

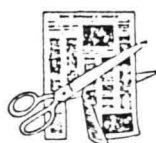
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UFO's Sighted At Gitchie Manitou

The Gitchie Manitou State Park is becoming famous as the site of bizarre happenings.

In 1973, the Fryer brothers murdered four Sioux Falls youths and kidnapped another in the park.

Lately the park has been the setting for several UFO sightings.

Linda Sehr, 20, who lives on her family's farm near the park, first saw a UFO when she was returning from Sioux Falls at 11:30 at night. She saw a large oblong object with white lights hovering over the road. Miss Sehr said the object followed her car for several feet and then turned off. She also

saw the UFO a week later near an airstrip which is under construction.

Another sighting was made by the four sons of Roger Rygh, who lives close to the park. His son were playing in the park when two of the boys heard grunting noises coming from a bush 70 feet away. On closer examination, they said they saw someone hiding behind the bush who appeared to be seven feet tall and was wearing a suit made out of shiny blue material. The boys ran away. When they looked back, they saw an oblong object the size of a haystack with white light. It hovered over the trees and

then flew away.

The third sighting occurred when Mrs. Linda Roozenboom was awakened by barking dogs and looked out her window. She saw an oblong object with bright white lights.

An investigation by the local sheriff's department failed to uncover an explanation for the sightings.

According to Mrs. Roozenboom, other people in the area have seen the strange objects, but haven't reported the sightings for fear of being ridiculed.

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Sibley, Iowa
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UFO Reported By Policemen

By SUSAN OKULA
Staff Reporter

EAST HAVEN — Two police officers spotted an unidentified flying object at 4:30 a.m. today while sitting in their patrol car at the state rifle range, North High Street.

Patrolman Thomas Dacosta said this morning the UFO was apparently made of metal and very bright and flew in a very tight zig zag pattern from west to east.

Dacosta said he and Patrolman Angelo Moscato watched the object for about 25 seconds before it disappeared over the horizon.

After it passed over the town at about 20,000 to 30,000 feet, all the animals in the area, including dogs, began growling and barking, he said, which may indicate the object made a high pitched sound.

The two police officers did not hear any noise from the object, he said.

The police called the national UFO center in Chicago this morning which ruled out the object being a satellite. The center explained at a 30,000 foot altitude, a satellite would have burned out in the atmosphere.

The center was investigating the UFO, according to Dacosta.

"It covered quite an amount of area in a short time," he said. "We don't know what it was."

Dacosta said the object was too high and flew too fast to determine its shape.

Edgar Schoonmaker, a meteorologist and assistant manager of Tweed-New Haven Airport, said this morning that the UFO could possibly be a "fireball," a meteor.

August is a period of great meteor activity, he said, and a meteor could move at the speed that the patrolmen described.

'Thing' blew up CB antenna



The Whirligig

The next morning Davids saw police cars at the station. He called owner Eldon Berg, who said lightning had struck the station and burned out all the wiring.

ROGER DAVIDS, 4038 Ramelle Drive, debated with himself for about a week before finally calling The Nonpareil to report a UFO sighting.

He finally decided it was too important to just let it go by.

He said about 11 p.m. July 31, his sister-in-law Debbie Focken was driving home from work on Interstate 80 when she saw a bright light near the Twenty-fourth Street exit. As she approached, the light got brighter. The object appeared to be about 100 feet above Eldon's Standard Service Station.

She stopped at the exit and got out of her car to watch. Other cars stopped along the Interstate. The oblong object had windows and lights inside and looked much like the cabin of a passenger plane. It just hovered silently above the station.

She got frightened and went to the Davids' home where she is staying. She and Davids returned to the scene, but the object was gone. Davids said he approached two cars parked near the Twenty-fourth Street exit, "but the people didn't seem to want to talk."

Only that Saturday night there was no lightning, a fact confirmed by Robert Ruggle, lead forecaster at the National Weather Bureau in Omaha.

Station attendant Jim Stone, asked by The Nonpareil what he knew about a UFO, said, "All I know is the place got struck by lightning, and it wasn't raining. Or lightning. It blew up the CB antenna."

He also said a customer (apparently not Davids) "said he was driving along the Interstate, and cars were lined up where people had stopped to watch it."

The Nonpareil would like to hear from anyone else who saw the object.

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Council Bluffs,
Iowa

August 9, 1976

Daily News
Woburn, Maine
August 13, 1976

UFO watched for 5 hours over Woburn

WOBURN — A large number of persons on Maywood Terrace and two police officers reportedly observed a UFO that moved from the south to the north over Woburn during a five hour period Wednesday night.

The UFO was first spotted by Carl Olson, 16 Maywood Terrace and his girl friend.

Olson said he was on Holton St. when his girl friend spotted the object.

They went to Olson's home where they obtained a pair of binoculars and watched

the object for some time. A number of other persons, including Olson's parents, also saw the object.

"It was flashing white and red when we first saw it," said Olson, age 20.

The Police Station was notified of the sighting and Officers Arthur Tourkantonis and Paul Lucero were dispatched to the scene.

Both officers informed the station they also could see the object.

Olson said that when he viewed it through the binoculars, and later his girl friend's telescope, it changed colors. He also said that it had a saucer shape with a "red bulb" in the middle. The saucer shape was tilted at a 45 degree angle, he reported.

Olson said he watched the object from about 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. this morning.

Lewiston Evening
Journal

Lewiston, Maine

Aug 2, 1976

City Locals

Lewiston police early Monday morning received reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects on the Old Lisbon Road and the Webster Road. Two female observers spotted what they thought to be a flaming object in the sky.

UFO Sightings Have Gitchie Manitou Neighbors On Edge

By PAT MILLER
Argus-Leader Staff Writer

Unidentified flying objects have been sighted near Sioux Falls, particularly by people living northeast of Gitchie Manitou State Park.

Members of several families living only a few hundred yards from the the Iowa state park have reported seeing an oblong, glowing white object in the area on different occasions.

Linda Sehr, 20, who lives on a farm with her family just across the border in Iowa, first saw the object about the middle of April this year. She said she was coming from Sioux Falls about 11:30 p.m., traveling south on a paved road that passes near the park before veering away to the east.

Ahead of her car she said she saw a large oblong, glowing white object with flashing lights "like sparks" around the edges. The object was low over the road and she said it appeared that it would land directly in front of her car. When she slowed down to avoid it, it moved very fast, with a wobbly motion, to the side of the road over a field.

Miss Sehr said that although the object was no longer over the road, it seemed to follow her car, heading any direction she went. She said she heard no noise because she kept the car windows up.

A rough drawing made by Miss Sehr of the UFO shows it resembles a World War I army helmet with a bulging top and bottom and is oblong instead of round. The top was a dim glowing light while the bottom bulge was a very bright white light. A dark line circled the middle with "glittery" lights.

Miss Sehr's parents said she was very frightened when she arrived home that night and she asked her father to go outside and look for the UFO. He said he saw nothing but was certain his daughter had seen something that frightened her.

Miss Sehr said since that incident, she has been watching for the UFO. She said she saw it again about two weeks ago, hovering over a field next to Gitchie Manitou park where an airstrip is being built.

Roger Rygh, who lives closer to the park than most people in the area, said he didn't believe his four boys when they first told him they'd seen a UFO in the park, but now he is convinced that they did see something which scared them.

The four Rygh boys, Chris, 11, Tom, 9, Andy, 8, and Joel, 6, had perhaps the strangest of all experiences involving the UFO.

According to Joel and Andy, while playing in a picnic shelter in the park about 9 a.m. July 5, they heard strange noises followed by a grunting sound and then a high, shrill whistle. When they looked in the direction the noises were coming from, they saw someone standing behind a bush about 70 feet away. "He" appeared to be seven or more

feet tall, judging by the outline through the bushes.

They said they could see part of a leg which wasn't obscured by the bushes or tall grass. The leg appeared to be shiny blue, which they say was due to some type of material, not skin.

Joel and Andy said that when the noises became louder and closer they ran from the shelter for about one-fourth of a mile to where Chris and Tom were. At the edge of the park near the paved road where Miss Sehr claims she saw a UFO, Andy and Joel began to excitedly explain what they'd seen to their older brothers.

While looking in the direction the two younger boys were pointing, Chris and Tom said they saw a glowing object emerge from behind a large tree about 50 yards south of them in the park. They said they heard a humming sound as the object rose just above the tree and paused for about five seconds. Then it sped away to the south, disappearing rapidly.

Chris and Tom said the object was about the size and shape of a large haystack that is oblong and rounded. They said the object was glowing white but became brighter and dimmer. After seeing this, the four boys ran up the road to their home. They said they don't go into Gitchie Manitou any more.

About a week after the Rygh boys' incident, Mrs. Linda Roozenboom, who lives about three-fourths of a mile north of the Rygh house, was awakened around 1:30 in the morning by the barking of dogs. She said she looked out the window and saw a pulsating oblong light about a mile southeast of her home.

The object was rounded on both the top and bottom and pulsating rapidly, she said.

"I tried to think of what it could be but it was just too big to be anything I knew of. It wasn't a normal light. It was white or bluish white," said Mrs. Roozenboom.

She said she woke up her husband to look at it but by the time he saw it, the object had moved behind some trees and "dimmed down." Mrs. Roozenboom said it was still visible behind the trees for a while but then it gradually disappeared.

"I don't know if it went off or landed or left," she said. "After that, I couldn't sleep for two weeks. I kept getting up to see what every little noise was."

Mrs. Roozenboom said that people in the area are worried because their dogs start acting up, sometimes for no apparent reason. Another woman who lives in the area, Mrs. Sara Streich, said one night her dogs were barking at the sky and "carrying on something fierce." She said she feared a prowler was about and called the Sheriff's Office. Mrs. Streich said several cars were sent out but nothing was found. The dogs kept on barking, she said.

Both Mrs. Roozenboom and Mrs. Streich said they knew of others in the area who had seen UFOs but weren't talking because they wanted to avoid embarrassment. None of the people in the area had known about other sightings until the Rygh boys' incident.

Jack Wright, who claims he has seen a UFO about as long as four football fields north of the state park, was interested in the Rygh boys' story and went to the scene to investigate about nine days after the boys' sighting. He thought he could find an impression or a burned spot where the UFO had been behind the tree. Instead he found a large turtle pond, big enough to hold an object the size of the UFO the Rygh boys saw.

Wright did find some small oak trees near the spot where the boys said the object hovered for five seconds. When he first saw the trees, the upper leaves were yellow and the lower leaves were splotted and curled. When he came back five days later, all of the upper leaves had dropped off, leaving only the healthy lower leaves.

"A county agent told me two types of weed killer would do that to a tree but if someone was spraying for weeds, they sure did a good job of missing them and hitting the trees. The boys' story became real believable for me because of those trees. It really spooks me. I wish I hadn't seen them," Wright said.

Wright said the object he had seen earlier had two big yellow glowing lights, which he estimated to be about five feet in diameter, pointing forward. The object was moving north a few miles outside of Sioux Falls just south of Highway 38, Wright said. He said the UFO was moving so slow he thought he could intercept it as it passed at treetop height over the highway. As it approached, he noticed a small light moving a great distance behind the object and then noticed a shape between the large front lights and the small back light which he said connected them.

It was at this time he estimated the object to be about four football fields long. Wright said he and his wife were frightened as the huge object approached and decided to drive east on the highway before it went over them.

He said after going a short distance, he pulled off the road and looked to the north for the UFO but couldn't see it. Looking east, he saw what appeared to be six glowing red rectangles moving

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slowly at treetop level down the highway. Wright said the object apparently turned east about the same time he did and went past him while he was looking in the wrong direction. He said he thought the red lights were on the rear of the UFO as it headed away from him. Wright estimated the object to be moving about 10 miles per hour.

Rick Shultz, who lives 2½ miles north of Hartford, reported a sighting of a different nature. He said he had just gone outside about 1 a.m. Aug. 6 when he heard a loud buzzing noise and saw a "big red ball of fire" shoot up in the air from behind a hill near the Shultz house.

Shultz said the fireball was about the size of a basketball but couldn't be sure because he didn't know how far away it was. He said the fireball went up, stopped, changed directions three or four times, and then shot up again out of sight.

"It really scared me. I've never seen anything like that before," Shultz said.

Shultz said the area around where he thought the object came from had been checked for burned spots and impressions

but none were found.

A sheriff's deputy was sent north of Hartford to investigate the sighting by Shultz that night. Although the deputy could not be reached for comment, the official daily complaint log from the Sheriff's Department said, "...reports sighting what appeared to be lights flashing out in a field approximately three miles north and a little east of Hartford. After traveling east and north again, ...reports to disregard. Unknown origin of lights."

Sheriff Les Hawkey said he knew nothing about that particular incident and that there had only been "three or four" UFO sightings reported since he took office in 1974. He said cars were sent out to investigate the sightings but nothing was found.

"I have no feelings one way or the other about this," Hawkey said.

Whatever people on the outskirts of Sioux Falls are seeing, it's frightening them. No one has offered a logical explanation to the sightings but that may be because most of the people who claim to have seen the UFOs have talked very little with each other or with anyone else.

Fireball Believed Meteor

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A single brilliant fireball that exploded over northern California Monday night was a meteor possibly the size of a football and weighing 200 pounds, says a lecturer in astronomy at Griffith Park Observatory.

But it was not a meteor shower as was first reported, Ronald Oriti, who has specialized in meteors and meteorites for 20 years, said Tuesday.

The fireball was seen over California, Nevada and as far south as Arizona. Oriti said it exploded and broke into hundreds of pieces when it hit earth's atmosphere.

"It wasn't a multitude of meteors that was seen, but one giant meteor," he said.

Palm Springs, Calif.

Desert Sun
Aug. 25, 1976

Walpole Times
Walpole, Mass.

July 8, 1976

Police report

A Hartshorn Drive resident cited a large, red U.F.O. Police could not find anything but think it could have been a balloon with sparklers tied to it.

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Sky Lights Seen In Berlin

About 12 Berlin residents were puzzled as to identity or cause of the "five or six bright lights" they spotted in the eastern skies above Berlin Sunday night.

The lights, described to the "American" by Berlin Volunteer Fire department president, Doyle Paul, were spotted in the skies between 9:20 and 10 p.m.

Paul stated that the lights were "yellowish, but mostly white in color about the size of baseballs which appeared, disappeared and reappeared" at various intervals.

He said that at times the lights traveled slow and then fast in an east-west

direction and that he could not hear any sound to associate with them, like that of plane engines. Paul also added that at times they maintained a stationary position.

A spokesman at the Cambria County Airport's flight service, which deals with air traffic, said, "This has been one of the busiest days for flying this summer. It seems everyone who has a plane is up today."

He further stated that the airport had received no reports of objects matching those spotted by the Berlin residents.

No further spottings of the objects were made after 10 p.m.

Flying Object Spotted Here Said Man-Made

work inside. There was no writing or other identification on the UFO, said MacConnell.

Based on some talks with a meteorologist and knowledge of the Wesleyan telescope, MacConnell said he was able to figure out "very roughly, its size and distance."

At 1:30 p.m., the object was behind some clouds, and so was at least as high as the clouds, said MacConnell.

A meteorologist from the Talcott Mountain Observatory told MacConnell that cloud cover on Wednesday was a

mile or two high.

Once he got that information, MacConnell was able to determine how far away the object was and approximately how large it was, based on the characteristics of the telescope, he said.

It floated about one to two miles above the earth, about two to four miles away, "probably somewhere over Middlefield," said MacConnell.

It was dark, shaped like a grain of rice, but had "definite sharp corners," which led

MacConnell to surmise it had a framework.

It was not a weather balloon, because weather balloons are always rounder, said MacConnell. He thinks it might have been secured to the ground, although the astronomer didn't see any lines, because it hovered in one place, MacConnell said.

The UFO floated and spun around, said MacConnell, "but that was probably just from air currents." He said there

was no sign of any type of propulsion.

The object, spotted shortly after noon, drew a small crowd of onlookers and police officers to the Grand Union parking lot on South Main Street, where the UFO was first spotted.

It was described as dark, shaped like half a vertical cucumber.

Whatever it was, MacConnell is sure an earth-bound being made it, perhaps as some sort of prank or hoax.

UFO-napping Hoax, Claims Two Experts

By RICK LANNING

Two experts on unidentified flying objects have accused the National Enquirer and the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, of pulling a deliberate hoax on the public regarding the alleged abduction of Travis Walton by a UFO.

"Evidence indicating that the incident in Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest was a hoax has long been known to the National Enquirer and APRO," said Philip J. Klass, senior editor of "Aviation Weekly" Magazine.

HIS CHARGES were backed by Bill Spaulding, director of Ground Saucer Watch, an Arizona-based organization which studies reports of UFO sightings.

Walton and six other woodcutters claim Walton was "zapped" by an intense glowing beam from a UFO on National Forest land near Turkey Springs last Nov. 5.

The young woodcutter said he was carried off by the UFO, subjected to an examination by extraterrestrial beings, and then freed.

The National Enquirer, a nationally circulated tabloid based in Lantana, Fla., reportedly paid Walton \$5,000 for rights to his story.

"OUR CONTENTION is that the magazine, APRO, and the Walton family were fully aware that Walton failed a

detector test three months previous to widely published reports that he has passed a test dealing with his abduction by the UFO," said Spaulding.

"In actuality, Walton took a polygraph test on Nov. 15, 1975 and flunked it." Klass and Spaulding said the National Enquirer had paid for the first, which was given in Scottsdale's Sheraton Hotel — then tried to conceal the results of the examination in order to perpetrate the hoax on the public.

Klass said the test was administered by John J. McCarthy, director of the Arizona Polygraph Laboratory in Phoenix. McCarthy has been giving such tests for 20 years.

SAID KLASS, "Immediately after the test, McCarthy reported his findings of 'gross deception' to the National Enquirer and to Dr. James Harder, APRO's director of research.

"Duane Walton (Travis Walton's brother), upon hearing McCarthy's conclusions became furious with the polygraph examiner," Klass added.

In a formal report dated Nov. 16, McCarthy stated that his charts indicated that Travis Walton was "attempting to perpetrate a UFO hoax and that he has not been on any spacecraft," said Klass.

Spaulding, who said he believes in the existence of UFO's said the Walton report has divided persons interested in scientific UFOology.

"We don't need this type of publicity," he said.

"OUR STUDIES of hundreds of photographs of UFO sightings have found 26 such photos to be extremely valid. We also have 10 secondary evidences of UFO's," he declared.

He said Navajo County Sheriff Marlin

Gillespie was meeting with Navajo County prosecutor to determine if the alleged perpetrators of the hoax will be charged.

"This whole thing cost taxpayers a lot of money," said Spaulding. "If it was a deliberate hoax upon the scientific community and the public, somebody should pay for it."

Another note of contention that concerns the UFO experts is the testimony by Mike Rogers and the other five members of the timbering crew.

"THEIR TESTIMONY seemed to substantiate the UFO abduction story because these six witnesses seemed to have no motive other than possible friendship with Travis to fabricate the story," said Klass.

He claimed a financial motive existed for their collaboration.

According to Klass, Rogers underbid a timber-thinning job on 1,277 acres in the Turkey Springs area. After working most of the summer, said Klass, "it was clear that Rogers had badly underestimated the job and was stuck with his fixed-price contract."

KLASS SUGGESTED that Rogers tried to use the UFO story in an effort to make the contract null and void since he told the Forest Service on Nov. 18 that "because of the UFO incident I lost my crew (and this) will make it difficult to get any of them back on the job site."

The Forest Service subsequently put the remaining work up for bid and awarded it to another contractor, releasing funds it had been withholding to Rogers to pay off his crew.

Strange Objects Seen Above Tooele: UFO's?

A series of disc-shaped flying objects were seen passing over Tooele at an unusually rapid rate of speed Sunday evening at about 11:30 p.m. according to eight witnesses.

VERNELL LEEPER, Pastor of the Tooele Southern Baptist Church, said he first noticed the objects when he went outside of his house at 50 Glenwood Street.

"I saw 25 or 30 of them in the

western sky flying real low in formation. They flew overhead with a swishing sound," Leeper said.

"You're crazy, I said to myself. 'You're seeing things'. This is just something you read about."

LEEPER SAID he went back inside to call a house guest, Leroy Wilson, out to see the formation. Then Leeper's wife and the Wilson family watched the objects come from the south going north across the valley.

Leeper said the objects were round, and disc shaped, and fluorescent blue in color the first time they flew over. The next time they passed overhead he said they were a yellowish glow about them.

He said some of the four Wilson children became uneasy and one eight-year-old son began to cry as the wide "V" formation swept across the sky disappearing each time in the distance above the Stansbury Mountain Range.

"WE OBSERVED them for at least 30 minutes," Leeper explained. "They were moving at an extremely rapid rate of speed and had no motorized effect at all."

He said the objects moved much faster than military jets he had seen in the area before and made a swishing sound when they flew overhead.

Leeper was reluctant to discuss the sighting because he said the whole idea made him feel a little foolish. "I'd listened to other 'nuts' and said I didn't want to be classified in that category," he said.

"BUT I thought I ought to report it. Maybe someone else saw them too."

The Wilson family, guests in the Lucky Chamberlain home, Tooele, were visiting with the Leepers after singing in the Baptist Church.

A traveling gospel singing group, they left for another engagement Monday morning.

DEBBIE KIRK, 130 East Glenwood, one of Leeper's neighbors, said she and a friend, Randy Winmill, Grantsville, had noticed what they thought might be a big comet or shooting star at about 11:30 p.m.

"We saw one great big one that went all the way across the sky," Miss Kirk said. "It was big and pretty, the same color as a falling star."

Dugway Proving Ground and Tooele Army Depot security officials said no reports of unusual phenomena had been recorded by men on duty Sunday night.

CAPT. EDWARD Grey, Chief of the Dugway airfield, said the field was closed Sunday night and no military air activity was taking place.

As yet, no explanation has been made for the unusual occurrence.

"I'd always thought people said these things just to get their names in the paper," said Leeper. "But although I can't explain it, we really saw something."

Tooele, Utah
Bulletin
Aug. 17, 1976

Waupaca, Wisc.
Waupaca County
Post
July 15, 1976

UFO Sited Over
Pine River??

An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was sighted at 9:30 Thursday evening, July 8, near Pine River by Heidi Stotheim, who lives at the foot of the hill south of Pine River, Main Street.

She was outside near Little Silver creek when she noticed the UFO flying toward the Edwin Jewell farm over the cornfield on land owned by the DNR.

The red lights then headed toward Roy Sippi over the trees. The red head lights started to lower so Heidi started running towards Rileys (the former Palen farm home).

As the UFO came down lower, Heidi threw herself on the ground. She heard no sound from the UFO as it headed towards Jewells again. Heidi phoned her mother, who called Jim Wraga. He had been outside and had noticed what he thought was a cloud but it was

Strange sky object puzzles UFO investigator

By LEANNA SKARNULIS
Nonpareil Staff Writer
"I am puzzled."

That was the unbridled comment of UFO investigator Ralph DeGraw of Hazleton after a 1½ day of inquiry into an unusual sighting reported in Council Bluffs.

DeGraw came to town as a field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. He brought an assistant, Pat Crowley, 17, also of Hazleton.

After calls from The Nonpareil and a Council Bluffs resident, DeGraw reported to the Center the sighting of a strange object above Eldon's Standard Service Station, 2710 S. 24th St., about 11 p.m. July 31. The Center asked DeGraw to investigate.

If you tried to imagine what kind of person a UFO investigator is, you would probably never think of a Ralph DeGraw.

DeGraw's approach is cautious and scientific, although he is not a scientist. Four months out of the year he operates his own store. The remainder of his time is spent in UFO studies at his own expense.

DeGraw methodically interviewed people connected with the sighting, as well as checking out radar and weather information. He taped personal interviews, agreeing to keep names confidential if people so requested.

As he worked, he uttered no "Eureka!" cries of discovery nor claims that intelligent

beings guided the object. He even refrained from using the word "craft" in referring to UFOs. "Craft" implies the object was built by someone or something.

The Council Bluffs sighting was first reported in The Nonpareil following a call from Roger Davids, 4038 Ramelle Drive. He said his sister-in-law saw an oblong object with windows, lighted inside like a passenger plane, hovering about 100 feet above the service station.

Davids said he later learned the station's wiring had been burned out by an apparent lightning strike that night. Only there had been no lightning that starry night, a fact confirmed by the National Weather Service in Omaha.

Station attendant Jim Stone, out of town on the night in question, told The Nonpareil, "All I know is the place was struck by lightning. And it wasn't raining."

Mrs. E. R. Stanfill, 1622 S. 11th St., said her sons — Robert, 18, and Raymond, 16 — saw the object from Sunset Park. They told her it looked like a passenger plane without wings and had two stories of windows. They watched it as it moved slowly, close to the ground.

Mrs. Stanfill said she didn't believe them until she read The Nonpareil account.

"They were supposed to be home at 10:30. I thought it was an excuse they made up for being late."

DeGraw was reluctant to connect the July 31st "lightning

strike" with the UFO. Because the Weather Bureau reported rain and lightning the night of July 30, he pursued the possibility that Davids was wrong about when the lightning struck.

Then he made a curious discovery. Two station attendants, Mark Holtz and Dan Stone, said they were working the night of July 31 and that it rained from 9 p.m. till after midnight.

DeGraw said they told him they saw lightning hit the green area in front of the station. Then the lights went out briefly. But when they came back on, the cash register, burglar alarm, and citizen's band radio were not working properly.

DeGraw said everyone else

he talked to said there was no rain or lightning that night. An investigator for 13 years, he said "I've never run into anything like this before where we couldn't keep the weather straight."

Among other persons DeGraw talked to was the technician who worked on the damaged CB radio. DeGraw said the man told him only lightning could have caused the damage.

DeGraw said he has permission from station owner Eldon Bird to send the burglar alarm, CB radio, and cash register to the Center for analysis.

DeGraw called the Center "a non-profit but well-funded" organization that has resources for thoroughly studying such

phenomena. He said many scientists and researchers volunteer to help with UFO studies at the Center, which receives data from all over the world.

Mrs. Stanfill told The Nonpareil a warning should be issued to youngsters to stay away from mysterious objects because she has read of kidnappings and killings attributed to UFOs.

DeGraw said in the cases he knows of where death or injury coincide with UFO sightings, there has been no substantiation that the UFOs were responsible.

After completing interviews in Council Bluffs, DeGraw said, "I believe from talking to witnesses there have been numerous sightings of unknown objects."

UFO Reported Over Chico

A San Bernardino woman told city police yesterday that she and several friends watched an unidentified flying object (UFO) that hovered over Chico Municipal Airport during the fireworks display Sunday night.

Donna Hodge, 22, said the

object first appeared to be a falling star and that's what she and her friends thought it was until it changed colors and directions.

She said she first noticed the object at 10:10 p.m. and watched it until about 11 p.m.

She said it was triangular shaped with a large white light that changed to green and red at various times, seemingly when the object changed directions.

She estimated that at one time it was only 2,000 feet away from her vantage point near Eaton Road and Cohasset Road. She said the object at times moved at incredible speeds.

Chico, Calif.
Enterprise-Record
July 6, 1976

Another Near Gridley

GRIDLEY (E-R) — Four men reported to Butte County sheriff's deputies last night, shortly after midnight, the sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) near here.

According to reports on file this morning, David Birdsong and James Francis, both of Gridley, and Rich Stewart and Patrick Harrison, both of Redding, were returning from Live Oak when they saw an object come toward them and then reverse its direction after it stopped.

Birdsong said the quartet watched the UFO for several minutes. He said it hovered for a few seconds and then departed at a "rapid speed."

He described the object as having two bright lights in front with "red lights on all four corners." Additionally, the UFO was said to have a large, blunt front end, tapering to the rear to another blunt protrusion.

The deputy who handled the report added no comment about the sighting in his documentation and there were no other witnesses.

Someone (or something) may be out there watching us, but there's at least one earthing staring back.

"I believe there is life out there and that some of it is more advanced than ours," says John Shepherd.

"I'm not into occultism or any of this weird stuff. But there is evidence out there of something intelligent visiting this planet."

That's why John, 24, spends most of his time at the controls of his homemade but sophisticated UFO tracking station in Bellaire, Mich.

He began building the tracking station six years ago. While other teenagers were spending their money on cars, clothes and dates, John was sending away for electronic gadgets that he slowly assembled into an impressive bank of screens, buttons and flashing lights.

The current tracking station, though, is only a beginning.

"In fact, I'm trying to raise money now to build a complex in the Upper Peninsula — a total operation control complex and living facility with the primary purpose of tracking UFO's."

"That's my ultimate dream."

Hello, out there

Detroit, Michigan
News
August 12, 1976

UFO sightings reported

What appeared to be an unidentified flying object maneuvered in the skies over the Flathead Valley Tuesday night shortly after midnight.

The Flathead County sheriff's office received four separate reports of a UFO which apparently changed colors and hovered intermittently for about one hour and 45 minutes between Kalispell and Columbia Falls.

The first of the reports came in

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about 12:12 a.m., describing a UFO flying northwest of Kalispell. At 12:20, a Whitefish resident spotted the same object, which she said changed colors as it moved.

The third report at 1:03 a.m. placed the object just south of Kalispell and glowing red, green and white. And at 1:43 a.m. an Evergreen resident spotted the object as it appeared to hover over Columbia Falls — again, changing colors.

Phil Camaan, Robert Marshall, Brian Prenda and Kevin Cabeceiras are UFO buffs, but the three young men know a phony sighting when they see one. They uncovered these pieces of a distress flare at the "UFO landing site" which stumped many observers off Metacom Ave last week.

UFO mystery solved

Those listening to police scanner radios Saturday night may have been startled to hear Fire Chief Edward Borges report to headquarters, "I've got that flying saucer."

"Can you handle that saucer?" Joe Vargas called out to chief over the radio from Engine 2.

"Should I tie it down on the top of my car or put it in the trunk?" the chief radioed back.

"Maybe we should send it to the Historical Society museum," someone added.

The mystery of UFO which stumped local residents last week came very much down to earth this week, as both a group of teenagers and the fire department reached the same conclusion—the only spaceships landing here have been distress flares, triggered by some very human human being—probably riding a motorcycle or minibike, from the look of nearby tire tracks.

All the kidding over the fire dept channel Saturday night began about 9:30 with a report of a brush fire in the same Metacom and Griswald Aves area where a "UFO landing site" had been reported a week ago.

When department crews arrived on the scene to put out the fire, they discovered their space ship—the remains of a distress flare stuck in the ground, which had singed the dry grass in the area.

Four area young people discovered further evidence that this was the cause of last week's incident: early this week, when they recovered the pieces of a distress flare shown here in the burned out area.

Fire department officials hope that whoever has had his fun with creating phony UFO reports will now stop setting brush fires before one gets out of hand and causes serious damage.

Herald-Palladium
Benton Harbor,
Michigan
July 24, 1976

Two Callers Report UFO

State troopers at the Benton Harbor post gazed into the pre-dawn sky today after receiving two reports of a UFO (unidentified flying object). All the officers saw were a few faint stars. The post said two callers reported seeing a bright object moving rapidly in varied directions. The callers were an man and a woman, both unidentified. One saw the object in the eastern sky, and the other in southeastern sky. The calls were received at the post shortly before 4:30 a.m.

Bristol Phoenix Bristol, R.I. July 29, 1976

UFO Seen By Crowd, Police Chief

By DONNADINOVELLI

MIDDLETOWN — With visions of man's latest expedition to Mars vividly in their minds, about 50 residents and members of the Police Department here watched the sky above South Main Street Wednesday and an unidentified flying object (UFO) which hovered there.

Described by one police officer as a dark object shaped like half of a vertical cucumber, the object captured the attention of South Main Street passers-by for about an hour.

The object was centered over the Grand Union Store and was said to give off a silvery glow, which one police officer said may have been from the sun's reflection.

The police received their first phone call about 12:24 p.m. and logged a "suspicious object" in their log books after sending an officer to the scene.

The crowd watched the object slowly drift skyward and disappear.

Chief Eugene B. Rame also arrived at the scene. He described the unidentified flying object as a possible leaf bag, inflated by some youngsters.

"It was unidentified, it was flying and it was an object," Rame said. No definitive determination was made, however.

UFO Sighting Stir National Interest

By Mark Fisher

WINSTED — The director of the Connecticut Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO) has begun an investigation of Wednesday's reported sighting of a flying saucer near Camp Delaware on Rt. 263.

Mrs. Paula Holmes of Cornwall Bridge, said today she plans to interview camp counselor Ira Leifer of New York City, who reported seeing the hovering saucer during a hike with 13 campers.

Mrs. Holmes said the campers, who also said they saw the object, have been asked to prepare written statements over the weekend.

Leifer and the campers said they were on a hike on Blueberry Mountain behind the camp Wednesday afternoon when they heard a whining noise similar to electronic feedback.

Leifer said he and the youths looked up and saw a rotating, saucer-shaped object hovering in the air. The object was silver-

colored with either a red light or red gas on top, he said.

"It left and we ran," he said.

Mrs. Holmes said the saucer, as described, sounds much like another unidentified flying object (UFO) seen and photographed in Oregon.

She said she came to Winsted with a Geiger counter, plaster-casting kit, camera and other equipment so she could search for physical evidence at the site of the reported encounter.

Meanwhile, the story of the alleged sighting has received massive publicity. A source at the camp said it had received telephone calls from a local and a Boston-based reporter, as well as a UFO group near Chicago.

The sighting story, first seen in The Citizen Thursday, has appeared in area newspapers and has been broadcast over state and New York City radio. It also has been covered on at least one state

television station and has been carried by at least one wire service.

The Citizen itself received telephone calls today from a New York City radio station and from a Washington, D.C. UFO investigator who heard the report of the sighting in New York.

Leifer said today the campers are "getting a little nervous" because of the publicity.

"I don't think it's right, because it does happen all the time," he said.

Mrs. Holmes' husband, Gunnar, and APRO member, said the group serves as the "devil's advocate".

He said its investigations of UFO reports are "as thorough as we can get."

Sometimes, he said, "we debunk completely" a report of a UFO sighting.

Winstead Evening Citizen
Winstead, Conn. July 30, 1976

Hartford, Conn.
Hartford Courant
Aug. 12, 1976

UFO sighting is reported in Gastonia

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Gazette Gastonia, N.C. July 26, 1976

"When I told my son what I had seen, he said he was going to call the men in the white coats to come for me," a caller told The Gazette this morning.

The unidentified caller wanted to know if anyone had reported sighting a UFO (unidentified flying object) early Sunday morning. Because of her son's reaction when she told him what she had seen, she wouldn't give her name and address.

She described the object as a glowing gold disc, hovering in the sky over South Gastonia about 12:15 a.m. Sunday. She said the UFO was approximately 12-15 feet in diameter. Trailing about 25 feet behind it was a bluish-green star-shaped object which was approximately two feet wide.

"I'd feel much better if just one other person reported seeing the same thing," she said. "But I know what I saw. It was there because I saw it twice and then zip, it vanished."

Neither the Gastonia City Police nor the Flight Service Station of the Federal Aviation Administration, located in Hickory, received any reports about a sighting Sunday.

A phone call to the administrative offices at Arrowhead Stadium sent a surprised receptionist outside to look. "Well, I didn't see anything, but someone who's seen it says it has advertising signs on the wings—kind of like the signs that banks have that say things. They said it was advertising the Herford House (a restaurant) a minute ago, but I hear it had some other thing on earlier."

The U.F.O. turned out to be an A.F.O.—advertising flying object.

Police back youth who spotted UFO

By Bob Chuvala
News-Times staff

CARMEL — Robert Jankowski says he doesn't know too much about stars and the constellations they form. But he knows the difference between a star and a UFO.

Jankowski, 14, said he spotted UFO Wednesday night for the second time in three months. And his mother, a group of friends, more than 20 neighbors and three police officers from the Carmel Police Department back up his story.

Jankowski said he spotted the bright object hovering in the southern sky below the moon around 9:30 p.m. It was a week to the day that 14 persons hiking on Blueberry Mountain in Winsted, Conn., reported a similar sighting to Connecticut authorities.

Jankowski said the object "looked exactly like a flying saucer." He looked at the object through his older brother's pair of high-powered binoculars and saw during the next hour or so "the side view, the bottom and the top" of the object.

When the hovering object showed its top, Jankowski could see "a little dot." The bottom view, he said, was just round while the side view was "a little

line."

The object was "blinking red, blue and green," he said.

Jankowski called his mother into the front yard and suggested they call the police. His mother declined. The last time he saw a similar object, his mother thought it was a weather balloon, he said.

Jankowski, however, went to a friend's house and called police from there.

Officer Kenneth Stern responded to the call. "It was round in shape and was emitting three different colors from yellow to blue," he said. "The colors would become brighter and then dimmer."

Stern said he "stayed in the same spot for a half hour watching it. It was definitely something I had not seen before."

Officer Thomas Budington spotted the object on Austin Road. "It looked like a light in the sky with a strobe effect," he said. "I imagine it was a plane or something, but it was strange. It was something you'd look at and wonder what it was."

Officer Dennis Freyler also saw the object, according to Sgt. Greg Amato. The official police report tells of "colorful object in the sky," which was viewed by "numerous residents in the development" along with the three policemen, Amato said today.

Jankowski, who will enter Mahopac High School this fall, said several neighborhood youngsters also saw the object. David Milne, 12, of Valley Road, Eric Serritella, 12, of Croton Falls Road and Damon Sprance, 10, of Valley Road were among them.

Damon said he was outside playing when the object was spotted. "It stayed in one spot and hung around under the moon," he said. "We were watching for about an hour and 15 minutes."

Mrs. Jankowski said the object "was about the size of a big star and it was moving up and down and sideways."

The Federal Aviation Administration said its radar did not pick up any unknown object Wednesday night.

But Mrs. Jankowski could care less. "I never believed in them," she said. "I thought it was all hogwash. Now I'm beginning to wonder."

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A Sky Lights

Reports of strange lights in the sky flooded The Star's switchboard about 9:45 o'clock Saturday night. "I saw a U.F.O.," "A flying saucer just went over my house," "There's something weird in the sky."

None of the callers sounded drunk, music was playing in the background during only one call and the callers were of all ages and gave addresses from widely scattered areas of the city.

A copy boy was dispatched to scan the night sky. A reporter was sent to the phone to call police headquarters. "That flying saucer thing?" the police dispatcher said when asked what he knew. "It's just some plane doing things with lights and flying over the stadium."

Finally, an unidentified flying object was seen by Mrs. Gerald P. Beauchamp of Wells and her twin daughters, Jacqueline and Carolyn, 10.

The three were on their way to visit Mrs. Beauchamp's mother, Mrs. Ed Marenager of Cornell, and as they approached the Soo Hill road they sighted a huge light with smoke trailing behind it.

They pulled over to the side of the road to watch it as a car pulled up in back and one in front of them to watch it also.

Then the smoke and the light disappeared and, in its place a parachute-like object came down. Mrs. Beauchamp first thought it was an airplane accident but saw no debris from a plane and couldn't make out if the dark object at the end of the chute was a person or not.

The big parachute, tinted red, according to Jacqueline, seemed to be landing, as it went toward the Soo Hill and Groos area and then out of sight.

Although the women didn't report seeing little green men, the sighting of such an object was an experience in itself. Mrs. Beauchamp said Mrs. Groos was disappointed only because it didn't land in her yard.

Delta Reporter
Gladstone, Michigan
July 14, 1976

UFO's seen by area people Wednesday night

Area people have reported spotting UFO's on Wednesday, July 7, in the Flat Rock-Soo Hill area. All were spotted between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. James Groos of Groos, and her son Steve, 3, saw the object flying over their back yard north of Mead Paper. Steve saw it first and pointed it out to his mother who watched it through binoculars.

It was a white disk-shaped object, Mrs. Groos said, but it wasn't flat like she had seen

in pictures. Instead it had a large bubble shaped dome on the top and long rectangular shaped dark areas which may have been windows or lights, she added.

Mrs. Groos couldn't tell if the object was making any noise because of competing noise at the time but noticed that it was not spinning and simply hovered over her area for a while and then left.

Regina 7, and Charlotte Petersen 4, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Petersen of Soo Hill, also saw the flying

saucer, at approximately 7:00, when they were outside playing. They went into the house to tell their mother who assumed it was a helicopter. But the children refused to go out again because of the jet-like noise they had heard. They thought no more about it until later when Mrs. Groos reported to them what she had seen.

Later the girls were asked to draw a picture of the object which turned out to be a white plastic saucer shape with a large bubble on top

and black looped pipes in the back, exactly as Mrs. Groos described. It headed in a north-northwest direction over Flatrock, they showed their parents.

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Folk History *McCurtain Gazette* Idabel, Oklahoma Aug. 4, 1976 CR: Tom Adams

Aug. 2, 1927, 'Stars' Fell on County

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Since it was first run as a folk history feature on Wednesday, Jan. 15, 1975, the following tale has been one of the ones most requested for a "rerun." This version carries added information along with material from the files of the *McCurtain Gazette*, *Broken Bow News*, *Valliant Tribune* and *Idabel Democrat*.)

By Len Green

On Tuesday evening, August 2, 1927, "stars" fell on McCurtain County.

Whatever explanation they wish to offer, McCurtain County oldtimers living here on that date agree that "something strange" happened on that particular Tuesday night.

Immediately following the night, explanations of the strange phenomenon ranged from "ball lightning" to a genuine religious miracle.

Scientists who visited the area a few days after the incidents occurred later confirmed that the county was visited by a shower of meteors that night.

But to the residents of the Shiloh community, southwest of Idabel, especially some of those attending a revival meeting that night at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, it was a genuine religious miracle.

For the most part, this is their story.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church was located at an intersection of two county roads just west of the site of the old Slater Elementary School, near the southwestern corner of Idabel.

A big revival meeting,

featuring the preaching of the Rev. Claud Sterrett of New Boston, Tex., was underway that week at Shiloh church.

On that particular Tuesday evening, the revival services "broke up" shortly after 10 p.m., a number of persons loaded into the back and cab of a truck and headed home southward down the county road.

They had proceeded only about a quarter of a mile down the county road when the miracle...or whatever it was...began.

As one of the observers later described it to a *McCurtain Gazette* reporter:

"A blazing star fell from heaven, and hung suspended on the horizon. Other stars fell to the ground, with one rolling like a huge ball toward the church.

"A strange, but beautiful glow came over the whole of the western sky, and there appeared the figure of a man in the sky, with his face framed in fire.

"The picture or the man would glow brightly for a few minutes. Then it would fade. But a few moments later, it would brighten and glow again with all of its original splendor."

A group of other Shiloh churchgoers, who were still in the churchyard and included the Rev. Mr. Sterrett himself, also observed the phenomenon.

Sterrett confirmed that they were indeed seeing a "man" in the sky, and led the group in a prayer session on the roadway in front of the church.

The *McCurtain Gazette* for Saturday, Aug. 6, 1927 reported

that at the scene "nine persons became convinced of the error of their ways and converted their lives to God on the spot."

The manifestation of the flaming man in the sky lasted only about half an hour, but other celestial activity continued for several hours and were observed over a wide area of the county.

McCurtain County newspapers reported that the activity continued from shortly after 10 p.m. on that Tuesday evening until about 3 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

While all of the county newspapers reported tales of the "miracle" and its aftermaths, the most extensive coverage in the first couple of weeks was furnished by the late W. J. Old, publisher and editor of the *McCurtain Gazette*.

However in his initial report, appearing Saturday, Aug. 6, Editor Old took pains to note:

"The *Gazette* offers no comment upon this miracle tale which has been reported to our office from the Shiloh community.

"The story comes to us from a well known and influential citizens of that neighborhood, and we record it simply as a news item of some interest, for what it may be worth," he continued.

"In the history of religion, many visions, objective and subjective, have been seen by individuals or huge companies. It seems certain that large numbers believe the spectacle was seen substantially as we have described it," Old concluded.

To further pursue the story, the *Gazette's* Editor Old and a representative of the Idabel Democrat visited with the members of Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, Aug. 7, 1927, while they were holding a "baptizing" on Little River.

The *Gazette* reported that "large numbers" of persons confirmed the manifestation. The Democrat story was more definite, stating that the religious vision was confirmed by "more than 40 people."

At the Sunday baptizing, 26 persons were immersed in Little River, bringing the total number of "conversions" in the revival to 48, thus underlining the fact that whatever it was in the sky that night has a profound religious effect on this particular McCurtain County community.

During the baptismal service at Little River, Editor Old had opportunity to talk to the Rev. Claud Sterrett and get his observations on the event.

Sterrett told Old how he and members of the church had observed a "large star hanging on the horizon and other stars falling from the sky."

The New Boston minister offered the following story:

"We were kneeling by the roadside. I was praying and I was absolutely calm and free from excitement. Suddenly, someone exclaimed, 'There's Jesus!', and looking up I saw in the sky the figure of a man clothed in celestial light.

"All who were present saw the wondrous sight and all

present felt that they were indeed in the presence of our Lord and Savior. I am sure that there could have been no trick about the revelation. We all saw it."

Preacher Sterrett said that the figure of the man in the sky faded and disappeared after about half an hour, but that "falling stars and strange appearances of movement among the stars which remained in the sky were noted by all of us for a long time."

In making his second report, Editor Old again disclaimed any stand on the matter saying:

"The *Gazette* offers no comment upon this story. We have not sought to go back to the testimony as given to us and appraise its validity.

"Our business is to record on paper with printer's ink the news that is reported to us. Each reader of these columns is free to investigate the evidence and reach conclusions for himself," Editor Old concluded.

But, while Editor Old may have been finished with the incident and the story, readers from far and near were apparently nowhere near ready to let it go at that.

Each church denomination operating in the area seemed to adopt a different version of the event and were prepared to defend to the last drop of ink their attitudes toward the incident.

Letters to the editor from ministers, church groups and individuals poured into the offices of every newspaper in McCurtain County.

Of course, the letters ranged in tone from full belief and acceptance of a miracle to the gentleman who inquired if the church group had held communion that night and what kind of wine was served.

County residents from Eagletown, Broken Bow, Lukfata, Haworth, Tom, Harris, Idabel, Garvin, Millerton, Valliant and other county communities did confirm that there was some type of activity in the skies that night, such as falling stars and such like.

A teacher from Southeastern Normal School at Durant (now Southeastern Oklahoma State University) said in an article re-published in the Idabel Democrat:

"There is proof that there were meteor showers over portions of southeastern Oklahoma on the evening of Aug. 2, 1927. No doubt this is what was seen by the church

group. It is possible even that the shower of meteors, called 'falling stars' by most people, could have formed something that looked like a face in the sky."

However, this erudite argument did not convince the Baptist folks around Shiloh and Legate communities that they had not seen a manifestation of Jesus Christ himself in the sky that night.

Since first publication of this recollection as a "folk history" item, the writer has talked to three persons who "saw the man in the sky" that night, and several dozen who recall the incident.

Since some 49 years have passed since that night, it would be impossible for anyone not present to draw any conclusion.

Meteor storm? Christ in the sky? Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) from outer space? You be the judge.

Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Seattle, Wash. July 30, 1976
CR: Matt Williams
UFO Leaves 'Em at a Loss

Officials at Winstead, Conn., were at a loss today to explain the reported sighting of a small flying saucer by 14 persons hiking on Blueberry Mountain in Connecticut.

Police said they did not investigate the sighting — the only one they have received in years — but relayed the report to UFO Central in Evanston, Ill., an agency that gathers information on UFO sightings.

The sighting Wednesday was reported by a counselor and 13 campers at Camp Delaware, a private summer camp in the Winchester section of Winsted, in the northwest corner of the state.

Alexandria, Minnesota Lake Region Echo Tuesday, July 27, 1976 Saucers in the Park

Douglas County Deputy Scott Eustice believes in flying saucers. So does Jeff Banke, night watchman at Carlos State Park.

Both men aren't likely to pay much heed to arguments from sceptics especially after their experience in the very early morning of July 20.

"I was talking to Jeff at the gate (to Carlos State Park) and that's when we observed it hovering. It would come and go. Once it went over the lake and then it came back," said Eustice.

Using binoculars, both Eustice and Banke, say they saw a disc-shaped, lighted object which responded to the flashing red lights on the patrol car.

According to Eustice, when he flashed his lights, the UFO responded "by turning red."

The two men watched the object from about 12:30 a.m. to

3 a.m. at one time with as many as six people. However, the flying saucer was a bit shy, and disappeared when the crowd began to form, reappearing when the people left.

Once Banke, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Banke of Alexandria, was through with work, the two men chased the UFO toward Millerville. Not for long though. "It was so far away, we just quit following," said Eustice who two years ago reports having seen two UFO's in the Rose City area.

According to Banke, an unidentified flying object was spotted late one night some three weeks ago at the park by a park employee.

Eustice went back to the park the next two nights "to see if it would come back," but had no luck. Banke too is a little disappointed.

"I was kind of hoping they'd come down," said Banke.

William Jacquemlin, who runs the weather station in Winchester, said it was unlikely the object could have been a weather balloon of the type launched daily from New York City and Albany.

Camp counselor Ira Leifer of New York told reporters the sighting occurred at about 3:45 p.m. as he and 13 campers, between 14 and 15 years old, hiked to the top of Blueberry Mountain, a 1,460-foot hill behind the camp.

"It left and we ran," he said, estimating the object was about 30 feet away from the group for about 20 seconds before it gained altitude and disappeared.

Leifer and four of the campers said the silver-colored object was shaped like an upside down saucer, was the size of a car and made a noise similar to feedback on loudspeakers.

10 Fri., July 30, 1976 The Phoenix Gazette

Phoenix, Arizona CR: Jim Auburn

Redlands, California Daily Facts August 27, 1976

The fireball

A meteor shooting across the sky late Monday night created the predictable spate of telephone calls to police and sheriff's offices from people who had seen it "land". The difficulty with the reports, however, was that the callers—each seeing it strike in his vicinity—were scattered from the Owens valley to Riverside county, if not farther. If it did hit the earth, most of the observers were wrong about the location.

While the reports required a quick response from news agencies, it is surprising that the press is so ignorant about how to check out such a phenomenon.

In Southern California the most knowledgeable man is Ron Orti at the Griffith Observatory. Meteors and fireballs are his thing. Although he could not give instant information, he could make an educated guess from secondhand reports of other observers.

As to whether or not the object was a decaying satellite, the place to check that one is the North American Air Defense Command at Colorado Springs. That is the nerve center of a farflung detection system. They are in the business of identifying all of the junk that is in orbit around the Earth and predicting when and where chunks of it will reenter the earth's atmosphere and burn up.

A meteor tracking network, located in the mid-West has provided data that will aid anyone, like Orti, who might choose to make a postmortem inquiry into just what did pass over California Monday night and what happened to it.

Fire in the sky should not be a mystery as if we were back in Indian days of the land.

Some in Clawson, Troy

No Confirmation on UFO Sightings

A spokesman at Selfridge Air Force Base, Mount Clemens, said today base officials can't confirm reports of unidentified flying objects sight in the Pontiac area Tuesday night and by policemen in Clawson and Troy early Tuesday morning.

One sighting was by a woman who said a metallic object almost landed on her car.

Capt. Louis Nigrow, information officer at Selfridge, said the Air Force no longer keeps track of or investigates reports of UFO's.

Clawson, Troy—

He said the base had no planes in the air and knew of no aircraft in the Troy and Clawson area about 1 a.m., Tuesday, when officers reported seeing flashing lights.

Nigrow said there were planes in the air about 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, when the Pontiac sightings were

reported but they were over Macomb County.

He said the pilots Tuesday night saw no other aircraft and there was no trace of other aircraft on base radar both during the two time periods.

Mrs. Beth Hamblin, age 18, said an object hovered over her car as she drove on a residential street in western Pontiac about 9:30 p.m., Tuesday.

"Suddenly I saw a big, metallic object at eye level hovering right over the hood of my car. I got so scared I nearly ran off the street," she said.

She described it as 30 feet wide and 25 feet high with "bright lights all around it." Mrs. Hamblin said she sat and stared for several minutes before it flew away.

"It didn't make a sound. It started up and moved ahead of me. The bright lights went off and a red flashing taillight came on," she said.

Sgt. William Chatfield of the state police post in Pontiac said Mrs. Hamblin's report was one of several. Descriptions given by the other Pontiac area residents were similar to hers.

About 1 a.m., Tuesday Patrolman Michael Walsh, Clawson, said he saw a stationary, flashing red, green and blue object in the sky. Similar sightings were reported by patrolmen in neighboring Troy, and at least one Clawson resident, said Cpl. Tim Horne, Clawson police.

Daily Tribune
Royal Oak, Mich.
August 19, 1976

Fergus Falls Journal Fergus Falls, Minn. Mon., August 2, 1976

UFO sighted

A round object with spinning lights was sighted by several residents of Lake Franklin near Pelican Rapids Saturday night. Some of them say they have seen UFO's in the area before.

Irene Barker called the sheriff's office Saturday night to report that a lighted object remained on the lake for over an hour around 10:30 p.m. Two tourists from Nebraska who were fishing on the lake told resort owner John Leick that they had seen a large round lighted object above the trees on the northwest side of the lake, about a mile from their fishing spot.

They said the object had a glowing light about it, and appeared to be quite large. Mrs. Leick told the Journal that she and her husband saw strange lights on the west side of the lake on several occasions last spring. They thought perhaps a large glass was throwing reflections in their area, but a search of the area where the light came from turned up no clues.

'UFO' lights Levittown sky as 20 believers watch

LEVITTOWN, PA.

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By ART CAREY
Courier Times Staff Writer

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A plane, two houses, or a UFO?

LYNN — Gary Bennett 19, 83 Cleveland Ave. Saugus, reported to police Wednesday night the sighting of what he termed a "flying saucer," while parked at the Lynnway Drive In Theater at 9:30 p.m.

He said the round object was sighted far away to the left of the screen, and it was also witnessed by at least five other persons at the theater.

He said the rotating disk hovered, rose and dropped, and went backwards and forward for approximately 10 minutes before moving away to the South.

He described the object as rotating with three or four yellow lights, the size of "two good sized houses put together."

Bennett, a Chelsea truck driver, said he didn't believe in the sightings until last night, and allows that "some people will think I'm a nut, but it gave me the creeps."

Bennett said he called a toll-free number in Colorado to report the sighting, and recorded a description. He said he notified Swampscott and Lynn Police, as well as the Logan Airport Control Tower.

Lynn police mentioned that an airplane with flashing white lights and a suspended advertising sign flew over the Agganis Game at Manning Bowl Wednesday night. No other calls were received about the object. Raymond Fowler of Wenham, who records Massachusetts UFO sightings for the National Investigation Subcommittee on Aerial Phenomena, was not available for comment.

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UFOs, France Awaits You!

Bordeaux, France, Aug. 10 (AP) — The village of Ares has installed what it believes is the world's first landing field for unidentified flying objects.

The open field with a few boundary lights at the edge of the Bay of Arcachon was inaugurated yesterday.

Robert Cotten, an electronic technician at the Bordeaux airport, said, "If so few unidentified flying objects land, it is because so little has been done to welcome them."

For any UFOs wanting to land, the landing field is situated at 44 degrees 46 minutes north latitude and 1 degree 8 minutes west longitude.

Silver UFO Frightens Counselor, 13 Campers

WINSTED, Conn. (UPI) — A counselor and 13 campers at Camp Delaware claim they were scared away from their campground by a small flying saucer hovering over Blueberry Mountain, police said Thursday.

The alleged sighting was reported by Ira Leifer of New York, a counselor at the private summer camp in Winchester, and 13 campers ranging in age from 14 to 15, most of them from the New York City area, police said.

The incident occurred at about 3:45 p.m., EDT, as the group hiked to the top of Blueberry Mountain, a 1,460-foot hill behind the camp, Leifer told reporters.

"It left and we ran," he said, estimating the object was about 30 feet away from the group for about 20 seconds before it gained altitude and disappeared.

Leifer and four of the campers said the silver-colored object was shaped like an upside down saucer, was the size of a car and made a noise similar to feedback on loudspeakers.

Police said they did not investigate the sighting — the only one they have received in years — but relayed the report to UFO Central in Evanston, Ill., an agency that gathers information on UFO sightings.

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'UFO' lights Levittown sky as 20 believers watch

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By DIANE CURTIS
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Helen Lang was walking a friend home at 1:30 a.m. when she saw it.

Edward Spears and Lilly Phillips were heading towards Carmichael in separate cars at 3:30 a.m. when they saw it.

All three decided that what they saw was an unidentified flying object.

And workers at the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Illinois won't say they're wrong.

"I saw two bright, white lights. At first I thought it was a plane," said Spears, a lab technician at Kaiser Foundation Hospital.

"After it got closer, I saw it wasn't moving and I thought maybe it was a star ... It was 50 feet above the houses. I was passing by it really

slow, and that's what blew my mind. After turning and looking at the other side, it was all multi-colored fluorescent lights.

"It makes me feel weird cause I have never put any credence in UFO sightings."

Both Spears and Ms. Phillips spotted the eerie object as they were crossing Watt Avenue on Arden Way.

"There was no shape to it," said Ms. Phillips, a housewife. "It seemed like a plane at first. It was very, very low over homes and trees. I said, 'My God, that man's coming in very low.' But then I saw it wasn't going anywhere ...

"No, it didn't scare me. It just makes you feel real funny. It's a real weird feeling ... I don't think I want

to (see it again.) It blows your mind."

Helen Lang saw "a shaped dome with a revolving big white light and two red lights" for a few seconds as she was walking in the Florin area near Stockton Avenue and Lindale Drive.

"It went right over my head," she said.

Allan Hendry, managing editor of the International UFO Reporter and data collector for the Center for UFO Studies, said Ms. Lang's sighting, which, like the others occurred Thursday morning, is likely to be a Perseid meteor from the constellation Perseus.

Each year between Aug. 8 and 16, as many as 50 or 60 stars an hour appear to shoot from Perseus.

A meteor shower is a collection of the grains of interplanetary dust that speed into the earth's atmosphere at 10 to 30 miles a second and incinerate from the heat of friction with the air 50 miles above the earth.

Perseid meteors travel together in a concentrated stream, and observers can see 20 times the usual number of falling stars each hour during this special August shower.

As it happens, meteor sightings were expected to be best between Aug. 11 and 14, and the suspected UFOs were spotted Aug. 12.

Hendry said most UFO reports turn out to be Perseus meteor showers or Jupiter. But the sighting, as described by Spears and Ms. Phillips, Hendry said, "doesn't sound like a meteor."

He is still studying the matter.

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UFO 'sighted'

George Cejka, 22, of 2709 Austin blvd., his mother, Mrs. Vivian Cejka, and a friend, reported seeing an unidentified object in the sky Wednesday at 9:45 p.m. which traveled slowly in a west to east direction in a way not associated with stars or aircraft that he is familiar with. After the trio watched it until it traveled out of their sight.

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UFO's: secrets from the stars revealed in Cape?

By JOE THOMPSON

CAPE MAY — "It's difficult to believe there is intelligent life beyond this planet. First you have to convince people of the reality of UFOs. It's real, it's here. Once you do this, when you bring in the bible, it's much easier to accept."

So spoke Robert D. Barry, Director of the 20th Century UFO Bureau located in Collingswood, N.J. I met Barry in the lobby of the Christian Admiral Hotel here, Friday, July 30. Barry had been conducting the bureau's fifth annual conference in the hotel since the previous Saturday, holding morning and evening conferences for the over 200 people that were attending. Friday evening would be the final session.

Barry, a stolid, serious middle-aged man looked at his notes on the table, then looked out the window and then began to speak in a deep-voiced, deliberate manner.

The 20th Century UFO Bureau is sponsored by the 20th Century Reformation Hour and its approach to the UFO question is basically religious. In his conferences, Barry shows the relationship between the UFO-ETI (extra-terrestrial intelligence) question and scripture. "Last year," the director said, "there was a sudden surge of interest. People want to go deeper into the UFO-ETI subject."

He told me about Dr. Q, whose identity he could not reveal, a scientist who he said is involved with a secret group of scientists who are affiliated with Office of Scientific Intelligence (OSI), which, according to Barry, is a branch of the CIA. Barry claims OSI is currently

engaged in a struggle with another CIA branch, the Office of Military Intelligence (OMI) on the issue of revealing top secret information about UFOs to the American people.

He told me about what Dr. Q has been telling him, and why.

Barry looked at me, at his notes, then looking at the sea he said, "I had a long distance telephone conversation with Dr. Q two days ago. I used this information at my conference Wednesday night, but no newsmen were there. You're the first newsmen to get this. I hope you use it wisely."

"In 1962, in the state of New Mexico, a spacecraft came into the atmosphere of this planet having flight difficulties," Barry began. "This craft crashed, but the impact was so that it was intact. It was being tracked. It was being pursued by jets."

"Officials had been made aware of its presence and when it crashed they were on the scene. Inside of it they found two deceased humanoids. They were 42 inches in height. Their bodies were removed to a major university hospital."

"What was the name of the hospital?" I asked.

"I can't tell you that, but I can tell you it is less than two hundred miles from where you are sitting right now."

Looking out the window, Barry continued, "Skin grafts were performed, skin analyses were taken. They examined the lung tissue. They took liquid from the bodies that the scientists called 'blood'. It was not the same as our blood but it served the same purpose."

"Their breathing system is

a nitrogen breathing system. Ours is oxygen. Their structural system is the same as ours."

"Roughly they seemed in terms of our age around 35 years of age. They had perfect teeth."

"They wore uniforms that were one-piece tight-fitting space suits, tight fitting like a skin diver's suit. There were no zippers, no buttons. They had a very difficult time getting the space suit off the bodies. They finally got the space suits removed and they turned them over to an industry whose name I cannot tell you because you would know it right away, but it is an industry involved in manufacturing fabrics and clothing. After a series of tests and analyzation procedures, I am under the impression that they found out what it (the material) was. We don't have it."

"Q told me that if they (the clothing manufacturer) would go into the production of it, they would cause a revolution in the fabric industry. Q used the word 'upheaval'," Barry said with emphasis.

I asked why.

"I assume it was the length of time it would last you," Barry said. He said one could imagine the effect on the industry if suits were made of a material that would last a lifetime.

Barry continued, "As for the humanoids, one of them is in the deep freeze and the other is in a vat of preservative. Four universities have become involved in the research analysis of those two bodies. I've finally been given permission to reveal the states that those universities are located in. They are Pennsylvania,

Maryland, North Carolina, and Southern California"

This was the first of two exclusive stories and several startling assertions that Robert D. Barry, for whatever earthly or unearthly reason, chose to reveal to me.

(Editor's note: this story continues next week with Barry revealing more on the question: "Who is Dr. Q?" and relating some inside information from Q on the question of life on Mars.)

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UFO identified

Residents all over town spotted a UFO in the northwest skies Thursday night. However, when the object finally set down west of Hill Avenue in Yalesville, it was found to be just an IFK.

Police were called to Hill Avenue at 9:40 p.m. after several residents heard, then spotted an object dancing across the dark, windy sky. As residents watched, the light-colored object swayed closer and closer to the ground. Residents pined through binoculars. Police tried to pick the object up using a spotlight. Phones at The Morning Record office kept ringing.

About 9:50, the object flew within easy eyesight and was determined to be an unidentified flying kite. The wind-whipped, night-flying kite dropped to the ground shortly after 10 p.m.

Residents returned to their homes, smiling at their short adventure.

Morning Record
Meriden, Conn.
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UFO Sighted In Auburn

Several unidentified flying objects were spotted in Auburn late Wednesday night.

A teenage resident of Fern Street told Lt. Norman Guertel of the Auburn Police Department today that between 10 and 10:30 last night she spotted five UFOs in the sky over the city.

The girl said all of the crafts had two lights, one red and the other bluish-green, and all were spinning as they descended at a fast rate of speed and then left the area.

Flying Object Observed Here

An unidentified flying object spotted on South Main Street yesterday afternoon may have been a weather balloon or an inflated trash bag, Police Chief Eugene Rame said this morning.

But police contacted the Federal Aviation Administration and the State Police anyway.

Police received the report of a UFO at 12:24 p.m., and about 50 residents and police officers eventually gathered before it disappeared an hour later.

The object was described as dark, cylindrical object, coming to a point on top and concave on the bottom. Sunlight reflecting off its surface gave the appearance that the flying object glowed, according to Rame.

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had disappeared, just leaving that same trail of shiny blue smoke in the air."

The last sighting by Olaf was about three years ago, and was another "wheel within a wheel" object with spokes, but it was very high in the sky, moving slowly to the southwest.

That particular object was also seen the same night by Sherman Schwartz who was in his backyard at his home on East Hill Road. He describes it as "a moon-like thing, with a circle of light around it—kind of like a moon inside a wheel. It was moving from east to west across the southern part of the sky, just visible over the tops of the trees. I called to my wife to come outside, but by the time she got out into the yard, it had dropped out of sight.

"I asked around town the next day to see if anyone else saw it, but Olaf is the only one I found who had."

All of these people were agreed that whatever they saw in each instance, "it was not any kind of optical illusion or anything like that. It was something real."

Olaf Simonsen sums it up as, "Some folks just won't believe it when they hear about something like what I saw. Was a time when maybe I wouldn't have believed it, either. But I know what I saw—and I know it was something real."

Strange sightings over California

Willits, California News August 4, 1976

For the past few years, an impressive number of residents of Mendocino County have reported seeing a variety of strange lights and/or objects in the nighttime skies.

There was an acceleration in reported sightings last fall, reflecting a similar increase throughout the northern part of the State, which triggered an official UFO investigation by two members of a nationwide network of investigators reporting to Northwestern University's Center for UFO studies.

Tom Gates is director of the DeAnza College space service center and Paul Cerny is a mechanical engineer for an electronics firm. While they were interviewing people in Humboldt County, the pair had their own sighting of a giant, glowing orange ball—remarkably similar to what has been seen by some Mendocino County residents.

The Willits News contacted the investigators, and as a result has been invited to join the team and serve as a reporter of unexplained incidents in this area. Since then, The News has been busy talking with local authorities and persons who have seen "strange things" and are willing to talk about it. Understandably, some people did not want to be interviewed, and others asked to remain anonymous.

The official view, as indi-

cated by the County Sheriff's Office, is that so far there is no evidence of any "unexplained sighting." According to one spokesman for the department, all reported sightings have turned out to be 100 percent accounted for in some logical manner.

One woman in Ukiah, who reported a large burning orb with a tail of fire last November (one of several similar reportings on that date), refused to be identified in this article or give information over the telephone, stating that "she had been asked not to talk to reporters."

A young Willits man in his 20's also asked to remain anonymous, but told The News that he has been keeping a record of his own sightings which began seven years ago, and has been collecting data from others. His most interesting sighting was in July of 1973, when with a young friend he saw an unusual lighted object moving from west to east over San Hedrin, about 10:45 p.m.

To the naked eye, the object appeared to be a very large star, but was moving too fast and in the wrong direction. Observed through binoculars, the object "looked like a round plate with two knobs on the top, with small red lights flashing around the middle."

Last December 23, a young woman resident of Willits reported seeing a brilliant

object in the sky over the Spy Rock area as she was driving on Highway 101 north of Laytonville. She told The News that the light looked like an airplane landing light, but stayed in the same spot while she watched it, and kept changing color—red, blue, green and yellow.

During the months of November and December, similar reportings were made by people living in the Pine Mountain area and in the Valley. One of these, Doreen Griswold, lives on Center Valley road. She states that late one night in October she first saw a strange light out her bathroom window. It appeared to be "hanging in the sky" right over Pine Mountain and was "too big to be a star, was more like a big airplane landing light, but it flashed on and off, all different colors."

In mid December, she saw the same spectacle again, but this time there were three of the lights. She watched them for some time through binoculars, along with her husband and father. The lights did not appear to move, and then just seemed to disappear.

Up in the Laytonville area, residents have been getting together to compare notes on strange lights in the sky for the past three or four years. Among the more articulate of the sighters is 78-year old May Winchester, a well read, edu-

cated and outspoken woman who has lived in the same house for the past half century, atop a large knoll out the Branscomb Road which gives her a clear, unobstructed view of the sky in all directions.

"Maybe I just never took the time to study the night sky before," May says, "but it was about three years ago that I became aware of some very strange things going on up there and began to make a regular watch. From time to time I have been joined by friends who are as mystified as I am. I have never read any reference to these strange objects, nor any explanation of them."

According to May, what she sees, on almost any night that she goes outside and spends the time staring into the sky, are individual or groups of bright lighted objects that appear very far away and which move in very erratic maneuvers—up, down and sideways—sometimes standing still for a few moments, and then zooming off at radical angles.

One exception to the usual appearance of the fast moving objects was a light May observed out her bedroom window about 3 a.m. one morning two years ago. It was a large orange ball, about the size of a basketball, which seemed to glow.

"It was in the southwest, and remained stationary as I watched it for about one hour. It was so spectacular, I thought sure the news would be full of it the next day, but there was not one mention of it. Later, I heard that several other people in Laytonville saw it, and some people on the coast."

Strange sightings — part two

Among the many residents of Laytonville who have participated in the on-going "sky watch" at May Winchester's are Kate Mayo and Norma Branson, both of them have also seen the "big round light" which has been reported by several different persons throughout the northern sector of the state.

Kate Mayo reports that about ten years ago she and a friend were standing one evening in the yard of the school house on Branscomb Road when they both saw a huge egg-yolk-colored ball move across the sky in a strange pattern of sudden, right-angled moves. As they stared at it, it suddenly disappeared "just like someone had turned off the light."

On another occasion about two years ago, Kate and her husband were driving out Branscomb Road when they saw a big red ball in the sky. Kate says they kept looking for some mention of it in the news, but never found it.

Then last August, the Mayos were part of a group of people who were standing in front of Harwood Park Hall when a great flash from a huge ball of intensely bright light traveled across the sky from east to west and disappeared behind Cahto Peak, followed within seconds by a tremendous explosion of light

which lit up the entire sky, but without any sound.

That same event was seen by a number of other persons, including a group of loggers and their wives who were camping in the Bull Creek area several miles north. Susie Berchtold and her husband were among that group, and she said they all saw it as a big ball that suddenly appeared over the horizon in the southwest, and then moved north and finally disappeared down below the horizon.

"It was so bright, kind of like an arc light, that you couldn't look directly at it, and it lit up the whole sky as it traveled."

That was the second time Susie had seen a similar heavenly apparition. About five years ago, she saw the same kind of brilliant, bluish white light which appeared over Cahto Peak and hung there for a few seconds before flashing off to the north and disappearing.

Norma Branson reported that about six months ago she and her husband were driving west on Branscomb Road on a night when a nearly full moon was in the sky. Suddenly, a "second moon" appeared in the southeast sky.

"It was a big round light the color of egg yolk, and was moving fairly slowly along just

over the tree tops." The Bransons stopped their car and watched the light until suddenly it stopped moving and remained stationary. After watching it for several minutes, the Bransons drove on. The next day, they heard that several different persons had seen the yellow ball.

One of the most unusual sightings was actually a series seen by Olaf Simonsen over a two year period while he was working as a night watchman at Plant B of what was then Willits Redwood Products at the end of Oak Street.

The first occurrence was around midnight when Olaf was far out in the yard, near Philip Colli's pond. Suddenly a "big azure-blue light came up out of the water, floated up into the air to about 200 feet above me and then just stopped and hung there. It was big—about ten feet in diameter. I couldn't believe my eyes. Finally it started moving again, real slow, and just moved up into the air and out of sight."

Several months later, Olaf was up on the tower when a big round light rose up in the air right over the field next to the yard. "It was so bright it lit up about 20 acres, everything I could see. Then finally it moved slowly off to the south, not making any noise, but it left a trail of blue smoky

light that hung in the air a long time after the ball had disappeared over the horizon."

The third and most unusual sighting was a brightly lighted material object (Olaf is insistent about that (which hung around in the air over the yard for about two hours one night.

The memory of that sighting is so indelibly impressed upon Olaf's mind that he can draw a sketch of what he saw—a huge wheel-shaped object "about twice as big as a house" with a metallic hub at the center of the spokes.

"It was all shiny, all parts of it, with a kind of diffused light, and there was a bright light shining out of the hub down unto the ground. I finally went to the office and called my wife, asking her to come out to the yard to see it, but by the time I hung up and went back out in the yard it

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Flying objects mystify experts

Staff Reporter

EXPERTS are still mystified by the recent spate of unidentified flying objects seen over the Peninsula.

Last month a cigar-shaped object which glowed with a silvery haze was seen over the Peninsula. It was also seen by people in Somerset West and Villiersdorp.

According to a Cape Town journalist it made no noise and was longer than the average aircraft.

A SAAF spokesman said that the "UFO" was probably a vapour trail left by jets. Conditions were ideal for these, he said.

Staff at the South African Astronomical Observatory have seen "nothing astronomically unusual" and have not received reports of anything.

A spokesman said that what people had seen could be light reflected from an aircraft. "Unless we get a definite report of what was seen it's difficult to say what it was."

He could offer no explanation for the orange "ball of fire" seen over the Peninsula last Thursday night.

"It's always possible that there could have been a bright meteor but when there is one we usually get reports from a wide area," the spokesman said.

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CR: Jim Auburn

Air force officer sees flying saucer

FRIEND CORRESPONDENT

MADRID

THE latest report on a flying saucer sighting in Spain is very similar to hundreds of others lying in the files at the Spanish Air Ministry in Madrid.

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"The Friend"
South Africa
July 12, 1976

CR: Jim Auburn

UFO general

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SO. AFRICA

June 29, 1976

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Rhodesia Herald

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Shopkeepers Claim UFO Balloon

A number of shopkeepers in the Ginza area of Tokyo said Saturday that a reported UFO above the Imperial Palace Thursday was in fact a balloon that they had released for a local shooskeeper's association advertisement.

Sunday, July 18, 1976

THE DAILY YOMIURI

Japan
CR: Y. J.
Matsumura

UFO's existed in 17th century: book

NIMES, Southern France (AFP)—Unidentified flying objects existed as far back as the 17th century, according to a book recently unearthed at a Nimes library.

The book, published in Lyons in 1621 is entitled: "The Frightful Signs That Recently Appeared in the Air Over the Cities of Lyons, Nimes, and Montpellier and Other Neighboring Localities to the Great Amazement of the People."

The anonymous author records that in Lyons, some 400 persons saw in the sky what took the shape of a battalion of cavalry and "a star, which like a second sun, dissolved all clouds before it."

ASAHI EVENING NEWS, TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 1976

GENERAL SAYS
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NOTE

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

Experts study UFO report

Salisbury, Tuesday. METEOROLOGICAL experts in Salisbury are studying several reported sightings of a mystery object spotted in the sky over Rhodesia.

One of the key witnesses to the "smokey - white" phenomenon is a senior meteorological officer at Bulawayo Airport.

Two other reports have been filed by pilots — one of them from Air Rhodesia.

The sightings have sparked off considerable interest at the Meteorological Headquarters in Salisbury, and a senior spokesman said today: "It's looking very interest-

ing at the moment, especially as it was seen by so many people."

He added: "Never before have I known such a sighting to be made by an experienced meteorological observer".

The sightings were made in several areas of Rhodesia on Friday at about 7 p.m.

A meteorological officer at Bulawayo Airport, Mr. Dick Fowler, saw a "smokey, sort of white" shape a long way out.

At the same time as Mr. Fowler was watching the mystery shape, a pilot flying near Francistown reported something unusual over the Bulawayo region.

So did Capt. Gerry Allen of Air Rhodesia, who was flying near Bulawayo, and who asked Bulawayo authorities to investigate.

Capt. Allan said tonight he had seen "a whisp of cloud in the sky, yet perfectly clear".

Nothing was picked up on radar.

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BULAWAYO CHRONICLE

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CR: Jim Auburn

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Own Correspondent

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TWO MORE UFO'S SIGHTED IN STORM

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WHEN Bill Leith was watching the thunderstorm on Thursday night he saw a couple of flashes which were not caused by lightning.

Through the sheets of rain he glimpsed two red lights in the sky coming towards his house in Stoney Close, Yateley.

Bill (37) at first thought they were the lights of an aeroplane heading towards Blackbushe Airport.

But when the sky was lit up by a flash of lightning he realised they were two separate objects.

He said: "I cannot say how high they were or what speed they were doing. But they sud-

denly veered off south towards the A30.

"They were like two red lights, steady, not flashing and of no particular shape. My wife, Janet, just managed to catch a glimpse of one before it disappeared."

He added: "I have no idea what they were and I don't want to speculate. But it was only when I read the story about the objects seen flying over Frimley last week that I thought seriously about it. I wonder who else saw them."

The Surrey Investigation Group for Aerial Phenomena is following up the sighting of three star-shaped objects spotted over Frimley on July 14.

Extract from
Camberley News, Surrey
23 JUL 1976
ENGLAND

NPA Men See UFO

An unidentified flying object appeared over the Imperial Palace Thursday evening, circled at a low altitude for about 10 minutes and flew out of sight in the direction of Yotsuya, Shinjuku-ku, according to workers at the National Police Agency (NPA).

There were seven eyewitnesses, all staff members of the criminal identification section of the NPA.

One of them, Ryoza Watanabe, 34, first spotted the flying saucer circling over the Imperial Palace, about 400 meters from the NPA building, at around 6.30 pm, while he was working overtime on the fourth floor.

After hearing Watanabe's cry of "UFO!" six other staff members rushed to windows and all saw the flying saucer moving around the Imperial Palace until it disappeared about 10 minutes later.

According to their explanation, the UFO appeared over the palace at its Ginza side, circled there for about 10 minutes, started flying upward in the direction of Yotsuya and went out of sight.

The flying saucer appeared to be about 10 meters in diameter and colored brown or black.

While moving around, the UFO changed its shape from round to square and finally to the one resembling an amoeba, the eyewitnesses said.

One of the eyewitnesses said, "It was not a illusion. We all saw the object. One of my fellow workers is shortsighted but even he saw it."

"It's our job to identify things from others. Now I believe in the existence of UFOs."

But, the seven men were apparently so excited at the sight of the UFO that they failed to take a photograph as evidence.

"As staff of the identification section, we are ashamed of our failure to take a photo," said another eyewitness.

UFOs 'buzzed' us, say families

Extract from
Sheffield Morning Telegraph
ENGLAND
29 JUL 1976

Morning Telegraph Reporter

A group of Sheffield people claimed yesterday their homes have been "buzzed" by unidentified flying objects nearly every night for three weeks.

The families, who had kept quiet about the UFOs for fear of derision, say that glowing red cones — as many as six a night — swoop past at high speed after dark.

And last night, RAF Finningley, near Doncaster, admitted that they had received several similar reports from the area — around Parson Cross — during the last few weeks.

Full details of the sightings have been passed to the Ministry of Defence.

One housewife in Holgate Crescent, Parson Cross, said: "We joke about them, calling them little green men and all that. But now, we really want to find out what they are."

Star

The woman, who refused to be named, said: "Quite a few people around here have seen them. They are reddish, cone-shaped and they move very fast across the sky. There is never any noise."

A man from nearby Colley Road, added: "I don't think anyone is worried about them — they're more concerned about looking like idiots for talking about flying saucers."

Other residents claim to have seen the UFOs as well as a stationary object — like a very bright star — which appears from time to time and changes from white to blue.

Saturday, July 17, 1976

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Spacemen Seek Love, Not War

TURIN (AFP) — Beings from outer space have set up bases on earth beneath the Gobi Desert and even in Italy, according to a quiet 53-year-old spinster, Germana Grosso, who lives with her mother here.

Miss Grosso said she has been in touch with them for 20 years and they told her: "Our main enemy on earth is the complete lack of mutual love and understanding amongst humans." She said she has been chosen by them to issue an urgent appeal "choose love, not war."

On July 10 spacemen told her "there will be an immense catastrophe for earthmen when a terrible earthquake will cause many victims." Shortly afterwards, China and the Philippines were struck by earthquakes.

On May 29 Miss Grosso was told "a volcano is going to erupt with tremendous violence." She is certain that this meant La Soufriere Volcano on the island of Guadeloupe.

Miss Grosso is respected by all her neighbors. She is calm and thoughtful and in no way hysterical or excitable.

How did she start contacting spacemen, resulting in several thousand typed pages of telepathic messages from them?

"I started 20 years ago through a Tibetan lama who contacted me by telepathy," she said. "He explained that I could converse with beings from outer space."

Soon she was speaking to them and seeing them as though on a television screen. She has

painted over 70 surrealist pictures of spacemen with long ascetic faces, large eyes and long hair as well as female dragonflies floating about in an ethereal world.

There are also Egyptian scenes from the times of the Pharaohs, all in microscopic detail.

Although Miss Grosso has no scientific education, many of her typed space messages contain highly technical terms.

Miss Grosso said that these beings from outer space were named "Back" living on a planet called Lioaki.

They have numerous bases on earth already. Miss Grosso maintained, with one under the Gobi Desert and another under Sousa Valley, northern Italy. She said this base accounted for the number of flying saucers seen in this region in the past three years.

These "Back" spacemen also had a base deep under the Atlantic Ocean and this accounted for the series of mystery sea and air tragedies in the so-called "Bermuda Triangle" as ships and planes tangled with arriving or departing spaceships.

Miss Grosso said she had broken her 20-year-old silence at the urging of the spacemen to launch an urgent appeal for world brotherhood to save earth from a disaster.

The spacemen are only interested in giving a warning, and do not want to interfere with human history or earth's destiny, she added.

Friday, Aug. 27, 1976

Mainichi
Daily News

Japan

CREDIT: C.B.A.

'SAUCERS' OVER S. DEVON

AN article in the Herald Express about U.S. presidential candidate Jimmy Carter seeing a U.F.O.—flying saucer to the masses—stirred memories for Mrs. Mavis Carruthers, of 14, Broadgate - crescent, Kingskerswell.

She recalls that she saw one over South Devon in August of 1967.

It was cigar-shaped, and "pulsating with brilliant light in the clear night sky."

For more than an hour she watched it, and at one time it came down quite low before streaking up into the sky over Torbay and disappearing.

Next day she wrote to the late Mr. A. W. Bearne, of Paignton, who was the local expert on U.F.O.s, and he confirmed what she had seen.

"It really does seem quite possible that intelligent beings from another galaxy are watching the folly and turmoil existing on almost the entire surface of our planet earth," said Mrs. Carruthers. "Unfortunately most people regard interest and belief in U.F.O.s as a form of harmless lunacy. But is it?"

At the same time as her letter to the Herald Express there came a phone call from a man, who would not be named, but who lives in Florida-road, Torquay.

He told of seeing at 2 a.m. last Thursday an object above Torbay which was too big and bright to be a star. At first he

thought it was a shooting star, then it stopped and hovered and moved around. He and his wife watched it for about two hours (he called her in because he thought he was seeing things). The object was still there when they went to bed two hours later.

But the coastguards at Berry Head had no record of a UFO at that particular time.

Extract from
Herald Express, Torquay, Devon

ENGLAND

27 JUL 1976

All eyes to the sky in Tulse Hill

DO FLYING SAUCERS hover over Lambeth? Are there Martians on Tulse Hill? We will know by the end of the week.

Every night this week, sky-watchers are going to Tulse Hill in South London at 11 p.m. for a two-hour vigil, looking out for UFOs and studying the stars. They know what to look for because they are setting out from St Luke's Church Hall, Knight's Hill, SE27, where there's an exhibition on UFOs, outer space and science fiction, with lectures explaining the finer details. Anyone can join the stargazers.

It's part of the mammoth Lambeth Festival '76, the first in the borough for 15 years,

which gets into its stride this week.

Stargazers of a different sort will be at The Cats Whiskers, 158 Streatham Hill, S.W.2, where Britain's favourite boxer, former heavyweight champion Henry Cooper, is guest of honour at the festival's boxing tournament and dance. Tickets cost £1.50; time, 7.30-10.

The festival tonight also includes music, with the Hong Kong Children's Choir at Holy Trinity Church Clapham Common South Side (50p; 7.30), poetry at the Cavendish Rooms, Swan Public House, opposite Stockwell Tube (40p; 8.0 p.m.), and drama with the Bubble Theatre Company at Brockwell Park, who are performing

The Mask Of Satan (50p; 7.30).

At the big fair on Clapham Common The Amazing Kristys are doing their trapeze act at 8 p.m.

The new rock-jazz band Red-brass is taking part in the festival tonight with a gig at Lambeth Town Hall (8 p.m.; 75p). The ten-piece group, which has gained an impressive reputation since it formed nine months ago, are also at Tramshed, Woolwich, on Thursday and Dingwall's on Friday.

THERE'S jazz all week at the Holland Park Open Air Theatre, with well-known names like Ken Colyer, Terry Lightfoot and Acker Bilk. Tonight: Humphrey Lyttleton, 7.30, admission 50p.

Extract from
West Briton, Truro

15 JUL 1976

ENGLAND

Extract from
Evening Standard, London

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27 JUL 1976

UFO sighting sets school a mystery...

FOR about five minutes on Friday, three adults and at least 90 children at Treleigh CP School, Redruth, watched a spherical object cross high in the midday sky... and what exactly it was is a complete mystery to them.

Most of them—they watched from the school yard—agreed that it resembled two dinner plates face to face.

"It was white and spinning," said Miss Deborah Foster, a

teacher. "It appeared to be very high up, and came from the Truro direction. We lost sight of it over Carn Brea. It was saucer-shaped and seemed to have an aura or halo."

Another teacher, Mr. Sam Hawkins, said he clearly saw silver and yellow flashes at 90 degrees to the object's direction.

He said it was travelling very slowly. "It went through high cloud, yet we could still see it," he added.

Mrs. Sylvia Harris, school

secretary, agreed it was round and whitish. She also saw flashes from it. "They were like lightning and were spasmodic," she said. "I have never seen anything like it before."

Miss Foster added: "It was a little frightening. I do not like anything I cannot explain."

Pupils said there was no sound, and the sphere changed to a green hue when it went behind high clouds.

They agreed it was spinning and say they saw flashes from

it. They were certain it bore no markings.

Mr. Sidney Thorne, headmaster—who is interested in unidentified flying objects—missed the sighting. He said it could not have been a weather balloon, as the object's journey included a distinct manoeuvre.

He added that unexplained objects had been sighted at the school and by parents at North-country, Redruth, in March and November, 1973.

New creature sightings are reported

By THOMAS BEAM
Tribune Staff Writer

After a lull of more than five months, two more sightings of large humanoid creatures in the Great Falls area have been reported to Cascade County authorities within the last nine days.

The latest sighting occurred at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday. A woman, en route to her place of employment in Great Falls from her residence in Ulm, reported she saw a large, hair-covered creature standing on the shoulder of Interstate 15 five miles west of Great Falls.

Cascade County Sheriff Capt. Keith Wolverton, who is investigating the sighting, said the woman got a clear look at the creature in the early daylight as she passed by it at a distance of about 20 feet.

"The woman was driving 55 miles per

hour at the time but slowed immediately after passing the creature and stopped a short distance away," Wolverton said.

"The woman said the creature was standing still as she passed it but that when she stopped her vehicle, it began walking along the shoulder of the interstate towards the west.

"She observed this creature for nearly four minutes before continuing to drive to Great Falls," he said.

Wolverton said the woman, who apparently was the only motorist in the area at that time, described the creature as being between seven and eight feet tall, covered with dark brown to black hair and "very wide at the shoulders."

Wolverton and other deputies checked the area for evidence such as tracks and

took a soil sample from one depression in the ground but said they were unable to locate any clear marks along the side of the highway or in the borrow pit because of the hard-packed ground.

According to Wolverton, the sighting was in the same area where Leonard Hegele, 29, Helena, spotted and pursued a creature of similar description Feb. 22.

Hegele, his wife and their two children were driving on Interstate 15 on that date when they saw a creature walking along a knoll parallel to the highway about 10 a.m.

Hegele said he chased the creature on foot but broke off pursuit when it turned around and faced him at a distance of approximately 700 feet.

According to Wolverton, the second sighting within the past 9 days occurred

July 21 when four Great Falls men reported seeing two creatures east of Rainbow Dam on the south side of the Missouri River.

Wolverton said the sighting took place about 10:30 p.m. and that the men said the two creatures were walking along a hill toward the river when they were seen at a distance of approximately 100 yards.

"One man drove to this office to report the sighting while the other three drove to the Malmstrom AFB main gate to report it," he said.

"The men never really got a good look at the two because it was almost completely dark at the time but they are sure they saw two very large objects walking towards the river."

Wolverton said he and another deputy

checked the area that night and during daylight the following day but were unable to find any evidence.

"We consider both these reports authentic and are investigating each one," he said. "We also are interested in any other reports, either past or present, from people who may have seen something suspicious but have not reported it for some reason."

"Every scrap of information we can get will help this investigation."

The latest two sightings are the fifth and sixth reported in the Great Falls and Helena area since December, 1975.

Other sightings were reported Dec. 26 near Vaughn; Feb. 21 near Ulm; Feb. 22 west of Great Falls on Interstate 15, and April 4 four miles northeast of Helena.

Great Falls Tribune CR: Tim Church
Great Falls, Montana June 12, 1976
Report mutilations

Law officers have a big problem in their investigations of the mysterious cattle mutilations: Too much delay in getting to the carcasses because citizens aren't reporting discoveries right away when they find them. The result of delay is less chance of finding vital clues.

It's important to find out who is

Delays hurt autopsies

Delays in autopsies of mutilated cattle and investigations of the scenes mean less chance of finding clues. Bodies decompose rapidly, especially in hot weather. The smell can be so bad that approaching a carcass will be almost impossible.

If law officers obtain a carcass within eight hours of death, they can send it to the Department of Livestock Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Bozeman. A good autopsy might show whether cause of death was a chemical, projectile or something unknown.

But wind, rain, sun and heat destroy evidence. Decomposition turns internal tissue, organs and

doing it and why. The culprits might not ever harm people. But whether they are hippies with pinkie shears, satanic cult freaks or alien researchers, they're costing farmers and ranchers money.

If the sheriff's department can identify the responsible parties, stockgrowers can at least demand compensation.

blood into mush. Evidence of cause of death, such as chemicals or projectile paths disappear in smelly goo. Thus proper analysis through chemical, physical and microscopic testing becomes impossible.

About all that law officers know so far is that the mutilations are done with a precision instrument, and animals won't go near mutilated carcasses. Cause of death is still unknown.

The sheriff's department takes investigations of the mutilations seriously. The closer deputies get to the time of death, they more they may learn. How about giving them a hand?

from Florida that escaped on the farm may have survived Wisconsin winters to grow to a six-foot adult.

Tom's mother said the footprint was a mystery and the pond had been dredged without further signs of the alligator.

Young Neumann said the prints of four clawlike toes and a heel measured about four inches from back to front.

Mrs. Neumann said her children have been swimming in the pond regularly and had been hearing splashing noises, particularly at night, but had never seen anything unusual.

Zoo official Ray Pawley asked her if they had ever heard anything like a mating call and she said they had heard bellows "like a sick cow." "That could be an alligator seeking a mate," Pawley told her.

Wisconsin farm pond site of the great 'gator hunt

MONROE, Wis. (UPI) — An alligator-like footprint, a mysterious bellow like a "sick cow" and strange splashing noises in a farm pond have touched off an alligator hunt in this unlikely spot.

Tom Neumann, 14, discovered the footprint — the first evidence since 1971 that a mail order alligator

CANADA

Toronto Sun
Toronto, Ontario
July 21, 1976
CR: Gene Duplantier

Seattle Post-Intelligencer
Seattle, Wash.
July 9, 1976
CR: Matt Williams

Water Monster Reported

The first sighting reported this year of Lake Okanagan's famous Ogopogo water monster has come from two fishermen near Fintry on the west side of the British Columbia lake. They report the creature was blue-black in color and moved in a caterpillar-like fashion in the water, leaving a substantial wake.

They estimated the size of the "monster" as from 40 to 60 feet in length. And they would like to have another look at him, "this time with a camera," they said.

Great Falls Tribune
Great Falls, Montana
July 31, 1976 CR: Tim Church

Operation Monster Hunt

Extract from
Manchester Evening News

23 JUL 1976

London, England

John
Robert-Blunn

FINDING Loch Ness monster expert Tim Dinsdale was quite a problem. Hunting the monster-hunters can be difficult, especially when a road trip round Loch Ness can clock up the best part of 70 miles.

Dinsdale's main base is Fort Augustus, a tiny town (by English standards) where the English built a fort in 1715 after the abortive rebellion. The English General Wade gave it that name, but Fort Augustus (not to be confused with the much more touristy Fort William) is really Kilchumein, from Cummein, the Abbot of Iona after which it was originally named.

Everyone in Fort Augustus seemed to know of Tim Dinsdale, with whom the monster is not so much a hobby but more a way of life. For more than 16 years he has devoted his energies and talents to amassing evidence. He has written books on this fascinating subject, the latest having been published in recent weeks.

In a previous book he referred to the Abbey School Haven at Fort Augustus where he would tie up his boat. The Abbey Haven is at the southernmost end of Loch Ness, near the outlet of the Caledonian Canal and its spectacular flight of locks.

But Dinsdale had gone off to Drumnadrochit, I was told. That involved a round trip of 40 miles, and in vain. There was no sign of his little boat, Water Horse, for it was moored out of sight at a place I shall not reveal.

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Hunting the hunters

Celebrating

Defeated, I retired to an inn where the genial landlord was celebrating a famous golfing victory. Highland hospitality at its best. No need to drive back to Fort Augustus for sustenance at the mobile fish and chip shop. I was even forgiven for being an Englishman and a journalist. An Australian companion, thinking that Scots and English were dirty and daggers drawn, was amazed.

Still no trace of Tim Dinsdale and his colleagues, however. What I did not know then was that they were discussing a spectacular new sighting — or rather, five sightings — by two men in a boat the day before.

Next morning, when he had returned from a 50-mile round trip to Inverness, I met Dinsdale at Temple Pier, Drumnadrochit. The latest sightings were "very exciting."

"I have a very strong

feeling that something big is going to happen this year," he told me. "There have been several sightings in Loch Ness."

There is more than intuition to bolster Dinsdale's hopes. For well over 16 years this former engineer has been accumulating a mass of evidence and, largely due to his careful, scientific approach the case for the existence of the Loch Ness monster seems to have been made.

Enormous

Beyond any shadow of reasonable doubt there are creatures of some sort in the loch. Whether they are Plesiosaur-type beasts, as another monster-hunter, Frank Searle, maintains, or whether they are enormous eels still remains to be seen. What is beyond dispute, even among divided scientists and monster-hunters, is that there is a pattern of Loch Ness phenomena which have not yet been adequately explained.

Non-believers have offered many suggestions which are as fanciful as some ideas of Nessie. The famous humps, which have been seen by hundreds of apparently sane and sober people, have been dismissed as three otters swimming in single file. Such a circus act is even less probable than the existence of a monster.

Floating logs, overturned boats and discarded oil drums have been other reverent suggestions, prompted by the various photographs. Frank Searle, in his book, seems to reject the various underwater pictures taken by Tim Dinsdale and the Bostonians — who, in their turn, appear to doubt the authenticity of Searle's "astounding" pictures.

A neutral reporter, who has never seen the Loch Ness monster, is bound to admit that the "evidence" is, at best, very confusing. Searle is pinning his hopes on a surface watch with cameras — relying on a 500mm lens which will frame the

monster and also include vital sections of the Loch Ness scenery which will give some degree of authentication.

He appears to have done this at least twice, on July 9, 1974, and on February 26, 1976. Both those photographs show what appears to be the erect head of a monster. The 1974 shot also has a background which sets the scene clearly in Loch Ness.

The Bostonians' pictures released in December, 1975, give an image of an imposing monster.

Confused

Yet the verdict of an outsider has to be the good old Scots "not proven." All that has been proved so far is that there is a prima facie case for the existence of a Loch Ness monster. And, as if to confuse things still further, Britain's deepest lake, Loch Morar (around 1,000 ft deep) also has its alleged monster. Tim Dinsdale had been looking for that, too, and he tells me that there have been several sightings this year.

It seems that agreement on the authenticity of photographs will be hard to reach. But that cannot kill off Nessie.

You can't write all the evidence off as a tourist gimmick. The Loch Ness

area simply cannot cope with any more tourists. The woman at the Fort Augustus information centre, trying single-handed to cope with the queue, seemed at the end of her tether. The litter bins were overflowing (not to say smelly) in the village car park. The A82 was a nightmare. Parking at Castle Urquhart was impossible.

If Nessie were to show itself too often emergency measures would have to be taken to deal with the crowds.

Many of the people who claim to have seen the monster have had nothing to gain — and that includes two patrolling policemen whose scepticism was dispelled by a positive sighting.

LOCH MORAR is the second of the two majestic Scottish lochs to carry the tradition of the "Water Kelpie" and more recently actually to produce documented evidence of sightings of huge unknown aquatic animals, which have come to be known as Nessies in Loch Ness and Morags in Loch Morar.

After sixteen years of hunting them photographically it is my intention to write about the chase as it develops in, around, and above these two famous places.

Arriving at Loch Ness again this summer, after travelling up from my home in Reading, in a car loaded to the roof with equipment, I found the much publicised American expedition deployed at Urquhart Bay, the scene of so much past activity and excitement and in particular in 1972 and 1975, when Dr Robert Rines, president of the Boston-based Academy of Applied Science, secured the first underwater flash pictures of something huge and mysterious.

Picture problem

My own small craft, Water Horse, was trailer-hitched to my car and moved to a place known to many as Canal Point. From here I could watch the loch while using the boat as a caravan, and from which I could motor about to keep in touch with all the goings-on.

I did not spend too much time at Urquhart Bay for I had my own problems to contend with in setting up for

the tow-out to Loch Morar, where Adrian Shine was building up a British expedition, planning to use underwater upward-scanning video equipment.

I met Adrian the year before at Morar, where he was trying out two quite unique pieces of equipment, and was impressed with his commonsense approach to problems, and his undoubted skills and ingenuity as an inventor.

Loch Morar has crystal-clear water, as opposed to the peat-stained murk of Loch Ness, which poses a major problem for photographers, and as it undoubtedly contains a similar small population of Beasts it was logical to work there.

To make underwater observation possible Adrian Shine designed, built and tested a fibreglass aquasphere, in which he could sit, 30 feet down on the bottom of the loch, to view his surroundings through a circle of plate glass portholes.

The Machan, as it was called, proved to be a success in 1975, but as permission has not been obtained to use it at the one place where it might prove truly effective — at Meoble Bay, with its shallow white sand bottom — the Machan is not again being used in 1976.

His second innovation, the Pequod, also did its work in 1975, covering some 200 miles of perimeter water in a search for bony remains.

The Pequod was of glassfibre and shaped much like a big shoe, but with a plastic dome in the bow.

The observer lay on the keel of the craft, and with his head in the dome gained a marvellous fish-eye view of the bottom beneath. A steersman behind him drove a 2-hp outboard motor.

In Morar in 1975 a galvanised anchor had been seen at 50 feet. No bony remains were found of any significance, but the search at least eliminated the shallow areas of the loch as a possible "elephants' graveyard."

As a parting gesture Morar wrecked the Pequod by poking one of her numerous rocky teeth through the observation dome. Both crewmen had to swim for it, but as the craft had in-built buoyancy tanks it did not sink, and today it has become another monster-hunting museum piece, with some interesting history behind it.

Back at Loch Ness I settled down to my shore watch, and made daily visits to Urquhart Bay to help where I could. There had been local newspaper reports of sightings, but I had not yet taped any new witnesses myself.

But later, with Art Athens, of CBS Radio, we taped several witnesses, among them four boys of the Fort Augustus Abbey School who had seen an

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Boys say Bigfoot lurks here

By Steve Lay

WHITE MEADOW LAKE — Through the woods behind Comanche Avenue lurks a creature that some boys in the area feel may be another legendary Bigfoot.

Keith Shulman, 14, of 304 Beach St. told The Daily Advance that a bunch of his friends saw something running through the woods yesterday afternoon.

"It was about 10 feet tall, big, black

and hairy," Shulman said.

Shulman said he was not with the group that spotted the creature. "There were about 10 guys in the woods that heard and saw something," Shulman said, "and three of the boys ran after it."

The creature was chased by Johnny Halpin, 10, of 305 Beach St., Carl Hooverman, 13, of 8 Anderson Ave., and Joseph Olmstead, 13, of 19 Comanche Ave., Shulman added.

"It jumped at Johnny and landed about 10 feet away from him," Shulman said. "Then it ran away, Johnny was unable to see its face."

Shulman said he returned to the woods and found a footprint believed to be the creature's. "It was long and fat, about one and a half feet long, with three toes," Shulman explained.

"I don't think it was a bear because bear prints are usually short and round," Shulman added.

It was near dusk, when Shulman said they spotted the creature again standing on a hill. "It was big and black but we couldn't make out what it was because of the dim light," he said.

"We don't know what it is but we think it may be something like Bigfoot," Shulman added. Bigfoot is a legendary creature that supposedly roams the Northwest.

When the creature reached an incline of rocks, it stood on its hind legs

and climbed the hill, Shulman said. "I don't believe a bear could do that."

Police said they responded to a call and went to the area but could not confirm that something had been seen.

"It may have been a bear," Sgt. Edwin Tucciarelli said. They sometimes come down from Sussex County and one was spotted in the township about three years ago.

One officer took a walk through the

woods and spotted some marks on the ground, but couldn't make it out as being a footprint, police said.

Sgt. Tucciarelli said the department would wait until another spotting was reported before determining what the creature might be.

"This is the first time something like this has been seen in the woods," Shulman said, "and we have been playing there for a number of years."

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enormous hump from a boat on Loch Ness.

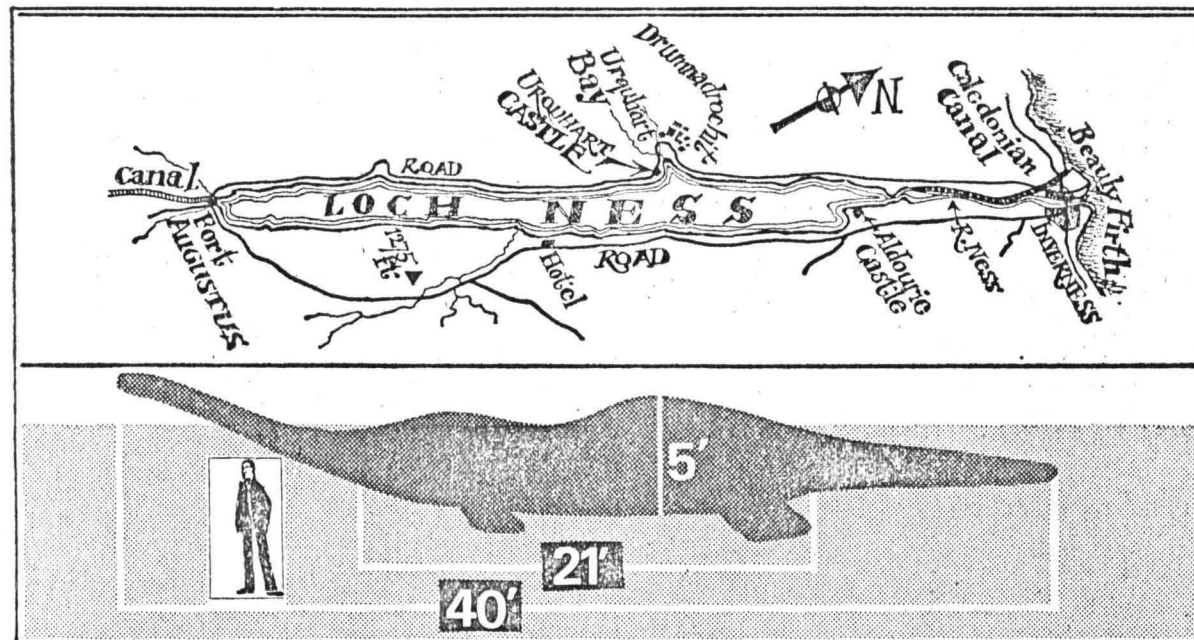
They were with a school physics class out on the water to carry out experiments.

The hump was from four to six feet out of the water, and crossed the loch from the centre to the southern shore in about a minute before going down.

This great speed was so much more than that of a boat that the boys realised it could not be just a boat, quite apart from the sudden submergence.

Tim Dinsdale

● He has been hunting Nessie and other monsters for 16 years and is now writing about his experiences for the Manchester Evening News. The first of his articles appears below the drawing, which sets the scene with an impression of Nessie



The drawing of Nessie is based on average statistics and the man is drawn to the same scale.

The famous Nessie may not be the only loch monster. In Britain's deepest lake, Loch Morar (about 1,000 ft), there could be other giant creatures. Today one of the leading monster-hunters joins the Evening News in our series about the monsters and the men who devote years to searching for them.

Bigeyed Kids Claim 'Bigfoot' Is Around

BERNARDSVILLE — Lest St. area residents feel left out amid the flurry of North Jersey "Bigfoot" sightings, three local children have reported 17-inch long footprints and heavy breathing in the woods near Ferrante's quarry, which they think may indicate the presence of one of the mysterious creatures here.

According to Scott Ferraguson, 13, of 36 Maple St., the group of children spotted 11 three-toed footprints, 17 inches long, while playing in the woods off a dirt road near their homes about a month ago, and found three more last Wednesday.

Both Lisa and Scott said they have been interested in footprints and heavy breathing the various recent sightings in New Jersey woods of huge, hairy animals which make strange noises. "I've read almost every book written about it," Scott said. Both he and Lisa said they had read about the creatures before their sighting.

Despite early fear, however, the children claim they are no longer afraid to play in the woods where they heard the noises. "I've gone back there lots of times," Scott said.

Other nearby recent sightings have been reported in Chatham and Rockaway Township.

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The children also heard footprints and heavy breathing and saw "gigantic" shadows, according to Lisa Farrell, 13, of 38 Maple Ave., and Jennifer Starzecki, 10, of 33 Garbaldi

"I've read almost every

Rash Of Mutilations

Marks Anniversary

Aug. 14, 1975.

That was the first confirmed reported cattle mutilation in Logan County and for a period of over a month after that date the county was hit by a rash of the mysterious and baffling incidents.

In the past week, the week of Aug. 9, 1976, Logan County has again experienced the outbreak, as the Logan County Sheriff's Office investigated two more confirmed incidents and one un-confirmed case, bringing the total to six for the week.

The count, with the latest incidents of confirmed cases, brings the toll for the county in the past year to 55.

Incident No. 54 involved a 1200-1300 pound Hereford cow, found southeast of Sterling.

The LCSO said half the cow's udder was removed, the tongue was cut out, the lower jaw was peeled away and the rectal area of the animal had been mutilated.

The cow, sheriff's investigators said, was found laying flat on its back in a field. Incident No. 55 involved a cross-breed heifer.

The animal died, the LCSO was told at 4:30 p.m. Saturday

and was found Sunday morning mutilated. Half the 500-600 pound animal's tongue was taken, the area around the nose and mouth of the heifer was peeled away and two patches of skin were cut away. The sheriff's office said the rectal area of that animal had also been mutilated.

The un-confirmed case was discovered northwest of Sterling and the LCSO said the animal was too badly decomposed to call it a definite mutilation.

Near one of the confirmed cases the LCSO said a patch of hide and skin was found which showed definite cut marks, made with some sort of sharp instrument which cut on an angle.

As usual, no tracks of any kind were found near the animals, nor was there any evidence left as to give a clue as to how the "job" was done or who was doing it.

The LCSO said incident No. 54, found Friday, was probably mutilated sometime Wednesday or Thursday night.

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Mutilation

Reported

What Logan County Sheriff H. L. "Tex" Graves described as "a classic mutilation," resulted in the third death this week of cattle located in a livestock pen southwest of Sterling.

The animal was found dead Wednesday morning, deputies reported. No tracks were reported visible near the animal, a fact that has baffled investigators about 52 similar mutilations during the past year.

Deputies reported the mutilation occurred on the front right shoulder, directly behind the back of the neck, where a three-inch by 12-inch strip had been removed. The lymph glands were missing, and a five-inch diameter piece of meat removed, deputies said.

The animal had been alive and well Tuesday night, it was reported.

Mutilation Toll
Up To 51 With
Monday Incident

The county's 51st cattle mutilation was investigated this morning by the Logan County Sheriff's Office.

The LCSO said the animal was found southwest of Sterling, and was "definitely mutilated last night."

As a result of heavy rains in the area the animal was found laying in mud, but no tracks of any kind, other than that of the Hereford steer, was found in the vicinity.

LCSO officials said the animal's penis was surgically removed, there was a 12 inch patch of skin taken from under the steer's back legs and a 10 inch circular patch of hide was removed from under the left foreleg.

The animal's head had not been mutilated but there was blood coming from the nose of the 600-pound steer and there was blood in the animal, differing somewhat from other incidents where all the blood was removed during mutilation.

The animal's rectum had also been bored out such as has been the case with several other cases in the county since August of last year.

Woman reports seeing 'Bigfoot' — just like ones in the movies

"I had so many goose-bumps that they actually hurt my legs," Frieda Hayes, 21, said as she described the effects of watching what she described as "Bigfoot" for more than 20 minutes on Friday near Whiskey Springs Campground.

Mrs. Hayes said she had gone to the campground for a weekend outing with her aunt and uncle and her cousin, Patrick Kennedy Jr. Friday, to be joined later by her husband and her mother.

While waiting for the others to arrive, Frieda and Patrick, 12, decided to take a walk on the nature trail to one of the springs in the area. Whiskey Springs is located about 10 miles southeast of Butte Falls in the Butte Falls

District of the Rogue River National Forest.

After the short walk, the two were returning to the campground when they saw a limb break ahead of them.

"The sound of it breaking wasn't a natural sound," Frieda said in a telephone interview Tuesday, "it sounded like something was tearing it off the tree." She said Patrick said he saw "something," but wasn't sure what it was.

As they returned to camp where the aunt and uncle were sound asleep in a trailer, Frieda and Patrick began to hear sounds. "They sounded just like the sounds in the sound track of the Big Foot movie my husband and I saw," Frieda said.

She said she felt compelled to go back down the path to see what was making the noises. She and Patrick retraced their steps until they were at a place looking across a large meadow.

And there it was. Walking in and out of the willow trees on the opposite side of the meadow was a creature, which "looked just like the ones in the movies," Frieda said.

She and Patrick watched the creature "for about 20 minutes" Frieda said. "I guess you could say he mimicked us," she said.

"It would crouch down when we crouched down trying to get out of sight; then when we stood up, it stood up."

She said the creature didn't

make any sounds while they were observing it, but Frieda said she felt the noises it made when they were at the campground were definitely intended to attract them back into the woods.

Frieda said they were too far away from the creature to make out details of its face except to say its features seemed "to shine in the sunshine." She described it as being about seven feet tall with very broad shoulders.

Asked if it could have been a man in a Bigfoot suit, Frieda said it couldn't have been because "when he left, he just disappeared, instantly." She indicated the creature moved much faster through the forest than any man could.

After the creature disappeared, Frieda and Patrick returned to the campground to find that Frieda's husband had arrived. He went with them back to the scene. No footprints were found, but they did find some tall grass matted down.

Few other people camped at the campground that weekend, Frieda said. No one else has reported signs of Bigfoot in the area, although three or four previous sightings of Bigfoot footprints have been reported in the Butte Falls area since the first of the year.

Medford, Oregon
Mail Tribune
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Portland, Oregon
Oregonian Sep. 6, 1976

Bigfoot's print only woodfoot

COOS BAY — Bigfoot did not make a visit to this community, local citizens now believe.

Michael Brown, news editor for radio station KYNG, said Sunday he received a call Saturday from a person who said the reported appearance of Bigfoot here was a hoax.

Brown said he thought the caller, who wished to remain anonymous, was telling the truth, and that the footprints — earlier believed to be those of the legendary hairy creature — were created using a wooden foot replica made by Marshfield High School students for a class film project.

The report appeared to have ended speculation on Bigfoot's visit here, a puzzle that began last Saturday when a pigeon hunter found several footprints, 17 inches long and seven inches wide, in a ravine eight miles east of Coos River.

Sunday Sun
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• MONSTROUS SITUATION has developed on Cape Breton's lovely shores. A 25-foot carcass, described as hairy and having hind feet, was washed in with the tide. And nobody knows exactly what it is. Fisheries officer Alex MacEachern says "It's the closest thing to a dinosaur I ever saw."