining directly into his face. He said it blinded him momentarily.

He said the object was almost directly overhead and he jumped back through the door.

At that time, he said, the object let out a puff of smoke and started moving off in a south-west direction, then let out a second puff of smoke and shot upward out of sight.

His wife also detected the smell, but did not see the object, according to UFO researcher Frank Harrison of Mount Olive.

Harrison said on Dec. 6 Mount Olive police dispatcher John James was on his way home from the midnight shift when he observed an orange light about the size of the moon hovering above some trees in the Faison area. He said it was stationary, but then made a long jump in a semi-circle or arc and stopped. He said it then shot upward at tremendous speed and disappeared.

On Nov. 23 and 24, the Dean Hill family and neighbors in the Cherry Hospital area observed a yellow blinking football-shaped object hovering above power lines. They observed it around 6 p.m. each evening, during which it stayed about 30 minutes each night, bobbing around in the area.

On Dec. 10 around 5:50 a.m. a Goldsboro woman reported observing a light shining through the venetian blinds of her home. She described it as brilliant and white with a yellowish tint. She said at one point it went completely out and then came back on, bobbing around. She said it then sped upward out of sight at a high rate of speed.

On Thursday night, Charles Parker, Keith Carron and Tim Koonce reported a sighting in the Beutaneus area of Duplin County where they observed a large reddish-orange stationary light. They said while they watched it suddenly dropped down and became stationary again for approximately 10 minutes, with a large pulsating light at the bottom, then started accelerating toward the southwest, finally disappearing at a high rate of speed.

None of the objects produced any sound, Harrison said.

Teenagers sight UFO by hospital

11/27

What may have been an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was spotted by Nogales teenagers in two separate locations at around 1 a.m. Friday night (Nov. 21).

One sighting was reported by a group of 14-year-olds near Target Range Road and Western Avenue.

"A big thing came out. It was round and it had a lot of lights. The lights were green and red and white," said Luis Suarez.

"A whole bunch of stars together in a group just gliding around," is how another member of the group, Jackie Brunswick, described the phenomenon.

Anita Gallardo, also with the group, described the lights as green, white, yellow and blue, and said it rose from behind a house on a small hill just off Target Range Road.

At about the same time, Hector Suarez, brother of

Luis Suarez, reported seeing the same sort of object from near the city's water tower just off Royal Road Terrace.

Suarez said the thing he saw "started out green, started to fade, and ended yellow." He said the object, which measured about 100 feet across, glided through the sky for a few seconds, then vanished. He did not see where the object came from.

Suarez, 17, and his friends were having "a little bonfire" when they noticed the phenomenon.

Miss Brunswick was the only person who claimed to see the object disappear behind some hills across I-19 from the hospital. Others reported that the object just vanished.

Nogales Police and the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Dept. stated that no reports of the phenomenon had been filed at their offices.

Nogales, Arizona INTERNATIONAL

Nov. 27, 1975

Numerous Reports Made of UFO Sightings in Vicinity

A flurry of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) sightings were reported in the Susanville-Herlong area of Lassen County, and in other sections of the north state Tuesday night, Nov. 18, from about 7 p. m. to midnight.

A report submitted to the Lassen County Sheriff's Department at 9:55 Tuesday night told of two mysterious sightings, or UFO's over Skedaddle Mountain. The report states "there is one red flashing light and one green light. One went straight up in the air and the other went straight down over Pyramid."

The report states that a second party confirmed the sheriff's office message received earlier.

In a check with the Fallon Air Station, authorities said that there have not been any training session of any kind in the Lassen County area and that their sessions have "not been out of a two mile radius of the base."

Dave Robb, 16, a junior at Lassen High School, and his friend Neil Stewart, 16, also a junior, were out in front of Robb's home at 1121 Chestnut Street when they took a picture of the UFO they reportedly saw Tuesday night.

After developing the three negatives it was found that one of the photos showed a telephone pole, and above the pole is what Robb claims is the UFO. Above the pole at Grand and Chestnut Streets, is pictured a bright light, with a black band around it, and then a small band of more light.

Robb states the object is the UFO, but

in the 45 minutes he watched and photographed, it did not move.

"We figured it was about 20 miles away, somewhere over Honey Lake."

Through his telescope, he said he could see "blue, green and red colors, like if they had lights on the sides."

After developing the photos onto an eight by 10 inch paper, Robb stated "the object looked like it had spokes coming out from around the sides."

Robb said he used a 35 mm camera, with a 1.8 mm lens set with its F-stop on 1.8. He stated that his shutter speed was one second.

An unnamed California Highway Patrol Officer, traveling north out of Red Bluff, stated he saw a "white fireball moving through the northeast sky."

There was at least one sighting in Chico, police report, of a "moving white light in the southern sky," and a report in Redding showed a sighting of "a moving light in the southern sky."

Susanville radio station KSUE reported that it had about 65 phone calls Tuesday night dealing in some way with reports of UFO's in the skies over Lassen County.

Earlier this month, several men, from Napa, came to the county in the Skedaddle Mountain area to do some chuckar hunting. They reported to the Lassen County Sheriff's Department that they had been chased off the mountain and "buzzed" by what they termed were two UFO's.

Susanville, Calif. LASSEN ADVOCATE Nov. 21, 1975

Red Glow at Night—UFO Glows Ahead?

Ah, the things we miss while we sleep.

If, instead of sawing logs all night, you had been trucking along U.S. 52 north toward Mount Airy, you might have seen a "red glow in the sky" loosely called a UFO by truck drivers who talked about it on their citizens band radios.

Mike Beasley, a dispatcher for the Stokes County Sheriff's Department, said he got a call from a deputy sheriff in King around 3:30 a.m. The deputy, who works a merchant patrol beat in King, told Beasley that he had heard truck drivers talking about the object, and he thought he ought to report it.

"I wasn't listening to the CBs," Beasley said. "But (Danny) Rorer (the deputy) said he saw the UFO and it looked like the size of a large truck tire.

"It was red, real bright," Beasley continued, "and one guy said it lit up the cab of his truck. Danny said he also seen it, and he said it

seemed to be moving toward Mount Airy."

Beasley, who was in Danbury, said he looked outside, but saw nothing. "I thought it was a bunch of junk myself," he said.

Mount Airy was the scene of a major UFO flap two years ago, when hundreds of citizens — and several law enforcement officers — told of flashing multi-colored lights in the sky and things that go hmmm in the night.

UFO expert George Fawcett, general manager of The Maiden Times and state director of the Sequin, Tex.-based Mutual UFO Network, said that there were UFOs reported in Eden and Elkin last week.

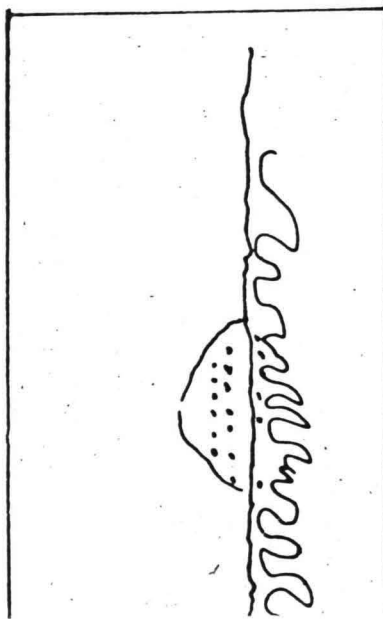
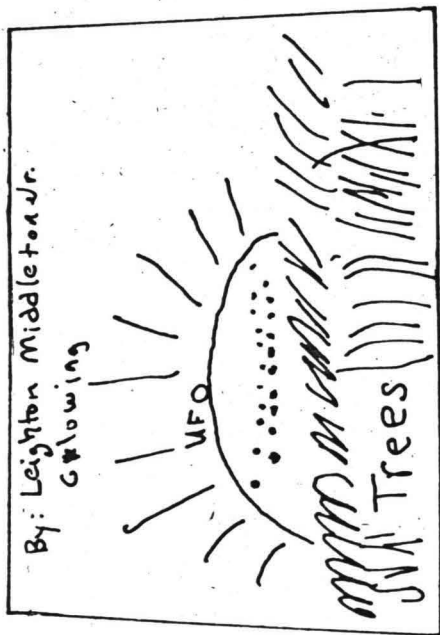
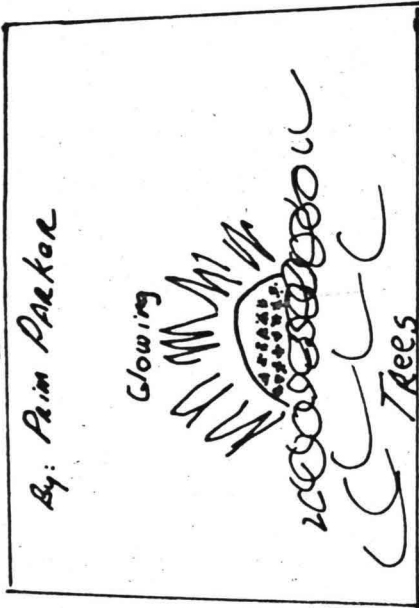
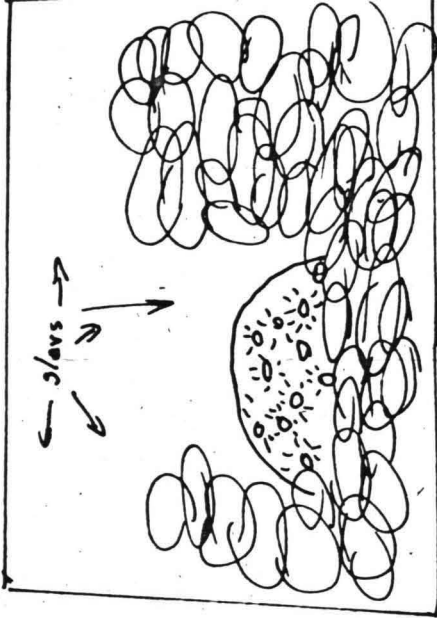
"You do have multiple witnesses (in last night's sighting)," he said, "and that's one of the keys to a good, solid sighting. And the colors are consistent with others.

"But you can't evaluate a report without interviewing the witnesses." He said UFOs have been reported in over 100 North Carolina cities this year.

— WINSTON CAVIN

Twin City SENTINEL (Winston-Salem, N.C.)
November 13, 1975
Credit: George Fawcett

No clues on two county UFO sighting



Four drawings made by St. Johns residents who claim UFO sighting

PAGE 20 POST-BULLETIN, ROCHESTER,

CR: MARK HALL

MINN., Wednesday, December 17, 1975 —

Mutilated Cows' Owner Reports UFO 'Sighting'

WHITTIER, Iowa (AP) — A farmer who told of finding six cows mutilated in his pasture last week reported spotting an unidentified flying object about 4 a.m. Tuesday.

Skeptical deputies in the Linn County sheriff's office hinted the object seen by farmer Don Stickle was a bright star, according to office records.

But Stickle told newsmen he watched the object through binoculars and it "definitely was not a star."

Stickle said light was shooting from the object toward the ground in bursts, resembling hot steel particles falling from a cutting torch.

SOURCE: CLAY TODAY (Orange Park, Florida) December 17, 1975

Residents of Clay County and St. Johns County are certain they saw something in the sky last weekend, but no one is quite sure what it was.

At least nine people in St. Johns County reported sighting an unidentified flying object (UFO).

It was described as a huge dome-shaped object with many lights glimmering and hovering over St. Johns and Clay County.

Three Clay Today staff members also reported seeing the UFO Sunday and at different times.

Staff artist Carol Yirak said she was driving south on Blanding Boulevard at about 7 p.m. Sunday when she spotted a "long, white streak of light that we watched for a couple of minutes as it hovered in an area near NAS.

"Then there appeared to be an explosion of reddish orange in color and the white light disappeared," she recounted.

Miss Yirak added, "Immediately after the explosion the white streak came back."

She said that while watching the curious object an aircraft was seen flying under it.

She said, "We observed the strange object in the sky for about four or five minutes."

Classified advertising staffer Carol Dorsten observed a "rectangular object with a lot of lights high in the sky" earlier Sunday evening.

"It was very bright," Mrs. Dorsten said. "I've never seen anything like it before."

At about 12:30 Sunday morning Clay Today camera operator Pat Norton saw a "huge light in the air down around Kingsley Lake. It was moving very slowly about 120 feet in the air," she said.

"It went through my mind that it looked like what I imagined a rocket ship would look like with fire coming out the back end," she said.

Mrs. Norton said she observed the object she described as "much bigger than an airplane" for about 10 minutes.

Reports from St. Johns County are similar.

"I would like for someone

to explain just what we did see," said Mary Ellen Masters, who with her husband Larry and friends Tedra and Leighton Middleton of Elkton, sighted the glowing object during an oyster roast at the Masters' home in Hastings.

"It was huge-bigger than anything I've ever seen," she said.

A sales representative for Flagler Estates, Dick Beck, said he watched the object for about one and a half hours Friday night.

He noted it could not have been a jetliner because there is no way an aircraft could fly at the very slow speed or rise in the air and hover the way the object he saw did.

Both Beck and the Masters said they heard no noise associated with the UFO.

Mrs. Patsy Delany, her 11 year old son Danny, and her mother said they saw the glowing object Sunday night in St. Johns County and stopped at a convenience store where they encountered a group of excited young people who had also seen the UFO.

Mrs. Delany, her son, Mrs. Masters' sons, Prim Parker, 13, and Scott Parker, 11, Mrs. Middleton and her 11-year-old son, Leighton, all made drawings of what they saw.

The drawings made without comparison, are very much alike as can be seen here.

What this object is and what the significance is is undetermined.

Ron Kivett of Jacksonville, who says he is associated with the Center for UFO studies in Illinois and the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization in Tucson, Ariz., and Richard Mahan, who said he is the northeast Florida state section director for Mutual UFO Network went to the Masters' home to record on tape what the couple saw.

They said they planned to search the woods nearby for scorched or damaged vegetation or other signs of the UFO.

Kivett said that based on the size of the object compared by witnesses to barns and football stadium lights, the UFO would be the largest sighting reported in the continental U.S. in the last decade.

UFO'S

Numerous Sightings of Strange Craft Reported

By HARLEN BROWN
Staff Writer

"I went outside the station this morning to check on the UFO sightings for myself," said Homestead police officer George Chieffi. "I watched what looked like a star except it had a white light with an alternating flashing red and blue light on the side. "It was south and west of the city," Chieffi said.

CHIEFFI called the Air Force and someone there reportedly told him it was nothing more than "cloud reflections."

"There wasn't a damn cloud in the sky," Chieffi added.

MARY HUCKABY of Goulds found herself virtually chasing an Unidentified Flying Object up and down US 1 this morning.

Ms. Huckaby says she spotted what appeared to be two "strange objects" in the sky about 4:30 a.m. as she was returning from work in Miami.

"I first thought it was a big star but later realized it wasn't," she said. "I stopped my car and got out to look and two UFOs appeared to come almost together in the Perrine area, then one went east and the other, south. I followed the one south.

"I don't know how many miles I drove," she said. "I went almost to Key Largo."

She said the flying objects behaved in an erratic manner and had blinking lights.

"They were not stars... they were not planes," she said emphatically. "I can tell you one thing, I had nothing to drink. I had been working all night. I wasn't imagining things."

The Air Force again denied the existence of any Unidentified Flying Objects, over Dade County early today.

But you couldn't convince the untold hundreds of persons who reported seeing the cone-shaped craft hovering over the area between 4:30 and 6 a.m.

"We received numerous calls this morning, checked our radar screens and found nothing," said Air Force Capt. Mike Gallagher.

"We can only repeat the same thing we said yesterday when we received reports of UFO's over the Midway Mall," Gallagher said.

A CORAL GABLES police officer reported on the radio this morning that he saw the strange objects in the sky.

Those who reported sighting today confirmed the identity of the unknown objects as being the same reported followed for more than an hour and half yesterday morning by six Florida Highway Patrol Troopers.

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Local man reports trio of UFO's here

by Bob Prichard
Managing Editor

TARPON SPRINGS

Paul Nektaredes, a Tarpon Springs real estate salesman associated with Slatery Realty, reports he sighted "at least three" unidentified flying objects in the sky Oct. 14. He has sent an article to Fate Magazine, Highland Park, Ill., describing his experience.

The sighting, he said, was on Bayou Avenue, early in the morning of Oct. 14. He said he was with a female companion, Andrea Klimis.

"I was an engineer before going into real estate," Nektaredes told The Leader. "Therefore I was more curious than anything else as to what was causing this phenomenon — high voltage in a residential area and lights resembling stars."

Here is Nektaredes' story that was sent to Fate Magazine:

"It was just past midnight, Tuesday morning, Oct. 14 that we, Andrea and I, were standing alongside our cars outside of a duplex in Tarpon Springs. It was a warm pleasant evening with the stars clearly visible. During our quiet conversation there was a sound resembling the pattering of heavy raindrops on leaves. I mentioned it was raining. But there were no drops to be felt.

"Andrea and I ignored

this phenomenon and continued our conversation. It was sometime later that we became aware of a noise above us similar to the static discharge associated with high tension wires on damp nights. There were wires above us which supplied power required by residential homes but the voltage wouldn't be high enough to produce the sounds heard. Besides, the night was not damp.

"We now established the fact that the two noises we heard were related. We then decided to walk around to try and pinpoint the exact location of the sound.

"Looking continuously as we walked, Andrea and I saw a faint glow of lights, resembling stars but moving very quickly in straight line paths. The noise now seemed to be coming from that small cluster of lights — at least three.

"These lights had the same intensity of dim stars. It was agreed that the cluster was made up of three stars forming a triangle — with the plane of the triangle parallel to the earth, as was its motion.

"The motion was confined to a given area of perhaps 300 to 500 ft. in diameter. A good description of the motion would be like that of a pinball bouncing between bumpers.

"The speed varied and was estimated at an average of 200 miles per hour and the height being 500 to 1,000 ft. The intensity of the lights did not change significantly to be noticed during the one to two hour observation period. However, the color did change a couple of times — for a few seconds to red, and to yellow-orange.

"During our period of observation the phenomenon remained in the same position above us. The intensity of the red and yellow-orange was stronger than that of the white light.

"We decided on one final observation. We got into our respective cars and drove about a mile and a half and stopped the cars to look for the lights. They were not to be seen.

"The only noise heard was that of the crickets and other insects indigenous to the area. Where were these sounds before?"

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Strange Lights Sighted in Sky

Law enforcement officers in Jackson County and Harrisonville in Cass County and a Kansas turnpike official reported seeing unusual and unidentified lights in the sky early yesterday.

Ritch V. Meadors, a Jackson County sheriff's deputy, said he was parked at U.S. 24 and Salem Drive, just north of Independence, yesterday morning when he heard a radio report that another deputy had possibly sighted an Unidentified Flying Object. (U.F.O.).

Soon after that call Meadors said he observed a light moving northwest from the area of U.S. 24. The light was yellowish, appeared to be at an altitude of three or four miles and was moving slower than a jet aircraft, he said.

"I've never seen anything like it before," Meadors said.

William Davis, Harrisonville police chief, said the department "had a call or two" about possible U.F.O. sightings. Police officers there reported seeing a white light with a red light on the bottom.

The sightings in Jackson County and Harrisonville were between 3 and 4 a.m., police officials said.

Scippy E. Pearson, 4533 Maggie Lane, Kansas City, Kansas, a toll collector on the Kansas Turnpike near Bonner Springs, said he saw a glowing white light that flickered on and off moving southwest about 6:45 a.m.

It wasn't a star," he said. The light moved "out and away" until it was out of sight, Pearson said.

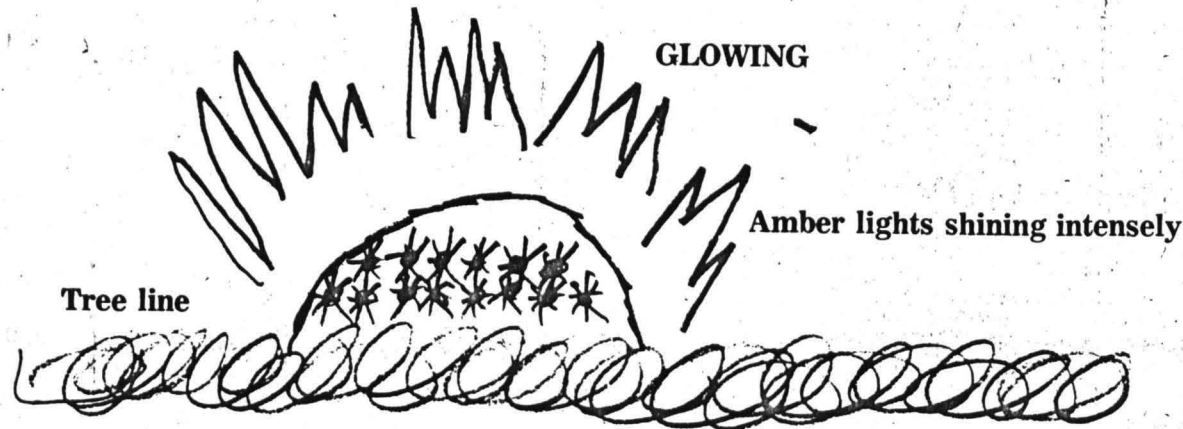
Spokesmen for other area law enforcement agencies said they monitored some radio traffic from other police agencies about possible sightings of U.F.O.s, but said none of their officers reported sightings.

Federal Aviation Administration officials here said they had no reports of U.F.O.s in the area yesterday. Officials at Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base, Grandview, said because the base air traffic control tower is closed during the evening and does not open until 7 a.m. there would be no traffic controllers on duty to monitor any pilot reports of U.F.O.s.

National Weather Service officials here said they had no knowledge of any weather forecasting apparatus that might have produced the lights.

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Credit: Ted Phillips

UFO Sighting Has Residents Buzzing



UFO AS DESCRIBED BY 7 HASTINGS' RESIDENTS
Drawings by six youths, 7-13, and one young adult, all looked similar to this composite

Related Story on Page 1B
 By KATHY KELLY
 and
 MARVIN CLEGG
 News-Journal Staff Writers

HASTINGS—A mysterious glow in the sky Sunday night had residents of this rural farm area buzzing today and promised a large audience if there's a repeat performance tonight.

Some sources offered the theory the lights may have come from a small plane making a "drug drop" over the area but law enforcement officials said that aspect had been checked out with negative results.

A total of 11 adults and children at the Larry Masters home four miles southeast of here saw the eerie lights in the sky, then watched as it dropped below the tree line, came up again and went out.

Masters and his wife were out in the yard eating oysters with another couple when the strange lights appeared.

"We didn't hear a thing," Masters recalled later but remembered the family's hunting dogs "started raising the roof" just before the light appeared.

As Masters and a friend, Leighton Middleton, set out for the source of the strange glow, one of the women ran to the house to call the St. Johns Sheriff's Office.

Meanwhile, the six children ranging from 10 to 13 who had seen the UFO, were put in separate rooms and told to make a drawing of what they had observed in the sky. All of the drawings were similar when compared later.

Pat Delaney, Masters' cousin, and Fay Masters, her mother, were heading back to the Masters' farm from Jacksonville when they, too, saw the strange glow.

"Is that our house on fire?" Mrs. Masters' daughter screamed as they neared the area which marks the spot where St. Johns, Putnam and Flagler counties come together.

"Oh my God, yes," Mrs. Masters replied.

As they got closer, they could see what resembled the top of a ferris wheel over the tree line and determined it wasn't a house fire.

The field they looked across is open for miles and the UFO appeared there, suddenly, very bright and "like an explosion."

First on the scene was St. Johns

Deputy Sam Lane, who searched the area thoroughly without finding a trace of anything unusual.

Today, he planned to go up in a crop dusting helicopter from Hastings for an aerial look at the 10,000 acre site known as Old Flagler Estates for a better look.

"Nobody's going to believe this because we're all kin," said Mrs. Delaney.

The incident, which was reported over Associated Press wires and set off a spurt of telephone calls from all over the nation to the startled family, left Mrs. Masters "shaking for an hour and a half."

"I'm not scared of anything that I understand but I haven't seen anything like this before," said Mrs. Larry Masters.

Other witnesses to the mystery lights were the John Maltby family, also of Hastings. As they drove across the Crescent Beach Bridge about 15 miles from Hastings, they suddenly were confronted with oval shaped white lights surrounded by another set of lights.

As they came down off the bridge, they

later saw a glow in the same direction through a light layer of fog.

At the Putnam County Florida Highway Patrol office a spokesman said several calls had been received this

morning from residents reporting similar sightings Sunday night.

Some residents who saw unexplained lights in the sky Friday night checked with Cape Canaveral and learned a rocket had been launched that night, but there was no similar explanation for Sunday night's strange occurrence.

Deputies also checked with Florida Power and Light Co. to determine whether any power lines had been "arcing" but the results were negative.

Some who saw the UFO said it was "three times the size of a football field."

One thing is for sure. There will be a lot of eyes looking skyward tonight in case the UFO decides to give an encore performance.

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No More UFOs

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By JIM MAST
 Daily News Staff Writer

After three consecutive nights of reported sightings of unidentified flying objects, skies of the Putnam-St. Johns county area were apparently vacant last night.

Numerous sightings by residents of both Putnam and St. Johns counties on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights described the object as extremely bright and appearing to hover at about tree-top level.

Ken Allen, public affairs officer at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, told the Daily News today that the navy did have helicopters operating in the area on the nights of the sightings but were not involved in an official search for the reported objects. However, when the copter pilots were alerted, they flew over the areas of the reported sightings but did not observe the objects.

Capt. Bob Andrews of MacDill Air Force base, Tampa, denied that the Air Force was involved in an investigation of

the sightings as reported in the Florida Times-Union.

According to Andrews, the official Air Force policy is not to investigate UFO sightings. He said the policy was established after the "Blue Book Report on UFOs" concluded that most such sightings could be explained as "natural phenomenon, or as hoaxes."

A further check by Capt. Andrews revealed that no Department of Defense agency is involved in an investigation of the sightings, he said.

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PALATKA — Police and sheriffs officers from the four-county area of St. Johns, Putnam, Volusia and Flagler counties were converging on an area off State Road 207 near Hastings early this morning to investigate reports of the landing of an unidentified flying object which one report called "as big as three football fields."

A St. John's Sheriff's department spokesman said a deputy had spotted a UFO "as large as three football fields." He placed the time of the sighting at about 11 p.m. Several other officers were at the scene.

Initial reports said the object was rainbow-hued in color.

Spokesmen at the St. Johns County sheriff's department indicated federal authorities had been alerted and were on their way to the scene.

Calls to police agencies in the area indicated that there was considerable excitement over the reports but none was able to provide complete confirmation of the landing.

However, early this morning a dispatcher at the St. Johns County sheriff's department said that a spokesman at NAS said a helicopter from the station was in the area and had not reported any unusual activity. The dispatcher said the NAS spokesman offered the theory that flares sent up by a downed plane or a boat could have reflected off low clouds and been misinterpreted by persons on the ground.

Shook Up: Man Who Says He Saw UFO Wants Anonymity

By ANDY BOWEN
Tribune Staff Writer

LAKELAND — A man who says he saw a UFO northeast of the city late Friday is scared and shook up, but doesn't want his identity revealed "because I know what I saw and I don't want people to think I'm a nut."

"He's awful shook up about it and I think he's a little reluctant to say too much because he doesn't want the notoriety. I've known him for 10 years and I have no reason to doubt his story at all," John Neill, the man's employer at Bond Auto Sales of Lakeland, said.

WHEN CONTACTED the man said he would not discuss the sighting with anyone.

Neither the Florida Highway Patrol office here nor the Polk County Sheriff's office have recorded any recent UFO sighting reports.

Neill gave these details related to him early Saturday by the man:

About 7:30 p.m., Neill said, the employee was driving home along Marcum Road in a sparsely populated area of the county southwest of Polk City.

"HE TOLD ME all of a sudden the object appeared over the trees ahead of him," Neill said. "It was about the size of the Goodyear blimp and had a row of lights along the side. The best we could reconstruct, it must have been about 300 feet above the ground."

Neill said the man told him he became frightened and speeded up the auto to about 70 miles an hour, but

the object accelerated to the same speed to stay with the auto.

"I had him go over the story three or four times," Neill said, "so I could understand exactly what happened. He really didn't want to talk about it. It wasn't something he made up or anything. I had to get the information out of him after he mentioned it," he said.

The windows on the object, Neill recounted, were rotating clockwise. Red and orange lights were on either end of the object.

IT FOLLOWED the man to his house, staying with the auto for about four minutes, Neill said.

"He said when he got to his house he jumped out of the car and yelled for his wife to come outside. Neill said. It was still there

"Then he went running into his backyard. There's a large open field behind the house and he hoped he and his wife could see the thing better."

"By the time he had gotten out into the field, the object had disappeared."

"HE SEEMED bothered about it. Kind of reluctant to tell me the details," another employee at the firm said.

"I do believe he saw something, otherwise he wouldn't be so nervous about it," he said. "Seems like he's changed a little since then, too."

The man, 38, is married and has four children.

"I don't think he's changed all that much," Neill said. "He's the same man unless you start talking about the UFO he saw. It's strange."

UFO Inquiries Pour Into Sheriff's Office

By JACKIE FEAGIN
News Editor

"It's really been kind of hectic — humorous, though," says Joe Harnage, chief dispatcher for the St. Johns County Sheriff's Department.

Harnage was assessing the situation at the sheriff's communications center, where calls from all over the United States continue to pour in — inquiries prompted by reports of an unidentified flying object (UFO) appearing to hover and land in southeast St. Johns County.

"We're still getting calls this morning," Harnage confirmed.

HARNAGE SAID the first night, following initial report by Mrs. Leighton Middleton Jr., of Elkton of sighting the huge, glowing object, dispatcher Don Cooper handled about 30 calls on the UFO, in addition to those received by others.

Some of the calls have been from persons identifying themselves as connected with schools and UFO research centers and many have been from members of the news media, including one who said the story had made the front page of a west coast newspaper.

But, the chief dispatcher said, there have been no more reports to the sheriff's department of UFO sightings since Sunday night.

However, a St. Augustine man who asked not to be identified told the Record this morning that his eight-member printing class at St. Augustine Technical Center and two instructors

saw something over the technical center about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday "like I've never seen before."

And a Toco Road resident telephoned the Record office to confirm that she and her husband saw a large, bright object about 9 p.m. Sunday — the same time as the Hastings sightings — as they drove westward on the Crescent Beach bridge.

"WHAT WE SAW was approximately five or six bright lights," related the man, an Army veteran. "They were below the cloud bank and they were moving across the vo-tech building."

"Personally, I don't believe it was an airplane," he added. That's because the lights weren't blinking but were consistent and were in the range of 20,000 feet — below the cloud bank, he explained.

"I'm not saying it was a flying saucer, or anything else — but it was something like I've never seen before."

Mrs. John Maltby described the object she and her husband saw as above trees, off to their left, and appearing to be between the Intracoastal Waterway and DuPont Center and possibly near power lines off State Road 206.

"There were a lot of lights . . . beige or dull yellow," said Mrs. Maltby. She said the object appeared to have a slight outline of lights in an oval shape, and lights inside the outline didn't appear to be in any distinct pattern.

"WHATEVER IT WAS, it was big!" Mrs. Maltby declared. She estimated that the size was "at least 100 feet across, maybe 200 feet."

Mrs. Maltby said her first impression upon seeing the lights was that they were from the DuPont Center fire tower, decorated for Christmas. But she and her husband realized that whatever they were seeing was in the woods, she said, and couldn't have been the tower. "They weren't Christmas lights — it was bigger than the tower," Mrs. Maltby said.

After crossing the bridge, the couple was unable to see the object any longer, because of trees bordering the road, though they thought they saw the glow from it down along the path of power lines, said Mrs. Maltby.

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U.F.O. Sightings Reported Sunday At Neosho Rapids

Undersheriff Norman Deponte said today that he observed nine lights on the horizon east of Neosho Rapids Sunday night after receiving a report at 10:46 p.m. from Dennis Buckridge, Neosho Rapids, about unidentified flying objects. The officer could not determine the source of the lights.

Mr. Deponte said that the lights were in an "L" formation, and that they blinked, the colors changing from red to white to blue. "They were helping us to celebrate our Bicentennial," he remarked. He said the lights never changed position, and were still visible at 3:15 this morning.

The undersheriff called the Emporia and Topeka airports, and the Wichita Police Department, which in turn called McConnell Air Force Base to try to get information on the lights. No one could help him, and he said he was told that the federal government no longer investigates U.F.O. sightings.

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Woman Sees UFOs

A Hufman Road resident told the county sheriff's office that she saw three unidentified flying objects in the sky near her home Monday night.

No other persons reported the sightings. The resident requested her name not be released to the press.

She said they were round and had blinking lights. Hufman Road is north of

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UFOs Leave Questions

Like A Story With No Ending

By JIM MAST
Daily News Staff Writer

What was that thing in the sky?

Some area residents still are asking that question today and scratching their head in wonderment at the mystery and lack of explanation that accompanied the recent sightings of "Unidentified Flying Objects", or better known now as UFO's.

Marcus Barnes of Hastings was probably the first to see the UFO on Friday night. After closing his Hastings Restaurant at about 10:30 p.m., he began the drive toward a hunting camp located near Gopher Ridge. As he turned south off of the paved road, he noticed a glow in the sky and at first assumed it to be a forest fire.

When he neared a cleared area, he got a closer look at what

he described as a "thing with lights all over it". He said the object appeared to be about 400 feet across and was moving all the time. He observed it for a short time, and upon arriving at the hunting camp, he found several men standing outside watching the same thing. No official report was made and the men only wondered what they had seen.

Charlotte Shearer, East Palatka, was driving toward Palatka from Bunnell with her children at about 10:45 the same night. Just outside Bunnell she saw a glow in the sky and assumed a large house was on fire. As she closed the distance, she became convinced that there was no house in that area and wondered what could be causing the strange lights. Nearing an area where she could look across an open field, she saw what "looked like a big castle with lights in every window".

She observed the object for approximately five minutes and said the bottom section of fiery lights seemed to disintegrate and smoke or vapor enveloped the top. Then it was gone. She reported the sighting to her husband, but not even she was sure of what she had seen, since the object was nearly beyond description.

At about 9:30 Saturday night, Barnes and his wife, Edith, were heading toward their home south of Hastings when he again saw the mysterious light in the sky. This time he decided on a closer investigation. He drove to the area known locally as The 10,000 Acres, a vast area that has been cleared of nearly all the trees. This time, he saw the object hovering in the cleared area some distance away when, suddenly, all of the visible lights disappeared as if they had been switched off.

Losing sight of the object caused him to decide to turn around and head for home when, suddenly, the lights reap-

peared some quarter-mile away. He turned off his truck's engine to see if he could hear any noise.

All was silent.

He described what he had seen as "lights in the air, glowing with a fire-orange color." He said all the fiery windows were evenly spaced and staggered. Barnes said he was close enough that he could have taken a picture. He could not describe a definite shape or outline, but said it was 50-to 75-feet tall and hovered just above tree-top level.

Then it was gone.

When questioned, Barnes said he had been in the military service and was familiar with flares. And, no, he had not seen a reflection off a low cloud.

It was not until Sunday night that an official report was

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made.

On that night, Mary Ellen and Larry Masters were entertaining friends, Leighton and Tedra Middleton, with an oyster roast in the yard.

At first, they thought what they were seeing was a house on fire, but soon realized there were no houses in the direction they were looking. This time, the men drove toward the object that would hover at tree top level and then appear to settle to the ground.

As the men were searching for the elusive object, Mrs. Middleton was notifying the St. Johns County Sheriff's department.

The men were using their citizen's band radios to enlist help in the search near the power lines running through the area and soon other searchers and law officers converged on the area.

The multi-storied and mysterious lights were gone in a matter of eight to 10 minutes and no trace was found,

although a search was also made by air the following day.

Since the official report had come from the Masters' home, the news media and the curious have swamped the bewildered household with telephone calls and requests for interviews.

Radio stations from Los Angeles, Dallas and Houston, to name a few, have attempted to interview the witnesses to the strange event. UFO buffs have converged and inquiries are made daily of those involved.

Probably the most intriguing of all the sighting reports was given by three people in the Salt Springs area near the Putnam-Marion county line.

Eugene Bell, Ray Lanier and Iris Brenner, who were visiting a hunting camp in the area, said they observed an object hovering above the power lines for more than an hour last Sunday evening.

Jim Jones, a private detective from Daytona Beach, interviewed the people for the Aerial Research Organization of Houston, Texas.

According to his account, the three watched the circular craft for more than an hour from a distance of some 200 yards. They all reported the craft to be about 50 yards in circumference and approximately a "story and a-half high". They reported a strong beam of light shining from the underneath and on the power lines. A strange odor permeated the area and the witnesses said they had a definite metallic taste in the mouth.

An attempt to call law enforcement agencies to report the amazing spectacle was futile because their CB radios had gone temporarily dead. They did not report the incident until Monday morning and it was not until Tuesday afternoon that a close inspection of the area was made.

All the people involved now wish the furor would go away. Almost without exception those who observed the mysterious object are skeptical of UFO stories.

Even in their own minds they have attempted to rationalize on what they witnessed. Probing questions by both the news media and organized UFO inquiry organizations have only served to boggle their minds further. And the rumors have run rampant concerning an "official investigation".

The fact is that no official government agency is under way and is not likely to be. The Air Force cites its official policy of not investigating such

sightings and officers were quite disturbed when news reports indicated they were involved in a probe of the incident.

A spokesman at MacDill Air Force base said that unless life or property is threatened, they will not investigate UFO sightings.

Only local law enforcement is charged with the investigation and its means for dealing with such things is limited to standard techniques.

A call by the Palatka Daily News to the massive Federal Aviation Air Control center at Hilliard could shed no light on the mystery.

The center houses hundreds of green-glowing radar scopes manned by the ever-vigilant air traffic controllers. Here, they monitor every aircraft that moves in the skies of the southeastern United States.

According to the director of the facility, Robert Nevins, no unidentified objects appeared on their screens on the nights of the sightings. And Nevins added, "I would have been the one to know if there had been."

When asked if unidentified objects were ever reported, he replied, "Yes, but our directions are to call the local police."

Privately, some air controllers will tell you that unidentified objects appear on the screens and perform maneuvers, attain unbelievable speeds and altitudes that are beyond the capability of any known aircraft.

Nevins said most of these objects are explained by engineers as "electronic phenomena." He added, "My own opinion is much too personal to comment upon."

Private UFO research institutes have more than made up for the absence of government investigators. Witnesses have been deluged with questions and inquiries from such organizations, many of them as notable as Dr. Allen Hynek, researcher and author of UFO books and magazine articles.

The excitement over what they had seen is mostly gone now, and the witnesses to the strange occurrence would like to see the questions end.

All they want now is a logical explanation.

It probably will not come.

Now with considerably less skepticism they ask, "What was that thing in the sky?"

Bowdle, South Dakota
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UFO Seen In Hosmer

Several people witnessed an unidentified flying object last Monday evening in Hosmer. Two people reported seeing the bright bluish with purple beams hovering; five others saw the luminous ray moving eastward earlier in the morning.

Also, last week, the most brilliant planet in the Solar system, Venus, was visible in a south eastward direction during the night. Several star gazers enjoyed the "moon-lighting."

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St. Johns Deputies Continue UFO Search

By NANCY POWELL
Times-Union Staff Writer

ST. AUGUSTINE — St. Johns County deputies led a massive search by air and land Monday in an effort to solve the mystery of a huge, glowing, unidentified flying object some 20 residents in the Hastings area spotted Sunday evening, hovering over trees near Flagler Estates.

Sheriff's Department dispatcher Joe Harnage said U.S. Air Force investigators are also on their way to continue the search.

Harnage said an aerial search by the department plane and private helicopters found no signs of the UFO or of scorched or crushed vegetation.

However, he said "a haze made it impossible to see very much."

Spotters described the object as dome-shaped, about the size of one or two football fields and glowing with

two or three rows of amber-colored lights.

Mrs. Leighton Middleton Jr. of Elkton said she and her family were visiting the Larry Masters family near Spuds at the time of the sighting.

It was about 9 p.m. We had just finished an oyster roast out in the yard when the dogs began barking," Mrs. Middleton said.

She said "the men who had walked toward the barn, spotted it first and called to the women and children."

Mrs. Middleton said the object remained over the trees about two minutes, then appeared to land.

She said her husband and Masters took off in the direction of the trees where the object disappeared and right after that, the lights went out.

"It was a frightening sight," Mrs. Middleton noted. "I never believed in UFOs before."

Mrs. Patsy Delaney, said she was en route from St. Augustine from Spuds with her son, Danny in the car, when they also spotted a similar illuminated object in the sky.

Several other persons congregated at a convenience store in Spuds also reported seeing the UFO.

Sheriff Dudley Garrett said he was not discounting any of the reports.

"Those people really saw something but I don't want to speculate on what it was."

Meantime, Carlton Mitchell, a resident of Cooksey's Camp Grounds at St. Augustine Beach and a visiting friend, Jim Atkins, told The Times Union they saw "some awful funny streaks of light" in the sky both Saturday and Sunday evening.

Mitchell said he called the Florida Highway Patrol Saturday to report the long, white streaks which he said

fanned out in all directions and were "of a different texture than a falling star."

After that, he said he, Atkins and other friends watched the sky for about three hours. He said the streaks continued and at the time "one object changed colors, remained in one spot about 15 minutes and then disappeared south."

Mitchell said he saw the same streaks again Sunday evening around midnight.

Other UFO sightings, reported about the same time by Putnam, Flagler and Volusia County residents Sunday evening, helped send off the mass air and land search which covered the 10,000 acre Flagler Estates property in St. Johns and Flagler county owned by a Miami firm.

Lloyd Sykes, a resident of Jacksonville, called The Times-Union Monday to report that he had some 15 other individuals holding an all-night barbecue at Or-

ange Springs in Marion County, also spotted a UFO around midnight Saturday.

Sykes said, "We were barbecuing a pig when we looked up and saw a big light like a fire in the sky about 1,000 yards away."

"It was about tree-top level," he said.

"The light looked to be about 10 feet in diameter when we first spotted it. Minutes later, it spread to about five times that size and began rocking and reeling in the sky."

Sykes said the rocking continued two or three minutes.

"Then the object shot out a flame and took off in a northeastern direction."

Sykes said he returned to Jacksonville Sunday and saw nothing of the UFO reported in the Hastings area that evening.

"It could have been the same object as it seemed to be traveling in the direction of Palatka or Hastings."

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Report Touches Off Massive Search By Officers 'UFO' Hovers Near Home In Hastings Area

By JACKIE FEAGIN
News Editor

"It was something like I've never seen before," Mrs. Larry Masters says of the huge, glowing object that appeared to hover near her Hastings area home last night.

Mrs. Masters admits she never believed in UFOs—unidentified flying objects—before, believing there was a logical explanation for the reported sightings.

"If you didn't see it — it's hard to believe," she says. But the object she and her husband and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Leighton Middleton Jr. of Elkton, and their children saw was "too big and too distinct" to be a plane with landing lights on, or a helicopter — as some have suggested, Mrs. Masters declares.

MRS. MASTERS said at about 9 p.m.

she and her husband and the Middletons were "out in the yard, having an oyster roast" Sunday night. Masters invited Middleton to have a look at his new shop building, as they walked to the shop "they saw this thing — looked like a big house on fire." The men called for the women — whose view in that direction was obscured by a large building — and as the group watched, they realized there was no house in the direction in which they were seeing the object.

"We'd never seen anything like it before."

Mrs. Masters described the object as having two distinct layers of "shimmering" lights. "There were lots of them — like 20 in a line."

THE OBJECT HOVERED, then disappeared behind trees, though the glow from its lights still could be seen. Masters and Middleton jumped into a truck and attempted to follow the UFO, and as the women watched, it appeared to land and lights go out — "just like someone had turned off a light switch," Mrs. Masters said.

Mrs. Masters said the family has received telephone calls from "New York, Washington, Dallas — all over the country" inquiring about the sighting.

Mrs. Masters said her husband's cousin, Mrs. Patsy Delaney and her son Danny, also saw the object in the sky as they were in the Spuds area, en route from St. Augustine. They reported that several persons in a car that stopped at a convenience store in Spuds also had seen the UFO.

THE CHILDREN ALL were highly excited about what they'd seen, Mrs. Masters said, and at the suggestion of their parents, drew pictures of the object.

With allowances for differing artistic abilities "you just would be surprised at how much they looked alike," said Mrs. Masters of the drawings.

THE REPORT of the sighting touched off a massive search by lawmen from three counties with help of a helicopter. St. Johns County Sheriff Dudley W. Garrett said there were plans to put the department's plane in the area today, when early-morning haze and mist cleared off, to search for any signs of scorched or broken vegetation.

"I think those people definitely saw something," said Sheriff Garrett, who

joined in the search in southeastern St. Johns County. "I'm not going to speculate on what it was," he declared.

He labeled as a misunderstanding reports that a deputy had seen the UFO, but commented that it has been flew over the area of the reported sighting that a UFO was sighted last night in Volusia County, too.

St. Johns County deputy Sammy Lane said he arrived at the Masters home southeast of Hastings to learn from Mrs. Masters and Mrs. Middleton that their husbands already were searching for the mysterious object, which already had landed.

IT APPEARED, THEY said, that the landing had been in Flagler Estates, a large real estate development owned by a Miami-based firm.

"All the witnesses involved," including Mr. and Mrs. Masters, Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, 11-year-old Leighton Middleton Jr., and 13-year-old Prim Parker, "described the object as...dome shaped, approximately three stories tall and anywhere from one football field to two football fields long," said Lane.

"It had about 30 round-shaped amber colored lights that seemed to be blinking and the whole object was glowing very brightly. They all stated that the object hovered above the trees for about three minutes, then went below the tree line for about one minute, then rose again," Lane continued.

"The object then appeared to have landed and the lights went out," said Lane of the witnesses' statements.

LANE SAID HE ASKED that the dispatcher notify Putnam and Flagler county sheriff's departments, which

sent units and the Florida Highway Patrol also sent troopers to assist in the search over the 10,000 acres of Flagler Estates.

Hastings town marshal Jack Barnes enlisted the aid of M. K. Spray Copters, which sent a four-place helicopter to assist.

Pilot Marvin Moore, with Deputy Lane, Marshal Barnes and Middleton reported that it has been flew over the area of the reported landing but failed to locate anything.

A check by the sheriff's department revealed that there were no known reports of missing aircraft, Lane said.

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Aberdeen, Washington DAILY WORLD
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UFO SIGHTING REPORTED
LEBAM — A local man reported to the sheriff's office Wednesday morning that he had just seen three UFOs above Lebam. Deputies checked the area, but could see nothing resembling a UFO. It was the second such sighting reported in the past month and deputies relayed the information to the State Department of Emergency Services in Olympia.

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UFOs spotted in area

By BOB GETZ
News Staff Writer

Mysterious, bright, colorful lights in the predawn sky east of Boca Raton were reported by a local couple after similar reports had been made Wednesday morning in the Miami area by six Florida Highway Patrol troopers.

Leslie A. Butcher, who lives on South Ocean Boulevard, reported that he and his wife observed strange red, white and green lights in the sky due east of Boca at about 4 a.m. Wednesday.

Butcher described the "lights or objects" as bright like magnesium fire. He said the lights reflected on the clouds, did not seem to move and were obscured by clouds, and didn't reappear.

Butcher's description of bright red, green and white colors in the sky was almost the same as that of the state policemen, who described what they saw as mysterious red, white and blue lights seen moving through the skies southwest of Miami International Airport as early as 4 a.m. and as late as 6 a.m.

Patrolman Thomas Leis, who first reported the "objects," said he watched two of them for about 90 minutes and a third for part of that time until they disappeared at dawn shortly after 6 a.m.

"It was very exciting," said Leis. "I'm not going to say they were UFOs, but they were certainly unnatural phenomena."

Leis said he couldn't determine the shape of the objects but did describe them as having red and blue flashing lights and one solid white light.

Operators of airplane-tracking radar at both Miami International Airport and Homestead Air Force Base reported that they were unable to pick up any unidentified objects on their screens. Sal Marinello of the Miami tower said anything flying faster than five miles an hour would show on the radar screen.

The other highway patrolmen who reported lights similar to those reported by the Butchers and Leis were Drew Taylor, B.F. Hall, James Benton and John Anderson.

"I know I saw something and the other troopers did too," said Leis, who learned of the other troopers' spottings after he made his report.

Seven persons from the Boca Raton area reported seeing a strange phenomenon in the sky just before dawn Oct. 7.

Each of those persons agreed that the object was extremely bright, a blue-white color resembling a welder's arc, and slightly oval.

UFO Reports Deluge Police

Dozens of people in Southwest Dade County called Metro Police Wednesday night reporting that they saw strange objects with flashing red and blue lights in the sky. The objects they described were similar to those six Florida Highway Patrol troopers reported seeing in early morning skies Wednesday. "I have a feeling everyone thinks we're trying to pull their leg," said Trooper John Anderson, "but someone's going to have to come up with a good explanation." He said he spotted a round object with flashing lights hovering 45 to 60 degrees off the horizon at about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday after a FHP dispatcher relayed a motorist's report of the object. Just before daylight, the four-year FHP veteran said he watched another object with flashing lights that "definitely wasn't a star" or an airplane gradually move away. Neither the Federal Aviation Agency nor Homestead Air Force Base picked up any unidentified objects on airplane-tracking radar.

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Callers describe quiet UFOs

What was it? . . . Police dispatchers in West Palm Beach and Lake Worth late Friday reported a flurry of breathless phone callers, all describing flashing ovals hovering over eastern skies. "One guy said they looked like portholes. But he wouldn't give his name, because he said his neighbors were already laughing at him," a Lake Worth policeman chuckled. The callers, obviously not enjoying the same humor in what they'd seen, could only agree on the shape of the unidentified flying objects, and that they emitted no sound. Their descriptions were similar to reported sightings in the Miami area for the past three evenings.

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By IAN GLASS
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... And Across The County, Students Sight Glowing UFO

By KEN HARRELL
Staff Writer

COCONUT CREEK — Students and teachers at the Atlantic Vocational Center today said they saw a strange hoop-shaped luminous object hover over the school for about 45-minutes, glide quietly into a nearby lake and disappear.

The object, which was said to hover directly over the school, 4700 Hammondville Rd., was first sighted by three students at 7:30 a.m.

"We we're running late for class when we looked up in the sky and saw this thing over us," said Deborah Geis, 18. "It was moving up and down and shining in the sun. It was far away at first but then got closer. I know it was a flying saucer. We watched it until it went behind some clouds."



A Flying Object

About one-half hour after the incident, students-searched the area of the lake. A blue and white kite with new string was found near the lake.

"That's not it," said Bevilacqua. "What I saw was a hoop-shaped bright object, not a blue kite."

Food service instructor Al Bevilacqua said, "It was really bright, like another moon up there. I don't think it was a kite or anything like that. I know it was something really strange," he said.

Vicki Brown, 17, said she saw the object fall into the lake and "skim through the water. I saw it splash and just went around in circles there before it disappeared."

The lake is one-half mile south of the school on private property.

Other students said the object seemed to have wings.

Police, who were contacted by school officials, did not immediately investigate the incident.

Flight tower officials from the Pompano Air Park and Fort Lauderdale Executive Airport said they did not see the object or receive any reports of it.

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She Didn't Believe In UFOs Before

By JANE ALBERTSON
Journal Staff Writer

Mrs. Tedra Middleton said today she was not dreaming when she saw a dome-shaped object covered with amber colored "fire lights" floating near her friend's farm in Hastings last night.

At 9:05 p.m., Mrs. Middleton her husband, another couple and about "seven head of kids" saw the object described as being about three stories tall and one to two football fields long land in Flagler Estates, a 10,000-acre planned development between Hastings and Palatka.

Sheriff's department units from Putnam, Flagler and St. Johns Counties, the Florida Highway Patrol and the Hastings town marshal searched the area with lights and helicopters between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. but found no trace of any unidentified flying object.

Mrs. Middleton said she knows of about 20 other persons who said they saw the object, which she said was covered by about 30-blinking amber lights.

"We were in the yard and our husbands walked over to the barn and when they got half way, they hollered for us to come over and look," Mrs. Middleton told the Journal. "It came down to about treetop level — two stories of lights — and then went back up again and then landed."

The lights went out when it landed, she said.

Mrs. Middleton said her husband and his friends went out searching for the object.

"I sure was glad they didn't find anything," she said. "I didn't think they'd get back."

She said that prior to this, she really did not believe in "UFO's," but now she does.

"I thought everybody else you read about in the paper didn't know what they were talking about, but now I do," said Mrs. Middleton.

Sgt. J. D. Cannon of the St. Johns County sheriff's office said, "We've had reports of UFO's before, but not as detailed as this."

A Flagler County sheriff's deputy says he knew all along that the reports wouldn't pan out.

"I believe in UFO's but you know, this is a small place and UFOs just wouldn't land in this area," he said. "They'd go to New York or Chicago or someplace like that," added the deputy, who declined to give his name.

A St. Johns County sheriff's office unit and helicopter are searching the area today for possible burn marks, he said.

Neither the Federal Aviation Administration, the Navy nor the Air Force at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa could explain the sighting.

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Lewiston (Idaho) Morning Tribune
UFOs reported in south Idaho
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Sight
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The Associated Press
People reported seeing strange lights in the skies of south Idaho and residents of several communities have turned in reports of unidentified flying objects.

There were reports several nights last week from Albion, Rupert, Burley and Elba. Officials who investigated said they thought most of the sightings resulted from a spectacular meteor shower. They said the skies were clear and the stars and planets unusually bright.

A spokesman for the Burley Police Department said there were no reports Friday night, when the skies were more overcast. Some of the descriptions didn't quite fit the heavenly bodies.

Several residents of Elba gathered Friday to watch a mysterious light described as looking like a "diamond in a woman's ring." One resident said three smaller, disc-shaped ob-

jects were observed near the larger light. The fast-moving lights could not be seen without binoculars.

Observers west of Burley said they saw an object which appeared as a varicolored light. It was reported to have suddenly disappeared from sight. Similar reports also came from Rupert.

Albion Valley residents reported seeing several lighted objects similar to others seen recently in the area.

There has been speculation by some persons that UFOs are connected with recent mysterious cattle mutilations, but authorities say there is no evidence to support such speculation.

Others have speculated that UFO enthusiasts have been involved in the cattle mutilations to gather support for their UFO beliefs, but there has been no evidence found to support that, either.

Franklin, Pa. NEWS-HERALD
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OIL CITY — UFOs were sighted in the area last night, with the Oil City Police Department receiving three different reports of strange lights in the sky.
The first call at 11:32 p. m. informed police of red, blue and white lights in the sky over Horsecreek Road.
At 11:50 p. m., police received the second call, stating that the object had not moved for 15 minutes.
About 20 minutes later, at 12:11 a. m. today, officers received another call regarding a strange object in the sky over the Fryburg-Horsecreek road area with the caller stating he had watched the object for an hour, watched the object for an

A few weeks back, police received reports of similar objects hovering over the Calvary Cemetery area.
Vallejo, Calif.
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planet. It could have been anything "from the extraordinary to the common. Frankly, we don't know what it was."

The officers departed, leaving the hunters alone. "It didn't move while everyone was there or when they all left. But as soon as we got in our truck it followed us."

They stopped at an all-night cafe. It hovered over head. They convinced one customer to take a look. Through the binoculars the craft was taking on another shape. Its bottom opened up, extending petals toward the earth and a cordlike pole with a silver oblong object extending from it. It spun at angles, flipped on its side and upside down.

OTHERS LOOK

Two city policemen came by and took a look. Later they got a trucker to stop and look. He was speechless, they said.

Finally, the Napans left the restaurant and drove five miles to a crossroad and stopped in the predawn. It was 5:30 a.m. they gazed through the binoculars at the ship that had followed them and in the fading morning light spotted one and then another of the space craft, 20 in all, flying in formation. They traced the flight pattern on a piece of paper as the objects disappeared in the distance.

section. Two antennas protruded from the top.

As they sped down the road, Bakker looked out his open window and with some relief saw the object fly by the truck on the right about 1,000 yards away.

But as it passed, another bright white light lit the side mirror, Bakker confirmed in the binoculars that it was another saucer.

They headed toward Litchfield at high speed, the first space craft following them all the way. Chinberg said he floored the gas pedal but even going down hill could only get the truck up to 60 miles an hour. "I said to Rick 'the thing's got control of the truck.'"

It stayed on their tail, at 200 yards up in the air. They pulled into darkened Litchfield and stopped in the front yard of a quiet house. They yelled but no one responded. They drove to a phone booth and called the sheriff. When the dispatcher heard they were being chased by two flying saucers he asked, "what kind of drugs are you on?"

SENDS HELP

After a few minutes the youths were able to convince the sheriff to send someone out. Three patrol cars arrived. The deputies tried to calm the excited Napans. They observed the object which now hovered at a respectful distance up in the sky.

The officers took a couple of pictures. Sgt. John Villavovas who took the shots is planning to develop them at a photography school he will attend this weekend.

Sgt. Jerrald of Lassen county says by the time the officers arrived "the thing" had risen quite far into the sky and was stationery. "Our men didn't see it as close as the boys did."

He said it could have been

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yons. Driving along they first spotted what appeared to be a camp fire on a hill about two miles away. But a look through the binoculars proved the orange mass was not flickering like a fire. It was spinning.

They lost sight of the glow and, puzzled, drove on. Five minutes later Rick spotted a bright white light on the horizon, "bobbing up in the sky." He thought it must be a star.

They went five more miles, topped a rise in the road, and dead ahead of them, 200 yards away was a huge 40-foot in diameter, pulsating, lighted UFO, glowing orange at the base, green and blue lights blinking on an off like a mammoth Christmas tree.

They were seized with terror. "It took the breath right out of me. It wasn't like anything I'd ever experienced before. We were hysterical," Chinberg described, explaining that he stopped the engine, shut off the lights and started reaching for his deer rifle.

Bakker said: "It (the rifle) won't do any good if they come and get us." They observed the object through binoculars for about a minute. Chinberg started the truck, whipped it around and took off. As they turned around the object also turned around and shot straight up in the air with furious speed but without a sound.

At the moment of confrontation the men had been about two football fields away from the spherical object. Even without the glasses Rick had been able to see details. The craft was oval, glowing with lights, the orange lower half vibrating with power. There were lights located above the mid

Flying Saucers? Two Napans Run Into One

By JANE SMITH
Times-Herald Staff Writer

NAPA — Two Napa men came back last week from a high adventure in the canyons and rolling hills near Susanville in Lassen County, an area of desolation, sage brush, lava beds and flying saucers.

Flying saucers? Yep. That's what they saw. It happened last Thursday morning at 2:30 a.m. on a hunting trip as they drove along a deserted truck trail, out of the little town of Litchfield, 150 miles from Big Foot country, the headlights of their four wheel drive piercing the solid dark of the lava beds

and scrub brush of Skedaddle Mountain.

Bruce Chinberg, 22, a Marine carpenter who works out of Local 1149 in Oakland, and his pal Rick Bakker, 22, a steel worker, had left their Napa homes at 7 p.m. last Wednesday to hunt chukar. Both are experienced sportsmen and have spent a good part of their young lives camping "in the boonies."

They are forthright, responsible guys. They appear not to be fanciful, nutty or under the influence. Sgt. Jer-

See NAPANS Page 4

More UFO's Are Reported

Two more sightings of what are termed Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO), or mysterious sightings, were reported to the Lassen County Sheriff's Office on Sunday, Dec. 7.

Department reports indicate that Mrs. William Yarbrough of Westwood called the department at 5:55 Sunday morning and reported seeing a "bright object" southeast of Westwood. The report indicates Mrs. Yarbrough said the object was brighter earlier that morning.

At 10:07 p. m. Sunday, the Sheriff's Department had another call on what was termed a UFO.

Mrs. Eva Holbrook of Standish reported seeing an object with red, green and white lights directly over her residence one half mile west of Litchfield. Mrs. Holbrook said the object was "saucer shaped."

Susanville, Calif.
LASSEN ADVOCATE
December 10, 1975

THE MOST RECENT reported sighting of a UFO in these parts is Bob North who domiciles at 601 Calaveras St. Herr North vows he got a good gander at one of the elusive flying cigars earlier this month and comes up with a description that would be hard to refute. The sighting lasted two minutes, it was flying at a thousand feet, orange in color, heading easterly at about 40 m.p.h., etc. North was an aircraft navigator during WWII, Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in the village and swears nary a drop of spirits had touched his lips — so who are we to argue?

Lodi, California
NEWS-SENTINEL
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Hernando student spots

UFO over Nesbit

DESOTO TIMES (Hernando, Mississippi)
November 20, 1975

By PAM McPHAIL

"When I first saw it, it was just flying around. It couldn't have been an airplane cause I was looking at it through a telescope," said Alexa Brown, as she talked about her recent viewings of a UFO.

Alexa's story generated a lot of interest from her schoolmates at Hernando High School this week after her experience was reported in a Memphis newspaper.

It all began early Sunday morning a week ago when Alexa's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brown of Nesbit, were returning home from Central Station in Memphis where they had taken their son, Kenny, to board a train to New Orleans.

Since Kenny's train left during the early morning hours, the couple returned home around 4 a.m. "Mother came to my room when they got home and said she wanted to know where the telescope was. They wanted to look at something. On their way home they had seen this light across the

pasture that they hadn't seen before," said Alexa, a senior.

"It was just a white light and mother said when she first saw it, it was making little boxes. She had thought it was a vapor light until she looked at it through a telescope. When I first saw it the thing was just flying around. It was a bright white light and it kept getting higher and higher. I watched it for two hours and eventually it went toward the south."

The Browns live a quarter of a mile east of Interstate I-55 at the Nesbit exit and, according to Alexa, the light was seen by her parents as they were driving down the interstate.

According to Alexa, the object, when spotted early Sunday morning only projected a bright white light and the light was not blinking.

Upon arriving at school Monday morning Alexa got many of her friends interested in watching for UFO's, and strangely enough, Alexa and her parents aren't the only

people around here who saw something in the sky they couldn't identify.

Alexa said, "A friend of mine and her parents at Eudora were sitting on their porch one night this week and they saw the same thing that I had seen. They said the one they saw was changing colors from red to blue and then orange. Once in a while a red light would shoot out from it. I saw one Monday night and it was changing colors."

Alexa said she had been watching something every night last week. "I don't watch them through a telescope anymore because they won't stay still long enough. The ones I have seen are so far up in the sky you can just about see them from anywhere around here. I've never seen anything like them before, but I know it was not a plane. It looked somewhat like a small planet or a large bright star, except it was moving around."

The student said she has always believed in the possibilities of UFO's being present before she saw one. She said she wasn't afraid when she spotted them. Alexa said she believed that someday UFO's may make contact with this planet. "I think they would be friendly because they apparently are more intelligent than we are."

The Browns reported their sightings early Monday morning to the DeSoto County Sheriff's office. According to

statements made by Mrs. Brown she was hoping to find some type of explanation as to what she saw early Sunday morning.

The obvious solutions to the mystery have already been ruled out. It couldn't have been an airplane because airplanes don't move up and down and backwards and forwards, and helicopters make noise and they can't change colors.

Mrs. Brown thought it to be a weather instrument at one point, except it kept changing colors and moving around.

It was reported in a Memphis paper that the object the Browns saw could have been a slow-moving weather helicopter because nothing unusual has appeared on the radar

screen during the week according to officials at the FAA Air Route Traffic Control Center in Memphis. But then again those who saw the object with the odd movement and light ask the question: how could a weather helicopter not make any noise.

Numerous students have reported seeing the same object that the Browns saw. Mammie Ellen Bethune, a senior at Hernando High School, said she watched this unidentified object for three nights.

"I watched it on Friday, Saturday and Monday nights. The first time I saw it, it was not moving, but it was flashing lights of red, yellow, orange and blue. The second time I watched it, it was in the same location except it was moving around while it blinked its lights from one color to another. Monday night when I saw it, the object was lower in the sky and it was still flashing lights from one color to another. It couldn't have been an airplane."

More UFOs Seen In Vacaville

and, looking to the place where he had seen the hovering oval, saw two similar objects rise from behind the trees and join the first.

Fairfield, Calif.
REPUBLIC
November 4, 1975

The shiny gray metal object had four orange lights and a red beacon on the bottom, Perry told deputies.

He rode home and went inside, telephoning neighbor James Winkler, 17, 870 Ellsworth Rd., who reportedly told him he was watching the same thing.

Perry walked back outside

Three glowing oval objects have been reported hovering in the sky off Mills Ln. here, the county sheriff's dept. reports.

Robert M. Perry, 17, 941 Mills Ln., told deputies he was riding his motorcycle north of Mills Ln. about 6:30 p.m. Saturday when he saw a large glowing light through the trees near the water treatment plant there.

He stopped and saw an "aircraft-sized oval object" rise from the ground and hover noiselessly over the trees.

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Hailey men report landing

HAILEY — Two Hailey men on an evening stroll claim to have seen a spacecraft land less than an eighth of a mile from them Monday night.

Bob Ellinger and Don Bedrick, Hailey, were walking one-half mile west of Hailey about 10 p.m. Monday night when they both noticed a bright red light travel from the west horizon over Quigley Summit to the east horizon.

According to voluntary statements filed with the Blaine County sheriff's office the men readily admitted they each had drunk a few beers.

The craft took less than a second to move from one horizon to the other, the men said. The two were frightened a minute later, according to the statements, when the craft came back from the eastern horizon and stopped overhead.

Ellinger said the object was smaller than a helicopter. It was almond shaped, he said, pointed at the ends and round at the middle.

The UFO turned blue, according to Bedrick's statement, as it stopped over them. Ellinger said the light was bright enough for Bedrick to see his shadow.

The lights on the craft went out suddenly, according to the two men, and the craft began to descend. Both men heard a hissing noise much like air from a compressor, but with a lower pitch.

As it reached the ground Bedrick heard bushes and sagebrush cracking.

According to his statement, "Then a small light came on where it was and it looked like there was some movement in the light. We ran, then went back to town."

Ellinger said the craft was only an eighth of a mile from them when it landed. The two were frightened, he said, because of the recent cattle mutilations which he thinks are related to the strange flying crafts.

The men immediately ran to the sheriff's office and gave their statements to the men on duty.

Twin Falls, Idaho TIMES-NEWS
October 21, 1975

If They're Not UFOs Then What are They?

Look! Up in the air! Is it a bird? A plane?
Or an unidentified flying object?

There are a couple dozen people in the Wolf Point-Poplar-Frazer area who think that UFOs do exist. And if they don't exist then they want to know what they've been seeing in the night skies all last week.

It all started at about 3 a.m. Monday when three Fort Peck Tribal Law and Order Juvenile Division workers from Poplar were on their way home from a conference in Missoula.

They were driving the home stretch, crossing the Fort Peck Reservation line east of Nashua on U.S. 2 when Romane Firemoon sighted the brightly-lit object in the north sky.

Pearl MacDonald was asleep in the backseat and Reba Ogle was busy driving the car so there was not much alarm-right away.

At the early morning hour no one was much in the mood for UFOs anyway. But the object was not

just a momentary illusion.

Ms. Ogle said it stayed paced with the car as it "slid" across the sky.

There wasn't much thought about what shape the object was, but it had red lights on the top part, white lights in the middle and green lights on the bottom.

It stayed with the car, dimming just slightly when a car and a pickup truck passed from the opposite direction.

It "slid" along the sky right with the car.

When they reached Frazer, the women pulled into the town and the object followed them.

The UFO stayed in the sky—unmoving—while the women got out of the car and tried to wake some residents in the little community. Dogs were barking but people were a little reluctant to come to their doors at 3:30 a.m.

Wolf Point, Montana
(HERALD-NEWS)
November 20, 1975

"We knocked at Thelma Blount's and she wouldn't open the door," Ms. Ogle said. "We knocked at Harold Blount's and he wouldn't open his door."

They finally raised Warren Archdale and he, his mother and his brother all went outside to witness the object. Ms. Ogle went inside to call the tribal police.

The UFO parked itself over Frazer Lake and a green beam of light shot out from the bottom. It then withdrew.

Then it zig-zagged upwards and went out of sight. By the time the police arrived at 4 a.m. it was gone.

The news came out over television and radio and the usual followup rash of sightings were reported.

From points as far west as Nashua to points as far east as Minot, N.D., sightings were reported and now number at least 2 dozen.

There was a report of one in an area from Bainville to the North Dakota-Montana state line.

There were others north of Wolf Point.

There was one on the river bottom south of Frazer.

There was yet another Thursday night north of Frazer.

North Frazer farmer Jim O'Tremba, Wolf Point, and his family have been making nightly sky searches for the UFOs.

At about 10:20 p.m. Friday they spotted one. Or one spotted them.

A clear, shining, spinning white light appeared in the sky between 5,000 feet and 6,000 feet above the ground, O'Tremba, a pilot, said.

He first saw it in the east and it shot straight west to just above O'Tremba and his family in their pickup truck on the farm, about three miles northeast of Frazer on the Lustre Road.

"There was no sound and it was too fast for an airplane," he said. The object, which was round and had no other lights than clear, white ones, hovered

for about three minutes.

"Then a light flashed on us—at least I think it flashed on us," he said.

A beam was apparent from the UFO. Where it was aimed was difficult to determine. As O'Tremba watched the object through the binoculars and talked with some neighbors on a citizen's band radio, he was too busy to notice the surroundings.

But he said his children later claimed the dark, deserted buildings on farm lit up.

"We shut off the pickup and we just couldn't hear anything," O'Tremba said.

O'Tremba said the object, which was about the size of an aircraft, then swung the beam in a radius around the area and then back down on them. Still gazing through his binoculars at the bright light, he decided to grab his camera for a shot.

As soon as he looked away to grab the camera the light disappeared. There was nothing else seen or hear.

"I don't know for sure or anything, but I think that when the light came around the second time the object saw the reflection off the binoculars and then 'bang' it went out," O'Tremba said.

"I think it was some kind of UFO. It was no meteorite, star or plane," he insisted.

It was the fifth night the O'Trembas had been in the field looking for the object. Then Saturday night they stayed out until midnight hoping for another glimpse of whatever it was.

All the time he was looking at the object, O'Tremba was talking with neighboring CB operator Harold Dean Blount, chairman of the Frazer School Board and a member of the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Board.

Blount corroborates everything O'Tremba says.

"We were talking on the CB and all of a sudden this light comes out of the sky," Blount said. He was visiting with his sister and there were about eight people seeing the same thing.

"We watched for awhile and then O'Tremba said he was going to get his camera and the light went out," Blount said.

"It looked like a white object spinning with lights all around it," he said.

O'Tremba had a number of listening-in Cbers in the Wolf Point area excited. A number of them were talking about it on the hobby radios later.

One CB owner called O'Tremba and said he wanted to meet with him because he had made a similar sighting recently. Another couple south of Frazer contacted him and told him they had seen something like that too.

UFO sightings are not uncommon. Thousands reported every year. Some are legitimate sightings and others are not.

Northeast Montana has never been immune to UFO sightings. Over the past several years law authorities in the region have been getting the reports regularly.

A few years ago the radar station near Opheim reported some unidentified blips on their equipment. Not much later a Oswego-area farmer reported one almost landed in his farmyard.

At least as many other sightings go unreported because of fear of ridicule.

"I know a lot of people wouldn't have said anything," Ms. Ogle said. "They might say we were drinking or something like that."

An Uby woman Friday night reported spotting an unidentified flying object (UFO) as it flew over her home on Frieburg Road, about six miles south of Uby.

Mrs. Arthur (Penny) Guigard said Monday morning the object appeared as a bright, white light in the sky north of her home.

She said it appeared to sit still for about 15 to 20 minutes and then suddenly flew very fast and at a high altitude over her home, heading south.

"I don't know what it was," she said. "It looked like a big flood light."

Mrs. Guigard noted that the UFO was very quiet except when it was directly over her home, at which time it sounded like an airplane, but "not quite."

She said her sighting was confirmed by an unidentified neighbor who cut in on her party line as she was telephoning the Uby Village Officer David Prendergast was contacted and investigated, but did not see the UFO. At Prendergast's recommendation, the Port Austin Air Force Station was contacted and reported that nothing unusual was observed on their radar equipment.

The sighting occurred between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m.

UFO sightings reported in western Minnesota

An unidentified (UFO) was reported over parts of western Minnesota and northeastern South Dakota Saturday morning.

The Big Stone County Sheriff's Office at Ortonville said the object was spotted at 3:24 a.m. by a deputy. Lac qui Parle County officers also spotted the object and tried to follow it east.

The Big Stone Sheriff's Office said the UFO had a football shape and was shooting flames with its colors changing from green to red.

Canby, Minnesota
(NEWS)
November 20, 1975

Uby Woman Reports UFO

Port Austin, Michigan
(HURON NEWS)
November 20, 1975

UFOs Get Georgians All Up in the Air

Atlanta, Georgia JOURNAL
& CONSTITUTION
November 23, 1975
Credit: Mark Hall
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By MIKE CHRISTENSEN
and CLIFF GREEN

The flock of unidentified flying objects sighted over southwest Georgia last week could have been aircraft, planets, bright stars, balloons, satellites, meteors, birds, reflections, mirages, swamp gas or flying saucers.

No one is really sure what they were, but a number of people surely would like to know.

In the wee hours of Thursday morning, police in nearly a dozen South Georgia towns were swamped with calls that UFOs were flitting through the cold, clear skies. They ranged from hovering objects with flashing red and green lights to bright, swooping intruders to distant and unexplained pin points.

After listening to UFO reports clogging his police radio Mitchell County Sheriff's Lt. Jimmy Ray Sanders joined a half-dozen men in a field just east of Camilla to watch some UFOs.

"I don't know what they were," the 35-year-old Sanders said. "There were three of them, but one dropped down below the trees."

One of the objects seemed to be a red, slowly flashing light about 25 miles away. The other was white, Sanders said.

Ed McMinn, a Camilla newspaper reporter, joined the vigil about 4:30 a. m. Thursday. McMinn said he was not impressed with the objects, which were also seen from Moultrie and the Adel area.

"There were only two of them visible when I arrived," McMinn said. "They said one had disappeared below the trees." One was a bright, white light and the other was a reddish light that seemed to change color. The latter moved slowly up in the sky as the men watched.

Dr. Robert Hayward, as an astronomer with DeKalb County's Fernbank Science Center, said the objects seen in Camilla may well have been rising or setting planets, which were more visible than usual in the clear morning sky.

According to Hayward, the planet Venus was rising in the southeast at about 4 a. m. Thursday and would be a bright white light. Mars, which often appears red, and Jupiter were both setting in the northwest.

Aviation officials reported no unusual aircraft in the area, although aircraft may account for some of the sightings.

Fixed-wing airplanes carry a rotating red tail light, green and white wing tip lights, and very bright landing lights. The position of the lights would change, depending on the plane's maneuvers.

"I believe in them. There are some weird things happening, but not with the frequency that these reports come in," said Dick Aycock, manager of the Moultrie Air Service, said.

"I was flying back from Atlanta about sunset Wednes-

day and did a lazy figure eight about 800 feet over a friend's house north of town to tell him I was back," Aycock said. "Somebody who saw me might have thought it was a UFO, because I didn't hold to one direction."

But some who saw the lights Thursday morning were convinced they were not airplanes.

Police Chief James E. Spivey of Leary may have been the first southwest Georgia resident to see the UFOs.

Spivey, 41, said he turned off the lights in the police sta-

tion and went outside about 2 a. m. Thursday. "It was a big round thing," recalled Spivey. "It was about 200 or 300 feet off the ground right above me. It had a red light on top and a blue light on the bottom."

The chief said he has never seen a UFO before and hopes he doesn't again, but added, "I'd sure like to know what it was."

Spivey said a "light came on around it (the UFO) and it was so bright you couldn't tell what it looked like. It was so bright, it lit up the whole front of the building."

He said he went back inside the building and turned on the lights. "When I came back outside, it moved slowly to the southeast and climbed up to about 10,000 feet."

Spivey said the UFO made no noise. "It just eased on away," he said. "It never did move fast."

"I went over to the peanut mill and got the nightwatchman, Fred Bellamy, to come over here and watch it with me," said Spivey. "We watched it until about 5 a. m."

Spivey said neither of the men were equipped with binoculars. "I saw it with my naked eye," he said.

Spivey, who has been Leary's police chief for four years, said his neighbors didn't think he was seeing things. "I wasn't the only one," he explained. "Everybody from city councilmen to deputy sheriffs saw it too."

Leary is located in Calhoun County, about 20 miles southwest of Albany.

In addition to the Thursday morning sightings, two officers of the Georgia Highway Patrol reported seeing a UFO in Donalsonville in Seminole County early Saturday.

According to a report filed by Communications Officer Troy Palmer and Trooper Richard Chafin, an unidentified citizen called the patrol post and reported the object first.

Both men reported they looked out the window and saw the UFO to the northeast of Donalsonville. "It was a long way off," the report said.

The UFO was described as having greenish-blue lights as well as a red light.

According to the officers' report, the object was first sighted at 3:58 a. m. Saturday. After watching the object through a window, the pair went outside and watched it until it disappeared some time later.

Space chase

Police, posse follow UFO 20 minutes in Lake County

Lake County Bureau

A Madison Township policeman named Space said he and a posse of policemen and citizens chased an unidentified flying object with red and green flashing lights for 20 minutes yesterday.

Patrolman Zachary G. Space said a township resident, Kenneth Ohtola, had telephoned police at 3:34 a.m. to report the UFO. Space then went to the station at 126 W. Main St.

Dispatcher Gerri Bowers, 28, was giving him the particulars, he said, when he saw the UFO heading toward Painesville. He said he followed and when the UFO turned east was joined by Ohtola, who had a passenger, Mike Davirro.

The UFO continued east and the chase was joined by a Lake County deputy sheriff and Patrolman Lester Nagle of Madison, Space said.

The UFO reportedly hovered at high-tension wire level on Chapel Rd. near the Ashtabula County line. All got out of their vehicles. Space described the scene:

"It came down above the wires for maybe 15 or 20 seconds, then would rise up slowly and out of sight. Then it would reappear again. When it stopped to hover, all I could see was a big, bright light. When it started moving it was red and green."

Space, 26, who was an Air Force mechanic for five years,

CR: R. Smotek

CLEVELAND, OHIO

THE PLAIN DEALER, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1975

138 UFO is spotted near Piner

Two Kenton County teenagers say they spotted a UFO Thursday evening near the Piner Elementary School in southern Kenton County.

The girls are Gina Piercefield, 13, daughter of Gene and Lois Piercefield, Carlisle Pk. and Sandy Spencer, 16, daughter of Wendell and Ann Spencer, Carlisle Pk.

Miss Piercefield described the UFO as being very large with a big ball of fire on top, white lights on its side and

red, green and blue lights on its bottom.

She said it hovered above the road for about five minutes then disappeared.

The girl said they were walking on Carlisle Pk., toward the Spencer residence when they spotted the UFO.

The incident reportedly occurred around 6:30 p.m. Kenton County Police said they had no reports of any sightings.

Cincinnati, Ohio POST & TIMES STAR November 1, 1975

UFO Sighting Reported In This Area Last Saturday

Numerous highly authentic reports of an unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported over many parts of western Minnesota and northeastern South Dakota early last Saturday morning.

Ortonville seemed to be near the center of the sightings, the first here in 19 years.

The UFO was first seen in the Sisseton, S.D. area, later in the Browns Valley and Beardsley area, then over Big Stone Lake, then east of Clinton....and still later over Benson, Madison, Paynesville, and Breckenridge (where it was reported on radar for a time).

Most reportings were by law officials.

First to see the UFO in this area was 21-year-old Kim Kolb, son of the Kenneth Kolbs of Big Stone City, while he was returning shortly after midnight last Friday from Aberdeen.

He estimated the object "was over Big Stone Lake, about 3 miles north of Big Stone City when I first saw it. It was a bright white with a green glow to one side, and it was flickering bright and dim.

"I watched it for about 15 minutes and then it moved up the lake and out of sight," said Kim.

Next to see the object and giving a description almost identical to Kolb's were two Big Stone County Deputy Sheriffs.....Joe Berning, Jr., 27, of Graceville,

and Bob Goergen, 20, of Ortonville.

Berning first saw the object in the sky east of Clinton at about 3:30 a.m. and called Goergen from an area near Ortonville to confirm the sighting.

The two men watched the object with binoculars for nearly 45 minutes. It was in a position about 30 degrees above the eastern horizon, over County Road No. 6.

They, like Kolb, said the object was a bright white glow with a green spot to one side. They also said it seemed like there were spouts of fire to one side.

Also like Kolb, they said the object flickered brighter and dimmer, seeming to go and come back again several times before finally disappearing to the East.

They said the UFO never came near the ground as long as they were watching.

Goergen said one law official in Browns Valley had reported following the object from the Valley to the Beardsley area near the same period of day.

In photo to the side, you see Goergen, left, and Kolb at right as they view an artists's sketch of what the UFO looked like in drawing to the left.

The big circle area is what they say was a bright glow, flickering bright and then dim. The horn-like protrusion to the left of the circle was described as like a red

flame, and the green ball is shown at upper left, behind the red flame.

Item at right in photo is a sketch of the UFO which was last sighted in this area back in November of 1956, 19 years ago.

A group of eight men saw the UFO at that time, including Independent Publisher Lem Kaercher, the late Dick Olson (then Independent editor), his brother Don Olson of Marshall, and Jim Scherer of Ortonville, then night attendant at Russ' Mileage Station here.

A story in the Independent of Nov. 15, 1956, reported, in part, on the UFO sighting as follows:

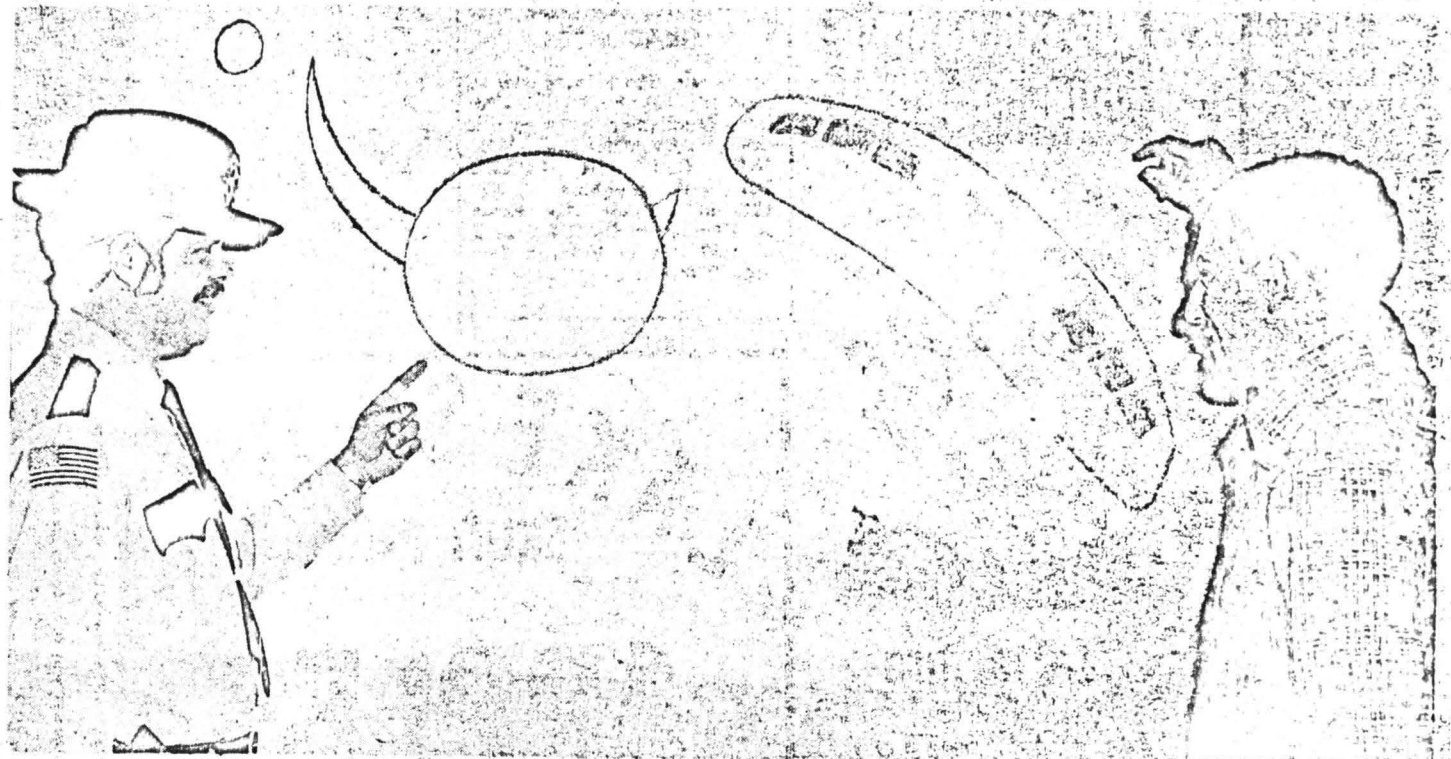
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A flying saucer, a space ship (?) was sighted over Ortonville at 5 a.m. Wednesday morning, Nov. 14, 1956. A group of eight viewed the object at 5 a.m. as it sped eastward.

First to view the object was a driver of a bulk milk truck, Marlan Hewitt of Redfield, who was enroute from Pelican Rapids to Redfield.

Hewitt always stopped at the Theatre of Seasons Cafe, and told night attendant, Jim Scherer, to look at the object in the sky to the east.

A few seconds later, a group of people came to the restaurant enroute to a duck slough. They were Don Olson, editor of the Marshall Messenger, Jack Hill-



er, Marshall Theater operator, Carl Olson of Minneapolis, Dick Olson and L. A. Kaercher of the Ortonville Independent, who also got a fleeting glimpse of the traveling object.

Hewitt said he first saw the object about 1 a.m. and it seemed to follow him all the way to Ortonville, for about four hours. It seemed to be about 1000 feet in

the object was young Scherer. He was scared at first and said that he could "see the windows in the object."

Kaercher and his companions saw only what looked like a brilliant star traveling straight east. It was much more brilliant than the brightest stars and was seen to move up and down.

Hewitt was called at his home in Redfield that afternoon and he stated that the object reappeared in the sky after he reached Big Stone City and could see it until he got to Milbank. Mr. Hewitt was a member of the National Guard at Redfield and had a companion with him who vouches for the accuracy of his report.

Mrs. B. C. Herberg of Beardsley reported she and her son saw a dirigible over their farm home on the shores of Big Stone Lake at

7 a.m. Sunday morning. There were no lights on it.

At Mankato, two hours after the Ortonville report was phoned in, 200 residents spotted a plastic balloon overhead. Both of these objects were ruled out and not connected with the object seen at Ortonville.

What was it....a flying saucer, a ship from Mars, or a new invention being tested by our own U.S. Air Force?

All agreed they had definitely not seen such an object before in their lifetime.

Both Scherer and Hewitt said the object was cherry-red beneath and that there was a vapor or smoke emitting from it at times.

Credit: Mark Hall

Ortonville, Minn. INDEPENDENT November 12, 1975

UFO reported over S.D. area

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported over parts of western Minnesota and northeastern South Dakota early Saturday.

Sunday, Nov. 9, 1975 (S.D.)
Huron Daily Plainsman

The Big Stone County sheriffs office at Ortonville, Minn., on the South Dakota border, said the object was spotted at 3:24 a.m. by a deputy, who called another deputy and he saw it.

Lac Qui Parle County deputies also spotted the object and tried to follow it east.

The Big Stone sheriff's office said the UFO had a football shape and was shooting flames, with its colors changing from green to red.

Reports said the object was spotted as far east as Paynesville, as far south as Granite Falls and as far north as Fergus Falls in Minnesota and as far west as Sisseton in South Dakota.

Hovering, Blinking Lights

UFO Seen In Caribou

CR: William Joseph

By PHIL CANNADAY
Associated Press Writer

CARIBOU, Maine (AP) —

The first one to see it was a woman who lives in this northern border community. She quickly called the police to see if they had seen the "light in the sky."

Officer Frank Patame was dispatched in a cruiser, and he soon reported back to headquarters that there definitely was a thing in the sky, hovering and with blinking lights.

Before the night was over Saturday, four police officers from Caribou, one state Civil Defense officer, three Aroostook County deputy sheriffs, on-duty personnel at Limestone Air Force Base and several police officers from the nearby communities of Limestone and Fort Fairfield all reported seeing the unidentified flying object.

The first telephone call from the woman, who never gave her name, was about 2 a.m. Sunday. The last time anyone saw the object was about 5:30 a.m.

No one was able to determine

its shape, size or just how far away it was. No one heard the thing make a sound. Some said they saw blinking red and green lights, and one officer peering through binoculars thought he saw exhaust or smoke.

An unidentified airman at the Strategic Air Command base in Limestone told Caribou police that an unidentified object had appeared briefly on a radar screen, but appeared to be across the border 15 miles away in Canada.

Officer Paul B. Michaud was on the desk at the Caribou police station and took the call from the woman. He looked out the back door of the station house and saw the thing. He continued to check on it off-and-on throughout the night.

"When she first called I thought she was seeing things or looking at the moon," Michaud said. "But when I went out and looked, it was there."

Michaud said the object first appeared low to the ground, but as time went by, it seemed to get higher and higher in the sky.

"There was a real bright light," Michaud said. "It hovered for a long time."

Several weeks ago there were news reports of an unidentified flying object in the same area, he said.

The officers continued to monitor the object throughout the night. So did the woman.

"She called back about a half hour later and wanted to know what we were doing about it," Michaud said. "She called back again. She probably stayed up all night."

The officer said he first thought it might be a helicopter, but finally gave up that idea.

"I'm 28 years old and I never saw anything like it," he said. "I don't believe in flying saucers or anything like that, but I don't know what that was."

CENTRAL MAINE MORNING SENTINEL

(Waterville, Maine)

November 17, 1975

Credit: W. Joseph

UFO Sightings Are Abounding In the Region

Several unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were seen over parts of southeastern, and western Minnesota and northeastern North Dakota, it was reported recently.

The nearest sighting to Rochester was at a farm two miles north of Waltham, which is northwest of Austin. A woman at the farm said she saw an oblong-shaped object which made noise like an airplane that was about to crash. It had no windows or wings, she said, and was shaped like a football with propellers on each side. She said it was about 60 feet long.

A big Stone County deputy sheriff reported at 3:24 a.m. today seeing an object and called another deputy who also said he saw it. Big Stone County is in western Minnesota near the Minnesota-South Dakota border.

The deputies said the object was shaped like a football and was shooting flame. Its color changed from green to red, they said.

Lac Qui Parle County deputies also said they spotted the UFO. The county is south of Big Stone.

Other reports of the sighting came from as far east as Paynesville, as far south as Granite City and as far north as Fergus Falls. Observers in Sisseton, S. D., also reported a similar object.

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November 8, 1975

Faribault, Minnesota DAILY NEWS

November 4, 1975

Credit: Mark Hall

UFO spotted near Medford

By STEPHANIE WOLKIN
Daily News Staff Writer

An object described by eyewitnesses as "flashing red, green and white," "flashing red, white and blue," and "a reddish-orange ball of fire" brightened the skies over Medford Sunday night and has some people believing that UFOs actually exist.

Reports first came to the Medford Police Department about 9:30 p.m. Sunday when, according to the Owatonna People's Press, Mrs. Helen Kay of Medford reported a large red, green and white object hovering over the trees near her home.

"It was quite large," she said. "At first I thought it was a flare. It was terribly bright."

Mrs. Leona Rafdal and her husband Donald were driving home to Medford on Hwy. 3, when they saw the object. According to Mrs. Rafdal, there was a white flash, and then she saw a red light beaming steadily in the sky.

Deputy Eldo Utpadel of the Steele County Sheriff's Office, said the object he saw looked "like a star."

"Of course I had to go see it but I didn't dare go too quickly," Utpadel said. "I was afraid those little green fellows would get us," he added jokingly.

Utpadel said he doesn't believe in UFOs and thinks the object might have been a weather balloon.

A People's Press reporter checked with the U.S. Weather Service in Minneapolis and learned that a weather balloon was released Sunday about 6 p.m. in Huron, S.D., but that the balloon would not have reached the Medford area by 9:30 p.m. The Weather Service also said that weather balloons are not equipped with lights.

Rufus Alexander of the Medford Police Department also saw the object. He said he's seen northern lights (the aurora borealis) and what he saw Sunday night "definitely wasn't northern lights."

The Steele County Sheriff's Office said a girl from Medford called to report the object might have landed in a nearby football field, but a check of the field by deputies failed to turn up any marks on the ground.

Austin, Minnesota HERALD November 8, 1975

2 new UFO sightings draw 'like' description

Reported sightings of unidentified flying objects by two junior high school boys Monday and last Saturday morning may be related to a UFO sighting Monday afternoon by a rural Waltham mother and son.

An eighth grade Southland student, Steven Burke, saw a "silver, 25 to 50 foot long, football shaped" object fly over and observe him for less than half a minute at about 4:15 p.m. Monday while he was plowing a field on his father's farm, five miles southeast of Sargeant.

At approximately the same time Monday Mrs. Judy Williams and her nine-year-old son, Micheal, reported seeing a silver submarine-like, two propellered object fly over the Williams' farm in rural Waltham. Burke said the object flew in the direction of the Williams' farm.

Keven Schwab, a ninth grade Austin student, reported to officials that he spotted a silver bulletlike object race across the Austin skyline at about 11:30 a.m. last Saturday. Schwab was in the 12th Ave. SW area when he saw the low-flying object cross the sky in ten to 15 seconds heading toward northeast Austin.

The Burke and Williams sightings were within a half hour of each other in broad daylight and Mower County Sheriff Carmen Halstenson is convinced they spotted the same object, but he has no explanation as to what the object is.

Mrs. Williams described the UFO as being approximately 60 feet long and having propellers at both ends. Burke didn't notice any propellers but saw two small wings on the vehicle, something Mrs. Williams did not observe.

"I'm sure they saw the same thing, judging from the way they described the object. They were only eight miles apart and they saw it at about the same time," Halstenson said. The sheriff said the Schwab sighting was similar to what Burke and the two Williams' saw and he believes it may be related.

Both Burke and Mrs. Williams said they were not scared by the object although they had never seen anything like it before.

"I thought it was a funny kind of an airplane," said Burke, who told his parents about the incident but didn't report it to officials until after reading about the Williams' sighting.

Maine's UFO Sighters Skeptical

By LLOYD FERRISS

It was 2 a.m. of Nov. 16 when Caribou policemen Frank Patame and Gerald Michaud spotted from their cruiser window an unusually bright light hovering nearly motionless in the clear night sky.

Patame, a 28-year-old Air Force veteran who was driving west of Fort Fairfield at the time of the sighting, didn't know what to make of the light.

"Listen," he says, "it wasn't like the spotlight of a helicopter and it was brighter than the typical air craft landing light. It glittered and hovered and seemed to have a kind of rocking motion to it."

By dawn Sunday, the unidentified flying object had been reported by four police officers from Caribou, three Aroostook County deputy sheriffs, one state Civil Defense officer, police officers from neighboring communities and on-duty personnel at Loring Air Force Base.

While the light over Caribou provoked speculation at the time, it is just one of at least four UFO sightings made during the past four weeks by dozens of Maine residents.

Late last month, for example, there were reports of an unidentified helicopter over Loring Air Force Base. Two weeks later a cylindrical object was sighted over Rangeley Lake. On Nov. 18 — the night of the moon eclipse — dozens of residents in Farmington and near-by Oxford County swear they saw erratically moving bright lights over the area. Then last week nine persons reported a plane crash near the Maine Turnpike, though a search turned up no such crash.

Some of the incidents, like the alleged plane crash and bright light over Caribou, are given easy explanation by authorities.

The Nov. 16 light over Caribou, says a lieutenant at Loring Air Force Base, was just a planet or star. The supposed plane crash last Monday night near the Gray interchange was, according to the Federal Aviation Administration, probably a plane landing in a snowstorm at the Lewiston-Auburn Airport.

But residents who claim to have observed the various phenomena don't all accept these explanations or dismiss their UFO sightings as imagination.

Oddly perhaps, the UFO sightings this past month appear to have been made by reliable people — like 28-year-old George Yeaton Jr. of Farmington.

Yeaton, who is a father of four and Civil Defense director for his town, makes his living transporting newspapers on a late-night run between Farmington and Rangeley. He says he saw a UFO hovering soundlessly over Rangeley Lake last Nov. 5 about 4:30 a.m.

"It was an absolutely clear night," he says, "when I saw this thing which had green and red and orange lights and a convex bottom. It was less than a mile from me hovering over an island in the lake and I know it didn't make a sound because I rolled down the window of my car."

"But the thing that scared the hell out of me," continues Yeaton, "was when a bright light came from under the object and fully lit up the island in the lake for about 15 seconds. When that happened my car radio went completely dead and didn't come back on until the beam went out."

Yeaton, who was driving alone at the time, says the object "zipped off at an unbelievable speed" shortly after the light beam went out.

Trying to verify Yeaton's story or other UFO sightings becomes a nearly impossible task.

Police departments merely enter UFO sightings with other reports in their log. Some sources say military bases gather

UFO data, but if they do they're not sharing it with the press.

A spokesman for operations at Brunswick Naval Air Station refused, for example, to discuss reports of UFO sightings and referred inquiries to the station's public information office. That office doesn't know anything about UFOs.

But now and then multiple sightings in one area lend at least some documentation to a UFO experience. Such was the case in Farmington Nov. 18.

On that eclipse night about 50 people contacted police and sheriff deputies in Jay, Wilton, Farmington and as far south as Buckfield. What they described was between one and three multi-color objects that made erratic, angular movements in the evening sky.

Christine LaBelle of Farmington noticed two blueish green lights "that just didn't behave like a plane." In the same town Mrs. Barbara Yeaton (no relation to George Yeaton) watched with several friends as three objects moved through the sky. A long-time reporter for the Franklin Journal, she described one of them.

"It looked," she says, "much bigger than

a star and very bright. It was sort of an orange color and it definitely wasn't an airplane. It moved because I watched it through the limbs of the tree outside my house and each time I looked it was between some different limbs... at one time I could see three of these things at the same time."

Meanwhile in Buckfield, a deputy with the Oxford County Sheriff's Department noticed three objects in the sky as he was driving rural Route 140 between Buckfield and East Sumner. Asking to remain anonymous, he says his sighting took place about 8 p.m.

"At first I saw what I thought was a low plane with a landing light," he says. "But when I stopped the car I couldn't hear any jet engine or props. Then as I watched another object appeared with a reddish green luster and it followed the pattern of the first object. Then a third appeared and all three of them sort of hung together in the sky. At one point one of them did a 360 degree turn."

"I spent four years in the Air Force and I did time in Vietnam," continues the deputy, "and I've seen every conceivable

aircraft you can think of. Nowhere have I ever seen an aircraft do what those things were doing."

At the Franklin County Sheriff's office in Farmington, Deputy Edward Gipson says the sightings Nov. 18 were due to a low-flying patrol plane out of Brunswick Naval Air Station. But observers who claim to have seen the three moving objects say it isn't so.

One believer in UFOs, Mrs. Shirley Fickett of Portland, says the past month has seen some unusual celestial activity over Maine. She is state director of the East Coast Headquarters, International UFO Bureau.

"We've been having a UFO flap," she says. "That is a point in time when UFOs are seen in a wide area by many reliable people."

"Of course," she adds, "we don't know what a UFO is. Some sightings are due to misidentification of stars or can be explained in other ways. But the observations of many reliable people are often real. They may be paranormal — or real nuts and bolts terrestrial beings coming to this planet."

Portland (Maine) Sunday TELEGRAM
November 30, 1975
Credit: William Joseph

UFO SIGHTING? — Two Vacaville teenagers have told sheriff's deputies they saw three "aircraft-sized oval objects" in the early evening of Saturday, Nov. 1, near the sewage treatment plant between Mills Lane and Leisure Town Road northeast of Vacaville.

The deputies said there was no reason to believe the story was a hoax, but could find no physical evidence to back up the sighting.

The boys were watching separately from their homes in the rural area. One was riding his motorcycle on Mills Lane when he saw a "large glowing light" coming through the trees near the plant, according to the report. He saw the oval object of shiny gray metal with four orange searchlights on the side and a red beacon on the bottom rise from the ground and hover noiselessly above the trees.

He said it was joined by two similar UFOs which hovered about 200 feet above the ground and made quick, darting movements before departing after three or four minutes. They ascended almost straight up at high speed until they suddenly disappeared.

Vallejo, California TIMES-HERALD
November 12, 1975

Roseburg, Oregon NEWS REVIEW
November 14, 1975

216 UFOs Reported

Two reports of unidentified flying objects were called into the Douglas County sheriff's office Thursday at about 8:10 p.m.

Kevin Fherma, 1970 San Souci Road, west of Roseburg off the Melrose Road, said he saw a white and blue narrow-pointed object that went over the mountain from San Souci.

Clarence Berg called from the Tom Thumb Warehouse, which he operates north of Roseburg, saying he saw a bluish-green big fire ball coming from the Sutherlin area in an arch and appearing to go down near Ford's Pond west of Sutherlin.

Flash seen in night sky

A bright flash of light, believed to be caused by a meteorite burning out as it entered the earth's atmosphere, was spotted in skies east of Spokane about 9 p.m. Saturday night.

"It appeared to us to be a meteorite or a large piece of space junk," an air traffic controller at Spokane International Airport said.

A sheriff's deputy driving east of town reported the flash appeared to be in the Liberty Lake area, but the air traffic controller said it was much farther east.

"A United Airlines pilot flying over Orofino, Idaho, reported seeing it in that area," he said.

There was no indication the flash was caused by a plane crashing and the object apparently burned out before hitting the ground, the controller said.

Spokane, Wa. SPOKESMAN REVIEW
November 30, 1975

Pilot reports missiles near airliner

Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is investigating a report by an Eastern Airlines pilot that he saw four missiles shoot by close to his DC9 passenger jet Wednesday afternoon as it was flying south of Richmond, Va., toward Washington's National Airport.

Raymond G. Belanger, chief of the FAA's air traffic service, said yesterday, "The pilot said he saw some missiles a couple of thousand feet over him." Other sources said that the co-pilot had seen the same thing.

The Eastern pilot, identified by a source as Capt. C. S. Wilson of Hollywood, Fla., radioed the regional air traffic control center at Leesburg, Va., about 4:10 p.m. Wednesday to report the incident.

Source: Detroit (Michigan) NEWS

A DC9 is a twin-engine jetliner that could carry about 100 passengers.

The flight involved was Eastern 852 from West Palm Beach, Fla., to Washington. The plane was descending from an altitude of 24,000 feet as a part of its approach to National when the pilot saw the missiles.

Angelo Viselli, the chief of the Washington air traffic control center at Leesburg, confirmed that computer and sound tapes of air traffic activity were being examined.

FAA officials said that military missile firing is restricted to areas over the ocean and is specifically prohibited in regular commercial air corridors. Blocks of air space occasionally are reserved for military maneuvers in land areas but missile firing is not permitted.

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"We'll have to piece this together; get a precise fix on where the pilot was when he made the report before we go to the military," Belanger said. He said the air traffic controller at Leesburg reported only one military plane in the vicinity at the time of the incident, and that that plane did not have a missile-firing capability.

"We don't know whether we're talking about ground-to-air, air-to-air, Army, Navy, Air Force or Marines," Belanger said.

According to informed sources, the Eastern pilot told Leesburg that four "missiles or rockets" crossed his flight path from east to west and that he had not taken "evasive action."

A check with military commands in the area of the reported incident failed to indicate where the missiles could have come from.

FAA probes report pilots saw missiles

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Aviation Administration is investigating a report by two airline pilots that they saw missiles near their passenger jet as it flew south of Richmond, Va., an FAA official said yesterday.

Raymond Belanger, chief of the FAA's air traffic service, said an Eastern Airlines pilot reported seeing some missiles 2,000 feet above his DC9 plane Wednesday. The copilot reportedly also saw them.

Angelo Viselli, chief of the air traffic control center at Leesburg, Va., said computer and sound tapes of air traffic activity were being examined.

The flight was Eastern 852, from West Palm Beach, Fla., to Washington. The plane was descending from an altitude of 24,000 feet toward an assigned altitude of 15,000 feet as part of its approach to National.

FAA officials said military missile firing is restricted to areas over the ocean and is prohibited in regular commercial air corridors.

A check with military commands in the area of the reported incident failed to indicate where a missile could have come from.

Minneapolis (Minn.) STAR
November 21, 1975

Pilot Saw No Missile, Agencies Say

Associated Press

The Defense Department and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration denied yesterday that any missiles had been fired in an area where an Eastern Airlines pilot reported seeing two missiles pass his plane Wednesday.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration also said his agency had found no evidence of missile firings and said there was a possibility the reported missiles were flaming meteorites. The spokesman noted that meteorite showers are common in the area this time of year.

THE EASTERN pilot, identified as Capt. C. S. Wilson of Hollywood, Fla., told the FAA he saw two apparent missiles pass near his plane while it was flying about 60 miles south of Richmond, Va., Wednesday. The sighting occurred about 4:15 p.m. The copilot also reportedly saw the missiles.

The Eastern plane was on a flight from West Palm Beach, Fla., to Washington. It was descending from 24,000 feet to 15,000 feet in preparation for a landing at National Airport.

There are several military bases in the area south of Richmond, and missile-carrying jets often fly in the restricted military airspace near the commercial airways. Those military planes in the past have sometimes strayed out of their restricted zone and into commercial airways.

THERE ALSO is a NASA base in the area that often launches missiles for atmospheric research.

A Defense Department spokesman said an exhaustive search of all military branches had found that no missile-carrying planes were in the area of the reported sighting on Wednesday afternoon. The spokesman also said no land-based missiles had been fired.

A NASA spokesman said missiles were fired Wednesday but no launches were made anywhere near the time of the reported sighting.

The Defense Department spokesman said his department was continuing to look into the reported sighting.

The Washington STAR
November 22, 1975
Credit: Mark Hall

'Blinding ball of fire' startles Californians

A "blinding ball of fire" in the air startled residents over a wide area of Northern California early today.

Most official observers thought it was a meteor blazing a trail as it entered the earth's atmosphere and disintegrated.

But many others thought it was a big airplane, exploding and going down in flames.

In several areas, including San Francisco and Plumas County, search parties went out hunting for wreckage.

No trace of whatever it was had been found by dawn.

The spectacle was first reported at 4:28 a.m. by the crew of a Park Police Station radio car, on patrol at Geary Boulevard and Divisadero Street.

The officers reported "a ball

On a back road near Quincy in Plumas County, Deputy Sheriff Dennis Forcino saw "a large white object traveling at a real high rate of speed."

It appeared to explode and come down in a shower of flaming fragments on Mt. Hough, he reported. Forcino and Ranger Lee Reis of the Plumas National Forest set out to search the area but did not immediately find anything.

San Francisco, Calif.
EXAMINER
November 18, 1975

White Salmon, Wash. ENTERPRISE
November 6, 1975

A UFO sighting in the Snowden area this past week and the people include a student and a law officer.

The sighting was somewhat played down - the officer didn't want to be quoted or given any publicity.

We did learn that the object was followed and looked at for 20 minutes. It glowed red in the center, had bluish outside lights or portholes. It moved along slowly, lowered to the ground once, then rose up and rapidly disappeared.

This reminds of another story, it-by Rex Brooks about 5 years ago when he was at Mosquito Lake, saw a UFO come in over the guard station there, then rapidly disappear between two of the surrounding mountains.

Skeptics, Believers In Susanville After UFO Sightings

Sacramento, California BEE December 6, 1975

By WALT WILEY
Bee Staff Writer

SUSANVILLE — Not everyone in this isolated lumber community believes those lights in the sky are visitors from outer space.

In fact, there are many who believe nothing has happened at all in the cold, clear night air over the Honey Lake Valley and Skedaddle Mountain where the pines of the Sierra give way to the sagebrush of the Great Basin.

But there is a sizable number convinced something has been happening — unidentified objects flying around at night — and they are hard-pressed to give an explanation that will cover all the reports.

And if it is probably impossible to find anyone here who — if he has not seen one of the strange sights himself — does not at least know a neighbor or acquaintance who has been a witness.

It all started early last month when two Napa hunters reported they were chased from their camp on Skedaddle Mountain by a mysterious object that glowed with a dazzling light.

Nearly two weeks later, a young man with a camera took a photograph of something eerie hovering off toward Skedaddle.

That same night, the switchboard at the Lassen County Sheriff's Office was choked with callers who said they had seen something too.

At the local radio station, 65 calls were logged.

On subsequent nights, more calls were logged by the sheriff's office from witnesses to something strange in the air over Susanville and Skedaddle Mountain.

"There's no doubt in my mind they saw something; there was something there to see," said Sheriff's Sgt. John Villalovos.

"The question is: what did they see? I guess that's what UFO means. Unidentified flying object — unidentified."

Villalovos interviewed the two Napa hunters early on the morning of Nov. 6 after they had fled from their camp on Skedaddle Mountain. He said he found them genuinely frightened.

"They told me that something woke them up — an orange light — they thought it was a fire, like their campfire had gotten away.

"Then they looked up to see this saucer-shaped object, glowing, with blue and green light coming from it, flashing. One of them told me it had an antenna off to one side.

"They jumped in their pickup and it came after them. They drove out of there with it chasing them. They said it followed them all the way to Lichfield (a community about halfway between the mountain and Susanville)."

Villalovos said he and another deputy could not talk the frightened pair into returning with them to the area where they had seen the object, so he and the other deputy in-

vestigated alone.

"All we could find was a light in the sky, not moving, way off in the east. It was bigger than the brightest star I've ever seen, and it pulsed and changed shapes and showed red and green colors.

"I went back four days later and there it was. It popped up over the horizon about 3 in the morning."

What Villalovos saw and what the two Napa hunters saw do not sound like the same thing.

"I don't know what to think," said Villalovos. "Those guys saw something that scared them bad. I can't see how anything I saw could scare anyone like that."

Few sightings of the mysterious object were reported on the nights that followed until Nov. 18, when something happened that has everyone puzzled.

That was the night high school student Dave Robb took a photograph, and also the night when the telephone calls poured into the sheriff's office and the radio station.

Prints from Robb's negative show a white circle in the sky, surrounded by a black circle, with a white circle outside that.

But the image is indistinct, and professional photographers have said that what looks like something hovering in the sky could have been caused by a mishap in film development.

Robb, 16, is a student at Lassen

Union High School, and his photography teacher there, Dale Snook, is convinced the youth's photo does show something in the sky — a UFO.

"Dave and Niel Stewart came in here all excited the next morning. Before they developed the film they told me what they had seen and just how it had been lined up with the telephone pole in the picture," said Snook.

"The picture turned out just like they had described the scene to me. In fact, when they first put the negative in the enlarger they had it in backwards, and Niel caught it. He pointed out the thing was on the wrong side of the telephone pole."

Snook said he has talked with more than 200 people who saw what the boys saw that night.

"I want to debunk this. I just wish there were some other way to explain it — say it's a star or a planet or an airplane. But I can't.

"I went with the boys the next night out around Skedaddle Mountain, and we saw this strange light shoot up into the air, then down into a canyon out of sight.

"I don't know what it was; it wasn't an airplane, or a helicopter, or anything I can account for.

"I wish I could say it's something else, but all I can come up with is that it's something extraterrestrial.

"It's not of this earth. It can't be." Shortly after the youths took the

photograph, Robb was interviewed by Ed Moore, a reporter for Susanville's twice-weekly paper, the Advocate.

"I was skeptical. I am skeptical. I don't know what to think about that picture," said Moore.

"But I'll tell you this, too! That same week I was looking out my window — out across the valley — and I saw this light, mostly blue but occasionally showing red or green, just above the horizon.

"It didn't seem to be moving, but I looked out at it several times and it changed position. At different times it was on different sides of a pole out in front of the house."

At the same time these sightings were taking place, William P. Jeter was observing something from the patio of his house at Janesville, southeast of Susanville on the edge of the Honey Lake Valley.

"You can still see it on clear nights; it comes up like a star right behind Skedaddle Mountain over there. But it's bigger and brighter than any star you've ever seen.

"Maybe a tenth as big as the moon. It glows white, then shows red for a while."

Skedaddle Mountain figures in many of the reports. It is actually a range of low mountains to the east of Honey Lake.

Interestingly, at the foot of Skedaddle Mountain is the Sierra Army Depot, an arsenal with a large airstrip.

Snook said when he was trying to track down whatever it was the two students saw that night, they went up in an airplane piloted by a fellow teacher.

Normally there is no radar operating in the Susanville area. However, when they took off in the plane a device aboard that detects radar signals to let pilots know they are in a radar-controlled area switched on, indicating someone was watching them on radar.

But if any of the mysterious sightings have anything to do with the Army Depot, or if the Army has been using radar at night, no one at the depot will talk about it.

Martin Peterson, astronomy instructor at Lassen College, said he cannot come up with any star or planet in the heavens that could explain the sightings.

"I haven't seen a thing myself, and another instructor and I went out with one of our 3½-inch telescopes trying to find something up there that didn't belong," said Peterson.

"Some of these people might have been seeing Mars or Jupiter, judging by when and where they've said they've seen something.

"But that won't explain something so bright it scares two grown men into breaking camp in the middle of the night and racing into town.

"And it sure won't explain whatever that is in the photograph that high school kid made."

denies he
saw UFOs

Cernan

KINGSVILLE — Astro-

naut Eugene Cernan Tuesday denied stories that he or other U.S. astronauts have seen unidentified flying objects in outer space, but he refused to discredit all the reported sightings of UFOs.

"There has never been anyone flying wing for us on our way to the moon," he said jokingly to his audience of naval aviators at Kingsville Naval Air Station. But he also pointed out that some of those who have told of UFO sightings have been "highly credible observers, even though some of the stories have been unbelievable."

Then, without saying whether he believed in the existence of UFOs, Cernan did admit to a belief that there might be "life elsewhere, perhaps other civilizations in the universe."

The U.S. astronaut, who as a member of the Gemini 9 crew became the first American to walk in space, said these notions began to form when he first viewed "the beauty of the earth from one-quarter of a million miles away."

"From that distance, it (the earth) is unbelievably logical in purpose and with a beauty that is impossible to describe."

"It is too beautiful and too perfect to have happened by accident, and, thus acknowledging a higher wisdom, why should I be so egotistical to believe that ours is the only intelligent life in the universe."

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Beckley, W. Va.
UFO Sighted

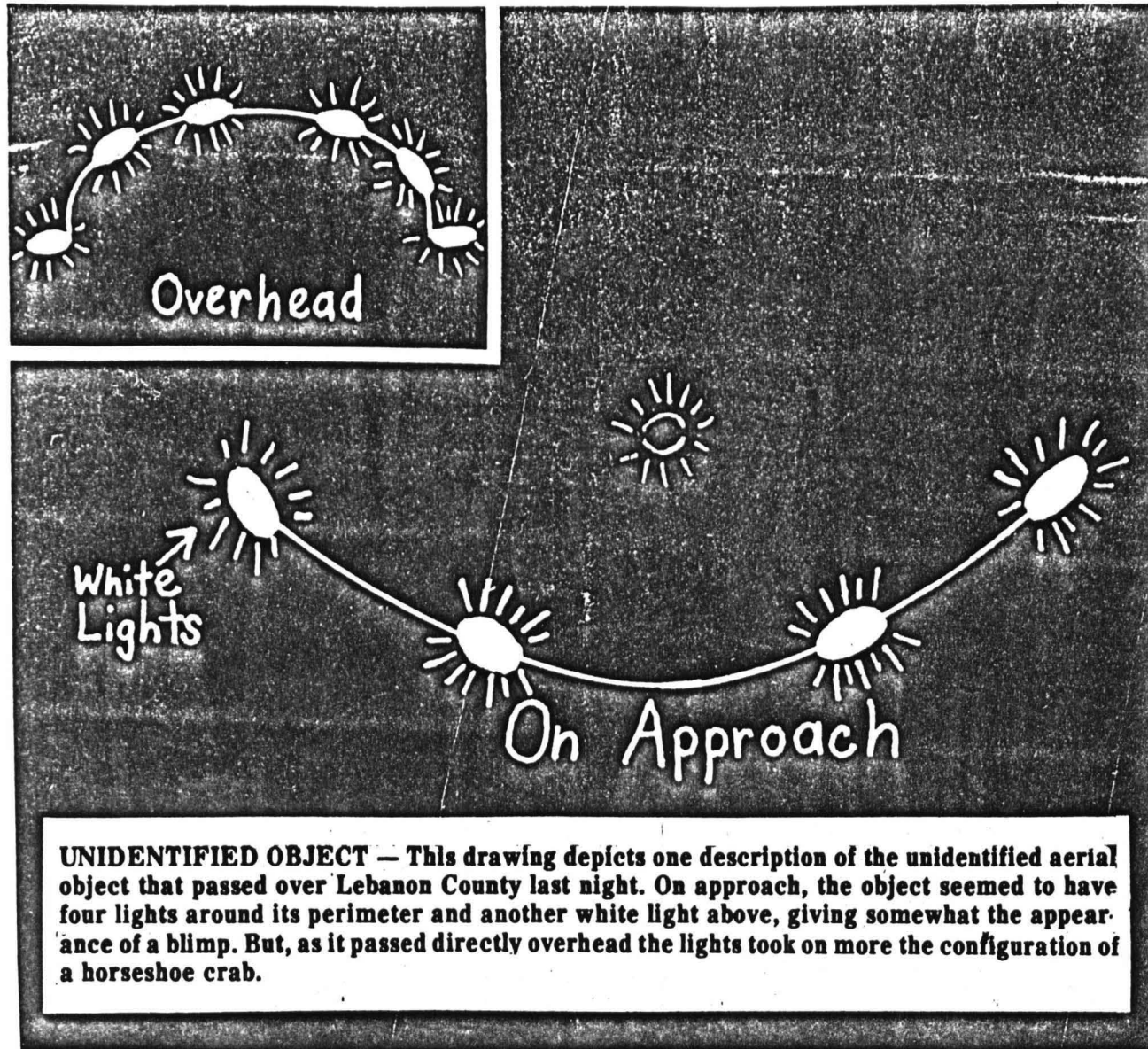
A round unidentified flying object with various colored lights was reportedly seen by seven teenagers at Arnett around 7:15 p.m. Monday.

The spotters of the UFO said the object was flying too fast to be an airplane and was headed towards the Beckley area when seen.

A spokesman at the National Weather Service station at the Raleigh County Memorial Airport, where most sightings of UFOs are reported, said he received no calls concerning the UFO.

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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS
(CALLER)
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Mystery Aircraft Spurs Speculation About UFOs



Whatever else it may have been, it wasn't one of the Goodyear blimps.

But a mysterious, possibly blimp-shaped aircraft was seen over Lebanon County last night between 9:30 and 10, according to numerous reports received by the Daily News.

Because of suspicions aroused by several of the descriptions, the Daily News called the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Akron, Ohio, this morning to see if any of their blimps might have been in this area at the time of the sightings.

"None of our blimps were in your area last night," was the answer from Tom Reilly, public relations officer for Goodyear's blimp division.

Reilly said the Mayflower, which normally flies in this area during the summer, was in Alabama; the America has been in Elkhart, Ind., for the last four days, and the third blimp is permanently based in California.

Although many area residents observed the Unidenti-

fied Aerial Phenomenon, the control tower at the Harrisburg International Airport had no information on dirigibles or helicopters in this area at the time in question and the airport's radar, which ranges to distances of 50 miles (but more frequently 30) failed to detect anything unknown.

This writer was among those who observed the object and agrees that the lights around its perimeter did resemble the configuration of a blimp when first sighted at approximately 9:40 p.m. approaching North Lebanon Township from the direction of Fredericksburg. However, as the object passed directly overhead, the lights depicted more the shape of a horseshoe crab.

A Jonestown resident, Barry Batz, reported that he and a number of unidentified friends spotted what he described as similar to a blimp; the object was also called "oblong."

Batz noted that at the time he viewed the UFO (about 10 p.m.) it was "very dark," with no lights visible anywhere.

He also said that the device had a kind of cage or bubble near the top. The UFO was said to have been nearly motionless at an approximate altitude of 75 to 100 yards.

The object was also seen from the vicinity of the Lebanon Plaza shopping center at about the same time.

Bill Sutcliffe of Mt. Gretna also told of having seen the object.

He reported that he saw the object while traveling along Route 117 in Mt. Gretna, and noted that it appeared to have three white lights close together along the base or underside, and a single, brighter light (also white) higher up on the structure.

This generally agrees with my own description, though I would opt for possibly four white lights along the perimeter in addition to the top light.

The UFO spotted by Sutcliffe was also in the vicinity of the Plaza, sometime between 9:30 and 10 p.m.

Sutcliffe said that it was

"pretty damn high if I could see it from here (Gretna)." He pointed out that at first he thought the lights on the structure were stars, but realized differently after a second look.

Another Mt. Gretna resident who declined to be identified said he noted the UFO from Gretna as he looked toward Lebanon. He said he at first thought it was stars from the constellation Orion.

He described what he saw as three lights in a row with a bright light above them. "It was not moving, just sitting there," he said.

The Daily News also received several unconfirmed reports that a blimp-like object was sighted over Boscov's department store. In each case, the descriptions varied to a degree.

No Explanation

A spokesman at the control tower of Harrisburg International Airport told the Daily News that the Lebanon County

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Mystery Aircraft Seen Here

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Civil Defense communications center had called about an unidentified aircraft, but the tower had no information on the conventional aircraft in the area at the time to explain the sighting.

He said the airport's radar failed to detect anything unknown in the vicinity at the time of the sightings. However, he pointed out that if the object was extremely low, or motionless in the air, the lower radar would have failed to register the aerial unknown.

He cited an example by way of a hovering helicopter, which he said "would be immediately cancelled out" by radar instrumentation. The spokesman further indicated that their mode of radar is designed specifically for tracking moving targets.

The radar also tracks well above the reported altitude of the UFO, often at an altitude of between 3,000 and 5,000 feet.

A spokesman at the Helicopter Support Facility, Muroc Field, Ft. Irwin, also reported this morning that there were no aviation activities last night from that facility that would explain the mystery.

Several skeptics last night attempted to explain away the phenomenon as a "covey of jets flying in formation." But, the slow speeds and low altitude reported for the object as well as the reports from Indianatown Gap and Harrisburg International Airport would appear to rule out that possibility.

For now, your guess is as good as ours.

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October 24, 1975

Dolores STAR
Colorado
October 3, 1975

UFO sighted near town

On Friday, Sept. 19, about 10:30 p.m., an Unidentified Flying Object was sighted landed on a road west of the Mrs. Lavana Milmoan residence. The object was seen by one reliable young man who later returned with a friend to study the tracks of the object which were clearly visible in the dust of the dirt road.

Stationary in the middle of a dirt road when sighted, it had two lights in front like a car's headlights with four red lights in a square pattern on its top. It stood about 8 to 10 feet off of the ground. When the UFO took off, it went straight up and then off in a westerly direction. The UFO was also seen by a couple from Dolores.

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When the two young men, Robin Milhoan and Jim Dietz, returned to the scene about midnight Friday, they saw tracks where it had landed, standing on three legs. Each print was about 3 3/4 inches in diameter with a round circle in the center about 3/4 inch in diameter. They later that night watched movement of the object through a telescope.

Each track was about one inch deep in the dust of the road. The three "legs" of the object were arranged in a triangular pattern with the base of the triangle 14 feet long and the sides of the triangle reaching 20 feet in length.

Strange lights are still a mystery

As of this Wednesday morning strange lights in the sky over Niobrara still remain a mystery. Sheriff Harold Rogers refused to comment, and Undersheriff Gene Bryson said he had "no idea what the light was from," but that he had looked through field glasses at a strange light about 16 miles northwest of Lusk last Thursday night.

Due to skepticism involving the lights many area residents are reluctant or refuse to report sightings. Unconfirmed reports are that strange blue lights were sighted in the Hat Creek area over a week ago.

Vicki Hoblit reported that she saw a strange light in the sky as she was leaving the ranch of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hytrek last Thursday evening. Sightings have also been reported in Albany and Weston counties.

Bryson said that authorities are almost certain that the colored lights seen on "L" Hill Friday night were from kids playing with colored lights.

Lusk, Wyoming HERALD
October 23, 1975

UFO's sighted in area last Thursday evening

(Editor's Note: Last Thursday evening, October 23, a member of the DISPATCH staff was informed of the following incident. Earlier in the day, the editor was in Tacoma interviewing Major Wayne Aho, head of Eatonville's New Age Foundation, for a feature story. The two stories are not related.)

"It was the strangest thing I've ever seen, it made no noise, my car wouldn't steer, my two girls and I were very scared." Those were the opening words of Mrs. Janis (Henley) Ahrendsen, sister of Hydroplane Champion Driver George Henley.

Last Thursday evening, at 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Ahrendsen was driving west on 160th Street between Meridian and Canyon Road. She and her two daughters, Sandy and Michaela, had just left the home of her brother-in-law, Denny Morris.

"I noticed some unusual looking lights in the sky to my left (south). I slowed down and noticed that the lights were in the shape of a horseshoe. The lights were alternating red and bluish-green with a big red light at the opening," said Janis.

"It was moving very strangely. It would stop and then move very fast toward me (north), then it would stop. All of a sudden it was right over our car. The girls opened the window and looked up and said, 'It's on top Mommy.' The car was then acting funny, like it was missing and had a flat tire. It was about as high as a plane landing at the airbase and made no noise."

When she got home, Mrs. Ahrendsen called her brother-in-law, Denny Morris and told him what she had just seen.

Morris' response was to laugh but agreed to drive out and look for himself. When he arrived, he noticed many cars pulled off the road and people looking up at the strange object.

This reporter's first question, for the record, of Mrs. Ahrendsen was: "Did you at anytime of the day drink anything stronger than soda pop?"

She replied that she does not even drink and neither do her daughters.

The next day, it was apparent that many persons had seen the "object" but only an unknown person from the American Lake area had called authorities.

It took many long distant phone calls to make this discovery.

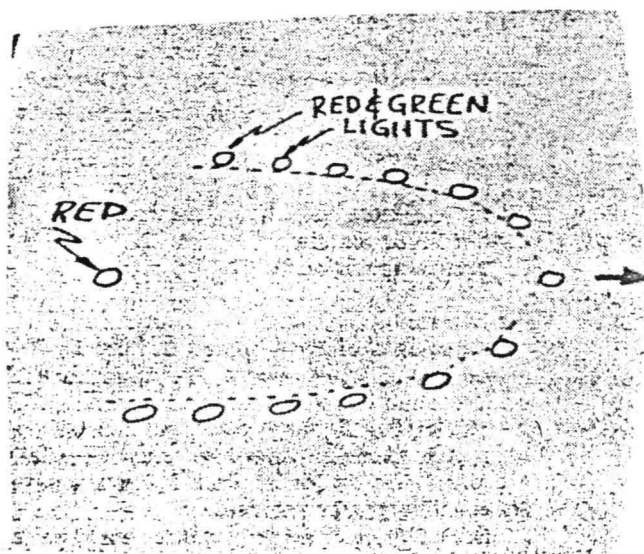
At lunch, however, this reporter discussed the story with several people. Don Cook, Operations Director at Northwest Trek, said that he and another Trek employee, Dawn Clay, had seen the same thing the previous night. He said he was reluctant to say anything about it for fear that people would think he was making it up.

The Washington State Civil Defense Office in Olympia confirmed the call from the American Lake area about a UFO sighting the night before.

Former DISPATCH owner, Floyd Larkin Jr., who has a good view of such things from his new hill-top home, said he often sees "flares" from Fort Lewis which some people might think were UFO's.

Mrs. Ahrendsen, however, said what she saw last Thursday night was definitely not a flare.

Eatonville, Wash.
DISPATCH
October 30, 1975



They looked like this

Hovering UFO spotted in the Waltham area

A silver submarine-like two propellered flying object was reportedly spotted Monday by a rural Waltham farm woman and her nine-year-old son.

Mrs. Judy Williams, who lives two miles south of Waltham on Hwy. 56, reported Tuesday afternoon to Mower County Sheriff Carmen Halstenson that she and her son, Michael, saw the large, windowless object hover over her house and barn for 20 seconds to a minute at about 4:15 p.m. Monday.

According to Halstenson, the mother and son saw the object, which was described as making a noise similar to an airplane and as being as long as a house, descend from the sky and hover over the yard. The noise stopped while the object was over the farm and left the area within a minute, while the two Williams were in the house.

The sheriff said he will inform the Civil Aeronautics Board of the incident. Mrs. Williams could not be reached for comment by press time.

Austin (Minn.) HERALD
November 5, 1975

City woman says she sighted UFO Tuesday

The Sheppton man who reported sighting a strange object in the sky Wednesday evening has received two indications of support from persons who said they too had observed a phenomenon of remarkable similarity.

Frank Ziolk of Sheppton said he was frightened by an object that seemed to follow his car as he drove from Brandonville to his home at about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

He described a craft "like a box" that emitted a light so bright he was unable to see and had to pull off to the side of the road.

When he finally reached home he said the craft lowered to tree-top level and disappeared into the night.

"Even my own family won't believe me," Ziolk said, "but I saw what I saw."

A resident of the northeast section of Hazleton said she saw an object in the sky Tuesday evening while out in her yard viewing the eclipse of the moon.

"All of a sudden," she said, "this thing—it looked like a huge truck—was coming down right over the trees."

By the time she called her husband the object passed out of sight behind the trees and coal banks.

She said the object had one or two lights that were "terrific—so bright!"

The woman asked not to be identified but said in reference to Ziolk, "I read about him in today's newspaper and my first thought was to call the man and tell him I saw it too."

The other gesture of support came from a man who described himself as 72 years old and a salesman who frequently travels the Interstate highway between Williamsport and Hazleton.

He reported seeing a similar object while traveling on I-80 near Tank, some three miles west of exit 39.

The sighting was two years ago, but the gentleman said he remembers it as if it happened yesterday.

"I drove around a curve and there it was—just standing there in the air," he said. "It was box-shaped with windows and light coming through them. Lights were also shining from the outside of the craft."

When asked how large the object was, the man estimated it was 200 feet long by 75 feet wide.

"You tell that man for me that he was right," he said. "I saw the same thing."

Hazleton, Penna.
(Standard-Speaker)
Nov. 21, 1975

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THE STANDARD SPEAKER
Hazleton, Pa. AD-23,000

Area woman sights UFO

Mrs. Hazel Lauer, Weatherly RD1, has joined a number of area residents who sighted a strange object in the sky this past week.

Mrs. Lauer reported that while she was traveling on the road from Hudsonale to Gintners Tuesday night, she observed a very bright light, which had a greenish effect, fall and stop in the sky three times, before coming down in a wooded area in the vicinity of St. Matthews Church, Packer Township.

Frank Ziolk of Sheppton was the first area person to report the strange sighting. Ziolk said he was frightened by an object that seemed to follow his car as he drove from Brandonville to his home at about 6:30 p.m. Wednesday.

A city woman, who asked not to be identified, also saw an object in the sky Tuesday evening while out in her yard viewing the eclipse of the moon.

Another report from persons in Oneida said other people in that village reported seeing the strange, bright object.

TEXAS
HOUSTON CHRONICLE November 9, 1975

Kansans Convinced UFO Was Landing on Them

Garden City, Kan. (UPI) — Residents in this southwest Kansas community were convinced Saturday an unidentified flying object described as a white ball surrounded by colored blinking lights was going to land on them.

Authorities determined the white ball traveling east was the planet Jupiter and the blinking lights were some of Jupiter's larger moons.

Credit: MARK HALL

Sightings Of UFOs Reported In Wayne

UFO sightings in the Goldsboro and Mount Olive areas and at least three other counties have been reported recently, according to UFO researcher Frank Harrison of Mount Olive.

Harrison noted that a 26-month cycle in which the highest number of UFO sightings should be reported will reach its peak in December. He said the last big flurry

of sightings came last spring when some of the most vivid accounts to date were given in a seven-county area.

A UFO sighting on U.S. 117 south near Faison was reported to Harrison by Harold Herring, the Development Officer at Mount Olive College, and Tom Deaton, a retired Air Force Sgt. and now a Tuscarora scout

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official.

The two, traveling home from a scout function, reported sighting a big white, bright light about the size of the moon moving slowly to the south of their car about 200 yards off the ground.

They said they stopped their car and got out for a better look, during which time it became stationary, then moved off slowly and disappeared.

They said as they drove through Faison the object moved to within 50 yards from the ground and 100 yards from the highway. Deaton said it was definitely not an airplane as far as he was concerned.

Two neighbors in a trailer park on U.S. 70 west of Goldsboro this week reported a strange sighting which one of them said "gave me the willies."

Brantley Watkins said he observed an object through his bedroom window which he first thought to be a twinkling star. He said the object then started moving from left to right, then upward during a period of about 10 to 15 minutes.

It then began to change colors, including red, bluish green and white.

Watkins said, "To make sure I wasn't seeing things, I called my neighbor, Steve Pollard. We went outside and observed it for some time, and then I finally went to bed."

Watkins said he could tell the object was not the Evening Star because it was to his right. He said the object was about the size of a baseball while he observed it.

Pollard said he went back out to observe the object around midnight and the object had become as large as a basketball and he could discern lights rotating around it. He said the top half of the ball-shaped object was blue and the bottom half was red and there was an orange light on top of it.

He said when he went to bed the object appeared to be at treetop level. That sighting was on Monday.

Four persons reported seeing unidentified lights hovering in the Sleepy Creek area Tuesday

night. Mrs. Alvira Smith, Mrs. Gloria Price and Mrs. Price's sons, Charles and John, saw the lights while driving toward their home.

Later, they stood on a pier in front of their home and observed the lights for several minutes. They said the lights were yellowish in color, hovered and moved vertically as well as horizontally.

They heard no sound.

The incident was reported to the Air Force and to the Sheriff's Department. Deputies theorized that it could have been helicopters delivering components of a feed mill to a nearby farm. This proved not to be the case.

A ministerial student at Mount Olive College, Charles Hardison, reported a sighting at Oriental, along with two other young men.

They reported seeing a brilliant white light, much larger than the stars, which alternately got bright and dim and swung from side to side like a pendulum. They said as they got out of their car the object came almost overhead but they never heard any sound.

They said the object occasionally bobbed up and down while swinging from side to side.

Harrison said two women in Sampson County reported sighting an object that was bright orange with points on it. They said it stopped and then took off again when they tried to get closer to it. That sighting was on Nov. 1.

Willie Lee Tomlin of Wilson reported sighting what he described as a round silver object with flashing lights traveling at high speed during the early morning hours of the first week in October, Harrison said. That sighting occurred in downtown Wilson.

Harrison noted that the most vivid accounts of UFO sightings in this area occurred last spring. They included reports of a squadron of UFOs which hovered above a field in Robeson County, depositing ashlike material on the ground which was collected and sent to the Center for UFO Studies at Evanston, Ill. for analysis.

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UFO calls
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CASPER — First came one call — and then another and another.
The Natrona County Sheriff's Office was deluged with telephone calls Thursday night from Casper Mountain residents who reported bright lights flashing all over.
It was a case of unidentified flying objects careening around the mountain and over the city of Casper, some complained in their excitement, according to sheriff's officers.

But a single call to the control tower at the Natrona County International Airport cleared up the matter, according to Sheriff Bill Estes.

Rather than flying saucers, he said, the strange aircraft reported hovering near the mountain was a refueling operation between two airplanes.

Estes explained that when the craft join together in the air to refuel, they sometimes turn on their bright lights. The sheriff admitted, however, that such an operation does look a little unusual when viewed from the ground.

UFOs seen in Crystal Lake, St. Charles

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THE STANDARD SPEAKER
Hazleton, Pa. AD-23,000

More UFO sightings

A city woman, who wished not to be identified, reported sighting a bright object, stationary in the sky, hovering over Carson Street, between 22nd and 23rd Streets.

The woman said she saw the bright, unidentified object, while on her way home from work about 5:15 p.m. yesterday.

The lady added that her neighbor also was watching the bright object, but it disappeared shortly after she had reported it to this newspaper.

Scott Searfoss, White Haven, reported two sightings on Route 940 between Freeland and White Haven about 6:30 p.m. He said the objects he saw were bright orange and one was disc-shaped. He said the second time he could not make out the shape.

Unidentified flying objects have been reported hovering over the far northwest suburbs and in the St. Charles area, according to authorities.

On a cool, crisp evening about three weeks ago, several residents saw strange lights moving across the sky in irregular patterns above Crystal Lake.

Terry Mercer, an unemployed production worker who lives at 160 Beardsly St. in the suburb, said he was near Rt. 14 and North Shore Rd. when he first noticed the peculiar sight.

"At first when I looked up, I thought they were airplane

lights," Mercer said. "They were streaking around, really moving.

"But then there were these two which were angled like they were going to hit each other," he said. "Then instead of crashing head-on, one just zipped up and away....An airplane never could have done that."

Larry Harvey, a 17-year-old Chicagoan who was visiting friends in Crystal Lake with his 16-year-old brother Steve, also reported seeing unusual lights in the sky.

"I saw lights that were red, green and blue and revolving," Harvey said. "Some were blinking off and on, mov-

ing in different directions really fast."

John Shay, Civil Defense director of McHenry County, said he had heard that residents of Carpentersville, Cary and Fox River Grove had seen the lights.

"We didn't get any official reports this time," Shay said. "It's been over six months since we've received a report of a sighting. But they're really not uncommon in that area."

Two McHenry County sheriff's police also reported seeing the objects in sky.

A number of residents in the St. Charles area reported seeing unidentified flying objects Sunday evening.

Chicago, Illinois DAILY NEWS
November 19, 1975

Pascagoula, Mississippi PRESS
December 25, 1975

Residents report sighting of UFO

UFO . . . flying saucer . . . something was sighted by residents of the Green Acres Trailer Park about 10 p.m. Sunday.

James Robert Mothershed, trailer park resident, told the Mississippi Press today that an object with a lot of lights and appearing to be rotating was sighted flying low near the trailer park.

Mothershed said the object was observed for two to two and one-half minutes. It was flying at an estimated elevation of about 500 to 1,500 feet approximately one-half mile from the trailer park, Mothershed said.

"I don't know what it was," Mothershed said, "but four of us watched it, as it went over Mississippi 63 the lights went out in the windows."

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office was contacted but the object had disappeared from view by the time a deputy arrived at the trailer park which is near the Four Mile Creek Baptist Church.

"About 20 minutes later another object, without lights but with a sound, passed over," Mothershed reported. "Between the times of the two objects we also saw a red light like on an airplane but the light disappeared."

Mothershed called the Jackson County Airport and Keesler Air Force Base but neither facility knew of any aircraft in the immediate area.

"We do not know what we saw but there was something up here last night," Mothershed said.

Napa Hunters Relive Night That Started UFO Uproar

By KEN PAYTON
Bee Staff Writer

NAPA — Bruce Chinberg and Rick Bakker, the young hunters who started all the excitement about unidentified flying objects over Honey Lake near Susanville, are sticking by their story, now almost a month old.

Both said yesterday they vividly remember that Nov. 6 morning at 2:30, when a "bright orange, flashing light" woke them up.

Chinberg says it was about 200 yards away, saucer-shaped and glowing blue and green.

Bakker says it was maybe 500 to 1,000 yards away.

"There just was no telling for sure," he said yesterday. "But we were really scared."

"I'm not sure there was an antenna on it. That's what Bruce saw, but I don't think I did."

Bakker said both of them then got in their pickup truck and drove to Lit-chfield, about 16 miles away.

"The thing rose straight up," said Bakker. "We were really scared then, because we'd never seen anything like that in our lifetimes."

"Afterward, we thought it was neat."

Bakker said the UFO appeared to "observe" them as they drove down the road. "I wouldn't say 'chased' because I never felt it intended to hurt us," he added.

Whatever it was, the object never got close enough for the men to see what it might have been made of. And Bakker said it made no noise.

Now it appears Chinberg and Bakker would like to forget the whole incident. When first questioned, they refer persons to a local newspaper article, where the whole story was told.

They say they have been questioned at length and are getting a little weary of it.

Never once has the U.S. Air Force asked them anything, the men stated, but Bakker said they have talked about almost nothing else since they arrived back from their hunting trip.

"I wanted to tell people about it," said Bakker, "because I thought it might help explain some things and help out people in the future."

"But I didn't want to talk on the telephone every night."

Sacramento, Calif. BEE
December 6, 1975

St. Ignatius Man Reports Seeing UFO at Ronan

A St. Ignatius man, Jim McLeod, says that he spotted what he believes may be an unidentified flying object early Tuesday morning near Ronan that may have been the same one reported by a Missoula man.

McLeod said that he was picking up passengers on his bus route for the Dixon alternative school and was approaching U.S. Highway 93 in Ronan about 7:20 a.m. from a side road when he saw a brownish-red object in the sky he estimates to have been about seven miles west of Ronan.

He said the object appeared to be moving away and that he and a girl passenger in the bus observed the object for several minutes.

He said the girl suggested it may be the moon, but McLeod said he did not think that was the case. He said the object appeared to be taller than it was

round, and that when he first saw it he couldn't take his eyes off it.

He said he had mentioned the object to several other persons, who expressed disbelief. "They've got to see it, themselves," McLeod said.

Cloyd Leach of Missoula Tuesday reported that he saw a dull-glowing reddish-brown disc low in the sky west of Highway 93 between Polson and St. Ignatius between 7:20 and 7:25 a.m.

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UFO Is Sighted Near Dunbar

Nemaha County Sheriff Gerry Daffer was then notified and he hired an airplane to fly that area to see if it could be located from the air. As soon as Daffer was airborne, Offut Air Base reported that it had spotted the airplane being used by the Nemaha County Sheriff and a second object in front of the plane. They reported that both were moving in a southwesterly direction.

At the time of the initial Offut report the object was reported to be five miles in front of the airplane. With five minutes the object was reported to be 12 miles in front, and gaining rapidly. The speed of Daffer's aircraft was approximately 130 mph. Daffer reported that he had no visual contact with the craft at any time.

Sheriff Seals commented that he felt that the craft was probably a helicopter, rather than an outer space vehicle, as it had standard red and green markings used in the U.S. He noted that his department was concerned about the craft because of its relative closeness to Nebraska Public Power District's nuclear plant at Brownville.

An unidentified flying object, although not necessarily of the flying saucer variety, was spotted in Otoe County Tuesday night, Dec. 2.

Otoe County Sheriff Russell Seals reported that a Nebraska State Patrol trooper reported that an object with a bright white light, and blinking red and green lights, was hovering approximately three miles east and two miles south of Dunbar. The trooper reported the UFO at approximately 10:19 p.m.

Seals said that he and Deputy Bill Sturdy joined the trooper in that vicinity and tracked the craft to an area north of Peru. His department contacted the Peru City Police, who also observed the craft in the Peru area.

A check with the Nebraska National Guard revealed that it had no craft in the area, and the Civil Aeronautics Administration reported it had no flight plan registered for a helicopter in that area.

Offut Air Force Base in Omaha was contacted and officials there reported that they could not place any object on their radar screen in that general area.

Syracuse, NE. JOURNAL-DEMOCRAT
December 11, 1975

UFO Sighted At Berthold

Russel Geobel, Berthold, reported to Ward County Sheriff's officials late Wednesday that he and two other Berthold teen-agers, Jerry Brown and Mitch Kallis, had sighted an unidentified flying object one mile west of Berthold.

Geobel said they were checking for places to place trap lines when they saw a very bright object coming towards them from the direction of Carpio. It was moving very fast and was right over the top of them in seconds and then stopped.

Geobel said the object was an orange ball with wings, about 15 yards wide. It made no noise and would ascend and descend. The three began to run to their car, which was about a half mile away, and the object followed them. It came within a distance of 300 yards and was about 50 yards above the ground. When they reached the car the object disappeared. Geobel stated the incident happened shortly after a large shooting star was sighted.

Minot, N.D.
NEWS
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HERALD Miami, Fla.

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UFO Reports Deluge Police

Dozens of people in Southwest Dade County called Metro Police Wednesday night reporting that they saw strange objects with flashing red and blue lights in the sky. The objects they described were similar to those six Florida Highway Patrol troopers reported seeing in early morning skies Wednesday. "I have a feeling everyone thinks we're trying to pull their leg," said Trooper John Anderson, "but someone's going to have to come up with a good explanation." He said he spotted a round object with flashing lights hovering 45 to 60 degrees off the horizon at about 4:30 a.m. Wednesday after a FHP dispatcher relayed a motorist's report of the object. Just before daylight, the four-year FHP veteran said he watched another object with flashing lights that "definitely wasn't a star" or an airplane gradually move away. Neither the Federal Aviation Agency nor Homestead Air Force Base picked up any unidentified objects on airplane-racking radar.

Several claim UFO sightings

Reports of UFO sightings are coming into Laurel. A rail crew saw a strange object in the sky the night of Wednesday, Nov. 5. Other persons report sightings southwest of Laurel in the early hours of Sunday morning of this week, and from about 6:45 p.m. to midnight or later.

The first report to reach the Laurel Outlook was from a train crew that had been enroute from Livingston to Laurel Wednesday night of last week.

The UFO was sighted near Columbus and is reported by the crew to have followed the train to a point near Park City. The most recent report comes from a hunter who saw a strange bright object in the sky about 6:10 a.m. Sunday as he was preparing to go hunting. He described it as about the length of two cars and equal that in height. What appeared to be a propulsion system was seen. The observer and his companion saw what one of them described as a kind of afterburner at either end of the object. Orange-blue flame

his wife who came out and observed the object that had followed the hunters on their journey. By that time it had proceeded on its course to the southeast for some distance, but was still clearly visible in the early morning light.

Another observer reports a similar sighting in the same area Sunday evening. He states he kept the object in view for over five hours.

In that period it traveled from the point of sighting in the east to a point in the west. The observer insists the object was in the earth's atmosphere at time it was seen. He also noted that the glowing body disappeared at erratic intervals and for varying periods of time.

The observer further states there were no clouds in the vicinity at the time. He reports he contacted others who confirmed his sightings by

observing the object themselves. A report of the incident has been filed with the defense department.

At present there are no reports of sighted landings of any UFO's in this area. The object is always reported in the air, and glowing very brightly. No photographs have been made, as none of the observers had suitable camera equipment.

The first observer described the object as oval and said would resemble the bowl of a large tablespoon observed at arm's length.

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LAUREL OUTLOOK
Laurel, Montana
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UFO Visit?

2 Women Say They Saw One

By CAROLYN GATZ
Staff Writer

Did anyone else see an unidentified flying object in the sky over Georgetown Road yesterday afternoon?

Diane Clayton, 24, and Robin King, 26, spotted what

they said looked like the UFOs—or space ships—in science fiction movies.

Mrs. King, who lives at 1824 Augusta Drive, Apt. 4, said that she and Mrs. Clayton were driving toward Lexington from Georgetown at about 2:30 p.m. when she spotted a silver, disk-shaped object in the sky.

"I hate to say it, but it looked the way most people think of a flying saucer looking. It was a bright disk with a hump in the middle and metallic looking—like it was made out of steel. On the right side, the sun was reflecting off it," Mrs. King said.

Mrs. Clayton, who was driving and only saw the object when Mrs. King pointed to it, confirmed Mrs. King's description. Both women said that it was difficult to estimate how large or how high in the sky the object was. "I would say it was a good size—maybe the size of a semi (trailer truck) from back to front," Mrs. King guessed.

Both women said the object was stationary for a few seconds and then disappeared. It reappeared again a few seconds later and then disappeared. They didn't see it a third time.

"It was really clear out there—no clouds or anything. It was like it kind of peeked out of the blue and then peeked back in. That's how it looked—like it was peeking at something," Mrs. Clayton, who lives at 309 Dalray Drive, said.

Neither woman noticed if passengers in other cars on Georgetown Road seemed to see the UFO. They called the newspaper about 20 minutes after they said the incident occurred.

Lexington, KY • HERALD-LEADER Nov. 16, 1975

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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UFO CENTRAL REPORTS /November 1975

Date	Location	Type	# of witnesses	Followup
01	Yarmouth, MA	NL	6	
02	Alexandria, VA	NL	3	* TITUSVILLE, PA. 71 ^w
02	Washburn, WI	NL	7	* Herald (m) OCT 28 1975
02	E. Hartford, CT	NL	2	* Circ. 5,610
03	Auburn, WA	NL	3	
04	Lancaster, WI	CE	+	
04	South Lakeland, FL	NL	1	
05	Breckenridge, CO	NL	+	
05	Clearwater, FL	NL	3	
05	Snowflake, AZ	CE	6	
05	Pima, AZ	CE	1	
06	Merritt Island, FL	NL	4	
07	Phoenix, AZ	NL	6	
07	Flagstaff, AZ	CE	1	
08	Dubuque, IA	NL	5	
08	Pleasant Hill, CA	NL	1	
10	Liberty, MO	NL	15	
10	Chillicothe, OH	NL	3	
10	Lawrence, KS	NL	2	
10	Phoenix, AZ	NL	1	
10	El Centro, CA	DD	30	
11	Akron, OH	NL	3	
11	Elmira, NY	NL	3	
11	Hialeah, FL	NL	3	
11	Metairie, LA	NL	2	
12	Palos Verdes, CA	NL	1	
13	Eau Claire, WI	NL	2	
13	Jefferson, WI	NL	1	
13	Whitewater, WI	NL		
13	Mobile, AL	NL	5-6	
13	Miami, FL	NL	1	
13	Orlando, FL	NL	1	
14	Hoopeston, IL	NL	2	
15	Sarasota, FL	NL	3	
16	Brookfield, IL	NL	1	
16	Elmhurst, IL	NL	8-9	
17	N. Adams, MA	CE	2	
17	Harrisburg, PA	NL	2	
17	Westfield, IN	NL	2	
17	Fremont, CA	NL	1	
18	Dillsburg, PA	NL	2	
18	Dublin, PA	NL	3	
18	Hammond, IN	NL	1	
19	Chambersburg, PA	NL	1	
19	Oakbrook, IL	NL	1	
19	Tampa, FL	NL	2	
19	Chicago, IL	NL	+	
19	Barrington, IL	NL	1	
21	Forest Grove, OR	NL	2	
23	Fairfax, VA	NL	2	
23	Fairfax, VA	NL	2	
26	Livermore, CA	NL	1	
29	New Rochelle, NY	CE	1	

Sightings Of UFOs At Oil City

Unidentified Flying objects were reportedly sighted Sunday night in the Franklin-Oil City area.

The first UFO sighting was around 6:45 p.m., in the area where most of the sightings took place, reportedly on a hill behind the Venango County Area Vocational-Technical School at Oil City.

Robert Cubitt, of the Western Pennsylvania Emergency Radio Control, who was among the first to see the objects, said, "They definitely were UFO's, not aircraft."

He added, "The Franklin airport said they were traveling at a much higher rate of speed than aircraft. This tipped them off that it wasn't aircraft."

Cubitt said one of the UFO's sighted had orangish red pulsating lights and flew low on the horizon.

He said another one was elongated with lights on the bottom, changing from orange to red.

Information on the objects was being transmitted by some 30 mobile citizens band radio units in the area, Cubitt said.

Tom Roberts also reported UFO sightings. He said, "This is not a joke. You could tell they were not aircraft because of their lights."

Roberts saw one object from Calvary Cemetery, along with his wife and several other persons.

He said it was flying very low, and was "an oval-shaped vehicle with two red and two yellow lights, and what appeared to be fins."

Roberts said he also saw a circular object in the sky, which had "two red and two yellow pulsating lights."

DATE	LOCATION	TYPE	# OF WITNESSES	FOLLOWUP
2	Euclid, OH	NL	2	*
3	Harris, VA	NL	1	-
4	Redding, CA	CE	-	*
4	Casper, WY	NL	1	*
5	Montville, NJ	CE	2	*
5	Clarkston, GA	NL	3	*
7	Rumford, ME	NL	2-4	*
9	Great Falls, MT	NL	2	-
10	Dayton, OH	NL	3	*
10	Crestwood, IL	NL	2	-
12	Miami, FL	DD	2	-
12	Austin, TX	NL	1	-
14	Hastings, FL	NL	60-75	*
15	Kingman, AZ	NL	2	*
16	Newark, OH	NL	2	*
16	Bartow, FL	NL	+	*
16	Roseburg, OR	CE	4	*
16	Mt. Olive, NC	NL	4	*
17	Hoyleton, IL	NL	2	-
19	Sante Fe, NM	NL	3	*
21	Flagstaff, AZ	NL	3	*
28	Bradenton, FL	NL	2	*
31	Minneapolis, MN	NL	2	-

'Bigger Than House'

2 UFOs Seen Over Madison

A pair of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) circled over Madison, Perry and Painesville early today, mystifying at least seven persons who said they saw them.

Triangular-shaped and flashing huge red and green lights, the objects appeared to hover over trees and to climb and descend at irregular intervals.

POLICE OFFICIALS from several communities were among witnesses who spotted the lights between 3:30 and 5:30 a.m.

Officials at all area airports, including Cleveland Hopkins International Air port, reported no sightings were recorded on visual or radar equipment.

Skies were clear.

Madison Twp. Patrolman Jack Space, 26, said one of the lights, viewed from about a quarter mile away, seemed "bigger than a house."

"As it hovered, the red and green light would fade a little and become a white light," Space said.

He said the light would "lumber along" or hover, then speed away "faster than you could blink an eye."

Space was at the Madison Police Station when the lights were first reported at about 3:35 a.m. In all, he said at least seven persons, including a Madison Village policeman, a Lake County Deputy Sheriff and Painesville police officers saw the strange objects.

THE LIGHTS appeared out of the north and moved at varying speeds back and forth southwest and southeast for about an hour, he said.

At one point he and several other men watched from about a quarter mile away as one light hovered just above a power line near Bennett and Chapel roads.

"We shined a light on it, and it moved closer, so we decided that was enough of the light,"

Neither he nor any other observers could identify the soundless objects, Space said. "I wasn't really scared as much as confused," he said.

KENNETH OHTOLA, 28, of 1717 Sterling Rd., Madison, says he had just returned home from work and was checking his dogs when he noticed two strange lights about 3:15 a.m.

"It was just a light, like a lantern suspended up on a telephone pole," Ohtola said of the first light. That light

was white and had red and green lights on it, he said.

The second one was "red and green and revolved."

OHTOLA SAID he called Painesville police about the lights and then watched them with a neighbor, Mike Davirro. About 5:30 this morning, the lights just went up into the sky, Ohtola said.

The lights did not appear to be an airplane, a weather balloon nor a planet in Ohtola's opinion. "Tonight we're going to be watching the same area for it," Ohtola said.

Willoughby, Ohio
(News-Herald)
Nov. 11, 1975

Believes woman's UFO sighting is legitimate

Joe Brill of Quincy, a representative of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), is convinced that a woman's report of an unidentified flying object near Clayton is a legitimate sighting.

Brill plans to investigate further. The MUFON is a national organization that investigates UFO sightings.

Brill, who talked with the woman Saturday, said her story appeared to be authentic and that she was shaken by the experience.

The woman, who was not identified, told sheriff's officers that she saw a bright object while driving on Route 24 near Clayton about 4:15 a.m. Saturday.

Brill said the woman related that the object first appeared to be chasing her car and then passed her and came down on the road in front of her. When she braked the car, Brill said he was told the object quickly took off.

The woman, Brill said, described the object as being saucer shaped, with long legs and white lights under it.

The woman said she aroused occupants of a nearby house and called the sheriff's office.

Sheriff's deputies who in Quincy, Illinois
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investigated reported seeing a meteor explode in the sky as they drove to Clayton. Brill said the meteor was also seen at Baldwin Field but that this was about 5 a.m. after the woman reported the UFO sighting.

Brill said a similar sighting and apparent landing was reported Friday near Bowen.

An area resident who did not wish to be identified was driving to work in Macomb about 6 a.m. Friday when he saw a black object sitting in a farm field about the distance of three city blocks away on his right.

The man slowed his car, then stopped and watched as the object shot straight up in the air and hovered at what he guessed was about 500 feet. It remained stationary some four minutes, then turned completely white and took off at an angle, trailing what looked like exhaust or condensation. The man reported the object vanished quickly.

Brill said he and a group from the MUFON organization will try to pinpoint the exact location in the field within a few days and check the area for any evidence of anything foreign having landed there.

UFO reported near Clayton

A Clayton woman told Adams County sheriff's deputies an unidentified flying object followed her as she drove from Camp Point to Clayton at 4 a.m. Saturday morning.

As deputies were going to investigate, they reported seeing a meteor explode in the sky.

The woman told them the object "landed" in a field and that something got out. Deputy John Boyle, who was one of the investigating officers, said he believed the woman saw a stay.

Quincy, Illinois
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UFO sighting sours sole spectator

H-207 By JOHN COSWAY
Staff Writer

If Robert Suffern ever sees a spaceship or an alien being again he is going to just quietly pass by and forget what he saw.

"It is just not worth the hassle," Suffern said after three solid days of telephone calls and people at the door.

It was Suffern, a 27-year-old Bracebridge-area carpenter, who reported to provincial police Tuesday night that he saw a spaceship sitting on a road near his farm house and a creature of sorts nearby.

"I regret I reported what I saw because it is affecting my family life and my work," he said in a telephone interview before having the phone disconnected. "We have had to leave the house to eat properly."

Suffern said it seemed as if every newspaper, radio and television reporter in the country had telephoned or knocked on his door for an instant replay of what he witnessed.

Fed up with explaining what he saw, Suffern now refuses to talk with the media. He called it quits after providing Global News with sketches he made of the spaceship and creature.

But Suffern, married with two boys aged six weeks and seven years, will discuss his sighting with UFO researchers interested in every little detail.

And the details he has repeated so often since Tuesday have intrigued some of the top UFO researchers in North America:

-The glowing light his sister saw coming across Three Mile

often accused of being emotionally unbalanced, out for a quick buck or creators of a hoax."

Spraggett said what Canada needs is a UFO centre similar to the coast-to-coast centre headed by Hynek which receives the cooperation of the FBI and local U.S. police departments.

"When police are notified of a UFO sighting in the States they often call the toll-free centre hotline to notify Hynek. He assesses the case and decides whether to personally check it out or assign an investigator. Police often seal off the area

until scientific investigation is completed."

Dennis Prophet, director of Reptune Research, a UFO research team in Toronto, sympathizes with Suffern but says his sighting ties in with two previous Bracebridge sightings days earlier.

The earlier sightings, by two people who did not know each other, were of glowing white objects lifting off from behind a clump of trees.

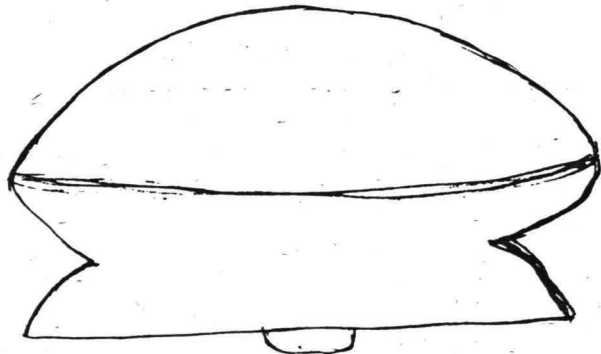
"It is remarkable how these particular reports coincide with his (Suffern's) sighting," said Prophet.

"In my year-and-a-half of research, this is the first occupant sighting. I'm going up to see him when everything cools down to get a complete tape of his report."

The investigation of Ontario's first "meaty" UFO sighting in years continues and speculation by believers remains diversified.

Are these humanoids and spaceships from other planets or, as Hynek suspects after 25 years of research, is there a time warp on earth which permits a second existence on another level and, except for periodic transposition, remains unseen?

Don't ask Suffern, he only wants to forget the half-hour of fright he experienced which has changed his otherwise normal life.



THE SPACESHIP ...

Lake and the spaceship on the road which lifted off and sped upwards out of sight as he approached it in his car.

- The stocky, broad-shouldered creature in silvery apparel and globe-type bubble helmet, with its ape-like walk and stance and apparent weightless ness in jumping over a fence.

- The circling of the spaceship over a hydro pole near his home following the takeoff and creature sighting when the cattle were restless and his television set darkened as the power diminished briefly.

"I don't mind reporting to people who are interested," said Suffern.

J. Allen Hynek, a professor of astronomy at Northwestern University in Illinois and director of the Centre for UFO Studies in the United States, is interested.

Hynek contacted Henry McKay of Agincourt, a 10-year UFO research veteran, to investigate the sighting on behalf of the U.S. centre.

"There were no visible traces that I could find but I do believe he observed something," said McKay following a preliminary investigation.

"I consider him to be reliable and he's telling what he saw in a straightforward manner."

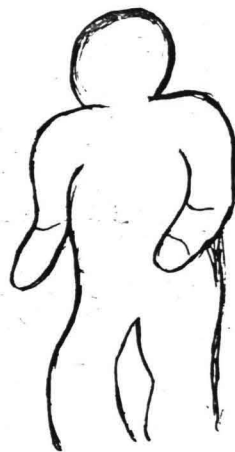
McKay, who is continuing his study on the sighting, said in all his years of research this was the first report involving humanoids viewed at a close distance.

"Sighting of the humanoid by Suffern is typical of hundreds of cases received by Hynek at the centre," said Allen Spraggett, the Sun's writer and reviewer of earth's unexplained oddities.

"It is simply a mystery and a great challenge to society," said Spraggett, who alerted Hynek of the Bracebridge sighting.

"Hynek says many sighting of UFOs go unreported for the same reason," he said of Suffern's publicity headache.

"People know they are going to be hassled, harassed and ridiculed if they get involved by reporting sightings. They are



... the 'creature' as drawn for Global-TV by Robert Suffern

Sees Five UFO's Circling Fenelon Falls Sunday Eve

Five UFOs are reported to have been circling in the Fenelon Falls area Sunday night between seven and eight o'clock by a resident who has witnessed such things on different occasions in the past.

Mrs. Frances Tomilson of Ellice St., Fenelon Falls, says the objects were identical from the standpoint of lights displayed, were flying at what she considered to be a relatively low altitude, and remained visible for from 10-15 minutes.

Each of the unidentified

flying objects were equipped with what Mrs. Tomilson said appeared to be two white circles with a flashing red light between them.

The Sunday night incident followed another so far unexplained aerial phenomenon she observed while travelling toward Lindsay the night before. On that occasion, Mrs. Tomilson says, there was only one object which was equipped much the same as those she was to observe the following evening but maneuvered

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in an entirely different manner. The Sunday night group was flying in horizontal formation, she explained, whereas the object sighted Saturday night maneuvered vertically, its three lights finally merging into one white mass and just simply disappearing from vision or "fading away," as she described it.

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**Policeman
confirms
UFO report**

SIMCOE — Police departments received several calls reporting strange objects in the skies over Simcoe and Waterford last night.

UFO appearances began early yesterday when an Ontario Provincial Policeman confirmed a sighting.

Constable Paul Japp of the detachment of the provincial police in Waterford was called to check out a sighting by a woman north of Waterford.

He reports seeing three bright lights in a stationary position and said they were not like any airplane lights he had ever seen.

His story is consistent with other reports police have received.

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**'UFO' Seen By
Aylmer Family**

Aylmer was visited by an unidentified flying object in the early hours of Wednesday, October 8th, according to Mrs. John Grass of 727 Talbot Street West, Aylmer.

Mrs. Grass telephoned the Express early that morning to enquire if anyone had reported the sighting. Aylmer police said they had received no reports.

According to Mrs. Grass, the object was seen when she arose about 5 a.m. to get her daughter Lisa, a drink of water. While standing at the kitchen sink, looking out the window, she saw an object hovering over the town.

"I just stood there looking at it for about 30 seconds," she said, "and then it dawned

Mysterious Indentations.

**Further 'Landing Site' Findings
Reveal Inner And Outer Circles**

There was more to it than met the eye.

People who have visited the mysterious marking made by some heat-generating object which either landed or hovered above it in the Valentia area sometime around Labor Day weekend — perhaps a week or so before — say several things emerge from further investigation of the landscape.

Whatever it was, an almost perfect circle of scorched, swirled and beaten down swampland grass measuring about 35 feet in diameter first attracted neighborhood residents to the so far unexplained phenomenon.

As a result, the finding, plus reports circulated through the press and by word of mouth, brought many people to the scene to see for themselves that for which there is seemingly no established cause.

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One of those responsible persons who went to the scene and took the time to examine it in minute detail, claim there were some things which a cursory examination didn't reveal.

1) There is another area of low-lying land which gives distance evidence that a similar type marking was made by a mysterious object of sizeable dimensions which differs only in the fact that whatever caused it apparently aborted the site for a more favorable area nearby. These other markings which include the swirling and beating down of the sturdy cattail type growth are about 100 yards distant.

2) And perhaps more significant, was the fact that the closer examination of the first discovered site revealed something which would indicate a landing had been effected by

some form of airborne craft. . . . Two complete circles of bowling ball indentations were found to have been made upon the soil visible only by carefully lifting of the flattened and matted long grass around the perimeter of the site. Spacing of the indentations are reported to be at regular intervals in both the inner and outer circles.

William C. Scott, MP for Victoria-Haliburton, has indicated he is willing to pursue the matter with the proper authorities upon receipt of samples of the scorched grasses and photograph record of the site.

Several people have suggested the grass should at least be examined to see what can be learned from an analysis of it.

In the meantime, the mystery remains unsolved and of continuing interest.

**Motorists confirm
sighting of UFO**

On Oct. 17, about 7:30 p.m., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Meisenheimer of North Bay spotted an Unidentified Flying Object. They were not the only ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Gauthier of Sturgeon Falls also saw something that night. Mr. Gauthier read the story in The Nugget and phoned the Meisenheimers. He then phoned The Nugget Tuesday.

Mr. Gauthier said he and his wife were the occupants of the car. Mr. Meisenheimer saw stopped ahead off the road. They were driving back from North Bay, within two miles of Oasis Home Sales and Park, when they saw two bright headlights in the sky like a plane with its landing-gear down.

"I said to my wife, 'it looks like there's a plane coming in to North Bay to land,' but then I thought it was too far away from North Bay," he said.

Mr. Gauthier pulled off the highway and said the outline of a ship's body could not be seen. (The Meisenheimers saw a circular object about 100 feet in diameter.) The headlights were 30 to 40 feet apart, he said.

"It stopped 300 to 400 feet from the highway above the bushes," Mr. Gauthier said. "Between the white lights there was a blue, flickering light. And at the back I saw four or five red lights. I thought it was a helicopter."

The Gauthiers watched for about one minute without getting out of the car, then started to drive off.

"It started to move, parallel to the highway, toward North Bay. It was about 300 feet away, at right angles. Then it disappeared," he said.

Mrs. Gauthier was still watching and according to Mr. Gauthier, she said the object did not rise quickly.

This is the first time Mr. Gauthier has seen anything of this nature. He said he thought maybe Canadore College had its students out in helicopters, practicing manoeuvres.

Mr. Gauthier said he "doesn't know" if he believes in UFOs. "From the numerous sightings there must be something, though."

North Bay Air Traffic Control Tower reported there were scheduled flights that evening but were timed later than 7.30 p.m. A light aircraft was up for manoeuvres but officials said the area where the UFO was sighted would normally be beyond the practice area.



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Man J-204 sees UFO

A Toronto man sighted what he thought to be an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) from his cottage on the Thousand Islands Parkway Sunday night.

Kent Fredenburgh said Monday he and his mother who were staying at a cottage seven miles east of Gananoque on the St. Lawrence River said he saw a white sphere surrounded by flashing lights to the southwest over Watertown, N.Y.

"It was pulsating and looked like it had a green tail," Mr. Fredenburgh said.

"My mother and I looked at it through the binoculars. It stayed in the same place and was there for about five hours."

The Fredenburghs spotted the object 10:45 p.m. Sunday. When Mrs. Fredenburgh drove to Watertown at 4 a.m. Monday, it was still there.

"You hear about these things and you think it could never happen to you," Mr. Fredenburgh said.

He said it was the first time he had ever seen one.

"I didn't believe it at first. I thought maybe it was a star. But it reflected on the water and I have never seen a star's reflection on the water."

He said he phoned Brockville Police but they referred him to the Gananoque department.

None of his neighbours saw it and no mention was made of it on the Monday morning broadcast from the Watertown radio station.

Professor Vic Hughes of Queen's University said the sighting sounded more like Mars than a UFO.

Mr. Hughes, head of the astronomy group at the university, said Mars could be seen as a flat red disc, and explained the colour changes were produced by irregular refraction.

The professor said the pulsating was a "twinkling" mechanism caused by the effect of Earth's atmosphere on the light.

Mr. Hughes said Mars could be seen in the sky in approximately the same spot where the UFO was reported.

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Sight U.F.O.

Two Halton Region Police Constables may have sighted a UFO.

Patrol Constable Hodgson was sent out to investigate the sighting of an unidentified flying object by two Oakville residents.

Later, PC Hodgson and PC Glazin saw the object in the sky to the southeast of Oakville. They describe

it as a glowing sphere, red or orange in color, and slightly lop-sided.

The UFO hovered for a short period, and then faded away as if it were moving at a high rate of speed. The object was lost from sight quickly due to fog which blanketed the area.

No further sightings of the object have been reported.

MYSTERIOUS GREEN RING: UFO LANDING SITE?

Charles Hollinshead, above, points to a circle of green grass where he believes an unidentified flying object (UFO) landed. The pattern marked in on this photograph shows

where the green ring is located in a farm field near Lake Dalrymple. The field, consisting of dead, brown grass, is used as pasture. A nearby resident claims he spotted a UFO

hovering over the site, on which Mr. Hollinshead is shown, the night before the grassy ring was found. (For story, see City News Page.)

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Reports sighting H-204 UFO over town

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BY DAVE BLAIS

An unidentified flying object zoomed in and quickly zoomed out of the Tillsonburg area, recently.

The witness, who wishes to remain anonymous, spied the flying object early in September, but had kept sighting under wraps until reading of another sighting in the Aylmer area, October 8.

The Tillsonburg sighting came on the eve of September 10, at approximately 9:30.

A man, his wife, and son, spotted what was described by them as a round saucer like object with a round smaller dome on top.

No sound accompanied the object which had blinking light blue lights on the lower portion.

The witnesses said that it constantly

rotated and was at a high altitude above their house.

"It stayed there for what must have been at least four minutes," the witness said and it then then it moved at an usual speed and on an elevating path to the north west and disappeared.

"It was larger than one of the big jets," witness said.

Apparently the family decided not to say anything about it at the time. Then on October 8 an object which emitted a somewhat similar bluish light was spotted by a lady over Aylmer, and anonymous Tillsonburg resident decided to ask around, and inquired of this newspaper if there had been any other sightings.

A check with the Tillsonburg Police revealed that for the one and half years that Chief Fred Anderson has been in Tillsonburg there have been no reported sightings of any UFO's.

Tillsonburg, Ontario NEWS October 17, 1975

Radar didn't identify UFO

The Canadian Forces Base, SAGE complex, was asked to assist OPP officers to identify a UFO hovering over Iron Island Thursday night.

The OPP detachments in North Bay and Sturgeon Falls observed the bright white light from about 10 p.m. to 1 a.m., when the light went out.

Capt. E. Philip Ripley, 22nd NORAD Region Control Centre, told The Nugget Friday the SAGE complex did not track a UFO on its radar.

He said this particular sighting, like most others, was a stationary object in a low-lying area. The radar equipment is designed to pick-up relatively

slow-flying aircraft above geographical obstructions.

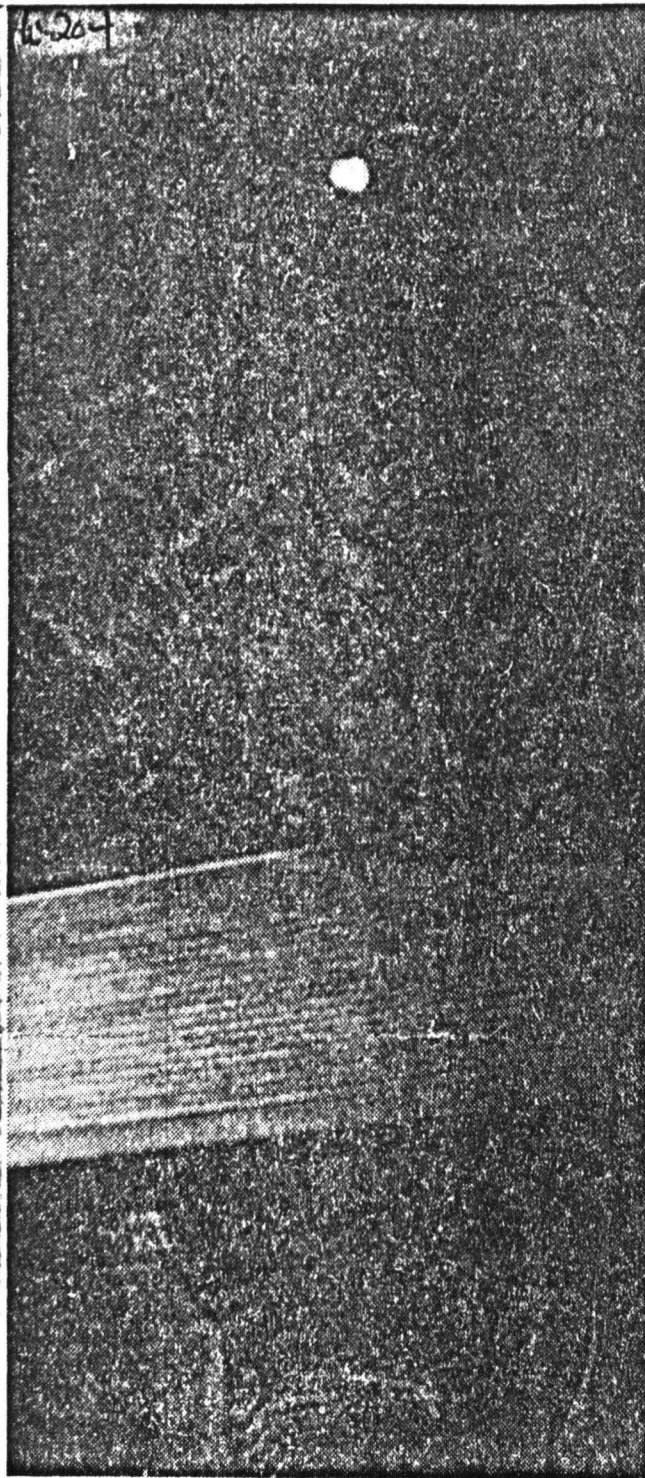
The object could be mistaken for heavy cloud cover or part of the landscape. One-half-inch on a radar screen covers about a ten-mile radius, giving a wide area in which to focus on such a small object. Also adding to the difficulty of tracking is the fact that most of these object move vertically, out of the radar scope, at a tremendous rate of speed, he said.

"There were no aircraft reported in that area Thursday night," Cpt. Ripley said.

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"Red, green lights on UFO"

Nugget reporter captures sky object on film

By WAYNE MAJOR
Nugget Sturgeon Bureau

STURGEON FALLS—Well, it finally happened. After writing news reports on the subject and making long trips checking out reported sightings over a period of months, I watched, followed and took pictures of my first UFO.

But I was far from alone. Many, if not most, of the residents of Sturgeon Falls turned out Thursday night to observe the passage of two unidentified flying objects travelled over the Sturgeon Falls area.

It was at 6 p.m. Thursday that I got a call from Mrs. Victor Olmstead telling me there were UFOs flying over her home. Mrs. Olmstead had observed a similar appearance near her Springer Twp. home on River Road on Nov. 12.

I pulled myself away from the television set, got dressed and ran outside my Sturgeon home. Looking up I saw two UFOs, one with red and green lights and the other with red lights.

I drove to Our Lady of Sorrows School about 10 blocks away, where I stopped and took pictures. The object I captured on film was the one that showed red and green lights. The second UFO kept a fair distance from the first and it was impossible to get both in the same frame.

FAIRLY SLOW

The object I captured on film was moving at a fairly slow

speed horizontally in a northerly direction. There was total lack of sound.

I followed it on River Road to Evansville. It was at this time that I noticed that the object actually had three lights, the third being a yellowish white.

It then changed its northerly course, still followed by the second object. I turned the car around and headed south and then east on River Road past the Laurentide Golf Course.

The object was stationary about 500 feet up directly over me. I could easily make out the three lights and the shape they took. The lights formed a perfect triangle, green being to the left, red to the right, and the whitish yellow light was at the rear.

As I took pictures of the object it started moving again in a northerly direction, with the red and green lights in front.

The UFO then turned around again and continued in an easterly direction. The second object continued to follow it.

Through dirt roads I managed to get to Hwy. 17 and headed east toward North Bay. I lost sight of the object on several occasions because of the trees. It had picked up its speed by

this time and I found difficulty in keeping up.

Nearing the Meadows Inn about 10 miles away the multi color object suddenly turned and headed south. This led it to cross the highway about 300 feet up. I knew my car was moving

too quickly at the time for me to take another picture of it.

The object moved swiftly, the red and green lights in front and the whitish yellow light at the rear. But from my new angle I could see that the light to the rear was slightly higher than the other two.

It then disappeared over the trees in the direction of Lake Nipissing.

The other UFO had continued its easterly path and was probably over North Bay when the multi-colored one veered south. When I looked back to see the red object after losing sight of the other I could no longer find it. It was 6.35 p.m.

But the objects had not disappeared. Richard Colquhoun of Springer Twp. watched them until about 7.45 p.m. According to him both objects travelled over Lake Nipissing and then came back over the Sturgeon Falls area.

Among persons who watched the trips by UFOs was Sturgeon Falls Police Chief Simon Lafleche and his family. Mr. Lafleche had also seen a UFO on Nov. 12. Others were Ron Rivet, Ed Hatton and his family, Mrs. Victor Olmstead and her children, Henry Labelle, Deborah Major, Sturgeon Falls Town Const. Gilles Lecouteur, and many others.

Returning to my office I called the Canadian Forces Base in North Bay to report the sighting. At the same time I learned that there were no helicopters over the Sturgeon Falls area during the time of the sighting.

I gave a rundown of what I had observed to Cpt. Bruce Hanphorne. That report is to be sent on to the National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa.

The possibility of the multi-colored object being a helicopter had not entered my mind because of the lack of

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UFO spotted again in St. Charles area

ST. CHARLES (Staff)—UFO sightings have become a common thing in the North Bay and Sudbury areas for the last several weeks. Again on Wednesday night another unidentified flying object was reported—this time near St. Charles.

Georgette Dambrauskas, Marie Anne St. Louis and Diane Caron, all of St. Charles, witnessed around 10 p.m. what they could only class as a UFO. Yet it was far from the first time the ladies observed the same spectacle in the sky over their small community.

They say the object is always very far away and its shape cannot be determined. The same object or objects of great similarity appear at different locations in that area. Wednesday night it was to the east of the community.

Colors of green, red and yellow appear on the object either together or individually. The ladies said the object is so far away that it is about the size of a star. Yet the different colors and the fact that it is much closer to the ground cancels all possibility of it being a star. Binoculars are used to observe it.

According to the ladies, the object moves in numerous directions. Wednesday, it followed a horizontal path then became stationary and descended until it was camouflaged by trees.

Mrs. Dambrauskas said the object has been seen by them at various hours of the night. Mrs. Caron reports the same. Mrs. St. Louis could not be reached.

Mrs. Dambrauskas called the Warren Detachment of the OPP and reported what they were observing Wednesday night.

Const. E. P. Fitzgerald drove to the community but did not observe the reported UFO. According to the ladies, it had landed by that time and they could no longer see it. In his report, Const. Fitzgerald said he checked the area with only negative results.

But the fact that the UFO was not seen by the policeman does not discourage them, at least not Mrs. Dambrauskas who is determined to continue to watch the horizon in her area for a repeat of the previous appearances.

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Another interesting factor was the lighting. The red object had a constant flashing light. The multi-colored one had a solid green light. Its other two lights were sometimes solid and other times flashing, one doing the opposite of the other.

Arthur Carroll, 26, a resident of Widdfield Station Road, reported today that he had observed a UFO hovering over the treetops near his home about 10.30 p.m. Thursday. Mr. Carroll described the object as green in color.

CFB officials told The Nugget today their logs do not indicate a radar contact in connection with the flying objects. But they explained there are factors that can affect the capabilities of their equipment, including the speed of an object, and its altitude, among others.

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sound and because the lights were much too spaced out.

UFOs seem common in the Westman area

by WAYNE BOYCE
Sun Staff Writer

UFOs. Unidentified Flying (Floating, Far-out?) Objects have been seen over the skies of western Manitoba again.

The place, Rivers; the time 3:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15. Six people watched a bright object appear to descend from the sky; hover; change direction and finally disappear.

This sighting makes three in the past six weeks: two elderly ladies at Carberry believe they were pursued by a UFO between Glenboro and their home Oct. 28; Jack Langstaff of Brandon reported seeing a UFO Monday, Nov. 17 near Strathclair.

At Rivers, 17-year-old Walter Nykolshyn first spotted what appeared to be the landing lights of an airplane approaching from the northwest over the town. Later he met two friends, Murray Brown and Eileen Irwin and the three began to follow the object as it moved east of town.

In a telephone interview, Mr. Nykolshyn said the UFO first appeared as a bright light and then got larger as it appeared to come closer to earth. At one point he estimated it was the same size as the town's water tower (about 30 to 40 feet in diameter.)

The three followed the object east of town to the gravel pits and then decided to awaken town constable Walter Chernos to confirm their sightings.

By this time the object appeared to move higher into the sky and Mr. Chernos watched it with binoculars. He suggested that Lawrence Bell, publisher of Rivers Gazette be summoned to take pictures. Mr. Bell and 19-year-old son, James, arrived about 4:30 a.m. and Mr. Bell took 14 photographs with his 35 mm. Nikon camera.

The object appeared to remain stationary in the

sky and by 8 a.m. only Walter Nykolshyn was still watching. It grew progressively dimmer and disappeared in the morning light.

The sighting caused quite a stir in Rivers. Mr. Bell was bombarded with 50 phone calls Saturday and another 50 on Sunday.

"It got so bad I couldn't even walk down the street," he said in an interview.

After talking with photographers, Mr. Bell decided to process the film. He is reluctant to talk about the results.

The whole episode "has caused me a lot of pain", said Mr. Bell. People have laughed at him or bothered him about the photos. He finally destroyed the negatives.

Frank Shinn, director of the planetarium in Winnipeg, said in a telephone interview, it was unfortunate that Mr. Bell had destroyed the negatives.

Photographs can be very useful, said Mr. Shinn, if two cameras are used simultaneously from a distance of a one-half to one mile apart.

"People, if they have enough time, can set up two cameras and use a flashlight to signal when to shoot (the pictures)."

Mr. Shinn and his staff at the planetarium investigated UFO sightings in the Carman area this summer and have no logical explanation for what many people saw.

The National Research Council is the body to be contacted to register sightings but the planetarium is also interested, said Mr. Shinn. He can be contacted at 190 Rubert Street, Winnipeg and will pass on information to NRC.

"There are logical explanations for many sightings, says Mr. Shinn. Two planets are particularly bright right now and they often appear to give off illumination similar to aircraft landing lights.

The object was also seen by Constable Quinn Turton, of the Kawakawa police, and his wife.

The nurses, Susan Huxtable and Violet Ferguson, first noticed the light in the sky in Moerewa as they were returning to Kawakawa Hospital. It appeared to be following their car and caused them such concern that they woke up some local residents and asked for an escort to Kawakawa.

"It was about 5 o'clock in the morning when they pulled into our drive," said Mrs Turton. "We all went out to look and saw this strange light in the sky, big and round and quite high.

"It seemed to be stationary over the Bay of Islands College.

TEMEN A EXTRAÑO PLATILLO

FORTALEZA, Brasil, 26 de octubre (UPI).—La población de la ciudad de Sao Goncalo de Amarante, a 50 kilómetros de esa capital, se refugia en sus casas al atardecer debido a las apariciones constantes de un plato volador que ataca con un rayo a la gente, según informaciones procedentes de la región.

Según los testigos el objeto emite una luz fuerte, de color azul que paraliza a quienes son iluminados, según ocurrió el sábado con un hombre, de acuerdo con despachos procedentes de esta ciudad.

Agregan que la víctima corre peligro de muerte debido la gravedad de las quemaduras de su cuerpo. El abogado Joao Luciano Gualberto,

que reside en esta localidad, informó que el disco sólo aparece después de las 18:00 horas y a menudo se detiene sobre una plaza local, como lo han visto varios testigos.

Los despachos dicen que una niña que se bañaba en un río sintió de pronto una quemadura en el cuerpo y vio entonces una luz azul oscilante.

Despavorida corrió a ocultarse entre las plantas, pero la luz aumentó de intensidad, por lo cual buscó refugio en su casa, donde llegó con el cuerpo muy caliente y los ojos inyectados en sangre.

Al ponerse el sol la gente, por temor al rayo azul, no sale de sus domicilios.

AFRAID OF STRANGE SAUCER

FORTALEZA, Brazil, 26 October 1975 (UPI) The population of this town, 50 km from the capitol city of Sao Goncalo de Aramante took shelter from a flying saucer that attacked people with rays.

Witnesses said that on Saturday night a strange blue light appeared and illuminated them. A man dispatched from this town reported that a woman ran away from a deadly peril receiving serious burns on her body.

A lawyer, Joao Luciano Gualberto, a local resident, said that the disc appeared after 6 PM and hovered over the center of town where many saw it.

Investigators reported that a young girl, while bathing in a river felt a burning sensation. She saw a bright blue light. When she ran into nearby bushes, the light became stronger. She ran home for protection where her body was noted to be warm and her eyes bloodshot.

The following day when the sun came out, the people appeared afraid of harm from the blue rays.

SOURCE: La Opinion (Diario Popular Independente) (Los Angeles, Calif.) Oct. 27, 1975
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STRANGE FLYING OBJECTS ALARM TOWNSHIP

NOWRA — The small township of Broulee, on the far south coast, is worried about things that go bright in the night.

Residents have watched numerous unidentified flying objects light up the sky during the past 18 months. The sightings range from cigar-shaped objects to others that resemble shooting stars but travel

on a horizontal trajectory. Yesterday, one resident who declined to be named for fear of ridicule, said he and his wife had seen the shooting star object three nights in succession. "It was absolutely weird," he said.

Sky lit

"We were walking along the beach when the sky was lit up by a bright flash. "It appeared from nowhere and travelled very fast from the sea heading inland. "It travelled in a straight line and disappeared as if someone had turned out the lights." Recently, one resident got such a shock when he saw a stationary object in the sky he contacted police at Moruya. But it disappeared before the police car arrived. A navy spokesman said exercises are often held off the coast near Broulee but the UFO sightings do not coincide with exercises.

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UFO Sighted at Kawakawa

A brightly shining unidentified "flying object" terrified two young nurses as they drove home through Moerewa to Kawakawa in the early hours of Sunday morning.

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Sturgeon still mystified by light in the sky

By WAYNE MAJOR
Nugget Sturgeon Bureau

STURGEON FALLS—Curiosity is still running high here over the reported sightings by two separate parties of an unidentified flying object over Springer Twp. Wednesday night.

The sightings could not be tracked on radar, according to a report from Canadian Forces Base North Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Olmstead of Golf Course Road, Springer Twp., first reported the sighting to the Sturgeon Falls Police Department around 8 p.m. Mrs. Olmstead said she had tried to reach the Ontario Provincial Police detachment but received no answer. Roland Bergeron, deputy fire chief at Sturgeon Falls answered the call and along with Police Chief Simon Lafleche witnessed the flying object as it

hovered over the east end of Sturgeon Falls.

Mrs. Olmstead first saw the object when she was returning home with her husband. "It was about 500 feet up," she told The Nugget.

"When we first saw it, it had a bright whitish light on. The light was so strong it blinded me, yet it did not illuminate the ground."

Mrs. Olmstead said the object in its stationary position parallel to the Golf Course Road for about one minute. Then it slowly started moving away parallel to the ground and suddenly accelerated at a high rate of speed. The object followed the road for about a quarter of a mile as Mr. Olmstead accelerated his vehicle to follow it. Then, just like turning a switch off, the light disappeared and we could see three red

lights," Mrs. Olmstead said.

Mr. Olmstead said the surprise when he first saw the object nearly caused him to drive off the road.

Mrs. Olmstead said the UFO followed at the north side of the road until it turned its bright light off. Then the object went in a circular motion over the Laurentide Golf Course, moving slowly north towards the towers. On Hwy. 64 at this time the couple lost sight of the UFO for about two minutes. Mrs. Olmstead said the object was moving more slowly than a helicopter. One of its red lights was flickering but the other two were solid. The red lights were fairly large.

VANISHED OVER LAKE

The couple then saw the object come back over the horizon at the same height and at the same time making its

way south east over the golf course, disappearing over the horizon in the direction of the east end of Lake Nipissing. Mrs. Olmstead said the sighting lasted for about 10 minutes.

Both Mr. Bergeron and Chief Lafleche saw something very similar. They claim the object had six red lights. They agree it moved from the area roughly over Laurentide Golf Course moving north and then backtracking as it travelled over Lake Nipissing.

The four persons agree the object was moving fairly slowly. Mr. Bergeron said he saw the object moving in a zigzag motion up and down at one time.

Cpl. Gordon F. Hilchie of the Canadian Forces Base at North Bay said there was nothing on radar.

According to him there was "no activity whatsoever either for the reported sighting on Nov. 11 at Falkenbridge or the one on Wednesday night."

It was the third such sighting for them, two in the last year. About 10 years ago Mrs. Olmstead saw an object in the daytime, flying over Sturgeon Falls. Some time around then Mr. Olmstead observed three disks flying over him. The UFOs had a blue and white light showing.

Then several months ago they saw a light moving over Lake Nipissing, too irregularly to be a helicopter or a plane.

This was the first time the Olmsteads ever reported a sighting. "There have been so many other reports made, that at least now we know we're not nuts," Mrs. Olmstead remarked.

U.S. jets chase Sudbury UFOs

Two U.S. jet fighters were dispatched to the Sudbury area early yesterday after one of four mysterious bright, white UFOs observed by policemen and radar base officers was tracked by radar.

The rare radar tracking of a UFO by staff of the Canadian Forces Base at Falconbridge drew two F-106 fighter-interceptors from the international NORAD base at Selfridge, Michigan.

Neither pilot saw the object tracked but four policemen and four radar base officers at Falconbridge who watched one to four UFOs filed reports of what they saw.

"I couldn't say how high it was but it appeared to be closer and larger than a star," Fred Sauve, a civilian radio dispatcher for the OPP detachment at Haileybury, 90 miles north of Sudbury, said of the object he watched.

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"It stayed a bright white and was stationary," said Sauve, who looked skywards after hearing police in Sudbury had spotted UFOs. "I've never seen anything like it before."

"I saw a bright light vibrating in a jerking manner," said Const. John Marsh of the Sudbury regional police force. "It was visible through the clouds but I'm not prepared

to say what it was."

Fellow constables Robert Whiteside and Alex Keable said they saw three objects and later spotted a fourth as did four members of the radar base.

The three objects spotted in one sighting were described as bright circles with two black dots.

The height of the UFOs was estimated to be between 16,000 feet and 72,000 feet in different sightings.

Sturgeon resident reports flying object over river

By GORDON PULIK
Nugget Sturgeon Bureau

STURGEON FALLS—Another unidentified flying object has been sighted near Sturgeon Falls. This time it was over the Sturgeon River, near the Sunbeam Hotel Motel.

Aurel Chartrand, a property owner on the river, says he saw the object around 7 p.m. The light from the object was so bright that "it lit up his yard like it was 1 p.m." Mr. Chartrand said the object was approximately eight feet in diameter and shaped like a big funnel.

Mr. Chartrand said he couldn't look at the object for very long. "It was red, red, and it kind of blinded you to look at."

At first Mr. Chartrand thought it was the neighbor's barn that was on fire, the light was so bright. He looked out his window and saw the object "floating above the river, not making a sound."

"I don't know if there was anyone inside it," he said. "But

it stayed there for 30 to 60 seconds and then took off to hover above the Sunbeam Hotel Motel. It left a vapor trail behind it," according to Mr. Chartrand. "It was as fast as lightning," he added, "and then it took off over the lake."

Mr. Chartrand said he was skeptical about flying objects before, but now he believes in them.

A neighbor to Mr. Chartrand, Mrs. Paul Benoit, is still skeptical. She says it must have been some boys who set off a flare.

The object was sighted as far away as Cache Bay. According to the town clerk, Charlie Lisk, one of the residents of Cache Bay saw the object too. "He's only a boy though," she said, "so I don't know how true it is."

Mrs. Lisk didn't see the object.

This is the second reported sighting in the Sturgeon area within a week. On November 14 four people saw an object above the Laurentide Golf Course, near Sturgeon Falls. It also flew over to Lake Nipissing.

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It is all fascinating &. and the sightings of weird lights at Kingsbridge cannot be dismissed too lightly, despite our impulse to shrug and forget.

OPP officers among observers of UFO over Lake Nipissing

By GUY GALLARDI
Nugget Staff Reporter

An unexplainable "bright white light," which has been sighted on numerous occasions in the North Bay area in recent weeks was active again Thursday night.

The Nugget received a report about 10 p.m. that an unidentified flying object was sighted around the 900-block on Lakeshore Dr., and was heading for Premier Rd.

Moments later, the OPP detachments in North Bay and Sturgeon Falls received reports that a UFO was sighted over Lake Nipissing and could be seen from Garden Village east to North Bay.

Both detachments responded to the call and saw a "bright white light hovering over Iron Island," said a North Bay OPP officer.

Iron Island is about 20 miles west of the North Bay Government Dock on Lake Nipissing. "We positioned ourselves at the Lookout on Hwy. 17, about eight miles west of the city. My partner and I watched the light

for about an hour," said the officer.

The Sturgeon Falls OPP reported today that they also watched the bright light, but since the light failed to land, there will be no official police report on the unexplainable glow.

According to the North Bay OPP the light remained stationary for about three hours then disappeared about 1 a.m.

A spokesman at the Control Tower of North Bay's Jack Garland Airport said they didn't see anything of that nature Thursday night. "We are concerned only with flights to

and from the airport," he said. Officials at the Canadian Forces Base North Bay were not available for information at press time today.

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Mashed potatoes a result of UFOs?

A flattened area in a potato field about 10 feet in diameter has a Cumbermere man suspecting an unidentified flying object may be in the area.

Sam Hicks, who owns a potato field in Cumbermere, which is about 12 miles south of Barry's Bay, Ont., has a circular patch of potato stocks which have been pressed into the ground by what he believes was a heavy object hovering over the field.

Stanley Hasken of Powassan, a cousin of Mr. Hicks, visited the farm in the past week and after viewing the patch, wrote a letter to The Nugget.

He said his cousin's potato stocks were still green but had been pressed into the ground as if something heavy had been hovering over them, apparently with a strong exhaust, and pressed them into the ground.

Mr. Hicks refuses to pick the potatoes in fear they may be contaminated.

This was not the first time Mr. Hicks and his wife had experienced something of this sort, for they both have sited unidentified flying objects in this remote area.

Mr. Hasken felt this information would be of interest to the readers in view of other sightings being reported in North Bay and area in recent months.

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An Unidentified Flying Object was observed in the night sky Sunday evening at approximately 10:15 a.m. A number of people saw

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Motorists report mystery light

Yet another Unidentified Flying Object has been spotted in the North Bay area.

Mrs. Arthur Johnsen of 147 Beth Ave. called The Nugget to report that Tuesday night, sometime between 8:30 and 9 p.m. she and her husband viewed what they believe to have been a UFO.

Mrs. Johnsen said that enroute back to North Bay from Seguin's beach on Lake Nipissing they sighted "two very, very bright lights and one red light, moving south-west at approximately 300 feet above the ground."

The couple got out of their car and watched as the lights moved towards North Bay.

"There was no noise from the direction of the lights," stated Mrs. Johnsen, "and it moved rather slowly."

Mrs. Johnsen said there appeared to be shafts of light coming from the two bright lights, much the same as car headlights shine into the darkness.

She also said they noticed an aircraft flying in the distance. It might possibly have been the Air Canada flight into the city from Toronto.

Mrs. Johnsen said her husband, a former air force man, stated that the lights they saw were not from any aircraft.

"It frightened me enough to make me go back and get in the car," she said.

She also said that a short time later, as they were driving along Lakeshore Drive, they noticed some young men looking into the sky with binoculars and wondered if the young people had been looking at the same thing they had seen a short time before.

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UFO sighted over town

An unidentified flying object has been sighted in the skies over Smiths Falls.

Mrs. Elsie Johnston, 12 River St., says she saw a strange light moving across the sky shortly after 4:00 a.m. Thursday.

"I watched it through my bedroom window," Mrs. Johnston said. "It was the size and shape of a small football."

The slow-moving light was bright orange in color and was apparently powered by what looked to be flames bursting out one end, she said.

"I had the thing in sight for just a few minutes," she explained. "It didn't make any noise, and I didn't have time to call anyone else to look at it."

The slow moving object cut a path from west to east and passed over the Johnston house at a low altitude.

it and some used field glasses to observe it. It is described as a red-dish-organe ball of light, which lit up the entire sky. It stopped several times and went up and down in the air, quite fast. Families reporting it are all in the Monitor area, from Stan Weiss's in the south to Guenther's, Zieffle's and Laye's in the Sounding Lake area.

If any one has any information regarding this please contact us.

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City Man Sights UFO

Shades of Star Trek.

A North Ward resident reported sighting an object with "reddish-yellowish" lights and travelling "about 1,000 miles per hour" Wednesday night.

Rudy Stemberger, of Rita Street, was accompanying his son on his paper route when he spotted "a long fish-like" craft travelling from east to west about 100 feet above Morse Street.

Mr. Stemberger was talking to some of his son's customers when he sighted the "UFO."

"I saw lots of planes," he stated. "It wasn't a plane."

Mr. Stemberger said the "object" remained in view for about three minutes and then disappeared "the lights were going off from the back to the front."

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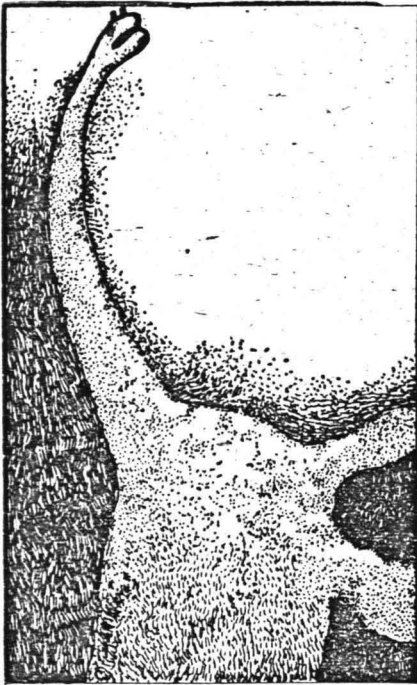
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UFO REPORTED: Salem joined the long list of other localities reporting unidentified flying objects during the last week. The detachment received a report that something had landed in a field north of Salem Friday evening. Subsequent investigation by Constable Bruce Hunt failed to find any little green men. The OPP 401 patrol reported seeing a low flying helicopter earlier that evening.

Today the Daily Mirror publishes the controversial pictures from Loch Ness



An artist's impression of how the monster, left, looks.

By ARTHUR SMITH,
Science Correspondent

SO this is what all that fuss was about . . . the much-heralded proof that Nessie lives.

These are the pictures taken by a team of American scientists last summer, using an electronic flash 45ft. below the surface of Loch Ness.

The pictures weren't even this clear at first. They have been sharpened by a system known as computer-enhancement.

That full-body study on the left may look to you like a bursting haggis thrown over the side of a loch steamer.

But it's good enough to convince Sir Peter Scott, the painter and wildfowl expert, and Dr. Robert Rines, the Boston attorney who led the American team.

In Britain's leading scientific journal *Nature*, where the monster picture was first published yesterday, they even put forward a name for Nessie.

They called it *Nessiteras Rhombopteryx* — which means the Ness Monster with a diamond-shaped fin — and explained that if it



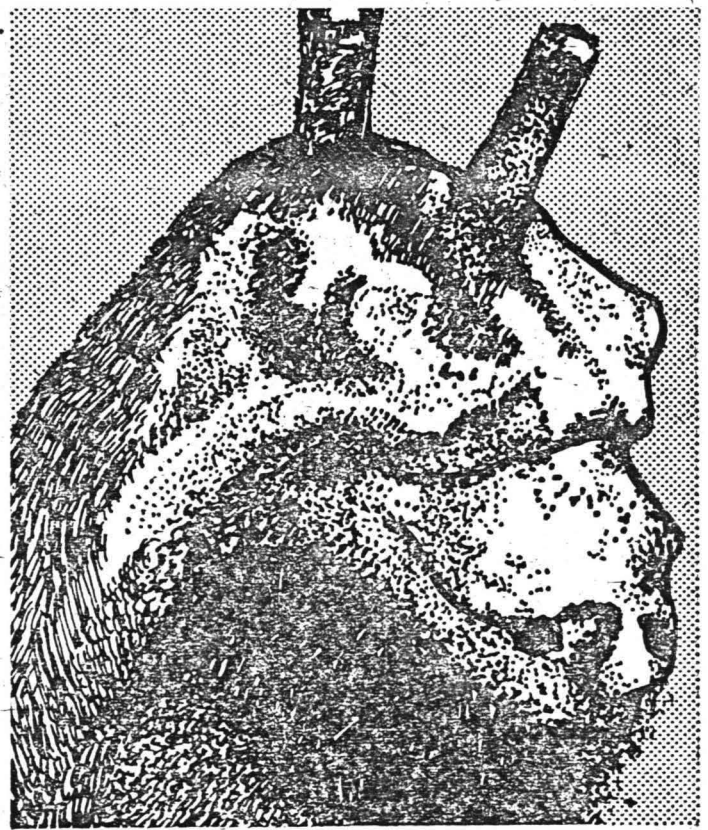
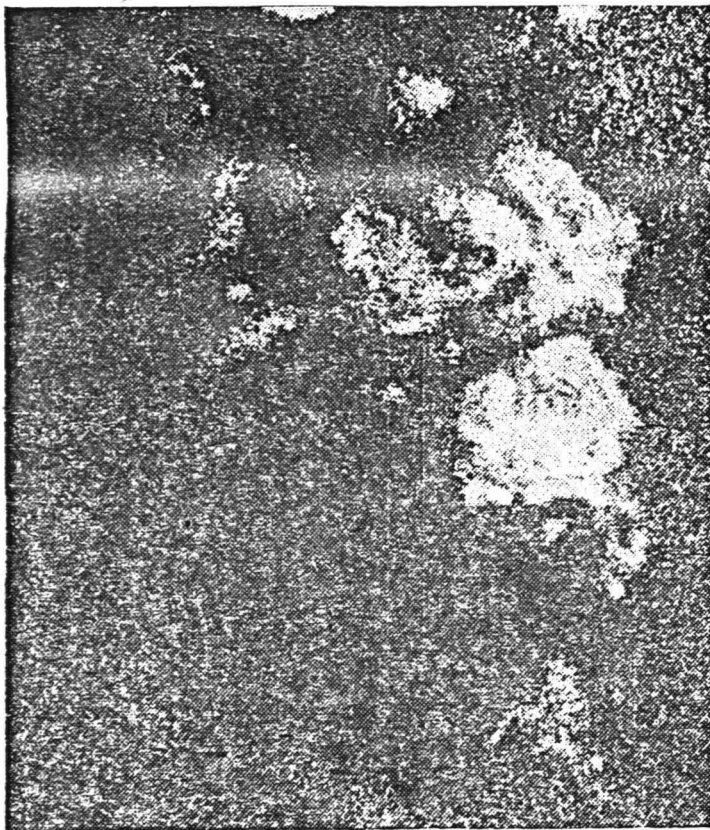
THE SYSTEM: How computer enhancement works. The picture, left, of Mars satellite Phobos was taken by a Mariner spacecraft in 1971. It was fed into a computer which created the new, clearer close-up, right. The same process was used on the Nessie pictures.

wasn't named it couldn't become a protected species under British law.

Sir Peter and the doctor calculate that their monster is anything up to 65ft. long, living on fish and plant debris. And they reckon Nessies have been breeding

in the loch ever since it ceased to be an arm of the sea 12,000 years ago.

The pair defended their evidence before a slightly sceptical Press conference in London last night, Dr. Rines calling his monster "the tenth wonder of the world."



HEAD

The splodge that believers call the head, with horns which may be schnorkel tubes — clearly shown in the artist's version — for breathing without causing a ripple on the loch.

Graphics by TERRY DICKIE.

'NESSIE' HAS COMPUTER BAFFLED

By IAN BRODIE
in Los Angeles

THE computer which probed the mysteries of Mars has been baffled by the Loch Ness monster.

It has concluded only that there was an object swimming beneath the waters, when the latest photographs were taken by a research team from

Boston. But it cannot determine for sure whether this was "Nessie" some other living species — or a hoax.

The IBM computer is at the jet propulsion laboratory in Pasadena, California, and previously, it has been applied successfully to analysing pictures of Mars, taken by Mariner spacecraft.

The process, known as photographic "enhancement" reduced two 35-mm slides taken under the loch to between three and four million scan points each. The result was an ambiguous splotch of blacks and greys.

'Hours of study'

The computer's engineer, Mr Alan Gillespie, said: "We approached this analysis with professional dispassion and detachment. There was no computerised 'air-brushing' of the data. There seems to be something there in the loch, but we don't know if it's a genuine animal or not. After many, many hours of studying these photographs, I haven't found the slightest evidence of fraud."

One picture shows what could be taken to be a large light-coloured body against a black background, with two triangular fins and a long curving neck emerging from the torso. The

strobe-lighted camera was 20 feet away.

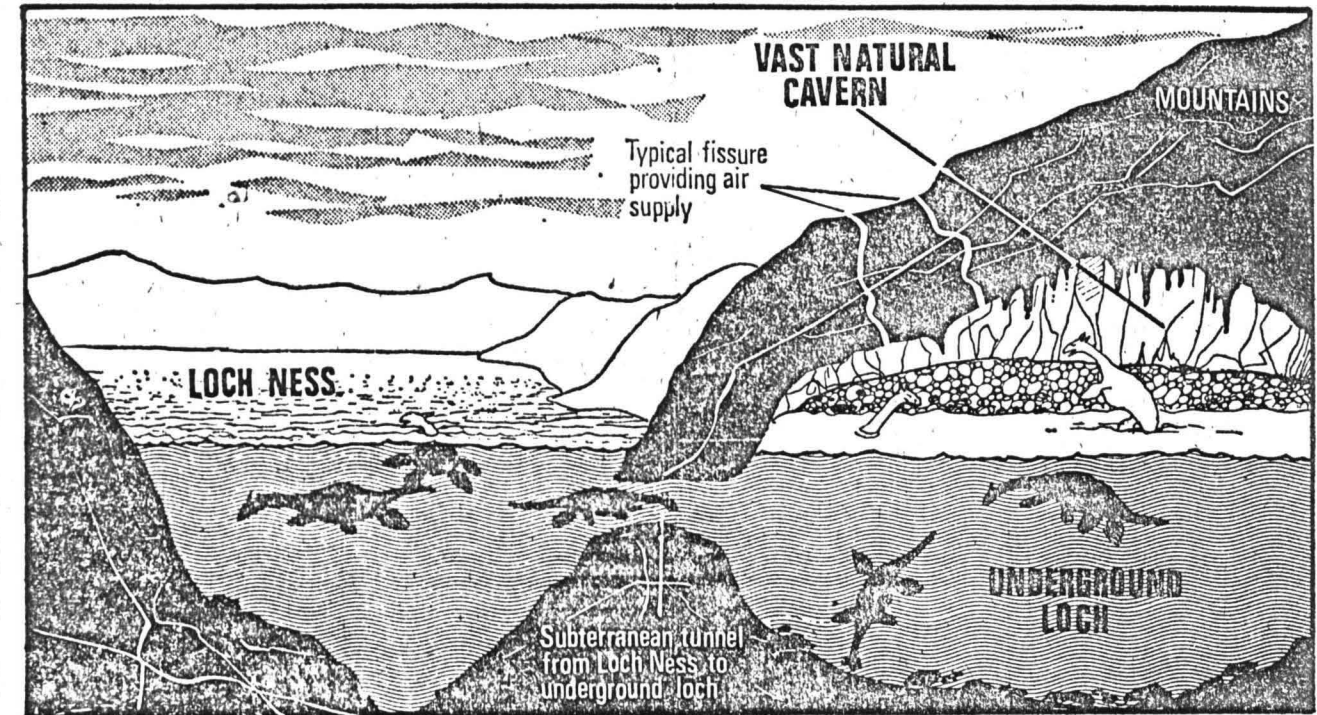
The pictures were taken last summer by American researcher Robert Rines who, along with Sir Peter Scott, plans to show them publicly for the first time, after a scientific symposium, in Edinburgh, on Dec 9.

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Could this be the dark secret of the Loch Ness Monsters?



IF, as has been suggested, the monsters supposed to have been located in Loch Ness are of an air-breathing type, there can surely be only one possible explanation for their survival.

Somewhere along the loch, hidden below the waterline, there must be access to an underground lake with a vast cavern above water level.

Here, in eternal darkness, the poor monsters could have lived and bred for millions of years, sustaining themselves on water plankton and making forays into the loch.

Air supply would be forthcoming from fissures in the rock.

Perhaps the sightings reported over the centuries happened when monsters miscalculated the time available after negotiating the tunnel and had to surface in Loch Ness itself for air.

M. GROVES, Leeds Road, Harrogate.

Well, there have been dafter ideas. Our graphics man Jack Stancombe has produced a visual rendering of the Monster world envisaged in this letter. — The Editor.

SOURCE: Evening Post (Leeds, England) November 27, 1975 ENGLAND

NESSITERAS RHOMBOPTERYX, the latest name for the Loch Ness monster, could be a cannibal.

This is one theory put forward by naturalist Sir Peter Scott at a Press conference last night to explain why no monster carcasses had been found on the surface or shore of Loch Ness.

Sir Peter also said that Nessie, like crocodiles, could swallow stones as diving weights which would keep the carcass on the Loch bottom when the creature died.

Both he and Dr. Robert Rines, leader of the American team which took the latest set of controversial pictures, wanted Nessie protected.

Sir Peter said of their article in "Nature": "One of the prime objects of this paper was to name the animal so that it would be easier to protect and defend it against any ignorant operation to try and capture one, kill one or interfere with one in any way."

HOAX GUARANTEE

Dr. Rines guaranteed that the photos were not hoaxes by him or his team, and Sir Peter said of the pictures: "It looks like the Loch Ness monster to me."

[A photograph which is claimed to be "a view of the head, neck and part of the body" of the Loch Ness monster was published yesterday in the science magazine, "Nature." According to the caption it shows the head and seven to 12ft long neck, and parts of the body and appendages. The photograph appears alongside an article by Sir Peter and Dr. Rines in which they propose that the monster should be named Nessiteras Rhombopteryx, which means, according to the article, the Ness monster with diamond fin.]

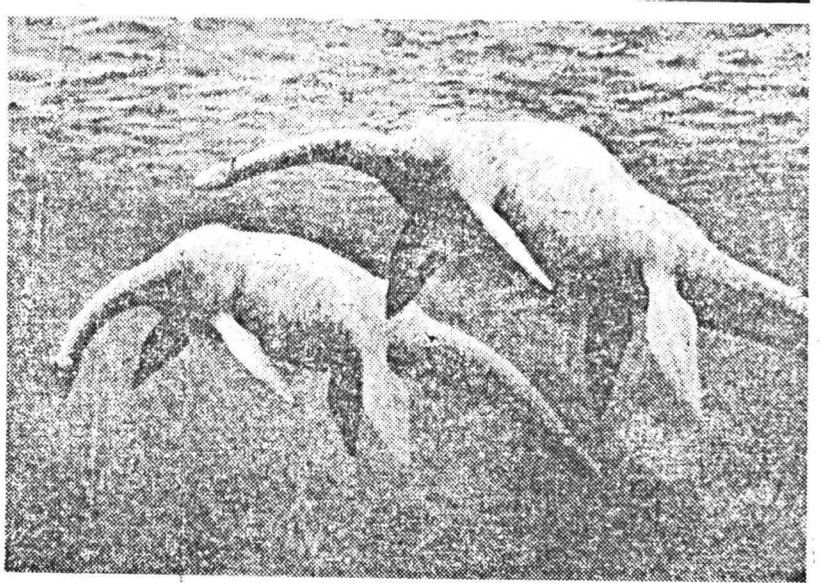
Science diary
by
John Maddox
ENGLAND

Nessie? I don't believe it

Plainly we have not heard the last of the Loch Ness monster, now given the formal name of *Nessiteras rhombopteryx* by Sir Peter Scott and Dr Robert Rines in *Nature* (December 11).

But such evidence for its existence as there is is much more vividly a proof of the wish of otherwise level headed people to believe that no deep lake can be complete without some more sophisticated form of life than fish. In the old days, but especially in the Dark Ages, these speculations were much more entertaining, witness the myriad medieval legends about ladies in the lakes.

For the time being, in my opinion, the "fresh evidence" of the Loch Ness monster is no more susceptible to scientific examination than spoon bending (about which my views are clear). What is very much



Peter Scott's view of the monsters: he drew this artist's impression after seeing photographs taken by the Boston team. "I feel the animals will look very like this when we eventually find them" he said.

In question is the good sense of those who have given their names to it—Sir Peter Scott, Dr Robert Rines and the journal *Nature*.

For given the inevitable doubt about the permissible interpretations of the photographs that have appeared in several newspapers during the past weeks, it is legitimate to ask those responsible should at least that provided the basic information about the provenance of these photographs that would have allowed others, perhaps not now but later, to arrive at an informed opinion.

In reality, however, nothing is said in the *Nature* article about the places in Loch Ness at which the photographs were obtained, nothing is said about the kind of camera used and nothing is said about the meteorological conditions at the time. It is exceedingly hard to believe that what purports to be a serious contribution to science would have passed through even the most rudimentary refereeing system without this information having been asked for.

The fact that it was not volunteered suggests to me that the new genus *Nessiteras* should be classified by zoologists neither with the extinct dinosaurs and other reptiles nor with modern marine mammals but with the unicorn and the more recent yeti.

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'Nessie may be a cannibal'

The photographs will be unveiled at Edinburgh, Scotland, Dec. 10. A published account said the latest pictures depict creatures with "flippers of the same general shape in the fossil records of prehistoric reptiles."

Howe said plesiosaurs and ichthyosaurs, reptiles of the Mesozoic period, adopted a fishlike form and moved to the water.

Scientist Thinks Lake 'Monster' May Be Reptile

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Scotland's famed Loch Ness monster may be a prehistoric reptile, dating back 70 million years, Purdue University paleontologist Dr. Herbert J. Howe says.

"The monster may be an example of what is known as a living fossil," he said. "Sharks as fossils go back even prior to the time of dinosaurs."

Photographs taken by an American research team might reveal that the Loch Ness monster is a plesiosaur or ichthyosaur, types of reptiles believed to be extinct for more than 50 million years, said Howe, associate professor in Purdue's geosciences department.

"Of course, you must realize that the discovery of one of those would be a comparable breakthrough to someone finding a dinosaur on an island," Howe said.

Monster mania up in Vermont

Interest in the Lake Champlain monster, allegedly a snake-like creature spotted several times during the last 150 years, has revived in Vermont, thanks to the public's growing interest in other legendary creatures such as Nessie, Bigfoot and the Abominable Snowman.

By Rod Clarke
United Press International

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Samuel de Champlain saw it ping them in whole."

To Walter Hard, former editor of Vermont Life Magazine, its head was the distinguishing feature.

Harold Patch of Hardwick stopped for a picnic lunch near Alburg and spotted something "that looked like a tremendously long snake, quite large in the body and about 20 or 30 feet long."

Patch, Hard and de Champlain are among the hundreds of persons who claim to have sighted the "Lake Champlain Monster" — well-known in local folklore but overshadowed by its more famous Loch Ness cousin.

Now, interest in the Lake Champlain monster — which has never been named — has been revived thanks to the public's growing fascination with other legendary creatures such as "Nessie," "Bigfoot" and the Abominable Snowman.

As editor of the prestigious Vermont Life Magazine, Hard kept track of "monster" sightings through the years.

Then, on Labor Day, 1962, he and his wife spotted an eel-like creature swimming off Appletree Point north of Burlington, Vermont's largest city.

"It defies any explanation that I can think of," he says.

"The head was the distinguishing feature — large and whitish and round like a beach ball.

"My wife thought she saw its body above the water in two or three coils.

"Then, it moved away rather rapidly into the lake," he recalls.

According to Hard, they watched the monster through field glasses for about 10 minutes.

"We both saw the head, going against the wind at a pretty good clip."

Hard figures that hundreds of persons have spotted the monster, but have been reluctant to report it.

"They're afraid of ridicule," he says.

But Patch talks about his experience with the "monster" in no uncertain terms.

"By Judas priest! I saw that thing," he says.

He and his wife were sharing a picnic lunch on May 20, 1960, when it surfaced off the Champlain Islands along the lake's western shore, he says.

"We were there for a half hour, eating our lunch and watching that critter," Patch says.

"It was definitely snake-like in form. I could see three or four humps up in the air, but they were vertical — and not lying horizontally along the water like a snake's would.

"It was right there on top of the water," he says. "Just enjoying a swim."

Sometimes it would lift its head out of the water a couple of feet, then "continue on its leisurely way."

The Patches watched with fascination, also through binoculars, as the creature "slowly turned and started working back toward the area from which it came."

Patch agrees with Hard that fear of ridicule has held down the number of reported monster sightings.

"People are very disinclined to believe anything like that unless they see it with their very own eyes," he says.

"But I know darn well it wasn't something else. "I saw it and I know it's there. At least it was then I don't know for sure if it still is."

History abounds with reported sightings of the Lake Champlain monster.

It was seen by startled pioneers near Port Henry, N.Y., in 1819, and then disappeared for half a century, when numerous sightings were reported by steamboat excursion passengers.

In 1883 Sheriff N. H. Mooney of Clinton County, N.Y., said he spotted the monster near Cumberland head.

Local newspapers on both sides of the lake carried running accounts of the phenomena—many of them somewhat skeptical.

"The What-Is-It of Lake Champlain was again interviewed near Barbers Point on Monday last," reported the Temperance Advocate in 1871.

In 1964, according to a Vermont Life article, the monster surfaced near a Westport, N.Y., summer camp for boys and girls, prompting frightened swimmers to race for the shore.

The last believed sighting occurred four years ago when a family spotted a figure resembling the monster in shallow water near Milton.

Despite the hundreds of sightings, no one has ever captured the monster on film. Nor has a major investigation been conducted.

But University of Vermont zoology Professor Milton Potash is unwilling to flatly deny its existence.

"In our experience, we have never run across any evidence—direct or indirect—that it exists," he says.

"But I can't say no such thing exists and it would be nonsense to say that, in light of the responsible reports. "I don't think you can brush these things off." Potash says Lake Champlain's size — it is much bigger than Loch Ness — and its irregular shape and depth prohibit the use of sonar and other sophisticated monster-hunting equipment. But there is some scientific basis for believing such a creature or creatures — may in fact lurk in the depths of the lake.

Lake Champlain, Potash says, as well as the Hudson and St. Lawrence Rivers, "were once an arm of the sea," and small, prehistoric life forms are often found in their waters.

There are those who say the monster is nothing more than large sturgeon "porpoising" along the lake's surface, or giant carp coming up for air, or eels, or sea otters.

As a scientist, Potash stays on neutral ground in discussing the monster.

"It's difficult to dispute, but very difficult to accept," he says.

"I have to withhold an opinion until there is more evidence.

"But obviously there never will be evidence proving their non-existence."

THE MIAMI HERALD (Florida) December 22, 1975
Credit: J. B. Ennis

Unknown Boat Sinks In Bermuda Triangle

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — (UPI) — A Coast Guard cutter reached a capsized sailboat in the legendary Bermuda Triangle Sunday morning just as the craft disappeared into the depths of the Atlantic, a spokesman said.

The unidentified vessel was underwater when the cutter arrived at 4 a.m. and sank within minutes, said Lt. (jg) John Witherspoon. He said the cutter searched the area for survivors but found none.

The sailboat was spotted Saturday morning 80 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, N.C., by a passing American cargo ship, which notified the Coast Guard.

The cargo ship Ponce de Leon told the Coast Guard it saw no sign of life and was unable to find the craft's name. A Coast Guard

plane dropped a data buoy near the sailboat and a cutter was dispatched to the area.

"They sighted an object about 10 feet underwater," Witherspoon said. "They had no idea what it was. They saw it, and then it sank completely."

Lt. (jg) Fred Simpson said it was not known if the sailboat had recently capsized or if it had been lost at sea this summer during heavy storms.

He said the Coast Guard had reports of several missing sailboats on file but none recently. More than 200 ships and planes have disappeared over the years in the Bermuda Triangle, a large portion of the Atlantic cornered by Miami, Norfolk, Va., and Bermuda.

BOSTON SUNDAY GLOBE (Boston, MA) December 28, 1975 Credit: R. Garlipp

Something's there—but is it Nessie?

Little Rock, Arkansas DEMOCRAT
November 26, 1975
Credit: Lou Farish

By GEORGE ALEXANDER
Times-Post News Service
(Los Angeles Times)

PASADENA, Calif. — A Jet Propulsion Laboratory engineer who has made a computer-assisted study of photographs taken during a search for the Loch Ness monster last summer says there was unquestionably a real object swimming beneath the murky waters of the Scottish lake.

But, Alan Gillespie said in almost the next breath, there is no way of telling whether the object is the elusive and long-sought monster come to be known as "Nessie," or an animal species already known to man—or an elaborate hoax.

That, he added, is a question to be resolved by more photographs and their interpretation by zoologists.

A panel of five scientists from the British Museum of Natural History examined the same photographs Gillespie analyzed and were not impressed.

"None of the photographs," the panel said in a joint statement, "is sufficiently informative to establish the existence, far less the identity, of a large living animal in the loch."

The scientists—zoologists J.G. Sheals, G.B. Corbet and P.H. Greenwood; paleontologist H.W. Ball; and fossil reptile curator A.J. Charig—were shown the carefully guarded photographs taken of "Nessie" last summer by Robert Rines, an American researcher from Boston.

Rines, along with Sir Peter Scott, a well-known British naturalist, plan to reveal the photographs publicly for the first time Dec. 9 or 10 at a scientific symposium in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Gillespie, whose specialty at JPL is the computer enhancement of photographs taken by unmanned spacecraft of planets and of the earth, helped to process these photographs. He showed copies of the pictures to the Los Angeles Times, but on the stipulation that they not be reproduced until Dec. 9 or 10 and that, until then, they be described only in general terms.

The first thing that must be said of the two prints is that they are ambiguous. They are a confused jumble of dots, blotches and blurred shapes in tones of white, black and gray, mostly black and gray.

One photograph shows what could be construed as a large light-colored body against a black background, with two triangular fins, or flippers, sticking straight down from the torso and a long,

arching neck emerging from the top of the torso.

What could be a head appears forward of the neck, but is separated from it by a segment of blackness, presumably murky lake water. "I've analyzed that gap," said Gillespie, "and it does seem to be consistent with the water background. And yet whatever the object (head) is, it seems to be connected to the curve that looks like a neck."

The object was almost 20 feet away from the strobe-lighted camera rig that Rines had positioned in the lake, 40 feet below the surface.

In the second photograph, the object is considerably closer to the underwater camera, but the photo is no clearer. A large serpentine form seems to be coiling up from the lower left-hand corner of the

picture frame and it could easily be taken as a neck.

At the end of the neck is a grotesque object—a head?—with features that could be imagined as open jaws, an eye and boney growths.

"The difficulty with the two pictures," said Gillespie, who is also a graduate student in geology at the California Institute of Technology in addition to his work at JPL, "is that when the object is six meters (a little over 19 feet) or so away from the camera, it fills the frame, but it's also very dim. All you can see are vague outlines, even with computer enhancement.

"And when it is close to the camera, assuming that its size is as great as indicated, it then becomes a version of the story of blind men trying to describe an elephant by feeling different parts. What

do we have here? (gesturing at the close-up photo) Is this the head? Or the tail? Is it turned at an angle to the camera so that it's foreshortened and therefore appears distorted?"

A clear, underwater photograph in Loch Ness is almost an impossible task, Gillespie said, because of the large amounts of dissolved peat and other particles suspended in the water. "It's the color of coffee," he said.

In processing Rines's photographs of "Nessie," Gillespie used techniques that had been previously applied with remarkable success to pictures taken of the planet Mars by the Mariners 6, 7 and 9 spacecraft and of the Earth by the Landsat earth resources satellite.

"There is much more data on these photographs than the human eye can

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Computer-enhanced photos show dinosaur-like outline in depths

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interpret," Gillespie explained. "We can photograph a surface in up to 256 different tones of gray, but the eye can discriminate perhaps only 12 or so."

To bring out a feature that has subtle variations of gray in an overall scene that is characterized by gross differences in gray, the computer is instructed to wash out the gross differences while accentuating the subtle ones.

Gillespie said the film is first placed in a scanning machine. A pinpoint beam of light is passed through the film and onto a photocell on the opposite side of the film.

The beam of light is "stepped" through a sequence of points, each 10 microns (about 4-10,000ths of an inch) across, and the amount of light that penetrates the film to fall upon the photocell is proportional to the darkness or lightness of that particular point.

Consequently, the photocell registers the light beam as a series of varying voltage readings. These readings are then encoded in a computer program as numbers, numbers that can in turn be manipulated and calculated according to the terms of the computer programmer—in this case, Gillespie and another JPL colleague, Jean Loore.

Gillespie said that the two 35-millimeter photographic slides of "Nessie" produced between 3 million and 4 million scan points each. These, translated into corresponding voltages and numbers,

were run through an IBM digital computer at JPL.

JPL allowed the computer to be used during hours that did not interfere with other laboratory projects, and Gillespie ran the calculations on his own time.

Gillespie confessed to an interest in "Nessie" that goes back to his childhood. Last summer, while vacationing in Scotland, he and his wife went by Loch Ness for a look at the lake. They did not, however, catch sight of any creature in the waters.

Despite this personal fascination with the mystery, Gillespie made it clear that he had approached the analysis of Rines' photographs with professional dispassion and detachment. "There was no computerized 'air-brushing' of the data," he said. "Please stress that."

So what does he make of the photographs?

"There seems to be something there in the lake," he said, "but we don't know if it's a genuine animal or not. After many, many hours of studying these pictures, I haven't found the slightest evidence of fraud. In my opinion, Rines is sincere, serious and honest about this whole affair."

That opinion of Rines, a patent lawyer, dean of the Franklin Pierce Law School in Concord, N.H., and lecturer on the teaching staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is shared by others who know him. "If you could rate the solidness of a man's reputation on a scale of zero to 10, with zero being the worst

and 10 the best," said a M.I.T. official, "Rines would score at least an eight and probably a nine among his colleagues here. I can tell you this without any qualification: He's no crackpot."

So if the photographer is legitimate and the photographs not faked, what then is the object—or creature—in those pictures?

Scott, Rines's associate in this venture, believes that "Nessie" may be a plesiosaur—a long-necked marine dinosaur believed to have become extinct more than 70 million years ago.

Just about all paleontologists balk at that suggestion. The environment under which dinosaurs flourished has long since disappeared from the earth and so, by logical extension, should the animals that had adapted to those conditions.

"Now if one of these creatures adapted to the change that we know took place at the end of the Cretaceous Period (about 63 million years ago)," said Dr. Shelton P. Applegate, associate curator of vertebrate paleontology at the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History, "and has survived down to the present... well, it's not impossible, but it is most unlikely."

Applegate added, however, that there was still quite a bit that modern science did not know about this planet and its inhabitants. "A lot of deep-water animals we know from having caught only one or two specimens," he said. "There is the coelacanth, for example, and the fringed-gill shark. Once you get down below a certain depth, it really is terra incognita."