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'Non-Believers' Watch 4 UFO's In The Night

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Humming Sound Reported From Low-Flying Craft

Four flying saucers were reported in the Joppa area Thursday night, by three Harford county residents.

"It's the first time in my life I've ever seen anything like it," said Norman Turner, who works at the Edgewood Arsenal. "It was definitely four flying saucers moving across the sky."

This is the second UFO reported in the Harford county area in the past two weeks. A burning ball of fire, which many claim was a UFO, was recently reported near Fawn-Grove.

Mr. Turner was driving to his home on Old Joppa road Thursday night when he spotted four objects in the sky.

"It looked like one red light with three white ones to the right of the red one," he said. "They were about tree-top level, too low for an airplane."

When Mr. Turner reached his home he called his wife and a neighbor to come outside and look at the strange occurrence. All three of them stood for approximately five minutes, and watched the objects move slowly across the sky. The lights then disappeared in the distance.

"There was no noise," said Mr. Turner, "except when they got in front of us, then there was one big humming sound that lasted a

couple of minutes." He claims the noise was definitely not that of an airplane.

"Two airplanes flew overhead some time after the objects. We heard that noise," he said. "What we heard from the four objects was a humming rather than the roar of jets."

Because of the height and the manner in which the objects moved, Mr. Turner claims the four lights had to be UFOs.

"They were too low for airplanes," he said. "I could have heard an airplane if it was that close to my home."

And the lights, which flashed occasionally, were not situated as normal airplane lights, he claims.

Mr. Turner also reported the

objects were moving very slowly across the sky, much slower than airplanes move.

"I didn't believe in flying saucers," said Mrs. Turner, "but if there was ever a flying saucer I saw one."

"I'm a believer now, I've never seen anything like it," she stated.

Mr. Turner reported the strange occurrence to the Maryland State Police.

"A sergeant there told me there was a wreck on Route 7 that night, and the lights were from a helicopter flying from the accident."

"But what I saw was four individual vehicles," said Mr. Turner. "And they were moving in the opposite direction from which the helicopter should have been."

"There is no doubt in my mind they were four flying saucers," he claims. "The next time I am going to be ready with the camera."

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Frightened five report seeing UFO

"We're not crazy!", Mrs. Dennis Bickett told the Clarion Wednesday night, March 9. "Two of us are grown people, and we all saw something! Mrs. Bickett carefully avoided saying "flying saucer" or even "UFO," and maintained she did not believe in either one—not until Wednesday night, anyway.

The Bickett family and the Jerry Atwood family reside at each end of the John Puckett Subdivision on Highway 69. The Bicketts on the side nearest Hawesville, the Atwoods at the far end. Nancy Bickett, her teenage daughters, Kathy and Sheila and seven-year-old son, Dennis, along with Linda Atwood, had attended a ball game near Rough River that night. The two Bickett girls are cheerleaders for the Immaculate Conception Spartans.

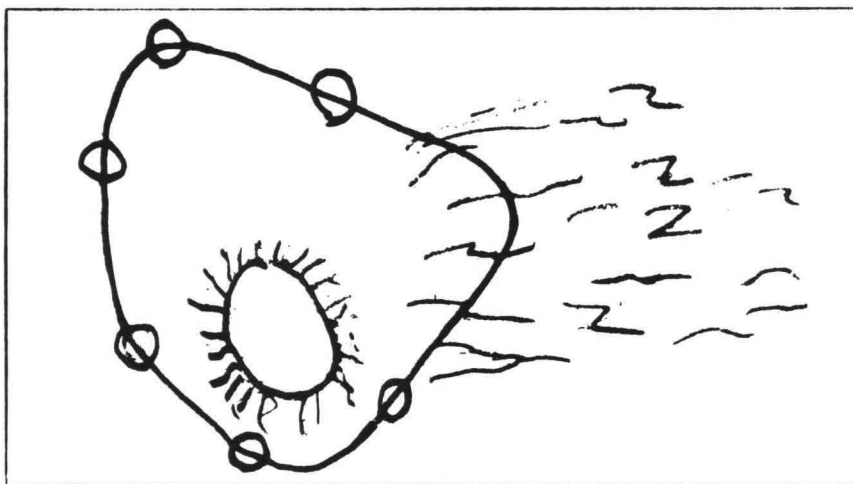
The group were returning home and reached the Atwood residence about 9:15. They had heard about the fire that day which had endangered the Robert Fuller residence. They noted a bright light among the treetops between their homes and the Carl Rearden place and at first thought another large fire had broken out. As they watched, the bright object gained altitude and they saw a large, intensely bright light, surrounded by a number of smaller lights of lesser intensity. At the time, it did not occur to any of them to be frightened; Mrs. Bickett, who was driving, did not stop at the Atwood home or her own home but

continued on the highway toward Hawesville. She remembers they were very excited and couldn't believe what they were seeing. All the excitement could easily account for the minor variations in the five versions of the experience the witnesses told the Clarion reporter next day. Mrs. Bickett followed the slowly-moving object on the highway and as she approached the gravel roadway leading to the left to the Carl Rearden residence turned off onto this road. The object had veered slowly to the left. At the Rearden home, there is a dog-pen some distance from the house in

a grove of trees. All occupants of the car agreed the craft hovered over the dog-pen just above the tree-tops. By the time their car turned off the highway, the small Bickett boy was near tears, begging his mother to turn the car around and go home. Thirteen-year-old Kathy Bickett's reaction was different. She screamed at her mother and the others—"Are you all crazy? Going up there!", as the vehicle continued toward the Reardens.

Linda Atwood rolled the car window down before they reached the Rearden

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driveway. They all reported the object made a noise—a soft, low-pitched sound which resembled the sound made by a child's musical top as it spins. The dogs literally were going crazy.

Mrs. Bickett said they sat in the Rearden driveway and watched the object for a time. By now, they were all alarmed—but curiosity is stronger than fear—she, her son and Mrs. Atwood finally mustered enough courage to get out of the car and go to the door to rouse the Rearden family.

Allan Rearden, a student at Hancock County High School, finally came to the door, and the ladies pointed out the object to him. Mrs. Bickett said Allan blurted out, at first glance: "That's a flying saucer!" She thought he seemed excited and almost pleased at the sight. One of the others believed he was frightened. Allan went back inside to get his father, but by the time they returned, the craft was disappearing toward Owensboro. Allan Rearden said the next

day he did not get a really good look at it, but acknowledged it was different from anything he had ever seen before. He declared the women and children were genuinely perturbed and believed they had good reason. By this time fear was gripping the ladies and children. Mrs. Bickett and one of the girls stated they were so scared and their knees were shaking so badly they could hardly walk. Mr. Rearden did not get outside in time to see much but could readily see his visitors were very shaken.

The group got back in their car and retraced their way to the Atwood residence. They were still very agitated about their experience when Mr. Atwood returned home from work. At first, he was skeptical but could see they were still upset, so his attitude changed shortly. He did wonder aloud why the ladies had exposed themselves and the children to possible danger by following the object. Mrs. Atwood couldn't explain why. She said they seemed to be drawn to it and no one was scared until they got so close to it at the Rearden place.

The "machine" seemed to take the shape of a triangular inverted bowl, thicker at one end than the other. The

larger end contained the large light from which sparks (as from a sparkler) emanated. The smaller lights ringed the perimeter of the craft. Mrs. Bickett said it appeared pentagonal (having 5 sides) to her. All the edges appeared smooth and rounded, with no sharp angles or edges apparent. Its sound was very soft, yet powerful. The group estimated its altitude to be around 200 feet except when it hovered near the treetops. Two or three of them estimated their distance from the craft at 200-300 feet. Mrs. Bickett said it was apparently about half as large as their home.

All members of the Bickett family drew a picture of the object as soon as they reached home. The two teenage girls wrote an account of the events which had transpired. Mrs. Bickett began to write a story but did not finish it. She said the next day she hardly slept Wednesday night.

Pat Januchowski, mother of one of the boys, called the Clarion Thursday to request anyone who spots a suspicious object in the sky to contact her. She says they see objects frequently at their home in the Patesville area and is keeping a diary on theirs and others sightings.

Boy Says He Saw UFO; His Camera Offers Proof

Ricky Brandenburg, 13, thought he saw a UFO about 4 p.m. March 10 so he ran into his home at 3153 Norwhch Court grabbed his Instamatic camera, and went to his backyard and began snapping pictures.

He took a total of six pictures and then he noticed the silver object he had been watching "just seemed to disappear into the clouds."

After the object disappeared, Ricky went back into his house and began telling his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morce H. Brandenburg, what he had witnessed.

THEY LISTENED to their son's story about how he had seen a silver disc-shaped object with a clear plastic-like dome circling the neighborhood as he walked home from School 108.

And they listened as Ricky told them about the pictures he had taken and he would prove to them he wasn't joking.

His father admitted yesterday that he thought the story was something from the imagination of a youngster who dreamed of outer space.

Morce Brandenburg said he didn't see a story in The Indianapolis Star the morning of March 11 which explained that several persons had called police the previous night about spotting a UFO on the north and west sides.

Indiana State Police said the callers saw a meteorite shower which was visible from Cincinnati, Ohio to St. Louis, Mo.

HIS FATHER questioned him about the UFO, and although the boys said he didn't know for sure what it was, he believed it was a real flying saucer. "I wouldn't know what a fake one looked like and this sure looked real to me," Ricky said.

Brandenburg, an employee of Trans World Airlines, said he even laughed a little when Ricky told him the object was spinning "really, really fast but it wasn't making any noise."

But the youngster said he knew

what he had seen so the next morning it was off to the drugstore with the film.

And when the word came the pictures were developed, Ricky and his father were off to the store on Friday.

Morce laughed just a little as his son hurriedly opened the package and then said, "See dad, I told you."

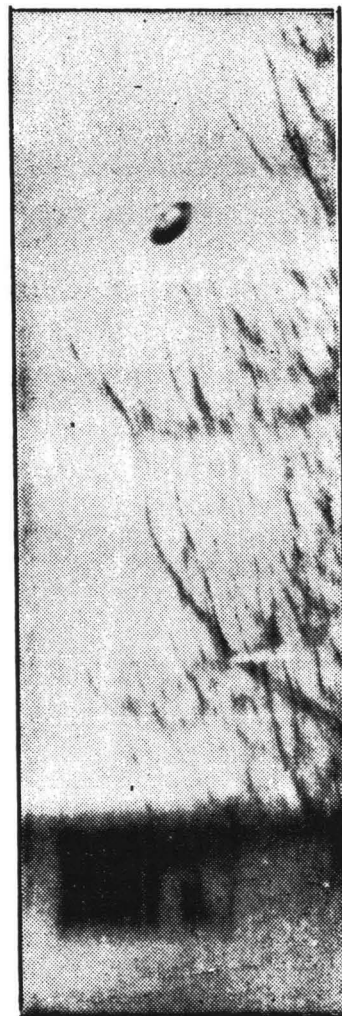
Morce Brandenburg isn't laughing anymore.



13-YEAR-OLD SEES DISC
Uses Small Camera

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DESERT HOT SPRINGS,
CA
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UFO ABOVE HOUSE
Object Circles Neighborhood

UFOs Reported Over Desert Area

Monday night this week, several unidentified flying objects hovered over Desert Hot Springs.

They were also seen over Riverside and near March Air Force Base.

According to radio reports Tuesday morning, the Air Force was unable to identify the UFOs because of their extreme speed.

UFO like 'lit cigar' reported at March

"People may think I'm bananas," offered a Riverside County sheriff's deputy after reporting an unidentified flying object early Tuesday.

"I don't know if it was a UFO or not, but there was something," said deputy Jim Evans, who, with partner Bob Boytor, saw what they described as "a cigar with a light on each end" at about 3:30 a.m., while they sat in their parked patrol car in Edgemont.

Two California Highway Patrol officers and seven March Air Force Base security guards also reported seeing UFOs at about the same time, and other sightings were reported from Los Angeles to Sacramento. Descriptions varied in size, shape and color.

Another person reporting a sighting was Ronald Cash, 34, a Riverside grocery clerk, who said he saw two bright objects cross the sky as he was about to get into his car to go to work at 3:30 a.m.

He said they crossed the sky from west to east and had two long white tails behind them. The objects, he said, traveled very fast but were visible for perhaps half a minute to a minute.

Cash said he had never seen anything like them. "I never saw any shooting stars like these . . . and I never heard of two comets side by side," he declared.

However, a scientist at Griffith Park Observatory said that what witnesses saw might have been a rare astronomical phenomenon, such as a double meteor.

Dr. Edwin Krupp added that

he "didn't want to insist" his explanation was correct because neither he nor anyone at the observatory saw the objects.

The deputies said the object passed quickly through the sky and disappeared from view over Pigeon Pass. Evans said the lights were white. Boytor said he saw green lights.

At March Air Force Base, security guards reported seeing two "diamond-shaped objects glowing silver with a blue stream trailing behind," Major Brian Daly said.

The guards, who were together at the base, said the two objects passed over quickly at about 3,000 feet just before 3:30 a.m., according to Daly.

Two Riverside area California Highway patrol officers also reported seeing a UFO yesterday morning, according to officer Dave Rogalia.

The Los Angeles County sheriff's department said deputies saw similar objects at five different locations during the early morning and had monitored civil defense radio reports of sightings as far north as Sacramento.

Los Angeles deputy Beverly Celetano said the object was described as a "bright light with an orange tinge" and was seen by deputies in the Whittier Hills, the Firestone area, near the Long Beach Airport, and in Huntington Beach.

DAILY ENTERPRISE
RIVERSIDE, CA
MAR 23, 1977

Hypnotist's view of that UFO sighting

PLEASANTON — A Pleasanton woman may have had a crew's view from the UFO that reportedly visited here March 13 at 1:50 a.m. but can't remember it, according to a professional registered hypnotist whose stage name is Mr. Allen.

The lady, who wishes to remain anonymous, said she "sort of lost track of time" during the phenomenon.

Allen is a Pleasanton resident noted throughout the Valley for his lectures on and demonstrations of hypnosis. He said it was typical of a person who has been contacted by UFO aliens to forget some of the things they saw or heard.

"It's part of the pattern to blank out part of the experience," Allen said. "But it can be brought back with the aid of hypnosis."

He hopes the lady will get in touch with him and undergo hypnosis. He said he would respect her anonymity.

The woman said she was awakened early in the morning "about two weeks ago" by flashing red, green and white lights shining through her bedroom window.

"I felt exhausted and strange," she said. "I couldn't seem to move — like I was hypnotized or something. I'm usually the kind of person who jumps right up to see what is going on. I thought I was imagining things."

"Then I heard people talking about the lights," she continued. "At first I thought it was my children but when I asked them later they said they hadn't heard or seen anything. My husband didn't either."

Allen said it seems to be part of the phenomena for only one person in a family or group to hear or see a UFO at the same time.

"And the aliens evidently communicate through thought transference," Allen continued. "If it wasn't her neighbors she heard talking about the lights, it could have been the aliens transmitting that thought

Sky scanners report spotting UFO

By J.B. LYON JR.
Herald Staff Writer

What's big, bright, oval-shaped and has a long tail?

That's what two Williston men, a local police officer, airline pilots and others in the Dakotas would like to know.

They all saw the unidentified flying object in the night sky last night or on radar screens. Even an FAA rangefinder got a fix on it.

Loye Ashton and George Atol of Williston told police here they saw the UFO about 10:18 p.m. Monday night as it was heading in an easterly direction.

The object of their visionary report was also corroborated by other citations. A Williston policeman on patrol filed a report on having seen the UFO.

The state radio communication system for law

enforcement agencies reported that officers in Bottineau, Minot and Garrison areas also observed the mysterious, moving light trailing across the sky.

At 10:30 p.m., FAA's rangefinder located at Bismarck tracked the object and estimated it was traveling at an altitude of 16,000 feet.

Northwest and North Central airlines pilots approaching Bismarck report the object halfway between Jamestown and Bismarck.

Bureau of Indian Affairs officials saw a similar object around 10:45 p.m. over South Dakota.

After authorities got their data together, it was decided the object was a meteorite.

No official word has been forthcoming from the U.S. Air Force which usually monitors all mysterious flying objects in skies over the nation.

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WILLISTON, ND
MAR 15, 1977

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MINOT, ND
MAR 15, 1977

Object In Sky Was Spotted

Citizens reported it. Authorities watched it. Pilots spotted it.

The question is, what was it?

An unidentified flying object was reported to the Ward County sheriff's office around 10 p.m. Monday.

Citizens said it appeared to be a plane in distress and described it as having blinking lights, with what appeared to be flames at the rear. There was no sound.

Three Ward County officers confirmed the sighting just east of Minot. The object was seen shortly afterward over Norwich, about 15 miles east of Minot.

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to her."

The lady said when she first saw the lights she thought it was an emergency vehicle of some sort. Then she remembered her backyard was situated so there was no way to see any lights from the street; especially since a high fence surrounds the yard.

The next morning she said she noticed the water in her swimming pool had gone down an inch for no apparent reason.

She called the Times Monday and related her experience after hearing about a report filed by another UFO viewer named Robert Coffey.

He is a former United States Air Force weatherman who called the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle regarding his March 13 sighting.

Coffey told Center officials he and his family saw white, red and green lights flashing from a huge bell-shaped UFO. It hovered eight minutes near a high water tower then disappeared, he declared.

Was The Mysterious 'Ball Of Fire' A UFO?

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3 Holes In Ground Near Scorched Spot Remain

All that remains is a large circular area of sparsely burnt grass. In the center of the circle are three small holes, outlining a triangle of unburnt grass.

The large ball of fire is gone. Where it came from or what it was, no one knows. But for two to five minutes, the burning ball illuminated the night sky, disappearing as quickly and as mysteriously as it came.

Eyewitnesses to the bizarre event are as baffled as the fire officials. Even the most skeptical don't have an explanation for the mysterious event that occurred near Fawn Grove, Pa., on Saturday night.

"It was like a big ball of fire, about the size of the moon," said Mrs. Everett Miller, an eyewitness to the event. "It just stood there in the air for about two to five minutes. It kind of drifted a little, but remained level. Then it just disappeared. Right before my eyes."

Mrs. Miller was called to the window by her eleven-year-old son around 7:30 Saturday night.

According to Captain Douglas Winward of the Citizens Volunteer Fire Company in Fawn Grove, there was a fire on the property of Mr. Robert L. Brown at approximately 8:15 the same evening. Mr. Brown's property is about a mile or two from the home of Mrs. Miller.

According to Capt. Winward, the burning ball was nothing more than a meteor, which landed and burned an area of approximately 50 square feet. But this explanation has been ruled out by other officials.

The only depression left in the ground were three small holes, about an inch and a half deep and the same size in diameter. According to Robert D. Barry, director of 20th Century UFO Bureau, there are strong indications that a UFO landed on Mr. Brown's property Saturday night. The UFO then took off to wherever it came from, he believes.

The three small holes, which were discovered by Mr. Barry on Sunday, are spaced about five and a half feet apart. They mark where the UFO may have landed. "Whatever caused the depression is typical of landings of UFO's found in fields across the United States," he said.

The large ball of fire that was witnessed by approximately seven persons may have been the UFO taking off from the ground. Reportedly, UFO's send off sparks of fire as they take off from their landing site.

Fawn Grove is also located near the Peach Bottom Nuclear Power Plant, and there is documentation stating that UFO's hover over such areas as atomic plants, military air fields, naval bases, and electrical power plants, Mr. Barry maintains.

One explanation for the ball of fire was a meteor. But meteors reportedly only burn for 16 seconds. This globe of fire burned for at least two minutes, according to reports. And the ball of fire did not fall as meteors do. In fact, witnesses say it appeared to stand still. If moving at all, it was drifting on a level course, across the tree tops. Meteors also leave large holes in the ground. There was no such depression left after the fire.

Another explanation was that perhaps someone threw a flammable object in the air. Capt. Winward said he has ruled out such a device.

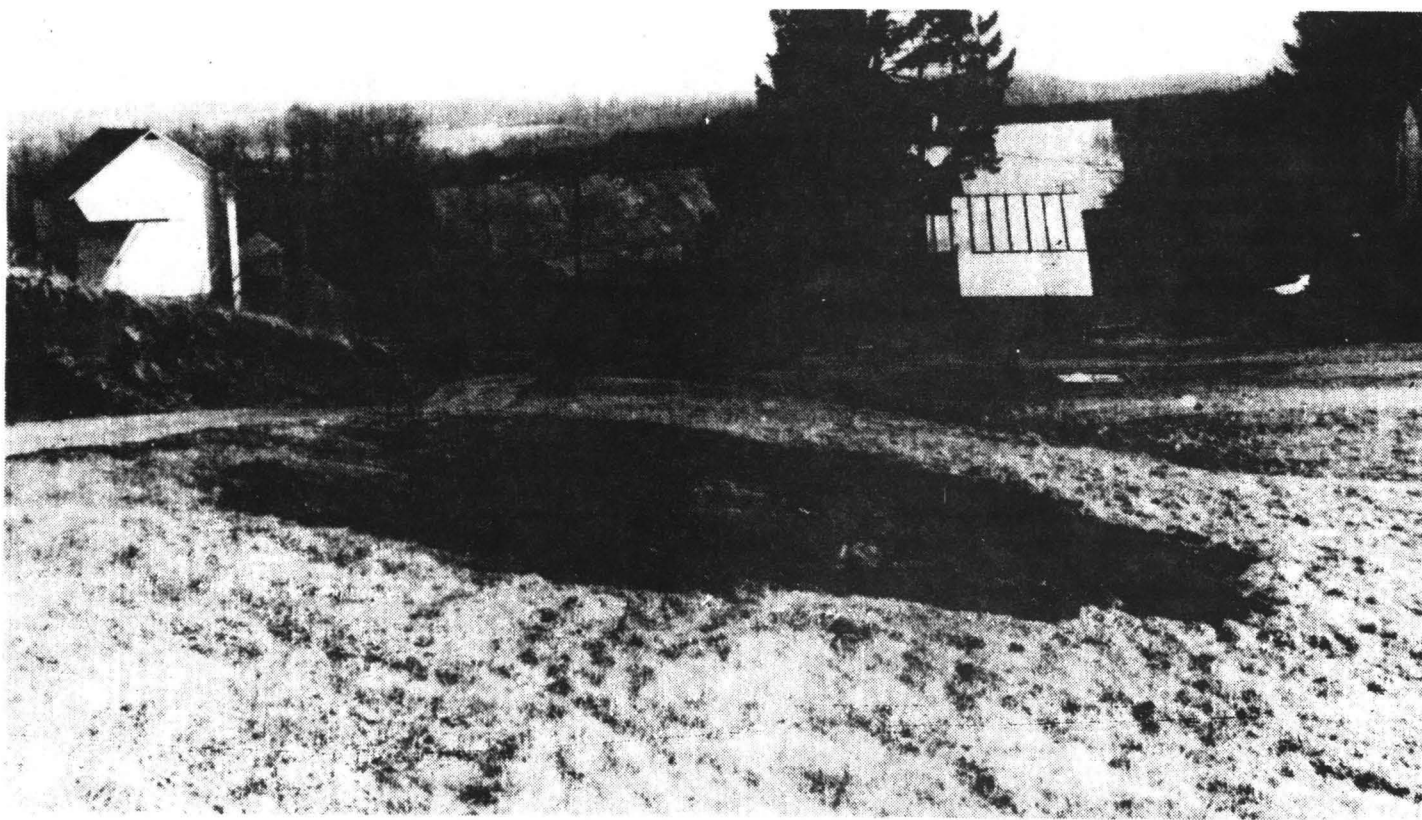
The other viable explanation to the mysterious occurrence was that someone threw a burning object out of an airplane. But Mrs. Miller said she heard no airplane that night. There have been no other reports of an airplane flying overhead.

A Geiger counter has not yet been used to measure the radioactivity. If there was a UFO, it is assumed there may be some radioactivity. Nor were any of the local or state police notified of the event.

The only certainty in the strange occurrence is that whatever or whoever caused the burning ball of fire is gone. And the only evidence remaining are the three small holes, surrounded by a burnt patch of ground.



THREE STICKS were used to mark the holes in the ground where the UFO may have landed.



MANY ARE NOW SAYING THE GREAT BALL OF FIRE spotted in Fawn Grove, Pa., on Saturday was a UFO. All that remains of the mysterious occurrence is a large patch of burnt grass.

Casey woman fears 'creatures' might want her to keep quiet

BY DON WHITE

On January 8, 1976, they were just three typical Casey County housewives.

The next day they claim "creatures" of unknown origin took them aboard an unidentified flying object (UFO) near Stanford.

Today they are national celebrities whose lives haven't been the same since the night of January 9.

Louise Smith, 44, Mona Stafford, 36, and Elaine Thomas, 49, have told their story of the "night of terror" to local, state, and national news media.

The Casey County News was among the first to carry an interview with one of the women, as Mona Stafford gave us her account of the events of January 9 soon after the alleged incident.

The women also appeared on at least two Kentucky TV stations and later told their story to the "National Enquirer."

During the past year several calls have come to the News office from other media seeking information about the women and their alleged experiences.

One recent call came from a Dallas, Texas, radio station. One man, who said he was from Maine, detoured 200 miles off his planned route of travel to come to Liberty and inquire about the women.

As publicity and interest in the incident continued to grow, the women agreed to take lie detector tests and to tell their stories under hypnosis.

UNDER HYPNOSIS

Dr. Leo Sprinkle, director of counseling and testing at the University of Wyoming, put the three under hypnosis to learn that what happened to them after they saw the UFO.

Events leading up to the sighting of the UFO have been told before, but perhaps they should briefly be told again for those who haven't heard them and to refreshen the memories of those who have.

The three women had been friends for years because of a common interest in painting. They are all skilled artists and often got together to admire each others' work.

Their reason for being together on January 9 was to celebrate Mona's 35th birthday.

Louise and Elaine wanted to do something nice for their friend so a decision was made to treat her to a late meal at the Redwood Restaurant.

The Redwood is located just south of Lancaster on U.S. 27, approximately 35 miles from Liberty via Highways 127 and Ky. 78 out of Hustonville.

Louise was familiar with the truckstop-type restaurant. Elaine said she had never been there before and she didn't think Mona had either.

After leaving the restaurant, the three were traveling toward Hustonville on Highway 78 when they say they saw an object in the sky. The object seemed to be in control of the car, which was being driven by Louise.

COULDN'T HOLD CAR

"I couldn't hold the car on the road," Mrs. Smith said. She claimed the speedometer showed 85 MPH and her companions were screaming for her to slow down. "My foot wasn't even on the gas pedal," Mrs. Smith said.

The women said they experienced severe pain in the tops of their heads and after the car filled with "a hazy-like air, sort of like a fog," they lost consciousness.

They said they awoke about 75 minutes later eight miles away, seated in the same positions in the car as they had been earlier.

They couldn't remember what took place during the missing time.

This is where Dr. Sprinkle comes into the picture. It was his goal to put the women under hypnosis and hopefully find out what happened to them from the time they claimed to have lost consciousness until the time they found themselves eight miles further down the road.

Under hypnosis, Sprinkle reported, the women told an eerie story.

"Something was over my face," Mrs. Smith said. "It was so hot in there I could hardly breathe. I was restrained on a table. The pain was so bad. They poured something over me and when they pulled it off, it came away like tape, like they were making a mold of me," she continued.

"Then I saw one of them. It was about four-feet tall and wearing a hooded thing. All I could see was its eyes. They were bigger than human eyes and slanted.

"They were so piercing. It never said a word, but somehow when it looked at me, I knew everything it wanted me to do," Mrs. Smith said.

Mrs. Stafford said it felt like they were pulling her eyes out.

"I was on a white table as big as a bed," Mrs. Stafford said. "I couldn't move, but nobody was holding me down. It was some sort of power doing it, a big crystal with lightning coming out of it."

Elaine Thomas said she was put in a chamber. "I fit there perfectly—couldn't move a finger. There was something wet on my face and something pressing into my chest..."

"I could see them. They floated in the air around me. I could tell they didn't want me to talk. I could understand their thought waves," she continued.

FRESH BURN MARKS

When they regained consciousness after the incident, the women said each of them had a fresh

burn-like mark on their necks, each about three inches long.

Mrs. Stafford said she had acute pain in both eyes and a new blister under one of her rings.

After their sessions with the clinical psychologist, the women were given lie detector tests by Detective James Young of the Lexington Police Department. Young said his report found "no indications of deception."

Perhaps the "high-point" concerning publicity of the incident came late last month when the women were invited to appear on national television.

A secretary for the producer of NBC TV's "Tomorrow" program called the women at their Casey County homes and said NBC would pay their expenses if they would come to New York City and appear on the program.

APPEARED ON TV

Louise Smith and Elaine Thomas accepted the invitation. Louise, however, was the only one to appear on the air. The program was aired in Liberty last Wednesday at 1 a.m.

The women were back in Liberty Friday and Elaine Thomas gave her views on the UFO experience and the resulting publicity in an exclusive interview at the Casey News office.

Mrs. Thomas is a tall thin woman. She had on sunglasses and was wearing a rather "mod" blue pant suit.

She describes herself as "the quietest" of the three women and her answers to questions come slowly.

She and her husband, Otis O. Thomas, live on Dry Ridge. He is a part-time employee of King and Lane Service Station on the Liberty By-pass.

Elaine says she didn't appear on the TV program because of a fear that "THEY" didn't want her to talk.

She said that Louise, while under hypnosis, had made a promise to "THEM" that she wouldn't talk about the incident.

"I thought about what Louise had promised and I guess that's why I didn't want to go on TV," Elaine said. "I watched from the studio while Lou was talking on TV and I thought she might be doing wrong. I was so afraid something might happen to the plane on the way home because she had talked."

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"CASEY WOMAN..."
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Asked if she had received any "crank" comments from persons regarding the incident, Elaine said she had but that it didn't bother her.

"It (criticism) bothers the other girls, but I just take it mildly," she said. "I feel sorry for them (the critics)."

Mrs. Thomas volunteered information that she hadn't been the same person since January 9 of last year. "I used to be patient and listen to other people's problems and offer advice...but not anymore. And that's just not like me. I can't help anymore...I don't have the patience...and it hurts."

FRIENDS CLOSER

Mrs. Thomas says the night of January 9 and the events since then have brought her and her two friends closer together than ever. "It's a real closeness...like sisters," she explained.

Mrs. Thomas says the mystery that still remains is why they were contacted by the UFO and its crew. She doesn't believe the ordeal is over yet.

"I feel like they will communicate with me sometime when they're ready for me to know something. I believe they will give me information."

"I think every day how I wish I could know what it was they wanted me to know."

"I do hope I see them again."

UFO examines EdCC student

By Carol Gjernes

It was the unusually warm temperatures for February that brought the four of us up to the Taylor Mountain area on Snoqualmie Pass. After a day of shooting at clay birds off the old logging roads off the mountain we were ready to head down to the valley below to have dinner and relax by a fire.

We found an old road that turned off the main logging road that led to a secluded campsite by the Taylor River; we decided to make that our camp.

By the time the campfire was going, night had closed in on us and it was pitch black. Clear skies prevailed overhead and we were all amazed at the visibility of the stars and the outline of the mountain peaks against the sky. We were so far into the woods the only sounds that were heard were the crackling of the fire and the river we were camped by. The wind began to pick up a little and sparks and smoke made it impossible to stand next to the fire, so we moved to a clearing in the site and began to watch the stars pop out of the sky.

Suddenly in the distance a bright white lighted object appeared hovering over the Taylor Mountain peak. It began moving towards us with short lunges. At first the distance and darkness blocked identification. We were all familiar with how planes appear at night; we saw no blinking lights and heard no noise. It was definitely not a shooting star or meteor. It began descending down the peak. Hovering slowly it got closer and it became clear what it was: It was a disc!

Our excitement increased when it seemed to have spotted our campfire. It began circling us at about 100 feet elevation. Now it became more visible; it seemed to be transparent with rapidly

spinning lights inside. The bright light of the object suddenly began to give me the feeling of a hypnotizing light; my eyes seemed glued to its movement. After maneuvering in a circle for about five minutes, it started to increase in elevation with short lunges again. This time on each lunge the disc dropped to about 500 feet elevation. The lower portion of the disc began to change to a red glowing color as if it were getting ready for forward locomotion. Suddenly it zoomed off at an inconceivable speed.

After it was gone, I realized now easy it would have been for the disc to land. Here we were back in nowhere, and no one knew where we were. It seemed impossible for radar to pick up a UFO flying between high mountain peaks into a small valley.

Suddenly filled with fright, I tried to talk the other three into leaving, for fear it would come back. The curiosity of the others was too strong; they wouldn't budge. I couldn't leave without them.

After ten minutes of unsuccessful coaxing to leave, it was too late; the disc returned. The mysterious silent object hovered again, this time even closer.

Clutching on to the others, I pleaded for everyone to get in the truck. My friend began flashing the truck spot light on the disc.

The beam hit the disc; it jumped sideways away from the light. It then came even closer, stopped right above us and stood in a floating oscillating motion.

I looked for some place to run, but where would I have a chance of getting away? It probably had some kind of binocular radar vision watching us.

I suddenly felt as if it were closing in on us and began to feel trapped with no escape from it. Fear of the unknown finally began to fill the others and we all were wondering what was going to happen next.

The disc hovered nearly three more minutes, then did the unexpected: It zoomed away as fast as it had appeared. This time we didn't waste any time contemplating leaving. We packed up and tore out of there.

Astronomers Ask New Investigation Of UFO Sightings

STANFORD, Cal. (AP) — Unidentified flying objects — long an inspiration to science fiction writers, but never proved to exist — deserve further scientific study, according to 80 per cent of 1,356 astronomers replying to a questionnaire.

In a survey mailed to 2,611 members of the American Astronomical Society, positive responses to the question of whether the phenomenon merited further inquiry ranged from "certainly" to "probably" or "possibly."

Sixty-two persons said they had seen or had made instrument recordings of events they couldn't identify, but which they thought might be related to the UFO phenomenon.

The questionnaire was conducted by Professor Peter A. Sturrock, an astrophysicist and member of Stanford University's Applied Physics Department.

None Has Answers

None of those responding had "answers" concerning the UFO problem," Sturrock said. Eighty per cent said they would be willing to help solve the problem if they could see some way of doing it. Some 13 per cent offered partial ideas of how to tackle it, he added.

One respondent told of seeing, about 5 p.m. one day in Florida, a UFO that "had a bright aluminum hue and the familiar [disc] shape." When approached, it faded from sight leaving a thin cloud layer at about 1,000 feet altitude, he said. The object had seemed "solid and sharply outlined, apparently reflecting."

Two astronomers reported events which seemed to involve electromagnetic effects, Sturrock said. In one, the headlights of two automobiles went out simultaneously. In the other, an automobile engine stalled unexpectedly when

the driver approached what seemed to be a large silver-gray object 60 or more feet in diameter, the writer said.

UFO's have been in and out of the news for some 30 years, with many reports of sightings coming in bunches. One opinion is that they might be spacecraft or "flying saucers" from elsewhere in the universe.

In 1969 a federally funded study headed by the late Dr. Edward U. Condon concluded there was nothing real or significant in the phenomenon. The Air Force subsequently closed down its years-long Project Blue Book, keeping records of UFO sightings.

Sturrock himself said, "Condon's conclusions were expressed cautiously but were clearly negative * * *. Subsequent * * * study of the report brings to light serious discrepancies between Condon's assessment and those of his staff."

One astronomer wrote that "It will indeed be fortunate if an increasing number of our scientifically trained people will admit that there exists a fascinating and as yet unexplained phenomenon worthy of careful investigation."

Another declared, "I object to being quizzed about this obvious nonsense."

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Sightings of UFO

Two mysterious diamond-shaped objects that zipped across Southland skies streaming trails of blue fumes likely will remain a mystery since no official investigations are planned.

Seven March Air Force Base airmen, two Los Angeles County Sheriff's helicopter crewmen and two California Highway Patrolmen were among those who saw the pair of bright objects traveling across the sky early Tuesday morning at high speeds.

Maj. Brian Daly, information officer at March Air Force Base, said the Air Force would not investigate the matter because "the Air Force is no longer in the UFO investigating business."

The Air Force ceased investigating UFOs in 1969 when it published the results of a 21-year study and con-

cluded that UFOs were not a threat to national security, did not represent technological developments beyond the range of present-day scientific knowledge and did not likely come from outer space.

A scientist at Griffith Park Observatory speculated that what witnesses saw might have been a rare astronomical phenomenon, such as a double meteor.

Dr. Edwin Krupp added, however, that he "didn't want to insist" his explanation was correct because neither he nor anyone at the observatory saw the objects.

An Air Force spokesman said the objects did not appear on any radar screens.

Other law enforcement agencies in the county are not equipped to investigate UFO sightings.

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EDMONDS, WA
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Local Scouts Spot UFO's

LAKE REGION NEWS
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Do UFO's, Flying Saucers or visitors from other planets exist? Well according to two local cub scouts they do. Robby Tanner and Ken Spears spotted one of our visitors over Lake Eustis while at a cub scout meeting.

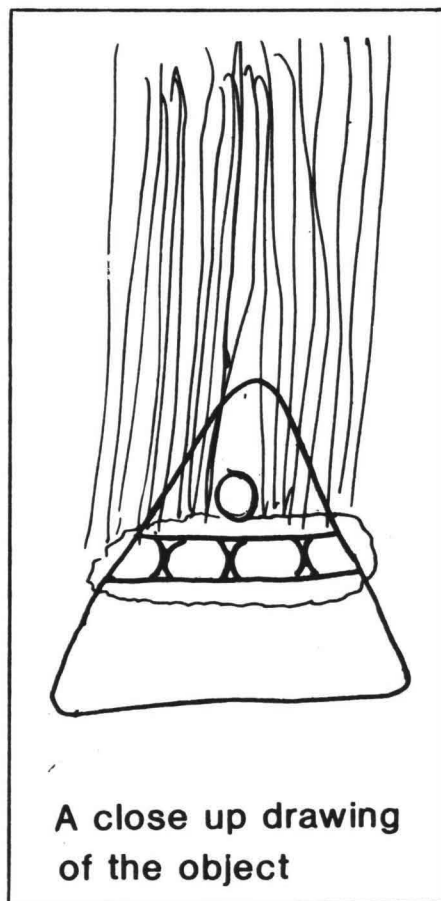
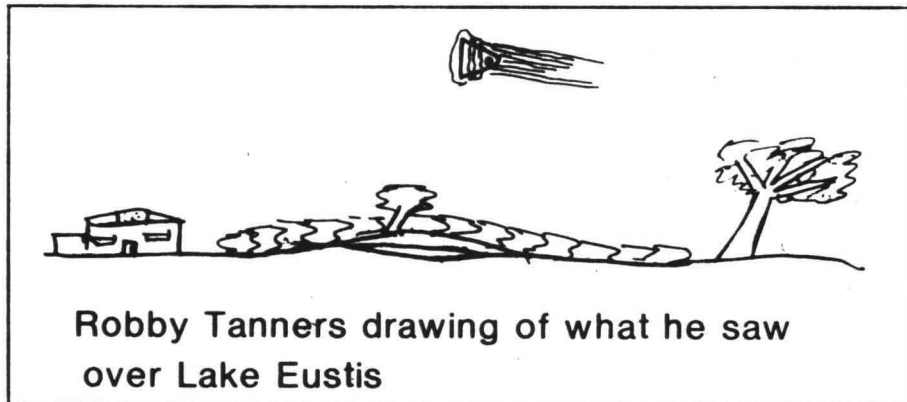
The boys both described the object as cone or diamond shaped with a band or red, green and blue lights they went in a circle around the object and it left a trail behind it like a falling star. They spotted the object between 7 to 7:30, they are not real sure of the time, on Tuesday February 15th. The object settled slowly behind the trees over Lake Eustis then shot back up at an incredible rate of speed and

disappeared. It all happened so fast the boys were not able to show anyone else.

Robby Tanner described it like this "it came down behind the trees, then it shot up and across the lake real fast, at first I thought it was a falling star, but falling stars don't fall up."

Ken Spears description was "there was no sound it was silent and real bright it came down then shot up real fast and dissappeared."

Well, whether you believe in visitors from outer space or not, these two young men were convinced that February night they saw their UFO.



EDITOR'S NOTE:
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Residents In Wolfe City Report UFO

HERALD BANNER
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An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) has reportedly been seen in the Wolfe City area on several occasions during the past weekend.

According to reports, the UFO has regularly appeared between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. since Friday. It has been described as a bright, shiny object that hovers high in the sky for long periods of time, then rapidly descends to ground level.

One couple was reportedly followed home Friday night by the mysterious object.

But according to Wolfe City Patrolman David Wright, the

UFO is nothing more than a helicopter that's been landing and taking off from a field near Wolfe City.

"I was flagged down one night by some people to observe what they described as a UFO," Wright said. "The object landed in a field just outside the city limits and then departed. Shortly after the aircraft left, a car also pulled away from the site," he added.

Wright said he had alerted the Department of Public Safety and the sightings are presently under investigation.

South Euclid women tell of watching UFO

By JOHN H. TIDYMAN

While Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies were chasing a UFO last night, two South Euclid women were trying to identify one hovering in the western sky.

Rose Melega, 4543 Edmond Dr., was watching television last night at 8 p.m. when her neighbor, Dorothy Barkan, called.

"She said she was talking on the phone and looking out the window at something bright and blinking in the sky," Mrs. Melega said.

"It wasn't a star; it couldn't be. I had to look between branches to see it, so I told Dorothy I was going to put on my coat and go out."

Mrs. Melega watched the object

for five minutes before it disappeared in the west.

"It just seemed to be stationary," she said, "and it was just huge compared to stars. I can't say how high it was, but it was much lower than the stars."

The object grew brilliantly bright, then dimmed, she said.

"It was doing that over and over again. Then I came in and told my husband. When I went back out, it had dropped down quite a bit. Then it would go completely dark, then come back on again."

She described it as disc-shaped, with an antenna on top.

"I can't believe it was a star, and it couldn't be a planet. You don't see planets move," Mrs. Melega said.

UFO sighted

To the Editor:

On the night of Feb. 17, 1977 at 8 p.m. I was observing the planets when straight above me there appeared a starlike red object in the Hyades right by Aldebaran.

I had binoculars ready so I immediately resumed looking at it. I was very surprised. Two circular, cigar-shaped objects were apparently connected together. In the center a red light was flashing. An illuminated red light-source shone through the object, and the light seemed to be turning around.

The light flashed in a circular alcove as the craft moved on. It moved from Aldebaran in Taurus, to Peropus in Gemini in about ten seconds.

I have read about these huge airships, as they were called, when many people around the early nineteen hundreds saw them. Here is an example of one report:

"The curious aerial phenomenon of a cigar-shaped traveling luminous body at a low elevation in the sky continues to be noted at many points on the mainland coast and Vancouver Island, British Columbia. At times a bright light appears amidst the luminous object. No one seems to be able to satisfactorily explain the phenomenon."

It all is quite reminiscent of the strange object I saw in the sky. The same airships have been reported by reliable witnesses all over the world since 1897!

Steve Monismith
Rockaway

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UFO's Reported In Henderson Twp. Skies

On Saturday night and again on Monday night, numerous reports of UFOs in the Anthony's Crossing, Troutville, Luthersburg, and I-80 area were reported.

We talked with State Police Trooper, Phillip Dale, at Anthony's Crossing about 8:30 Sat-

urday evening and he stated that he had watched a cream colored object for 15 minutes to a half hour and then suddenly it turned red and came at a high rate of speed over Sykesville. At times there were flashes of light such as from a strobe light emitting from the object. A number of local persons also saw the object and some even went to the Jefferson County Fair Grounds here in town, and saw about the same thing. It was reported to be very low and about the size of a basketball.

Officers Brady LaBorde and John Tokarcik of the Sandy Township Police Department observed a similar object at 9:07 Saturday night in the Clear Run area near DuRois. They stated they saw an object in the sky with yellow lights on the top, a red light in the middle and green lights on the side.

We have yet to hear of a report of a landing or little green Marsians but who knows what these UFOs might be or just what might occur next!!

Deputy saw it, but what was it?

By JOHN COWARD

Sevier County Deputy Luther Gilbert, Jr. saw it -- several times in fact -- but he can't tell you what it was. And he's not the only one.

Officers from several Tennessee counties reported seeing a round glowing object in the sky early Tuesday. The unidentified flying object (UFO) traveled from near Rockwood in Roane County, headed, apparently, toward Sevier County and Jefferson County.

Gilbert said he first spotted the object when he was parked at Lakeside Grocery on Highway 66. He said he didn't think much about it at the time. It was "real low," he said, and had a constant red light.

Gilbert said he thought so little of the light that he didn't even mention it to Deputy Michael

Jenkins while they were talking at the store. Gilbert said he didn't bother to get out of the cruiser to take a good look at the object, though now he wishes he had. He said he probably could have identified the object then since it was so close.

His first real notice of the object came a few minutes later. He crossed the river headed toward Kodak when he picked up Jefferson County reports of the object. So he looked again, this time near a bank on Highway 66, and again saw the object, apparently over Jefferson County.

Gilbert said he saw the UFO a third time from Hodge's Texaco at Interstate 40. At that time, the object appeared to be over Dan-dridge, to the right of the highway,

Gilbert said. Jefferson County authorities were "all shook up" over the UFO, Gilbert noted, and saw different colors of lights on the object. It descended to treetop level, according to Jefferson County reports, and then rose straight up into the sky. "I don't know what it was," Gilbert confessed.

Several other Sevier County deputies also saw the object. Some speculated that it may have been a weather balloon, Gilbert said. He said the object appeared round and made no noise. He ruled out an airplane or helicopter because of the lack of sound. And it wasn't a reflection of light, he added because it was definitely travelling across the sky.

Patrolman spots UFO

A funny thing happened while Middletown Patrolman Robert Perkins was on routine patrol of the Lincroft area of the township.

As he looked upward, what to his wondering eyes should appear but an unidentified flying object (UFO).

For about five minutes, he reportedly observed a red glow of flashing lights moving east to west in the sky over Normandy Road.

Police report that other patrol cars were dispatched to the area around 2 a.m. Friday, but Patrolman Perkins was the only one who saw the phenomenon.

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Security Guard Reports UFOs Off San Clemente

By ART GRUPE
Sun-Post City Editor

SAN CLEMENTE — John Rogers says he saw two UFOs.

Rogers, a gate guard at the Beach Road guard house who works the midnight to 8 a.m. shift, saw some flying objects early Tuesday morning.

He described them as two diamond shaped objects that were bright white, and traveling at a high rate of speed over Dana Point when he spotted them from the guard shack around 12:40 a.m. Tuesday morning.

The speed at which the objects were traveling was so great that he didn't think that they were jets. He's seen many planes flying through the area at night since he took the job as gate guard 21 months ago.

"I thought they were UFOs but I wasn't going to say until someone else reported them," Rogers said, after he contacted the Sun-Post Wednesday.

Law enforcement officers and residents of Laguna Beach reported seeing UFOs traveling west early Tuesday morning. A

variety of sightings were reported from as far away as March Air Force Base in Riverside. Some witnesses saw two UFOs travel over Laguna Beach towards Catlina Island around 3:15 a.m. Another Laguna Beach officer reported seeing two objects traveling east the same night.

Rogers, who lives at 262 West Marquita, claims they were UFOs because he had seen something similar while stationed in Japan in 1960. Then, the entire detachment of Marines he was with watched two white disks cavort in the sky near them.

He described the Dana Point duo as being diamond shaped, and flying in formation, one right behind the other, and glowing with white light.

What caught Roger's eyes was the speed of the two objects. He saw them approach from the west, from where he stood inside of the guard shack, and when he stepped outside, noticed that they weren't making a sound in their high speed passage.

He estimated their approximate size as equivalent to the space taken up by one inch of a ruler when held at arms length.

2 UFOs spotted by A.F. pilots

FONTANA — Two diamond-shaped objects, listed as unidentified flying objects, were spotted this morning by seven March Air Force Base airmen, a spokesman for March AFB said today.

The airman said the UFOs seen were gold and silver diamond-shaped objects leaving a blue stream behind them. The objects were in view for 15 seconds and then disappeared.

The airmen were flying a patrol at about 3,000 feet when they spotted the UFOs traveling from south to north at high speeds at 3:28 a.m.

The Air Force will not follow up its sighting since it terminated its study of UFOs in 1969 and no longer investigates such reports. However, the March AFB spokesman said this is the first UFO that has been reported to him since he began working at the base nearly a year ago.

The spokesman said he knew of no individual spottings of the object from the ground, but he said at least six inquiries from the media were made. A Norton Air Force Base spokeswoman had no information in the sightings, but reported she had received inquiries from four radio stations and six newspapers from as far away as Los Angeles.

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'Mysterious Light' Again on the Prowl

This article, written by Wilton News-Washburn Leader writer Frances Wold, appeared in last week's edition of the Wilton News. Since then the Associated Press picked up on the story, and people throughout the state are wondering about the "strange light."

The mysterious light is again on the prowl. Over a period of about two years, a number of residents of the Regan area have reported incidents in which their cars have been followed by a hovering bright light. Other residents who have not been followed, have seen the light and have watched its progress.

Saturday night it again made its appearance, this time following the pickup truck which Mrs. Barney Strand, Jr. and her daughter, Cindy, were driving from Regan to their farm home in Canfield Township. Both Cindy, an eighth grader at the Regan School, and Mrs. Strand were badly shaken by the experience.

When they first noticed the mysterious light, it was west of the Wayne Falkenstein farm near Regan, but it soon moved to the rear of their truck and followed them closely all the way to their farm. Mrs. Strand describes it as looking much like a farm yard light—"about that size and of that brightness," she says. It hovered behind and above the pickup, a little higher than the power line that parallels the road.

Sindy, who was at the wheel, became so alarmed that her mother had to caution her to be careful in her driving. They thought perhaps they would lose it when they made the turn into their farm, but the light turned when they did and followed them right into the yard.

"I told Sindy that when we got home, she was to get out of the car and into the house as fast as she could," Mrs. Strand says. "We both ran in, but we didn't turn any lights on."

The light hovered over some trees at the west side of the house for a time, during which period Mrs. Strand observed it through binoculars. She describes it as appearing to be a clear yellow light to the naked eye, but that through the glasses it showed some shimmering orange hues. "It seemed to be twirling slowly as I looked," she says.

"but maybe it was the changing colors that made it look that way."

As she and Sindy watched, the light began slowly to move away, getting smaller and smaller, and finally disappearing altogether. "For awhile I could see it through the glasses after Sindy couldn't see it any more," Mrs. Strand explains. "but then I lost it, too."

Mrs. Strand says that she has always been a bit skeptical when she has heard accounts of the "light that follows", but now she knows that the stories are true. "We were driving about 50 miles an hour," she says, "and it kept right up with us all the way." Then she adds, "I don't know what it was, but I can tell you it was really frightening."

Her story is much the same as that of others who have been pursued by the light, though some say that it came beside their vehicle, almost at the level of the car top. They all say that, no matter what their speed, the light easily kept pace with them.

There are all sorts of theories as to what it is, but so far no one really knows. Some suspect some sort of practical joke whereby a light is beamed from another car or from a fixed location. Others think it is produced by an electronic device. It has been theorized that atmospheric conditions cause reflections or light conditions to produce the effect. And of course there are staunch supporters of the UFO theory.

Whatever it is, the light seems to have no nefarious purpose other than nearly frightening people to death, but its mere appearance does a pretty good job of that.

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Young Sabetha Men Claim UFO Sighting

(by Rose Anne Phillips)

Two Sabetha men first hesitated to release the story of their UFO sighting. "People will say we were drinking," Darrell Schuette said, "besides Gary saw it first. "At the time, I hadn't been drinking," Gary Hartter stated firmly.

The incident occurred Wednesday night around 8:30 p.m. when Gary was driving home from a visit with relatives near Fairview. He was on old Highway 36, heading west when he saw a bright light approximately 300 feet high to his right. The light was steady, unmoving, and as the road turned, it always stayed approximately a half mile from him. It abruptly moved, skimming over Sabetha in a time estimated by Gary to be five seconds, at a lower altitude while passing the town. It then returned to its original position of 300 feet, again totally stationary—not hovering as a plane would have done.

Upon reaching his home, Gary called Darrell, asking him to look at it. At first Darrell thought it was a star then when it moved again, this time slowly, to a point approximately another half mile west, he realized it was neither star nor barnyard light, nor a plane. What it was remains simply an unidentified flying object.

Asked again if he had imbibed, Gary said feelingly, "Not until later!"

CATAHOULA NEWS
JONESVILLE, LA
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UFO sightings reported

Two UFO sightings were reported in Catahoula Parish just a day apart, Thursday and Friday nights of last week, causing some excitement in the area as residents of Jonesville and the surrounding area once again searched for identifying signs.

The Friday night sighting was reported by Mrs. Joe Reed of Jonesville who saw "a red object with blinking lights" hover over the antennae of the house next to her about 9 p.m. The Reeds live on the corner of Third and Nasif Streets.

Mrs. Reed said she was adjusting the curtains on the bathroom window when she saw the light.

"The thing was red, something like the red plastic covering when the brake lights of a car are on....and it had yellow lights which kept blinking," Mrs. Reed explained.

Members of Mrs. Reed's family will testify that she is not one to easily excite, in fact she will also tell you. "It did shock me. I tried to call my

husband to see it but he was asleep," she said.

She said the oval shaped object "quivered at times like a bird hovering over an object. It was almost the size of a car."

"Then it went gliding off so pretty and went down somewhere a couple of houses away, somewhere around the nursing home," she said. "It couldn't have gone far. I kept watching as it came back up from the same spot and all of a sudden it was right over the eaves of my house...that's when I heard a hissing sound. It went back off in the same direction as before and disappeared again in the same place."

Joe Reed recalls seeing "bouncing lights" from time to time at Larto for a number of years. "Sometimes the lights would skip around," he said.

"Someone said these might be some type of gas balls...it could be...but I don't know what it was or what caused it," Reed said.

The Catahoula Sheriff's Depart-

ment, State Police and private pilots searched an area south of Jonesville Thursday and Friday after a report was received an airplane or other object had fallen near the Albritton Plantation.

Sheriff T.L. "Sonny" Jackson said his office received a call around 7:30 p.m. from "Bud" Ivy that he has seen what he thought was an airplane go down in the area, and saw a light for a short while.

"We called in the State Police to help us and made a ground search of the area, as well as an aerial search," he said. "We couldn't locate anything Thursday and began another search Friday morning."

Jackson said a deputy from Concordia Parish flew over the area and local citizens taking off from the Jonesville airport made passes over the area Friday morning.

"The private pilots are continuing the search as they pass over the area," he said. "The area isn't too thickly wooded."

UFO seen over lake

Reports of mysterious unidentified flying object hovering over Lake Michigan have been filtering into the Michigan State Police post in Manistique.

State Police say that Craig Gogola of Manistique filed a report with the post stating that he had witnessed a U.F.O. over Lake Michigan Sunday night, Feb. 13.

Gogola said that the object hovered in the sky for a period of time and that it apparently had flashing lights.

City police officers David Peterson and Don Brock also indicated that they had seen the object on previous nights, also over Lake Michigan.

Other state police officers said that they, too, had witnessed the hovering object while on night patrol.

The object was sighted by Gogola at 11 p.m. Sunday night. Gogola said that he watched the object for about an hour before going to bed.

State Police theorize that it could be a light reflected off of one of the satellites in orbit.

'UFO's shouldn't remain mystery'

"Flying saucers" should not remain unresolved mysteries, according to trained observers of the skies.

A survey of 1,356 members of the American Astronomical Society (AAS) conducted by Peter Sturrock, a Stanford University astrophysicist and professor of applied physics, showed that most felt Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) deserved more study.

Of the AAS members replying to the questionnaire, 80 percent felt the UFO problem either "certainly," "probably," or "possibly" deserves scientific study. Only 20 percent thought it was "probably not" or "certainly not" worth further investigation.

"Scientists gave thoughts and views but not answers concerning the UFO problem," Sturrock concluded in a recently-published report.

Among those who replied, 62 had witnessed or obtained an instrumental record of an event which they could not identify and which they thought might be related to the UFO phenomenon.

Sturrock's report included many accounts of possible UFO sightings, both explained and unexplained.

Skeptics among Sturrock's respondents were outspoken. "I object to being quizzed about this obvious nonsense," one person answered.

UFO skepticism

UFO fever is rampant again and it is unfortunate the most common reaction to a report of a sighting is skepticism, laced with laughter at the fool who said he saw something up there.

Increased reports of sightings, particularly by reputable persons and agencies, can not and should not be disregarded any longer by the government.

UFOs have been navigating through the skies over eastern Pennsylvania for at least 25 years and reports of sightings all over the United States have been recorded. Hundreds of books and articles on the subject have been published, some including photos of the strange objects. Astronauts have reported seeing unidentified vehicles while in space and literally thousands of sightings have been reported by individuals, and yet, we are offered no better explanation than it might have been a weather balloon or swamp gas.

It's time the classified information held by government agencies concerning UFOs is released to the public. Why are we considered mindless children who would panic if we knew the truth?

Members of three local police departments observed a UFO Tuesday night and accounts of sightings early last week have been filed, but the reports will probably go uncharted and forgotten.

Are there such things as flying saucers? Are the UFOs chariots of the gods biding their time to revisit our earth, or are they merely space stations sent into orbit by another country to observe us?

Perhaps it is true that we would be frightened to learn the truth, but no more than we are when we spy a brilliantly-lit vehicle of a design we've never before seen, sailing through winter's night sky not knowing who's in the driver's seat.

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LEHIGHTON, PA
FEB 11, 1977

Six UFO Reports

Yuba City police last night received six reports of an unidentified flying object.

Wayne Dahling, 836 Bridge St., one of the callers, said he and his neighbors spotted the bright object over Sutter about 7:30 p.m. and that it remained in the sky at least until 10 p.m.

Dahling said he used field glasses to get a better look at the object and said it was circular in shape and honeycombed in texture. He said it drifted slowly westward towards the coast, then returned to its first location. It was between 3,000 and 4,000 feet in the air, he said.

Police received five other reports between 7:28 p.m. and 8:18 p.m. yesterday.

Spokesmen at Beale Air Force Base and the Yuba County Airport said they knew of nothing that could have accounted for the object.

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Residents Report Light In Sky

Edmonson County residents along with those of three surrounding counties reported seeing an unusual light in the sky Friday night.

Mac Salings, Sheriff's deputy, said he and James Newkirk, also a Sheriff's deputy were en route to Chalybeate when they saw the sky light up in a quick flash.

Salings said it looked like the approach of a storm.

While there has been no definite determination as to what caused the illumination, it is generally believed to have come from the explosion of a meteorite.

Reports that a meteorite fell near a church at Anneta apparently were unfounded, Salings said.

The Bowling Green State Police Post was deluged with calls after Friday night's incident, but no amount of checking could determine what the explosion might have been. A state police spokesman said the Federal Aviation Agency was contacted but personnel there observed nothing unusual on their radar screens.

State Police Trooper Joe McDonald was one of many who was the apparent explosion. He was sitting in his patrol car at the time talking to fellow officer Anthony Clemmons when a bright flash lit up the sky.

"It looked like a giant flare, spreading from east to west," McDonald said. "It just kept spreading out and then faded around 40 degrees above the horizon."

The trooper said although the car windows were down neither he nor Clemmons heard a sound that might have resulted from the explosion.

Trooper Curtis Woods radioed from Edmonson County to report an explosion in the sky. McDonald said the radio was buzzing with calls from state policemen in Hart and Grayson counties as well.

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U. F. O. SIGHTING NEAR HAWARDEN

Doug Wilkens, 16, a student at West Sioux Community High School, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wilkens of rural Hawarden, reported an Unidentified Flying Object, seen Sunday evening as he was driving home from a meeting of the young people's group at Trinity Luthern Church.

Verifying that something unknown was sighted, were his parents and sister, Patti, whom he awakened when he got home. The four watched the object from the kitchen window for about ten minutes before it disappeared.

Doug, interviewed about the incident earlier this week by KTIV Channel 4 television, said he first sighted the unexplained object about three miles from Hawarden, and it appeared as a bright, reddish glow, without flashing lights. He viewed it from the driver's side of the car window, and he began to get scared when the light began moving as he did--speeding up, slowing down, and following with him around curves.

The object was described as like a big spotlight that hung in the sky, which was brighter at the center, and which dimmed before disappearing.

Four years ago, a similarly described sighting was reported south of Akron. Each report said it could not possibly have been a plane because of its movement and lack of flashing lights.

U.F.O. sighted

Yesterday afternoon, Bob Dunnweber reported to the Sheriff's Department that he and John Eberhardt had seen a white object hovering over Boise Cascade between 12:30 and 1 p.m.

Dunnweber first saw the object from 11th Ave. as he was driving home. He said that it hovered over the mill for approximately five minutes.

"It was metallic, because when it revolved, the sun reflected on it. When it revolved, it changed from flat to dish shaped—that's what really caught my eye," Dunnweber said.

Dunnweber said that he couldn't judge either the size or the diameter because there was nothing to compare it to. "But, a wild guess would be that it was 35 or 40 feet across," he said. "I think we saw something machine powered—it was weird."

He said that the object came from Canada and then headed east parallel to the ground toward the pulp landing, where it looked like it came down. "My daughter in Mrs. Ernst's class saw it in school—the whole class saw it," he said.

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UFO? No, It Was Merely a Test

The Air Force exploded its fourth barium-loaded experimental rocket over the Gulf of Mexico Monday night and prompted another round of Unidentified Flying Object sightings and doomsday calls to police, airport and media switchboards all over the state. An Air Force spokesman at Eglin Air Force base in the Florida Panhandle said that Monday's experiment, like those earlier, was designed to test whether ionized atmosphere has any effect on communications between aircraft and satellites. The U.S. Defense Nuclear Agency plans two more similar tests by March 12.

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Residents In Wolfe City Report UFO

An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) has reportedly been seen in the Wolfe City area on several occasions during the past weekend.

According to reports, the UFO has regularly appeared between 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. since Friday. It has been described as a bright, shiny object that hovers high in the sky for long periods of time, then rapidly descends to ground level.

One couple was reportedly followed home Friday night by the mysterious object.

But according to Wolfe City Patrolman David Wright, the

UFO is nothing more than a helicopter that's been landing and taking off from a field near Wolfe City.

"I was flagged down one night by some people to observe what they described as a UFO," Wright said. "The object landed in a field just outside the city limits and then departed. Shortly after the aircraft left, a car also pulled away from the site," he added.

Wright said he had alerted the Department of Public Safety and the sightings are presently under investigation.

It's a UFO; It's a star; It's . . . Venus

By Greg Dawson
Herald Staff Writer

It's very likely that the UFO Thomas Kluzak saw Wednesday night was a well-known flying object called the planet Venus.

Kluzak's story of how an amber light in the western sky followed him from the American Crystal Sugar Co. in East Grand Forks where he works to his home in Angus, Minn., sounds suspiciously like a sighting of the planet described in Webster's Dictionary as "the most brilliant planet in the solar system."

Venus is "very, very bright" this time of year, says Seshagiri Rao, an associate professor of physics at the University of North Dakota who also knows a lot of about stars. And, he adds, Venus sets (or disappears) about 9:30 p.m., the approximate time Kluzak says he lost sight of whatever it was.

The Encyclopedia Britannica says this about the planet named for the mythical Roman goddess of love and beauty:

"The atmosphere of Venus is apparently heavily cloud-laden, and, since the intensity of the solar radiation is almost exactly twice what it is at the earth's distance (from the sun), the planet shines with a ~~dazzling~~ luster. When suitably situated the planet is easily visible at noonday with the naked eye, and after dark it readily casts a shadow."

But, despite considerable evidence that he was looking at Venus, Kluzak is sure he was looking at something else, though he doesn't have the slightest idea what.

"I don't know what it was," he says. "I seen it when I started out on (highway) 220. I thought it looked like an airplane at first, but it was too bright. As I was going north all the time it kept on with me."

But, when he turned east, Kluzak says, he lost sight of the amber globe. When he headed west again he was "looking straight at it."

When he got home, Kluzak and his wife went outside to watch the light that was "right over the barn," according to Mrs. Kluzak. Around 9 p.m. the light began to fade.

"It went kinda higher and farther west and it got smaller and smaller," Kluzak says. "It wasn't no star. Stars are just sitting there. This was glaring out, like there was a light coming out of it."

"I tried to listen for an airplane or something but I didn't hear no noise at all."

Kluzak called the Polk County Sheriff's office which sent two deputies scurrying around for information.

"All they saw was a star," says Don Fall, a dispatcher in the sheriff's office. "A bright star, that's all. When I went home I saw it myself."

Grand Forks Air Force Base personnel said its planes in the air at the time reported no unusual sightings.

Most of the facts indicate the amber light in the western sky was Venus showing off, but Thomas Kluzak remains convinced that "it was something besides a star."

UFO Spotting Focuses On Deputy Creel

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When Madison County Sheriff's Deputy Kenneth Creel left on a routine patrol drive last Thursday evening, he didn't expect to find his attention completely focused on an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO).

Since he reported the incident to the Mississippi Highway Patrol that evening last week however, Creel has now found even more national attention focused on himself.

"I know I'm not crazy . . . I've always said I didn't believe in this stuff," said Creel. "I don't know what I saw, but I know I saw something . . . It's just hard to describe what happened."

Deputy Creel first saw the object while driving down the Smith School Road four miles west of Flora, near the county line. He was with Constable James Luke at the time.

"It looked like an evening star or something," said Creel, "but it kept getting brighter and bigger."

Then, when the shape of the object began to form, Creel said he contacted the Mississippi Highway Patrol with his car radio equipment.

"I kind of thought it was an airplane flying low, or like it could have been."

But when the strange object came within "about 200 yards" of his car—"out across the field"—then, Creel said, "I stopped and cut my engine and my lights to listen."

What he heard was a whirring noise—"like a blender . . . Like it was straining, when you first put ice in it"—and then the UFO started coming closer.

"The thing came right over the car," said Creel. "It came right to us, like it was being piloted."

How "the thing" got there is another question, because Creel says he could not tell if anything or anyone was inside.

"The thing just hovered over us, about 20 or 30 feet up, for more than a minute," said Creel, who at this time was looking straight up, from his patrol car window.

"I didn't get out, I wouldn't."

According to Deputy Creel, there was little way to tell much about the craft. "There was light coming out from little windows," he said. And the light apparently changed colors several times, from soft blue to red to green and other colors.

The UFO was reportedly about 30 to 40 feet in diameter, and perfectly round. "It didn't spin or anything. It just hovered around there."

After about a minute, Creel began backing up his patrol car "about 100 yards, to a place where I could turn around."

By this time, however, Highway Patrolman Louis Younger drove up in his patrol car within a short distance of the UFO, and reported seeing the same object—with the same description Creel had given.

"Then the thing just picked up and took off, north west, toward Satartia."

An unidentified object of the same general description was reported the same evening by other Flora residents, and Deputy Charles Bowering and Highway Patrolman Joe Chandler and others said they saw lights from an unidentified craft "from a distance."

Since the sighting last week, Creel has tried to play down the incident.

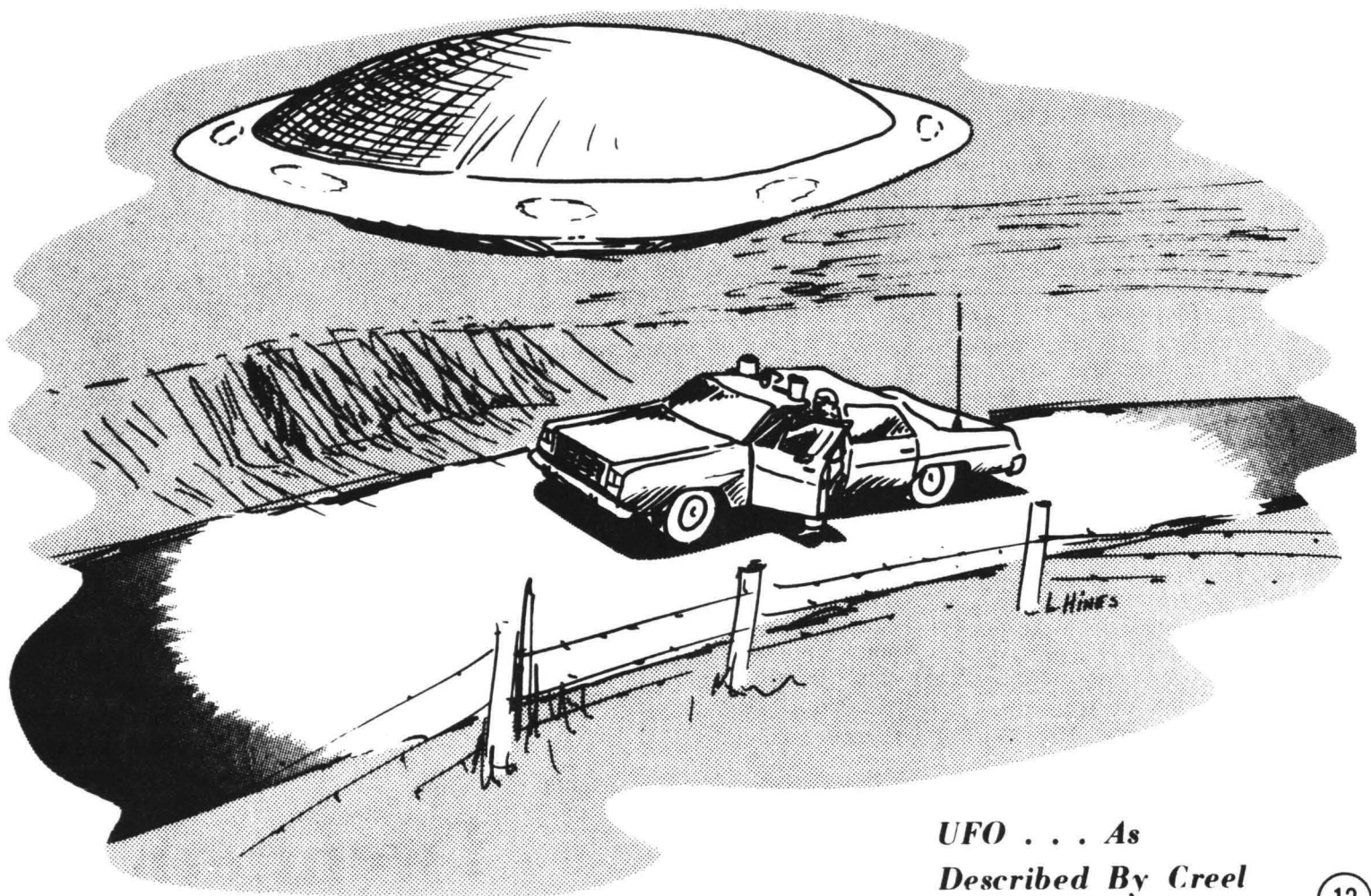
There have been no more reports, but dozens of inquiries have come to Creel and the Sheriff's Department for further investigation.

Some are "real cranks," according to one department official.

Others, apparently are more serious investigators.

But as far as Creel is concerned, he would rather not have the attention. "If I had known how much trouble it was going to cause, I wouldn't have reported the thing in the first place," he said from the Sheriff's Office last Friday.

And moments later the telephone rang. It was another radio station wanting to talk to Deputy Kenneth Creel.



UFO . . . As
Described By Creel

Years Haven't Dimmed Mystery Lights in Jones

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TRENTON — Billy Stroud thought a neighbor's barn was on fire when he saw orange-colored lights across a field from his home near here three years ago.

But when he went to investigate, there was no fire — only two orbs apparently suspended in the night. He watched in astonishment as the lights merged into one and quietly moved away at treetop level.

Stroud's experience is similar to an incident recounted by a 79-year-old man who, as a youth of 17, was traveling through the Haywood Fork area of Jones County when he saw what he thought were flames on a pack house. Upon closer examination, he saw a single light hover briefly and then angle away out of sight.

Jones County residents have reported seeing the mysterious lights as recently as the last few months, but no more is known about them now than when they were first reported more than half a century ago.

"The majority of the people around here have seen it, but don't pay it no mind," said one area resident.

Added interest in the lights has been spurred recently by the activities of a folklore class at the Jones County Extension of Lenoir Community College.

Under the direction of Mrs. Rena Henderson, the group has interviewed eye witnesses and held discussions in an effort to record the colorful tales associated with the sightings, if not an explanation.

At one gathering, a field investigator for the Northwestern University Center for Studies of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) advised area residents to attempt communication by flashing lights.

While the color and location of the lights are generally the same, descriptions of size have ranged from that of a basketball to a house. As many as nine lights arranged in triangles have been reported.

Witnesses said the lights are elusive, but at least one man insists that he was chased out of the forest while riding his motorcycle.

"We were scared," Robert Allen Ives, 25, told the folklore class. "I've seen it since — reddish, orange, hovering close as a hundred yards and big as a house. Every time I see it I get chills."

Oldtimers call the lights big bugs because they believed they were insects similar to lightning bugs. Others suggest the lights are formed by "swamp gas" from the dense forest or by lights from passing aircraft.

But for every explanation there is a skeptic. The

people who have been close say the lights do not look like insects and others say the bouncing movement is not characteristic of a gas.

Mrs. Zeta Andrews is convinced that what she saw a few months ago was not a light from a jet or an airplane. "We didn't hear any motors," she

explained.

George Koonce, who said he has often seen a light on Thursday evenings during the summer months, supports the gas theory. "It ain't no spook."

He jokingly suggests that the glow was from "Rudolph the Reindeer."

UFO: Eerie glow at night

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Barbara Rhoades vividly recalls the night the mysterious glow first appeared.

Something disturbed her dogs that Feb. 3 evening and she went outside her Belews Lake home to quiet them.

There was a full moon and a touch of eeriness in the air.

Then she saw it...

An orange-red light glowing in the distance, out beyond the lake, near Sauratown Mountain.

"It startled me at first, to be perfectly honest," she recalls.

Mrs. Rhoades and her husband, Robert, would probably have dismissed the glow had it not persisted, reappearing night after night between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., prodding their curiosity, perhaps even frightening them a little.

Hesitantly, Barbara Rhoades telephoned The Record early this week to see if there had been any other reports of the light. There were none.

The Record put Mrs. Rhoades in contact with Richard Austin, a microwave technician with Southern Bell who is founder of the Tar Heel UFO Study Group, part of the national UFO Mutual Reporting Network.

The Tar Heel group, 25 members strong, explores and attempts to find rational explanations for strange atmospheric phenomena. Usually they are successful; the answers are easy to find for those who know where to look.

Barbara Rhoades' mysterious glow was not one of the easy ones.

Tuesday night Austin and two other members of the study group, Nollie Bell, an industrial engineer with Western Electric, and Ray Ryan, a retired WE engineer, visited the Rhoades home hoping to see the strange glow.

They were not disappointed.

After the first sighting by the trio, Austin described the object as being orange-red and elliptically shaped, like an egg.

He estimated it was located near the Meadows community, about 18 miles north of Winston-Salem, near the intersection of Highway 8 and State Road 1935.

"The intensity of the light kept changing," he said after that sighting. "We couldn't tell if it was growing brighter and dimmer or if it was moving away from us across the horizon, which would give you the same effect."

Wednesday night Austin, Bell and Ryan stationed themselves at various locations near Sauratown Mountain, hoping to get a more accurate fix on the light's location if it appeared again.

It did — but as before was only visible from the Rhoades home. Early Thursday morning Austin and Bell were making plans to revisit the area this weekend, still seeking an answer.

"This is the first one I have personally witnessed that I couldn't immediately identify as a star, planet, satellite or some other readily explainable phenomena," Bell said Thursday morning.

He was excited about the search.

But, it now appears, the riddle has been solved.

Bell and Austin say the one consistent feature of the glow was its appearance at roughly the same time each night, hovering in an area between Sauratown Mountain and Southern Bell's microwave station near Meadows.

Late Thursday morning Bell, playing a hunch, drew a line on a map extending from the Rhoades' home through the area where the light had been sighted, on out toward Pilot Mountain.

He then contacted the Federal Aviation Administration to see whether any jet aircraft flew regularly between Sauratown and Pilot mountains.

Bell discovered that aircraft use the area as a flight corridor — and, most importantly, it is precisely in this area where some flights change their headings to fly west in response to flight controllers.

"It appears that from where Barbara Rhoades was standing, she could look right up the exhaust pipe of a jet," Bell said. "Her line of sight goes right out to the area where the planes turn."

According to Austin, the planes — easily more than 20 miles from the Rhoades home — are too far away for the Rhoadeses to see an aircraft's running lights.

"She was looking at the exhaust," Austin said. "It all fits. The color of a jet exhaust is just exactly what we saw, an orange-red glow."

This explanation also would account for the lights appearing suddenly and then maintaining position for a long period.

Bell said his hunch that the lights were really aircraft was based on several factors.

"First," he said, "I knew the Air Force was running radar penetration exercises in this region. In fact, we've had another report of a sighting we credit to this."

"Second," he continued, "the color of the light was just right."

"Then you had the way the light would suddenly appear and then drift slightly to the left and right before dimming out," he said.

"All this seemed to match up with the way a plane would behave."

Bell is planning to correlate flight times and days with sightings made by the Rhoadeses to confirm his theory beyond a doubt.

"I think this shows a lot of these UFO sightings can be explained when we have enough information," he said. "A lot of us are convinced of the existence of UFOs, but we approach these investigations as scientifically and thoroughly as we can."

Area residents report flaming light in sky

Around 10:15 p.m. Friday, residents of Barren, Hart, Edmonson and Grayson counties reported seeing some sort of explosion in the sky. Three state police units in Barren and Edmonson counties also observed what appeared to be a mid-air explosion and some citizens reported chunks of falling debris. In Grayson County, there were reports of a round, glowing object hovering low in the sky.

Now, traditionally, winter is not UFO season. Come summer and fall, however, the reports of unidentified flying objects fall hard and fast on the ears of overworked policemen and, yes, overworked newsmen.

This year, though, UFO season has set in early. The Bowling Green State Police Post was deluged with calls after Friday night's incident occurred, but no amount of checking could ever determine what the explosion might have been. A state police spokesman said the Federal Aviation Agency was contacted but personnel there observed nothing unusual on their radar screens.

State Police Trooper Joe McDonald was one of the many who saw the apparent explosion. He was sitting in his patrol car at the time talking to fellow officer Anthony Clemmons when a bright flash lit up the sky.

"It looked like a giant flare, spreading from east to west," McDonald said. "It just kept spreading out and then faded around 40 degrees above the horizon."

The trooper said although the car windows were down, neither he nor Clemmons heard a sound that might have resulted from the explosion.

"We didn't hear any boom. In fact, we didn't hear any noise at all. Several people in Glasgow said they heard a sonic boom, though," McDonald said.

At the same time that the Barren County troopers saw the flash, Trooper Curtis Woods called on the radio from Edmonson County to report an explosion in the sky. McDonald said the radio was buzzing with calls from state policemen in Hart and Grayson counties as well.

The State Police Post in Elizabethtown, which covers Grayson County, also reported an overwhelming number of telephone calls about the "explosion." A dispatcher at the Elizabethtown post told the **Daily News** Saturday that most of the reports described a comet with a tail that hurtled through the sky before exploding into a fireball.

Trooper Dan Peterson checked reports of "chunks of something" that fell near the Annetta community off KY 259, but found nothing.

A couple in the Clarkson area told a different tale. According to Mrs. Barbara Mattingly, her neighbors, Charles and Debbie Smith, saw "a round object with lights all the way around it" close to their yard.

Mrs. Mattingly said she and her husband were awakened at 10:30 Friday night by someone pounding and screaming on their front door. Once the Smiths were safely inside and calm enough to talk they told the following story.

Smith came home from work around 10:15 p.m., but noticed after going in the house that he had left on his car lights. When he went outside to check, however, it wasn't the automobile lights he had noticed. Apparently, the entire area was bathed in bright light and a round, moving object covered with lights was slowly moving down the road.

"They beat on my door and were screaming and hollering so much I couldn't understand a word they was saying," Mrs. Mattingly said.

Although the Smiths were not at home Saturday, the Elizabethtown state police said they had their telephone number in case something else happens.

The Smiths aren't the only people who have reported seeing such an object in the sky. The **Daily News** received a call last week about a luminated object hovering in the sky over the U.S. 31-W By-pass in Bowling Green. A check on the report, however, failed to confirm its presence and state police reported no calls about a UFO at that time.

The most concrete statement about Friday night's "blaze of light" came from Grayson County Sheriff Lonnie Swift.

At 10:30 p.m. Friday, Swift and three of his deputies were sitting and talking at the entrance to the Western Kentucky Parkway at Caneyville, when a "big ball of fire came hurtling down right over our heads." Swift said he and his men jumped back and the flaming ball came to within 18 feet of the ground and disappeared.

"It just kind of extinguished, went out. Before that the sky around us lit up just like daytime," Swift said. "I went back out there Saturday to the place we were sitting, and I couldn't find a trace of anything. Whatever it was just disappeared."

Several people have speculated that what everyone saw Friday night was a meteorite that exploded over southcentral Kentucky. Two weeks ago, a meteorite exploded over Louisville and several fragments have been recovered there. If you don't choose to believe that version, however, don't fret. Apparently, UFO season has just begun, and no one is complaining that it started early this year. Not yet, anyway.

Mysterious light seen in area

A greenish-tinted light was reported to have been seen by area persons traveling east to west in the sky about 7 p.m. Thursday. Persons from the Quad Cities to north of Springfield apparently reported sight of the objects to authorities.

According to different sources, the light was a comet, a meteor shower with a large fireball, a helicopter, or simply caused by the prevailing atmospheric conditions.

A Canton man reported to police that he had seen multi-colored lights in the north end of town and couldn't figure out if it was an aircraft or something "unknown."

Another Canton woman said she was talking on the phone when she saw the light. It was lime-green in color, appeared to have a tail and was traveling east to west, she said. "I couldn't tell the woman I was talking to what I saw," she said. "She would've thought I was crazy." The woman was relieved to find that others also had seen the light.

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The Fulton County Sheriff's Department said they received no reports of the light Thursday night, but a spokesman there said they had received similar calls during the past two months.

A dispatcher for Macomb State Police said the department received one call about 7 p.m. by someone who had seen the light. The dispatcher said they had been told that the light was a comet.

Dr. John Sathoff, professor of physics at Bradley University in Peoria said "I strongly suspect that what people saw was a helicopter."

Sathoff said he knew that a helicopter using a bright search light and having green running lights was aloft about 7 p.m. in Peoria and was flying in from the western part of the state.

Sathoff said he knew of no meteor showers that were visible at that time.

He added that what some people saw could have been an illusion caused by the atmospheric conditions. Venus and Jupiter are both very brilliant at this time, he said. About 7 p.m. Jupiter would have been visible at a 45 degree angle and Venus would have been a little higher than that.

Sathoff said the cloud cover was unusual last night. The clouds were slightly broken and moving rapidly, so could have given the appearance of motion to a star or planet seen in the sky.

UFO sightings reported here

MANISTIQUE — Several Schoolcraft County residents reportedly witnessed the first UFO sighting of the year Monday night, according to State Police at the Manistique Post.

Craig Gogola, Rte. 1, Manistique, looked out his bedroom window about 11 p.m. Monday and saw "a light brighter than a star," in the northeastern sky over Lake Michigan. He looked more closely and noticed "alternating red and green lights on either side." Gogola called to his wife to make sure he wasn't seeing things, and she admitted seeing the same thing.

"I've been in the service and I've ridden in helicopters, but it moved like nothing else I have ever seen," he said. "I live near the airport and I know what airplanes look like and it looked different than those."

He and his neighbors, whom he called, watched the red and green object, "move up and down and back and forth with quick movements." Then he called the State Police.

Sgt. Ronald Koski and troopers Ralph Graham and David Grimes admitted seeing the object Monday night and on previous nights as well. They assumed it was a satellite.

According to Sgt. Clarence Salzman of base operations at K. I. Sawyer Air Force Base, all of the planes were down before 11 p.m. Monday. He

also added, "There are no satellites in that area that I know of."

Capt. Robert Sanderson of tanker scheduling at Kincheloe Air Force Base said, "All of our planes were down by 6 p.m. Monday."

Gabriel Wessley, flow controller at the Federal Aviation Agency's Air Route Traffic Control office in Farmington, Minn., the office that services the Upper Peninsula area, said that he has been receiving calls of UFO sightings from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area for the past few nights.

"This is the first report that we have heard of in Michigan, but we haven't seen anything on our radar of unknown sources," he said. He stated that the Earth is in such a position that Venus, Jupiter and Mars are visible to the naked eye. He theorized that the reports stemmed from these planet sightings.

Some contradictions arise when one considers that the planet sightings are reported to be in the west while Gogola's sighting was reported to occur in the northeast.

When hearing this, Gogola said that he doubted he witnessed a planet because of the location of the lights.

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UFOs Real, Extra-Terrestrial, Scientist States

By JIM SHOFFNER

Kenneth Arnold had been a pilot many years but he'd never seen anything like this. He winged his private plane over the Cascade Mountains in Washington state and counted the objects—one, two, three ... nine of them, shaped like discs and glinting silvery in the midsummer sun.

He thought they moved like saucers skipping over water. The journalists of 1947 picked up on this and the term "flying saucer" was born.

And the flying saucers—then and now—are real, nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman said Friday in Fort Walton Beach.

Speaking before more than 250 persons at the bi-annual Air Force Association dinner-business meeting, Friedman said, "More than 18 years of study and investigation have convinced me the evidence is overwhelming that we are being visited by intelligently controlled vehicles from off the Earth."

Friedman, who has worked 14 years with five nuclear research firms, noted he made the same statement in a paper submitted to the House Science and Astronautics Committee in 1968 and that he has not changed his mind since then.

"Some—and underline 'some'—unidentified flying objects are not of this Earth," he said.

Facts supporting this contention, Friedman explained, lie in the appearance and behavior of UFOs. The objects are usually described as round, symmetrical, disc-shaped with surface textures; they are able to hover, move with great speed, perform apparently incredible maneuvers, and make no noise. Thus the UFOs, according to Friedman, are physical constructions.

Friedman enumerated several official studies of the UFO mystery and pointed to contradictions among their statistics.

"Every large-scale scientific study of UFOs has produced a large number that remained unidentified or unknown," he said. "In fact, the better the quality of the sighting, the more likely it is to remain an unknown—exactly opposite what the skeptics tell us."

Friedman said the main cause of skepticism is ignorance.

"They (the skeptics) read the newspapers but not the solid information. They are unaware of the multitude of critter reports and earthling abductions, the numerous large-scale collections of scientific data, the

many published scientific studies indicating that trips to nearby stars are already feasible without violating the laws of physics or invoking science-fiction techniques."

Presenting numerous slides of UFO data, UFO photographs and UFO occupant sketches, Friedman enlightened his audience on the many "landing trace cases" in which UFOs have touched down and left physical evidence behind.

He also delved into the matter of government secrecy surrounding UFOs.

Speaking of Project Blue Book, the Air Force's 1952-69 study of UFOs, Friedman said "I've talked to at least 75 servicemen who had seen UFOs and whose data didn't go to Project Blue Book but to the Aerospace Defense Command."

"I really can't come down hard on the Air Force because the decision on how to handle UFOs was surely not made by the Air Force ... I have to presume it was made by the executive branch. Blue Book was an unwitting cover-up; they didn't know what was going on."

Friedman said the United States government and the governments of other nations have kept some UFO data secret for three reasons: firstly, military personnel want to study the flying objects and try to duplicate their extraordinary systems; secondly, intelligence personnel are concerned that other governments are seeking the same information; and thirdly, government personnel are afraid the realization that UFOs are from a superior but politically neutral race would upset the sociological status quo among nations.

"The governments of the world don't want their people to suddenly realize all of us are earthlings together. I don't agree with this because I personally think the only hope for this planet is for us to adopt an 'earthling' attitude."

But, Friedman said, he has no doubt the suppressed evidence may remain suppressed.

"Having spent 14 years as a nuclear physicist on advanced development programs, many of which were highly classified, I can safely state that the government CAN keep secrets. The whole UFO subject is a kind of cosmic Watergate crying out for the same effort that went into uncovering the political Watergate."

Asked by an audience member if he had ever seen a UFO, Friedman replied that he had not.

"But I spent 14 years in industry chasing gamma rays and neutrons," he said, "and never saw one of those either!"

PLAYGROUND NEWS
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NEWS BRIEFS

Lewis N. Clark of 1514 Davitt reports seeing an unidentified flying object in the skies west of the Sault last Tuesday evening and early Wednesday. He said he had a telescope on the saucer-like object, which was a yellowish-white in color and emitted a red flash. Clark, who watched the object for more than two hours Tuesday night, said it disappeared about 1:30 a.m. and then returned later. He estimated it was about 2,000 feet up and may have been over the Bay Mills area. Clark said a neighbor first called the sighting to his attention and he is wondering if anyone else saw it.

EVENING NEWS
SAULT ST. MARIE, MI
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Many report seeing object

Something was up in the sky last night.

A number of persons called the Keokuk police station and the Lee County sheriff's office about an object or bright light traveling in a southerly direction shortly before 7 p.m.

Montrose Marshal Bill Davis was out on patrol when he saw it. At first he thought it was a plane on fire. He called Sheriff's Deputy Robert Marlin, who went out to the Keokuk Airport to check.

Marlin did not find any plane in trouble, but he did talk with a pilot from Chicago who also had seen the light as he was approaching the Keokuk airport.

The pilot, Marlin said, told him it was a meteorite.

Davis isn't so sure. "It was definitely bigger than a meteorite."

He thinks "Uncle Sam" might have had something to do with it, since it appeared to him to be some sort of rocket.

What makes him think this is that "flames were coming out from behind it." At one point, Davis added flames "really seemed to spurt out, like it was a rocket stage" being used up.

"Of course, lots of people probably have their own ideas about it," Davis added philosophically.

He said the object lasted only seconds, appeared to be moving quite rapidly and was of different colors.

Marlin said other persons who called in described the object as having a long tail.

UFO sighted

MANISTIQUE—Several Schoolcraft County residents including several Michigan State Police reported seeing an unidentified flying object Monday night over Lake Michigan.

The object was complete with red and green lights and moved about rapidly. Aviation officials with various agencies said there were no planes or helicopters in the area.

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'UFO's and Big Foot creatures may be intertwined.'

UFO's Capture Imagination

By WARD PIMLEY

If you think unidentified flying objects are spaceships from another world piloted by little green men, and if you think people who spot these flying objects are loony, step aside.

The study of UFOs is a serious business which has captured the imaginations of growing numbers of people, according to Robert L. Cowell, director of investigations, Pennsylvania Center for UFO Research.

"We're trying to find out exactly what UFOs are," he said. "We don't have definite ideas about them because they come in different sizes, shapes, and colors. They're widely diversified."

Actually, UFOs are anything flying which has not been identified, but Cowell and many others believe there is more than what meets the eye. The intrigue grabs them.

The Pennsylvania Center is located in Irwin, about 10 miles east of Pittsburgh. It has about 60 members throughout the state representing various occupational fields.

These UFO enthusiasts fund the center through annual dues of \$12 plus whatever other contribution they can make. Cowell and Joan L. Jeffers, director of administration, serve as unpaid co-directors, volunteering their time.

Professional consultants who are also members of the UFO center do not pay dues, Jeffers said, because they donate their time and laboratory equipment when investigating "sightings." One of the consultants works at Duquesne University.

"More people are investigating UFOs now that we've left the Age of Ridicule," Jeffers said. "Each scientific discovery goes through a cycle of being ignored, then ridiculed, then examined, and then either accepted or rejected."

"Now we're at the point where more and more people are at least looking at the evidence to make up their own minds whether UFOs exist."

To Jeffers, UFOs and Big-foot Creatures, which she said roam the forests of Pennsylvania, may well be intertwined, since the Creature or its three-toed (sometimes four-toed) tracks are often found near UFO sightings.

"The Creature exists," she said. "It's been here for many years. It's either curious about the UFO or is possibly a creature used by extra-terrestrials to examine life on Earth."

She said the Creature, which she has seen, is more like a man than like an ape.

"I have seen hundreds of the Creature's footprints (in Southwest Pennsylvania) and saw two Creatures once when driving with another UFO center member," she said.

"They looked like tall, dark forms with large reflecting eyes. They stood and walked along as we drove the car."

She said she and her companion gauged the Creatures' heights of nine feet and seven feet by lining their eyes with a tree marking, then measuring the distance between the ground and the mark the next day.

"We didn't see the Creatures the next day," she said, "but there were lots of footprints."

While UFO watchers suspect there may be space ships from other solar systems or other galaxies, both Jeffers and Cowell said greater emphasis is being given to "time travellers — beings who are 'there' one minute and on Earth the next."

"Astronomers say there are millions of other planets which can support life as we know it," Cowell said, "so there could be visitors from other worlds. But scientists now theorize that there's a dimension beside our own. They say there are people living on the Earth with us, but we can't see them or touch them."

According to Cowell and Jeffers, UFOs could be craft flown by people from this other dimension. They point to the Bermuda Triangle, which swallows planes and ships, as a possible gateway between the two dimensions.

Persons seeing unidentified flying objects may call Cowell at (412) 863-3874 or Jeffers at (412) 687-7373 or may send a written description of the sighting to 287 Colony Drive, Irwin, Pa., 15642. The Colony Drive address is temporary until new headquarters can be found.

Cowell, a former U.S. Army pilot, and Jeffers, a former registered nurse working toward a master of arts degree in cultural anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh, said reports will be kept confidential.

Wild-Haired Scheme Kept Police Hopping

A push to "Get the Rabbit Habit" kept telephones at the Wyoming Police Department and Kent County Airport control tower hopping Monday night.

Some callers thought they had spotted a UFO (unidentified flying object).

The first report relayed to Wyoming via the Kent County Sheriff's Department was from a caller who told of seeing the UFO about 7:50 p.m. near 28th St. and US131.

The man who telephoned Wyoming police at 8:25 p.m. told of seeing what appeared to be a "low-flying blowtorch" at 36th St. and Clyde Park Ave. SW.

A call by Police Dispatcher David Peuler to the airport control tower, which also reported receiving six or seven similar calls, solved the UFO mystery.

It was an aircraft blinking a lighted message, telling those on the ground: "Get the Rabbit (a model of Volkswagen) Habit."

Control tower personnel told Peuler the aircraft's flight was legal and had been approved.

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ERIE, PA
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One day this week I was resting on the davenport in the living room, and all at once I noticed a bright, disc-like object on the north wall. At first I thought it was a fire coming through the wall and I was frightened. The object was about the size of a cup, white and glistening. I jumped up to see what it was.

Outside the sun was shining in and I drew down a shade at a south window, and the disc disappeared. I knew then that it was coming from the sun.

But why was this disc revolving? Going outside to look at the sun high in the southwest sky, it was so blinding that I had to shut my eyes. It filled the whole sky and it, too, was rotating. This I could discern by looking at the area farther away from the sun itself. Hugh sundogs leaped about the sky. This strange sight continued for several minutes.

I was alone so I couldn't tell anyone about it, and I didn't want to go to the phone and miss the phenomenon. If anyone else saw it, please let me know. Later in the afternoon the sky became cloudy and dark patches partially obscured the sun. This made it look like an eclipse.



UFO TAKES A LOOK AT HELMSHORE, CLAIMS RESIDENT

A strange unidentified flying object which has been spotted in different parts of the country has now been seen in the Rising Bridge and Helmsshore districts claims UFO spotter Mrs Hilda Rogals.

Mrs Rogals of South Field, Kenyon Clough, Helmsshore, a leading member of Rossendale Amateur Astronomy Group and the Investigation Group for Aerial Phenomena says that flashing lights have been seen in the sky from one end of the country to the other.

And Haslingden has apparently been a "calling place" for the strange phenomena, it is claimed.

The story begins in January when it was reported that 14 children in Wales had seen a UFO on three occasions in the daylight. This was cigar shaped with a dome on top. Their headmaster had found their descriptions so convincing that he believed them.

Then people in Bristol say they saw it, followed by people in Grantham, Lincolnshire. On February 17th people at Farnworth, Bolton and Winter Hill reported seeing it. Twelve people saw it at ten o'clock at night and one woman said she ran home to phone the police but her line was dead for ten minutes.

Three days later, on February 20th, three people at Rising Bridge—Mrs Sumner and her two sons aged 22 and 19 of 18 The Close—saw a red cigar shape then it changed to a green circle, then it went white.

They saw it in the sky over Haslingden. Then last week Blackburn licensee, Mr A Foster and his wife claim they saw a big round white disc in the sky at one in the morning and it was moving very quickly towards the Haslingden area.

On Saturday at four o'clock in the morning, two people out on Black Snake Moor, near Belthorn, were sitting on a wall and saw a big white disc go overhead and then it changed to red with a green light

on top. It went over Haslingden and gradually disappeared into the mist.

Mrs Rogals described her experience, when she saw the strange object in the sky on Sunday at 9.10 at night while she was out walking her dog along Holcombe-road,

"We were three quarters of a mile from Musbury Tor", she said, "when I saw a big white light at the side of the hill and it was so bright I thought it was Jupiter. I carried on . . . I thought it was a bit funny but I carried on and came back—and saw it had gone. I looked into the sky and saw an electrical red shape with a red flashing light and a green light on the top. That went on to Scout Moor and it hovered there and came back towards Musbury Tor and where I was.

"Above Irwell Vale village, it went directly south.

"It was going quite fast and disappeared into the mist over the Bury and Manchester area. "It was very high—at about 60 degrees in the sky but it didn't look like an aeroplane. An aeroplane would not have come back in a straight line like that did but in an arc."

Mrs Rogals continued, "When I got home I checked on the star chart and the light I saw originally wasn't Jupiter which was in another part of the sky. At the same time that I saw the object there was another sighting in Rising Bridge of a similar object but this was travelling towards Blackburn and could not have been the same one."

Mrs Rogals said the object she saw could not have been a helicopter, a balloon or a rocket. She simply describes it as "an unidentified flying object".

She is sending reports of sightings to the Northern Network for UFOs in Manchester and to the British UFO Research Organisation in London.

Mrs Rogals said that she would be glad to hear from anyone who had seen the same or any other type of unidentified flying object—she shies away from the common old-fashioned term, "flying saucer".

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Strike a light, it's a UFO!

"IT was just like a half-moon with lights sticking out."

That's how Mrs D. Sheehan, 29, of Allansford, 10 km east of Warrnambool, described an object she saw in the sky on Thursday night.

And she's not the only one who saw it.

Mrs Sheehan was driving from Allansford to Warrnambool at about 9 p.m. when she saw the strange object in the sky.

"It was coming towards the ground at an angle," she said.

"I thought it would crash so I raced to the Allansford shop and told the shopkeeper, Mrs Clark, what I'd seen.

"Mrs Clark's mother, two daughters and the policeman's wife all saw the object.

"It was three or four times the size of a normal star, and yellow compared with other stars.

"It was shaped like a normal star."

Mrs Sheehan said the object had been very low and very light.

"It was too close for my liking," she said.

But Allansford was unimpressed with the story yesterday.

"Everybody laughs about it — I'll never live it down," Mrs Sheehan said.

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Strange light sighted

A Broadmarsh family last night reported its second sighting in three weeks of a strange orange light in the sky.

The family, who don't want to be named, watched the orange light move up and down above Broadmarsh for about eight minutes after 9 pm.

Looking through binoculars, the object which was about eight kilometres away, looked oval in shape.

Three weeks earlier a member of the family reported seeing an oval-shaped object 20 metres in diameter and circled by orange lights flying above Brighton Army Camp.

RED LIGHT HOVERS — UFO?

ADELAIDE. — A farmer and his wife told police last night that they saw a red light hover over a paddock near Kersbrook, 60 km north-east of Adelaide.

They said they saw a light after their dogs barked incessantly.

Mr and Mrs D. Scott, of Mabenjo Station, said they watched the "very bright light" for between five and 10 minutes as it slowly moved towards the ground.

The couple estimated it was about a kilometre north-west off their farm.

They rang the bureau of meteorology, which was unable to explain the light.

Constable M. J. Kopz, of the Williamstown Police accompanied Mr Scott on a search for the light but they were unable to find anything.

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Knysna residents puzzled by UFO

Own Correspondent

KNYSNA. — The mystery of the "unidentified flying object" trailing smoke that seemed to plunge into the sea behind the Knysna Heads has still not been solved in spite of an intensive NSRI search and police investigation.

The local police station commander, Warrant Officer J J Meiring, said that it was "definitely not a plane".

The mystery started about 6.20pm on Wednesday when various reports were received of a "flying object" which seemed to be long and grey and trailed smoke.

It dived and, according to some observers, "hit the water behind the Heads," and then disappeared.

Because of the number of independent reports received an exhaustive search was started by the NSRI.

The NSRI rescue launch found nothing after a long search in poor visibility and choppy seas.

Mr Geoff Sinovich, the NSRI station commander, said the NSRI had now closed its investigations but the matter was in the hands of the local police.

Mr Meiring said that the object could be part of a satellite or "some of the other junk from space exploration".

CR: J. BRILL



Bigfoot

Hunters find huge print at Stanley

STANLEY — It's 14 and a half inches long. It's four and a half inches wide at the toe, two and a half inches wide at the heel.

It's a footprint, that's for sure. But to whom or to what it belongs, no one knows.

The print was discovered Jan. 15 by hunters walking through a snow-covered wooded area off the Stanley-Dallas Road. Fearing newspaper publicity, they decided to reveal their find only to Wayne Laporte, the Charlotte unidentified flying object (UFO) investigator whose findings had been reported in *The Gazette*.

Laporte listened to the tale, decided to give the hunters the benefit of a doubt and launched what has become a month-long investigation to identify the print.

"What I saw was a footprint about one-half inch deep in the snow," Laporte said. "The ground was packed underneath. It looked like a shod foot. I do not believe that it was the footprint of an animal or of a human."

Laporte's checking with UFO information-gathering organizations around the country has led him to a single report of a similar footprint being found.

That was three years ago in the desert near Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

A military policeman on patrol found footprints of the same size and shape around his car. The car had become stuck in the desert sand and the policeman had left, then returned with a tow truck.

"At this point all I can say is that we have found an unusual non-human footprint that doesn't appear to be the result of a hoax," Laporte said. "There is very little significance in the find at the moment. However, if matching footprints are confirmed, such as those at the air base, we will have a very significant find."

Matching footprints, he said, would mean one of two things.

"We could have a prankster who is going from state to state planting these footprints to perpetrate a hoax," he explained. "Or we could have a footprint from an extraterrestrial humanoid."

Laporte said he will continue his investigation to determine whether or not the footprint bears any relation to reported UFO sightings in Gaston County over the past four months.

More prints found at Rock Hill

ROCK HILL, S.C. (AP)— Hundreds of big, bare footprints—similar to one found recently in Fort Mill near Rock Hill—have been found in Saluda County, about 100 miles away.

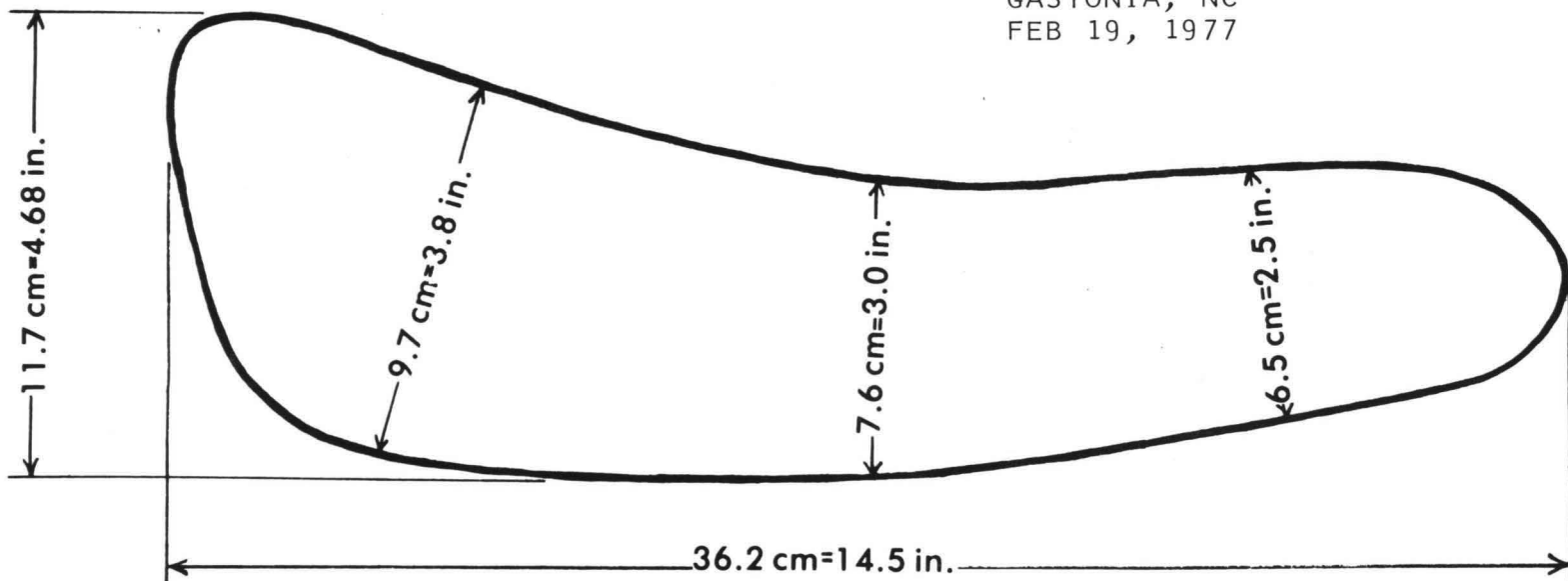
Residents of both areas fear they may have a Bigfoot roaming about.

The Saluda prints were noted a week before the one in Fort Mill. They are 14 inches long, 7 inches wide and extend through a mile of secluded farmland.

The Saluda prints are slightly longer and wider than the one in a Fort Mill couple's backyard last weekend. They are also slightly deeper.

So far, no one knows who or what made the prints.

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MYSTERIOUS FOOTPRINT — This is a scale drawing of the mysterious footprint discovered last month by hunters scouting the woods near Stanley. A UFO investigator from Charlotte

believes the footprint may have been left by an outer-space traveler who landed his spacecraft in Gaston County.

'Fouke Monster' reports continue

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CR: L. FARRISH

A few weeks ago, a Miller County farmer went to survey his pig pen and discovered the remnants of a small-scale attack. Several pigs had been ripped open, and one carcass was found outside and away from the pen where it apparently had been dragged and abandoned.

The farmer blamed this apparently mindless attack on the famed Fouke Monster, so named for the tiny southwest Arkansas hamlet where the legend grew up in the 1950s.

H.L. Phillips, chief deputy sheriff of Miller County, said the incident was blamed on the monster because of the viciousness of the attack. Phillips said the swine probably had been attacked with a sharp instrument, such as a knife.

Phillips said if the pigs weren't killed by a human, the culprit likely was a wolf, wild dogs or one of the

few cougars that roam Miller County.

Still, reports such as these keep the legend alive.

"We don't believe in stuff like that here," Phillips said. "Of course, we'll investigate a claim to the fullest, but there's never anything to prove there's a monster."

The legend gained new strength in 1971 when a young man was hospitalized with scratches and shock symptoms after he reported being attacked by a "large, hairy creature."

Later, a movie was made about the monster, and the reports of sightings increased. In the last year or two, however, the furor has died down, Phillips said.

Phillips said there have been no sightings in about a year and a half. He said that one report every five months is about average, and these

are mostly about attacks on animals.

Another reason the monster's publicity has waned is that the law authorities no longer publicize monster claims, Phillips said. One report that was never made public came in many months ago.

Phillips said a horse had been "run down and killed", apparently brutally. He claims this was probably another wild animal attack.

"It's quieter now than it's been in years," Phillips said.

It may be quiet on the monster front, but apparently some persons still believe something unknown roams Miller County. Because, as Phillips said, the reports are few, but they still come in.

Mutilated cow found near Fort Worth

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Holstein cow was found killed and mutilated in a East Fort Worth pasture Sunday afternoon in a manner similar to other mutilations four years ago.

The animal's sex organs and one teat had been severed and removed from the scene, said Troy McCarley, the owner of the animal.

"This is really odd," said McCarley, who has raised cattle all his life. "There should have been a tremendous amount of blood, but there were no signs the cow bled that much."

McCarley, who works in Arlington, reported the gruesome find to police Sunday after his daughter, Mrs. Kim Storm, discovered the cow lying in the field about a quarter-mile from her parents' home.

The owner said he believes the cow, which was seven months pregnant and worth about \$300, was mutilated sometime between Saturday night and Sunday afternoon.

The unborn calf was not disturbed.

McCarley, 51, said there were no vehicle tracks around the area, indicating the intruders were possibly on foot. He said he had found no evidences his barbed wire fences had been cut, or that any of his other livestock—35 head of cattle and 12 horses—had been bothered.

"The only thing I noticed around the cow were two fresh shotgun shell casings," he said. "I turned the cow over, but I couldn't find any place where she had been shot."

McCarley theorized the animal may have been tranquilized before her organs were removed.

"She had struggled some because her horns made an imprint in the ground. She didn't struggle much, though. It looked like she was pretty well tranquilized or dead before she hit the ground," he said.

Another oddity about the death, McCarley said, is the absence of other cattle hoof prints in the area, indicating the other animals would not go near the mutilated cow.

"A cow will go to the smell of blood if detected. But there was no evidence that any other cows went around her," he said.

"There was no way animals could have done this," said McCarley. "This was done by human hands, probably with a knife."

The mutilation Sunday is similar to several others that gained national attention in 1973. Texas cattle mutilations were reported in November 1974 and then appeared to stop. More cases occurred in early 1975 in Texas and other states.

Conjecture about the causes of mutilations ranged from attacks of wolves and coyotes to the work of Satanists or aliens from outer space.

"It has me buffaloed," McCarley said. "I'd read about it, but I've never seen anything like it in my life. It seems like such a waste for someone to destroy an animal for something that just doesn't make any sense."

Bigfoot

Take Look At Print And Decide Yourself

By JIM MAXWELL
News Carolinas Bureau

ROCK HILL, S.C. — Within the next two weeks the York County Nature Museum will display a plaster cast of what appears to be a footprint measuring about 15 inches long.

The print taken several weeks ago in the backyard of Fort Mill resident Leonard Gramoski caused some folks to speculate a "Bigfoot" could be roaming the countryside.

For years tales have persisted in several far-western states of an eight-foot tall, hairy creature called Bigfoot or Sasquatch which closely resembles the so-called Abominable Snowman of the Himalaya Mountains.

Newspapers in the Carolinas occasionally have carried accounts of "beasts" being heard or huge, unexplained footprints being found.

Charles Hall, director of the York museum, said the print found at Fort Mill was examined by state wildlife officials and his museum naturalist, Ray Liquori.

"The general conjecture was that it wasn't a footprint," Hall said. The experts theorized freezing and thawing of the ground created the footprint-like pocket in the ground.

But museum taxidermist John Schneider took the casting taken in the field and made an impression from it, refining it slightly in the process.

The result was a plaster footprint the museum will display.

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"It's a lot of fun," said Hall. "We've been kidded a lot."

The casting, he said, "is an interesting item," worthy of being displayed, although he's not sure where it will be placed in the museum.

"We decided we'd put it on display and let people decide for themselves."

Hall said the museum won't take a position on the print's authenticity. And speaking for himself, Hall said he'd neither deny the existence of a Bigfoot-like creature, nor does he have the evidence needed to verify it.

After the Fort Mill print was found, residents of Saluda County, about 100 miles to the south, found a group of prints that appeared to have been made by a foot measuring more than 14 inches long and seven inches wide.

D. W. Berry, who saw the tracks first discovered on his property by his grandson and another boy, said they looked real to him, adding, "there are all kinds of possibilities." But a Saluda County sheriff's department spokesman said "it's more of a joke than anything else," and there was no investigation.

But more than 300 persons went to Berry's farm to see and eventually obscure the prints in the soft ground with their vehicle tracks.

And hunters walking through the woods near Stanley in North Carolina found a print of similar dimensions, although their account wasn't made public until about ten days ago, about a month after the discovery. A Matthews man interested in the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects, Wyne Laporte, investigated the incident and sketched the print he described as looking more like a shoeprint.

Animal that eats ears off hogs has Jasper Countians nervous

BY JANET BRASWELL

BAY SPRINGS—There has been a strange animal roaming the southwest part of Jasper County since the first of the year and it's got the folks who live in that area a little nervous.

Gene Clark, editor of the Jasper County News, has been investigating the animal's activities along with the sheriff's department.

Clark says the animal likes to eat the ears off hogs.

The story began on a Thursday night in January when a hog belonging to Joseph Dickson of the Nazarene community was attacked. The ears were eaten off the hog, Clark said, but they were eaten off cleanly, like they had been snipped with scissors. Clark said the hog had been attacked behind the head, apparently to keep it still.

Another hog was attacked in the same way the next night and a third was attacked Sunday, two nights later. Early that Monday, Dickson saw the animal in his hog pen, he told Clark. The animal jumped the fence after attacking a fourth hog, Clark said.

Dickson described the animal as bigger than a German shepherd and said it jumped farther than a dog could jump. Three of the hogs the animal attacked died, Clark said, although they did not die during the attacks, and the fourth had to be destroyed.

About a week after the attacks at Dickson's farm, the ears were pulled off a 300-pound sow at Calvin Martin's farm. Clark said he went to Martin's farm after hearing about the attack and found that the animal had dropped one of the sow's ears in the pen.

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CR: M. HALL

"The ear was pulled out by the roots," Clark said. "You could put it back in the hole it came from."

Later that same night, a farmer in the Blue Mountain community reported that his hound dog attacked the strange animal and that the dog's front legs were badly ripped open. Since the attack, one of the dog's legs has had to be amputated, Clark said.

Several people claim they've shot at it, Clark said, but apparently no one has hit it.

As for the folks living in the Nazarene area, they keep lights burning all night on porches, in barnyards and in hogpens, Clark said, even though it's been three weeks since the last reported attack.

The Terror Of 'Bigfoot'

EATONVILLE — (AP) — A big, hairy creature believed by a serviceman to be "Bigfoot" reportedly sent the man into shock last week.

An unidentified Ft. Lewis enlisted man reportedly saw "a big hairy thing" while hiking in woods near the Northwest Trek wild game preserve here.

However, neither the man who claimed to have seen the creature, nor the doctor who supposedly treated him, agreed to be named. No report of the incident was made to the Pierce County Sheriff's Office, deputies said.

A Madigan Army Medical Center doctor who treated the soldier for shock told the paper Tuesday the man still was "too unstable" to discuss the incident.

The doctor said the soldier came to him "extremely upset" and would not discuss the reported sighting for some time.

"He is quite sure he saw Bigfoot," the doctor was quoted as saying.

Roger Thacker, Trek director, said today Trek had nothing to do with the incident.

"I can assure you it was no put-on by us. We have had nothing to do with any of these sightings. I did nothing and none of our people did anything.

"The doctor called me and told me the man was terrified and in an extreme state of shock," Thacker said.

Meanwhile, a Madigan ambulance driver said he talked to a Puyallup man last September who sighted a similar creature near the Trek preserve.

The ambulance driver, Don Durden, a former policeman and civilian paramedic, was hiking near the Northwest Trek wildlife preserve and came across footprints that measured about 18 inches long and eight inches wide, the newspaper said.

"I'm 6-foot-4 and 285 pounds and my footprint was dwarfed in comparison with his," Durden said.

Durden said that as he followed the footprints, he encountered the Puyallup man, who insisted a Bigfoot creature had stared at him for five minutes as he was parked in his truck on a logging road east of Trek.

"He said the animal was between 8 and 9 feet tall with black fur

covering most of his body. The face was definitely not that of a gorilla, but closer to that of a human," Durden said.

"He said it stared at him for five minutes and even leaned a hand on the truck, but never made a move toward him," Durden said.

The Puyallup man refused to be publicly identified, like the others for fear of ridicule.

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EDITOR'S NOTE:
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Animal Mutilators Sought

Clark County Sheriff Gene Cotton said he thinks recent mutilations and shootings of cattle in the Washougal area could be the work of a cultist group. Cotton said one of seven cattle shot in two incidents earlier this week had been mutilated by someone who used a surgical-type instrument to make a circular cut on the animal.

Cotton said he is coordinating his investigation with officials in Montana and Eastern Washington, where similar acts of baffling bovine butchery have recently occurred.

Attack of the amorous toads!

LONDON (Reuter) - British wild life experts have solved the mystery of murdered goldfish in garden ponds.

They say the fish are being loved to death by romantic toads.

The experts told a television inquest, prompted by worried goldfish owners, that because of a shortage of female toads the males have turned their attentions to fish in garden ponds.

Mutilated cow baffles rancher

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A New Hunt For Nessie

Over the years so much fun has been poked at the Nessie hunters that some gearing up is required before one can take the hunt seriously. That is the way matters stand now, however: to the sort of amateurish poking about at Loch Ness that brought so many tongue-in-cheek yarns has been added a sustained, well equipped scientific attempt to find and identify the "monsters" said to inhabit this Scottish lake.

Dr. Robert Rines, a patent lawyer who founded an academy of applied science in Boston, has for some years been keenly interested in whatever it is that has given rise to so many Loch Ness monsters stories. Last summer his organization and the New York Times jointly sponsored an expedition. Undaunted by its disappointing results, he and his associates - and other scientists who have become interested - plan another assault on the mystery.

So far the hard evidence is fragmentary: some shadowy underwater photographs, sonar readings that hint at something big down there. It is enough, though, to sharpen the appetite for more. This summer, with improved underwater camera facilities and perhaps a small submarine, the searchers may strike gold.

"Gold," in this case, being unmistakable evidence that some creature of giant size dwells in the murky waters of Loch Ness. As the sophisticated resources of modern science zero in on the problem, it just might happen. And if the searchers find what Rines and other enthusiasts think they may find - a descendant of great watergoing reptiles such as existed millions of years ago and have long been thought extinct - that would be one of the most intriguing scientific discoveries of all time.

Probe of fatal accident under way

ASTORIA, Ore. — (UPI) — The Coast Guard has begun an investigation to determine what caused the breakup of the fishing boat Compromise on Klipsan Beach, Wash., Thursday, taking the lives of two men.

The bodies of David F. Benson, San Rafael, Calif., and Virgil Wheeler, Juneau, both in their early 50s, were found last week.

Their 27-foot fishing boat, bound from San Francisco to Alaska, was found in pieces. A Coast Guard spokesman said the water wasn't extremely rough, and that

there was no evidence of an explosion or fire.

Coast Guard investigators from the Marine Safety Office will investigate whether the fishing boat may have been hit by a larger vessel.

Lt. Cdr. Larry Carr of the Portland Coast Guard office said a formal hearing into the accident will not be held. Carr said the investigation may take weeks or months.

Before the accident, the Compromise had been towed to Ilwaco, Wash., by the Coast Guard after the boat suffered an engine failure. The two men made their own repairs and returned to sea.

The bodies of the two men were found late Thursday. The boat's hull, with part of the cabin attached, was found Friday morning, floating about 6 miles off Klipsan Beach. It sank while the Coast Guard attempted to tow it to shore.

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