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South Side Brothers Report Sighting UFO

Two South Williamsport boys claim they were frightened about 12:45 a.m. today by an unidentified flying object that rose from the dike area near the Market Street bridge and streaked off to the northeast.

Jonny Bowman, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bowman, of 1210 West Southern Avenue, South Williamsport, said he and his brother, Jay, 15, were walking along Sidney Street in the borough when the bright object, "about the size of a car," rose above the rooftops, hovered a short time and then "took off so fast you couldn't really tell which way it went."

Jonny described the UFO as appearing to be a glowing blue-white light, "like the flame of a blow torch." He said it rose noiselessly to about 100 feet above the ground before disappearing.

"I don't know how my brother felt," he said, "but I was so scared I almost cried."

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SUN GAZETTE
Williamsport, Pa.

INDEPENDENT
ANDERSON, S. C.
AUG-9--77

UFO?

Nobody Knows For Sure

From Staff Reports

At least four Anderson County residents who live near S.C. Highway 187 reported seeing an unusually bright light in the sky Monday night, according to the Anderson Police Department.

No explanation for the sightings could be provided by area offices of the National Weather Service or Federal Aviation Administration. Police speculated it may have been a

meteorite shower which is expected later this month, but the Weather Service said it had no information on a meteorite shower occurring Monday.

"The people sound serious and scared as hell," one police officer said. One woman reported a large white ball of light followed her car, he added.

Another woman, who called the Anderson Independent Monday night, said she had seen what resembled a searchlight in the sky.

BENTON HARBOR, MI

HERALD-PALLADIUM AUG-11-77

Sightings Of UFO Reported By Police

ALLEGAN — Three police officers from two different departments claim to have spotted an unidentified flying object (UFO) during the night. According to the Allegan county sheriff's department, a sheriff's deputy and reserve officer around 4 a.m. both spotted the UFO some 50 to 55 feet above ground traveling in a southwest direction over Casco township in southwest Allegan county. The pair described the object as a big spotlight with a red light on the back. They said it was traveling between 25 and 35 miles per hour. Just prior to that, an Allegan city officer claimed to have spotted a similar UFO flying over Allegan city, the sheriff's department said. The Federal Aviation Administration's traffic control tower at Kent County Airport, Grand Rapids, said they had no reports of any UFO's last night.

KALAMAZOO, MI

GAZETTE

AUG-11-77

No Light On UFO Sighting

No light may ever be shed on a reported sighting overnight of an unidentified flying object by police in Allegan County.

"Forget about it because I don't think anything will ever be said," said a dispatcher for the Allegan County sheriff's department.

Evidently, a sheriff's deputy spotted what he believed to be a flying saucer, according to the department. He was reported to be in the company of another deputy at the time, and two Allegan city police officers were also said to have reported such a sighting.

But no report had been filed at the sheriff's department as of this morning, and the dispatcher indicated she doubted one ever would be.

NEWS-ARGUS
GOLDSBORO, N. C.
AUG-19-77

Strange Light Observed Here

A strange light which made a semi-circle in the night sky and appeared to land and go back up twice was observed by a Wayne County family in the Sandhills area off U.S. 13 south of Goldsboro Thursday.

Mrs. Earl Crawford, Sr., said the family went outside and observed the light after her daughter, Margey, and son Earl, Jr., spotted the object.

She said it appeared to be a searchlight or large flashlight of some kind but made a semi-circle and appeared to go down behind some trees at least twice.

She estimated that they watched it from five to seven minutes after 9 p.m. after being called outside. It then just disappeared, she said.

Mrs. Crawford said it was a strange sight and the light appeared in the sky opposite of the location of Seymour Johnson AFB where a searchlight might be operating.

The light started out appearing dull and then got brighter and it got lower and started circling. The Crawfords live about three miles south of the Wayne County Fairgrounds.

Dear Subscribers:

With this issue of the UFO Newsclipping Service, I am relinquishing my role in the active production of the Service. I will remain as Co-Editor with Lucius (Lou) Farish, although he will be the actual compiler and publisher of each issue.

As you will see by our heading on Page 1, this issue is dated July-October. This is solely in order to allow us to bring our schedule up to date and does not indicate that you will be missing any issues of the Service. Subscriptions will be extended accordingly. This is Issue #99, with the preceding issue (June) being #98. The November issue will be #100 and we shall try our best to be on a strict monthly schedule in months to come.

My most sincere thanks to all of you for your support during the past eight years. I hope you will give Lou an equal amount of support in the months ahead. My special thanks go to my two co-workers here in Seattle, Ted Knapp and Lydia Gold. Their contributions have been evident to everyone who has seen the "new look" of our service in recent months.

Please send all future subscription remittances to Lou's address, given at the top of Page 1. I would ask that those of you who have been kind enough to send clippings would continue to do so, as they are always most welcome. Clippings should be sent to my address (4540 8th Avenue N.E. #404; Seattle, WA 98105); they will be sorted and passed along to Lou for use in the Services.

Again, my most sincere thanks for your help and for your patience.

Sincerely yours,

Rod B. Dyke

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Daily Eagle
Enid, Okla. 8-20-77

Enid Residents Report Seeing UFO Thursday

Three persons identified "a bright white light" over Enid about 11:30 p.m. Thursday as an unidentified flying object, based on their descriptions of how the object looked and moved.

Gayne Smith said she was on Ritchie behind Van Buren Square when the object was first noted.

"It was a white light, going up and down, then it just turned off to the east and went out of sight," she said. "There weren't any red lights like there are on planes, just this white light."

Bill Davis said he spotted the object from the north part of town, describing it as "a white light that was going across the sky, then stopped, then took off in another direction." There was no noise, he said.

Jerry Smith, who said he lives in the east part of town, described the object as cigar-shaped with light all around it.

"My little brother and I were cooking hot dogs on the patio and he saw it first," Smith said. "It was going real fast, then sorta shot off to the east."

Hilo, Hawaii
Hawaii Tribune-Herald

AUG 21 1977

UFO Sighted?

By Marcia Reynolds
Tribune-Herald Staff Writer

Several residents in the Pahoa area reported spotting what they believed to be an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) late Friday night.

But a spokesman at the Hilo Tower had a logical explanation for the sightings.

John Brus of Nanawale Estates was driving home from Paradise Park with his wife, Sheila, and their two sons when he spotted a "cigar shaped thing" with white lights that turned a light green color.

He said it darted up and down and then quickly disappeared. "I've never seen anything like it before," Brus said.

His wife said she also saw the mysterious object which was white and green with a red tail.

"It was really spooky I've never in my life seen anything like that," Sheila said.

Several other people apparently saw the lights and reported the sighting over the Citizen Band Radio System.

Dakota Williams of Nanawale said he saw the object about 10:30 p.m.; again around 11 p.m., and then was awakened at 3 a.m. by a humming noise to see the object had reappeared, hovering about 50 feet over the trees in his backyard.

He said it moved in an erratic manner, darting up and down and then took off.

"Zip, it was gone," Williams said. "Thing thing really moved. It was like a bullet," he added.

Williams said he was too scared to go out into his yard to investigate closely and he feared there might be some radiation in the yard.

The Hilo Tower had a possible explanation for the unusual sightings. A tower spokesman said three planes made approaches to the Hilo Airport from the Pahoa area Friday night.

One was a Navy P-3 aircraft which has white, green and red lights. The configuration of the lights can make the aircraft seem to be shaped like a blimp, according to the tower.

The spokesman also said that because of the cloudy, rainy conditions Friday night in Puna, the planes may have seemed to disappear, but were actually only moving through the clouds.

The other planes which approached the Hilo Airport from Puna were an Ace Cargo craft and an Hawaiian Airlines plane. According to the tower, these planes were landing and taking off via the Puna route.

Fishermen see UFO

Two local commercial fishermen reported seeing an unidentified flying object over DeSoto Lake early this morning. Sonny Thris of Stovall and Steve Wiggins of Greenwood were fishing near Hillhouse landing about 3 a.m., according to Thris, when they saw a blinking white light flying about 100 yards above the trees surrounding the

lake.

Thris said that from the glow of the light he could make out the shape of the craft. "It was round and flattened," he said, "and it was moving faster than any airplane would move."

It stopped and hovered above the lake for about 45 minutes, then moved and hovered briefly several other times.

Thris said he and Wiggins watched the unusual craft for about an hour and a half before it disappeared.

"It didn't make any noise while it hovered, but when it moved it made a kind of faint rushing sound, like wind rushing past it."

"We were fishing when we first saw it. We cut our boat motor off and just sat there watching it," Thris related. "It

at DeSoto Lake

appeared to be about three quarters of a mile away."

Thris estimated the size of the craft at "about the size of a small one-room house, maybe 16 to 20 feet wide."

When asked if he and his friend had been drinking, he said they had not.

The unidentified object sighted by the two fishermen is not the first unusual sighting in the DeSoto Lake vicinity in

the past year. A few months ago a riverboat captain reported an aircraft had crashed in a ball of flames near the lake, but nothing was ever found and no aircraft were reported missing. A year ago, another UFO sighting was reported by a couple living at Deeson. They described a space ship type craft that they said landed in a field near their home and frightened their dogs. The husband reportedly fired at the craft with a shotgun, to no effect.

According to Jimmy Powell, of Powell's Air Service, a number of reports of unusual sightings have come from the DeSoto Lake area. He said some have definitely been hoaxes. "Some people have made hot air balloons

out of plastic bags and a flare. These will fly through the air and are often reported as UFO's" he said.

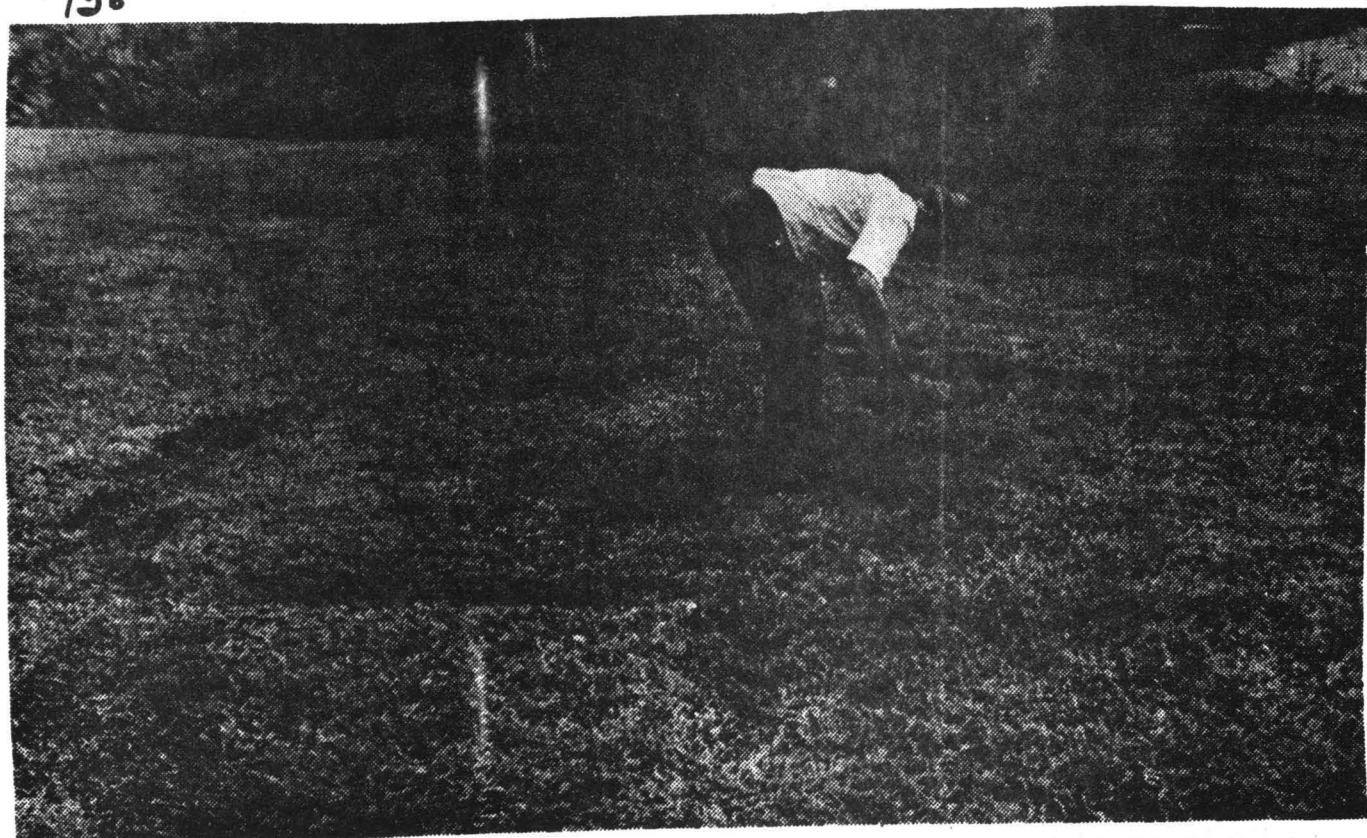
He could offer no explanation concerning the object the two men say they saw, however. "A helicopter certainly would make more noise than that." Powell also said that it is unlikely that a helicopter could hover that long at that altitude."

PRESS REGISTER
Clarksdale, Mississippi

AUG 12 1977

Enterprise
MANCHESTER, KY.

AUG 18 1977



If you think the saucer was something, you shoulda seen the little green men. E.G. Martin is shown here measuring a mysterious black circle left on his son's lawn at Island Creek last Thursday morning. The circle, 12 feet in diameter, appears to be made of an oily soot but no one in the neighborhood can explain it. Martin said no one heard any noises and there are no tracks and the circle is almost perfectly round. The grass is not burnt and does not appear to be oil. The rains have not washed it off either. Well, there's got to be an explanation....

Mystery Rides Clouds Over Allegan County

By Jim Mencarelli

Three separate incidents this week involving strange objects in the sky have Allegan County residents straining their eyes upward.

Two of the incidents were reported to the Allegan County Sheriff's Department Thursday and still have authorities shaking their heads in wonder.

The third incident, in which a basketball-size ice ball plummeted into a field near the Barry County line may be nothing more than waste material discharged from a passing jet.

A 32-year-old Allegan County sheriff's deputy said he and two other officers saw an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) float slowly over the city of Allegan and surrounding countryside early Thursday morning.

"It was a flying vehicle with two large spotlights mounted on the bottom," said the deputy, who refused to be identified. "It appeared to be large and round and was about 200 to 300 feet above the ground."

"It moved very slowly toward the west, about 20, 30 miles per hour. Its lights were mounted about 10 to 15 feet apart and were pointed toward the ground, as if they were scanning the ground."

The deputy said he and his partner were on patrol in the southwestern portion of Allegan County when they first saw the object. "It came from the east and emerged from a fog bank near us. It made absolutely no sound."

At one point, he said, one of the spotlights passed over them, and he and his partner momentarily were blinded. The object moved out of sight to the west.

"I can only say I was in infantry combat and know what a helicopter and airplane look like from the ground. This was definitely not one of them," he said.

The third deputy said he saw a UFO maneuver over the city of Allegan sometime before 4 a.m. He said he was on stakeout when he noticed an oval-shaped object pass slowly over the city with spotlights pointed downward.

In the second incident, Allegan officials said three other men claimed to have seen a UFO over New Richland about midnight Thursday. They described it as oval-shaped, 30 to 40 yards in diameter, with a belt of reddish to purple lights along the midsection and a large spotlight on the bottom. They said it made a whirring or humming sound

and moved slowly from east to west.

At one point, the object hovered briefly before shooting straight up at a high rate of speed. Allegan officials speculated that the second incident may have been a hoax, stemming from the earlier reported sighting.

In the third incident, a group of teenagers was playing basketball at the Shady Shores Resort on Patterson Rd. near Gun Lake about 9 p.m. Thursday when they heard a shrill, whistling sound. They said they looked up and saw a dark ball hurtling from the sky.

"It came in at an angle from the south," said 15-year-old Jack Veldkamp. "It hit the ground and shattered."

Veldkamp said the object resembled an ice ball and scattered ice chunks over a small field. It left a basketball-sized dent in the ground.

Fifteen-year-old Jeff VanderMeer said he and several of his friends gathered up some of the debris and took it to his father, who placed the material in the family freezer.

The ice chunks resembled cave formations with orange and brown streaks.

Chemists at Williams and Works, 611 Cascade West Parkway SE, determined

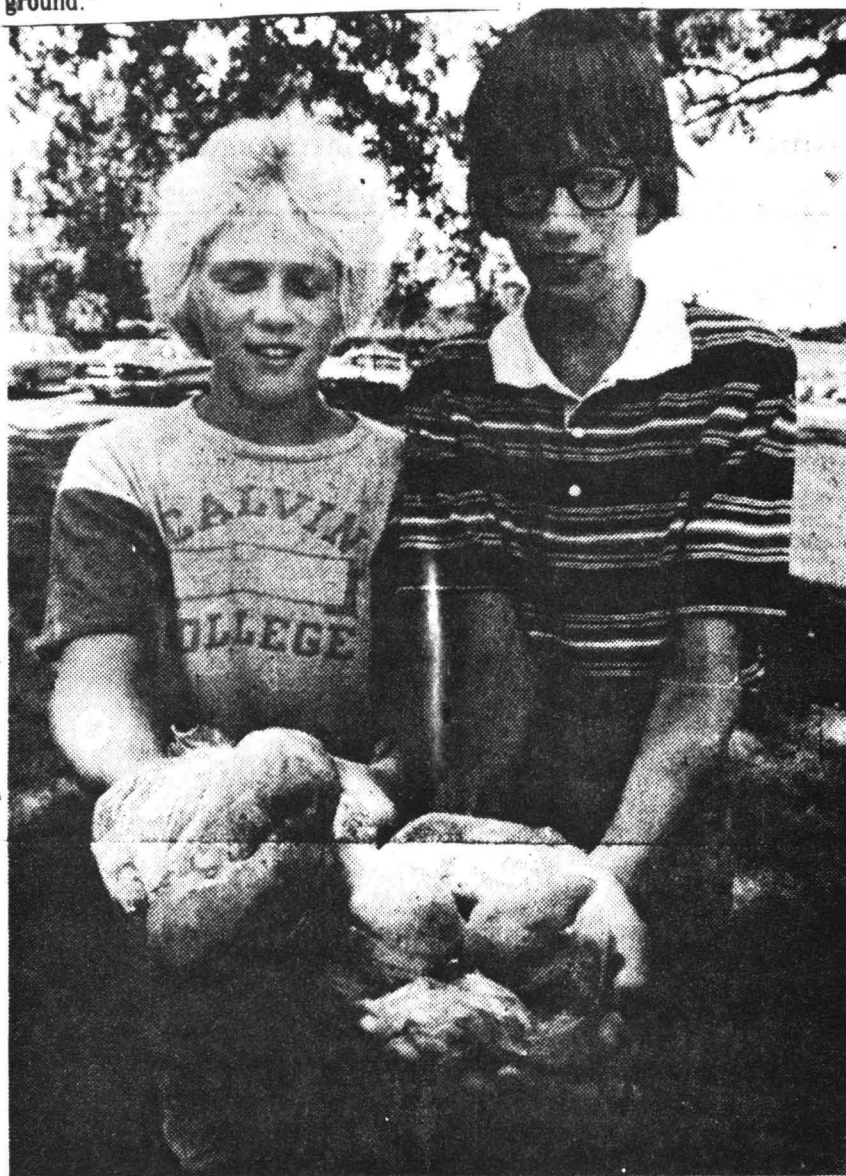
the samples had a high chloride content.

They surmised the material was human waste, probably from the holding tank of a passing jet.

GRAND RAPIDS, MI

PRESS

AUG-13-77



PIECES OF mysterious ice ball which fell from the sky are held by Jack Veldkamp and Jeff VanderMeer.

MOUNDSVILLE, W.VA.
ECHO

AUG 19 1977

SAW U.F.O. LIKE OBJECT

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Gedden of 1809 Second street, reported seeing a UFO-like (flying saucer-like) object in the sky Wednesday evening at around 9:45.

She said it was an enormous object, with a huge round light on the front. It hovered over the Wellman home across the street for several minutes; then took off rapidly, in a north-eastern direction. There was no noise; and she said it was definitely not an airplane (several of those appeared later.) When it left, it was seen to be silver, round and flat.

Although Mr. Gedden saw this one first, Mrs. Gedden alone saw one (also silver-colored) over the hills east of town, about two years ago.

Residents Report UFO Sightings

By RICHARD L. MYERS

Shades of 1939 and the famous radio broadcast "War of the Worlds."

Are the little green men from Mars here for a Florida vacation? Could the Orson Welles classic be a harbinger of events to happen in Martin County almost 40 years after their eerie radio program panicked most of the nation?

Several Palm City residents were shook up recently when they saw what appeared to be a hovering spaceship in the tranquil tropic sky.

Boo Lowery of Sunset Trail called the Martin County Sheriff's Department when he saw a hovering craft flashing red and green lights.

He watched the "thing" through field glasses as it stood about 15 to 20 degrees above the north-northwest horizon at 11:30 p.m. Thursday.

FLORIDA

Stuart News

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However, Sgt. Don Jones, who responded to the call, said he could only see a star when he checked through the glasses.

Lowery is not alone, though, in his apparent sighting of mysterious phenomenon in the peaceful Palm City sky.

Timi Strieter 13, of 42nd Avenue, Palm City, and Tim Henry, 19, also of Palm City, said they spotted an unidentified flying object hovering over Palm City Saturday night.

They estimated the circular object to be between 12 feet and 24 feet in diameter flashing green, blue and yellow lights at anywhere from 5,200 feet to 20,000 feet above the ground.

Ms. Strieter said the craft was emitting "a beeping noise." She said she believes UFOs are spaceships from another world.

Despite seeing the object, Henry remains skeptical. Even though he ruled out the possibility of it being an airplane and it was "too low to be a satellite," he doesn't quite buy the spaceship theory.

While Ms. Strieter who said she and her mother and brother were "scared," went inside and locked the doors, Henry said he was "interested" and watched the object for awhile.

Neither Lowery nor involved sheriff's deputies were available for comment today.

Enterprise
MANCHESTER, KY.

AUG 25 1977

Well, here we go again. After last week's story about the mysterious black circle in the yard of an Island Creek home appeared, it appears the phantom has struck again. Ann Jones and Sandra Grubb are shown standing in another circle much like the one on Island Creek. This time it's at the home of Hansel Sibert on Muddy Gap road. What ever it was it got there early Tuesday morning.

UFO's

Beeping Object With Blinking Lights Has Deputies Stumped

By LINDA MIKLOWTIZ
Sun Staff Writer

The sighting early Friday of a cylindrical object with red and white rectangular lights giving off a beeping sound which remains at the same volume even after the object leaves has sheriff's deputies stumped.

Lt. Jerry Hansen said Saturday that a check with Camp Blanding near the sighting at the Paul Allen residence on the south side of Lake Alto near Waldo indicated the object had not come from the army post.

The object was seen and heard by the Allen family and their houseguests. Then four sheriff's deputies and a Waldo policeman, and even Sheriff Lu Hindery who was called to the scene, continued to hear the beeping noise for about two hours, according to a report.

Majorie Allen, according to the sheriff's department, reported to deputies about 2 a.m. Friday "a cylinder-shaped object with three steady white lights and one red light was hovering over some trees near her home making a beeping sound."

The object then reportedly dropped behind the trees; but after Deputy B.C. Crowe arrived, the noise started again and the glow of lights was visible. Hansen then drove up and with Crowe combed the woods as the noise resumed.

While the deputies were in the woods, they were

called by the dispatcher, but never responded, said Mrs. Allen's son Cooksy. The deputies were gone for about an hour, Allen said Saturday.

The foot search and later an air search reportedly turned up no answers.

Then after the deputies were at the house Friday afternoon to take reports from eyewitnesses, the beeping started again. Mrs. Allen, called the sheriff's office about 6:30 p.m.

The descriptions of the object by Bobbie Allen, 40 an aunt visiting from Sparksburg, S.C., two of Mrs. Allen's daughters and a young Colombian visitor were similar. However, neighbors living 30 yards away didn't hear anything, according to Cooksy.

A possible explanation for the sound is that it came from a very sensitive burglar alarm at Joe Funari's orange grove warehouse on U.S. 301, between State Road 26 and the dirt road which leads to the Allen house. The alarm sounds like a whooping police siren and can go off "if you throw a rock at the building," Funari said Saturday evening. However, Funari was unable to determine if the alarm had been triggered since it automatically resets.

The flying object was seen in the southeast before it departed southward. The sound was from the same general direction, Cooksy said.

Said Hansen: "It was spooky."

FLORIDA

Gainesville Sun
AUG-21-77

Family sees UFO over Healdsburg

By Staff Correspondent

HEALDSBURG — Members of a Healdsburg family which went to investigate "huge, bright-colored lights" over Healdsburg Tuesday night, said they were met by a 50-foot-long craft with windows which hovered over their car, then "zoomed" away.

The woman and her three children, who asked not to be identified by The Press Democrat because of fear of harassment, reported seeing the lights while driving in the 1000 block of North Fitch Mountain Road about 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"It scared me so bad I almost had a heart attack," said the woman.

While on Fitch Mountain, the family said, they saw "huge bright-colored lights" about a mile apart in the western hills.

The family decided to drive closer to the lights and traveled on Highway 101 to the 12000 block of Old Redwood Highway.

"We saw three round things in the sky," said the woman. "They landed, flashed and zoomed. One hovered above our car about the height of the telephone wires. It had windows."

The object was described by the family as round, about 50 feet long, and grey with a silver bottom.

"It lit up the inside of the car. We couldn't look at it after that because

it hurt our eyes. I can't explain it," said the woman.

After the craft left, the family drove to a friend's house nearby.

"He saw it leaving too," she said of the friend.

According to the Healdsburg Police Department, an unidentified Alexander Valley woman reported seeing bright lights in the sky from her Pine Flat Road home at 9 p.m.

Richard Drager, assistant air base manager at Travis Air Force Base, told The Press Democrat he has "no knowledge" of any unusual airborne activity in the northern Sonoma County area.

Radio station KSRO received sev-

eral calls reporting strange lights in the sky in the Santa Rosa area. The station received a report from the

Air National Guard reporting night maneuvers in the Bodega Bay area which might have caused the lights.

The Healdsburg woman said the lights she and her family saw were definitely not helicopter, airplane or flare lights.

The California UFO Research Center in San Francisco told The Press Democrat a general description similar to that given by the Healdsburg family was received about one year ago today from the North Bay Area.

UFO SIGHTING FEATURED
NEWS ARTICLE

Janet Magnuson, housewife, mother and distinguished member of the Arthur Village Board of Trustees, has received considerable notoriety in special news features published in nearby city newspapers, with her reported sighting of a UFO late at night on August 17.

Janet and a cousin who was visiting here are reported to have been hunting kangaroo rats and mice using the headlights of the car as they drove along the road. They were driving North along the county road between Helmer's and Valentines when, as Janet reports it, something huge rose up out of a depression to the left of the road, flew away at an angle and disappeared out of sight behind the hills and trees near the Valentine place.

Janet says that what they saw was huge, filling the field of vision through the windshield of the pickup. It appeared to have a dome on the top and a circle of windows that glowed with a mysterious red lighting effect.

Later reports of sightings of UFOs in the area of Rapid City, S.D., seems to confirm Mrs. Magnuson's sighting.

Skeptics (and the world is full of them) explain such sightings as hallucinations or natural phenomena such as Meteors, ball lightning or perhaps the lights of passing automobiles magnified by the mist or fog that often collects in the valleys during the night.

We do not consider ourselves well enough informed to say that these UFOs are space ships from another planet but neither do we say that they are not. New discoveries are made every day and many seem impossibilities to the uninformed. Without any physical evidence, to prove the reports, such sightings will remain UFOs, (Unidentified Flying Objects).

Patesville resident and companions sight UFO

Another sighting of an unidentified flying object in Hancock County was brought to light this week, this time in the vicinity of Patesville.

On Friday evening, around 7:30-8:00 p.m. Ernest Masterson and his family were preparing to depart a neighbor's home after visiting for a while. Masterson said his wife, Edna, was already in the auto and they were waiting for the children, when she pointed to the sky and exclaimed, "What's that?" He said he looked in the direction she had indicated, and saw what he believed to be a falling star; although it was quite a bit larger than any he had ever seen before. He remembered it as being roughly the size of a 5-gallon bucket. "It's just a shooting star," he told her, but as he looked back in the same general direction, something emerged from the tree-tops...this time going upward. The object appeared to be about 10 feet in diameter and cast a bright glow, in which the outline of a telephone pole was clearly visible. He

said the object was ringed with numerous small lights. When it reached an altitude just a little higher than the trees, it winked out abruptly. The neighbor's son was also a witness to the sighting.

Masterson stated on Monday afternoon that he was "scared to death", and added, "If I see anything like it again, Ole Ernie's going to be moving into town!"

At the time the Clarion reporter was talking to Masterson, Bill Hicks, the son of Glenn and Wanda Montague of Hawesville, told of his encounter with a UFO while he was a Military Policeman in Ryder, North Dakota. Hicks has been living in the county since May, and said his sighting occurred in 1968. He was in company with another MP one night, heading for the military installation, when an object in the sky attracted their attention. He said this object was radiant red and blue and was star-shaped. It followed their car for something like five minutes. They were trying to explain it away by logically reasoning what it could be...a helicopter, for instance. But when the thing made several alterations of its course by taking a 90-degree turn, they were convinced it was like nothing they had ever seen before.

The Patesville area in Hancock County seems to be particularly blessed with visits from UFO's. Several sightings have been reported. Still others have taken place which have not been reported to the newspaper for publication. Mr. Masterson indicates he wants people to hear about what he saw, so it may be compared to the objects sighted by others to determine if people are seeing the same things.

Hancock Co. Clarion
HAWESVILLE, KY.
SEP 1 1977

Hutchins Reports Seeing UFO

by Roger Buckwalter

Through a misty rain, in the early morning hours of August 30, an 80-foot wide unidentified flying object sounding like a jet plane flew low over Pennock Point, heading north, according to W.M. Hutchins, of Orange Road.

Hutchins said he got a good look at the object for about

five seconds, as it traveled at about 30-40 miles per hour approximately 150 feet above him, at 2:45 a.m.

Spokesman at the Jupiter and Tequesta police departments and at the Palm Beach County and Martin County sheriff's departments said they received no reports of unidentified flying objects, and Hutchins said he was unaware of any other sightings.

The disk, Hutchins said, had a halo around it in the misty rain. He described a round superstructure below the disk, with brilliantly lit windows all around the superstructure. Flashes were coming out of the windows and there was a flashing red light at the bottom, he said.

Hutchins said his room was illuminated by the disk, which sounded like a jet plane coming in for a landing.

Twenty-five years ago, Hutchins said, he glimpsed another UFO in Pennsylvania.

He said he was an Air Force officer during World War II and has piloted light planes.

FLORIDA

Jupiter Courier

SEP-1 -77

UFO sighted in Santee

SANTEE — Another unidentified flying object (UFO) was sighted Saturday morning, this one near Santee Drive-in theater.

Florence Lincoln of 10800 Woodside Ave. told The El Cajon Californian she saw the object at 2 a.m. It appeared to be "pretty good-sized," she said, and

had flashing yellow, red, green and blue lights.

Mrs. Lincoln's son, Howard, also observed the object, and she called another son, Melvin Johnson, who lives on Meadow Terrace. She said Johnson and his wife also saw the UFO which stayed in the area for approximately half an hour.

The sighting follows a report by seven witnesses who claim they saw a UFO hovering for 50 minutes over Grossmont Center's parking lot Thursday morning.

Mrs. Lincoln said the object she saw this morning is the same one she observed Friday morning while returning home her daughter's home at 2 a.m. She said that object appeared to be in the vicinity of Grossmont Center.

The UFO observed this morning, Mrs. Lincoln said, eventually faded into the distance with its lights still blinking.

She said the sky was clear at the time of the sighting.

El Cajon, Calif.
Daily Californian
SEP 12 1977

Uncovering that UFO report

By FLYNN J. ELL
Of The Gazette Staff

All kidding aside, Billings did have an unidentified visitor Sunday night in its western sky.

At least three air officials, including the pilot and co-pilot of a Frontier Airlines plane en route to Havre from the Magic City, have confirmed seeing the unidentified flying object (UFO), despite an apparent attempt by others to downplay the incident.

At one point, the conversation between Frontier Capt. James Webster of Denver and the Billings control tower operator, who has asked to remain nameless, went like this:

Webster: "Do you see it turn red and and glow right now?"

Control: "Yep."

Webster, flying a 19-passenger Twin Otter, said the air traffic controller contacted him at 10:50 p.m. as he took off and asked for confirmation of the phenomenon he was watching from the tower.

The pilot said he dimmed his cockpit lights and peered into the western sky at an angle corresponding to 11 o'clock.

He quickly called the object to the attention of his co-pilot Larry Helm, also of Denver.

"Larry's Swisher Sweet (cigar) fell out of his mouth to the floor," Webster said.

What they saw appeared oval in shape, about 150 feet in diameter, flying at an altitude of 15,000 to 18,000 feet and 10 to 15 miles west of Billings.

It was "pulsating" from a circular

shape toward oblong, and giving off a red-dish-green glow speckled by throbbing white, green and red lights on its side, Webster said.

"It gave me the willies."

Webster, who has been flying for eight years, said he was on the verge of retreating back to the Billings airport with his 10 passengers if the object had moved toward his plane.

He chose not to alert his relaxed passengers, some of whom were sleeping, others reading.

"I looked back at them and pulled the cockpit door shut," Webster said.

The pilots and control operator all said that, in their opinion, the UFO was neither a

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MISSOURI

St. Louis Globe-Democrat Wed. Sept. 28, 1977

Kirksville man says UFO chased his car

By Associated Press

KIRKSVILLE, MO. — A water plant operator has told police he saw a strange object in the sky before dawn that seemed to chase him at speeds up to 120 miles an hour before it disappeared.

David Burden told police he was returning from a job assignment about 4:30 a.m. Tuesday when he noticed the object trailing his car on Missouri 6 about 3½ miles west of Kirksville. He described it as two cup-shaped objects, one on top of the other, with red lights.

Burden said he became frightened and drove his car at speeds up to 120 miles an hour toward Kirksville. He said the flying object sped off as he neared the city limits.

Burden and others reported seeing strange objects in the sky about an hour later, but police said the Federal Aviation Administration identified the later objects as planes flying from Chicago to Kansas City.

"It was not an airplane," Burden said later of the object he first spotted that appeared to be following him.

helicopter nor another airplane, nor was it a satellite, star or planet.

They concluded unanimously: they had never seen such a thing before.

Webster said that an unsuccessful attempt was made by radar scanners at Billings and Salt Lake City, Utah, to spot the UFO on their screens.

The Gazette learned of the incident late Sunday night when the control tower operator "routinely" contacted the paper to learn if area residents were phoning in UFO reports.

None were.

The controller had received a call from a Billings woman about 10:20 p.m., who asked if he would confirm an object she saw blinking red and white lights southwest of the city.

"It was on a direct line over the (Cenex) refinery," he said, "but farther out than that."

It was barely visible to the naked eye at that point, the controller said.

He then was busy with aircraft for "five or 10 minutes," and when he looked back to the southwest the UFO was gone.

Another five or 10 minutes later, following another period of handling air traffic, he picked up the UFO due west of the airport.

Using binoculars now, the controller said he could see the UFO was "definitely an object," and not like anything he had ever seen before.

The control operator then picked up his conversation with Webster, who retained sight of the UFO for 107 miles as he flew north to Glasgow.

The men said the UFO faded slowly on the horizon, occasionally bobbing up and down, as it flew a northwesterly pattern.

By 12:05 p.m., it was gone. None of the air officials has seen anything similar in the sky since their Sunday night sighting.

On Labor Day, control operators on

duty refused to confirm the incident, referring questions to their supervisor, who would be in Tuesday.

Said one: "That information is verboten to the public."

Both city police and the county sheriff's department were aware of Sunday's incident and a report was filed by a police dispatcher.

But the city police report was absent from pink sheets reporters routinely check for news items.

"I don't think we're supposed to let that stuff out to the public," one unidentified officer said, in explaining the missing report.

A deputy sheriff said county officers spent the late evening trying to see the UFO from the roof of the county courthouse.

On Tuesday, Bob Grasser, chief controller at the airport, said he thought the UFO was a low-flying B-52 bomber on a practice run from Red Lodge to Reedpoint.

Grasser said it is not unusual for tower operators to see lights they can't identify.

When asked about Sunday night's taped phone conversation between one of his controllers and a pilot, Grasser said his schedule was too busy to permit replaying the recording until next week.

But Grasser did release the name of the Sunday night control operator.

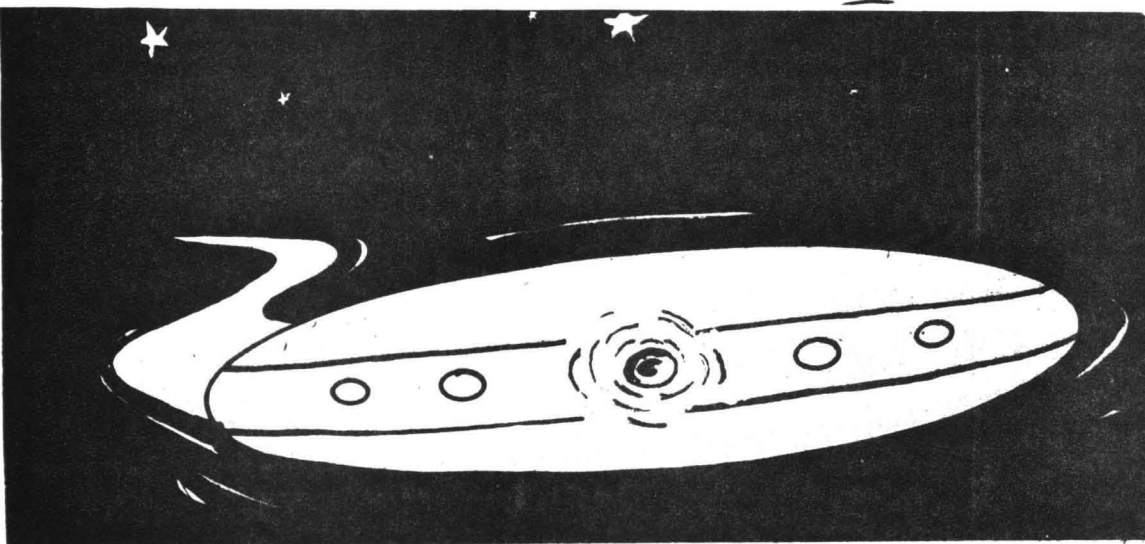
Grasser said he and his operator had agreed that the UFO was a low-flying B-52 — a point later denied by the operator.

Grasser said he's received as many as 30 calls from residents, following a night flight by a Billings-based advertising airplane.

"We advise them to call a scientific foundation in Seattle," which privately investigates UFO reports.

That number is 206/722-3000, he said.

Grasser said the U.S. Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration no longer investigate UFO reports.



According to one observer, this is how the UFO appeared

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UFO SEEN BY LOCAL WOMEN ON TRIP TO COLORADO

Mrs. J.S. Wilson, Mrs. Wilton Dorris, and Mrs. Spencer Larsen usually travel to Grand Junction and Montrose, Colorado at this time of year to buy ripe peaches and pears. They left the week end before last for a four day trip to visit relatives and collect the fruit. They report that they were several miles west of Greenwood Springs, Colorado, on Interstate 76, it was approximately 11:30 p.m. and a dark night. The line between the mountains and the sky was just distinguishable.

Mrs. Dorris noticed a red pulsating light on a mesa to the right and ahead of the pickup and pointed it out to the other two. It moved slowly and at first was thought to be an airplane. At the edge of the mesa the light dropped straight down the side of and as it came above the Interstate turned from a red pulsating light to a brilliant white light narrow at the edges and thickening in the middle to form a saucer shape. Traveling at a terrific speed it came down over the interstate going east at about treetop height and looked to be a little wider than the two lane highway. It was tilted slightly on edge. The women

were of two minds whether to stop, as it looked as though it could hit the pickup or keep on going, hoping that it wouldn't.

They did slow but kept traveling and watching the UFO when it suddenly seemed to blink out and was gone. Where it went was a matter of conjecture (down another canyon, turned off its lights or simply disappeared, looking behind the pickup a red glow could be seen to the right and in back of the pickup.

The UFO was the main topic of discussion during the stay in Colorado, while there they were informed that a pilot flying those canyons at night would have to crazy and that there were no airports in that part of the mountains. What ever it was (or is it can only be described as a UFO) it surely was an Unidentified Flying Object.

ENTERPRISE
Arthur, Neb.
Sept. 8, 1977

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Sept. 29, 1977
CR: B. Greenwood

Strange light makes believers

NORWAY — Carol Richards, of Tucker Road, was entertaining guests in her home last Thursday evening when her son, Anthony, ran inside screaming that a light hovering over the bog outside had scared him.

Mrs. Richards said she went outside to see what had frightened her son. Moving over the bog and slowly toward Norway Lake, a bright light lit its surroundings as bright as day, she said.

She called the sheriff's department and Deputy Don Guilford, who has seen UFOs himself, answered the call.

Before he arrived, Mrs. Richards said, the object shot up into the sky and bathed the front of her home in light. "It was weird," she says. "I had 11 people here who didn't believe in UFO's before that night."

Deputy Guilford arrived after the object had disappeared. "I told them it was nothing that would hurt them and suggested it might have been the Goodyear blimp passing through western Maine," he explained. "You never know."

Guilford didn't believe in UFOs until he and five other officers watched one some time ago. Now he's not so sure.

Neither is Carol Richards.

At 7:30 p.m. that night, an hour before Mrs. Richards called the sheriff's department, they had another UFO call from the West Paris, Greenwood area. Deputy Eldon Bartlett answered that call.

Neighbors spot UFO at Grossmont Center

"We're still searching for an explanation," said Robert Garis Jr., a field investigator for the Center for UFO Studies after seven witnesses reported seeing an unidentified flying object hovering in the area of Grossmont Center early Wednesday morning that was visible for 50 minutes.

The UFO, which reportedly had dogs barking and parakeets screeching, has touched off an intensive investigation by area researchers who so far haven't come up with a plausible explanation.

"A roll of photographs was taken," said Garis, "but unfortunately the images were not printable."

He said "at this point it is still an unknown. The Federal Aviation Agency cannot explain it, and the sheriff's helicopter was on the ground."

Kathleen Canterino, a waitress, apparently was the first to see the UFO, described as a saucer-shaped object with flashing lights that was about eight stories off the ground.

She had just returned home from work and had opened a bedroom curtain when she spotted a light over Grossmont Center. That was at 3:57 a.m.

Mrs. Canterino awakened her children and called several neighbors who also reported seeing the strange-looking object that was making a humming noise, flashing green and blue lights and was enveloped in a gaseous white cloud.

El Cajon, Calif.
Daily Californian

SEP 9 1977

Two other objects that appeared in the distance took off at the same time as the saucer-shaped vehicle, she said.

The main UFO "appeared to be sucking energy from the parking lot lights," said Garis, quoting witnesses. "The lights would dim and brighten."

A Grossmont Center security guard told Garis that he momentarily saw the object about an hour before going off duty at 5 a.m., but he looked only briefly because he thought it was the sheriff's helicopter.

Garis said the helicopters were grounded at the time. The radar screens at Miramar Air Station picked up nothing unusual. No planes were landing or taking off from Gillespie Field.

La Mesa police were notified, Garis said, but they referred the callers to UFO reporting stations. An automobile accident had tied up some officers, he said.

Ruth Norman, head of the Unarius organization in El Cajon which teaches that spaceship landings will occur soon, said she had not heard of the latest UFO sighting, but she said she is not surprised by it.

"I think our great day will come before very many months go by," she said. "The new age has arrived."

Mrs. Norman made the news last year by wagering \$6,000 with a London firm over several months, claiming spaceships would land by Sept. 30 this year.

Were spaceship pilots searching Wednesday morning for the landing site she purchased near Jamul?

"They don't have to search," she said. "They know exactly where it is."

Mrs. Norman said she is going to place another \$1,000 wager soon.

The reports about Wednesday's sighting will be forwarded by Garis to the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., where a team of scientists will review them to establish whether what was seen ranks as a solid UFO case.

Witnesses Report Sighting 3 UFOs

By LEIGH FENLY

Staff Writer, The San Diego Union

Parakeets screeched and dogs barked. And a UFO with green, red and blue lights flashing hovered over Grossmont. At least, some people say it was a UFO.

It was too big to be a bird and hovering too low to be a plane. An apparition?

"It must have been a UFO," says witness Kathleen Canterino, who ran down Buckley Street at 4 a.m. Wednesday trying to get closer to it.

"It couldn't have been anything else. It hovered above Grossmont Hospital, not doing much, just staying still. It was pulsating with its lights flicking off and on. Lights seemed to be dimming all around the hospital — streetlights and parking lot lights. It was almost as if it was draining energy from those lights," she said.

Canterino, a waitress at a local restaurant, said she first saw the object Wednesday morning. She had just returned home from work, opened the curtains in her bedroom to let some air in, when she saw a spotlight over Grossmont Center. It was 3:57 a.m.

"I jumped up immediately and started watching. I saw two things that looked like stars at first. But they were

pulsating. I looked around for more.

"There was another one over the hospital. It was completely white and had an outline like a saucer. It was very visible. The other ones seemed to be protecting it.

"My parakeets were going crazy. They were screeching at the top of their lungs. Dogs were barking everywhere."

Neighbors Saw Them Too

Canterino called two neighbors, who also saw the objects. They describe the closest of the flying machines as being about a quarter-mile away, about 70 feet above the ground, 25 feet in diameter, and equipped with red, green and blue flashing lights. "It had this cloud around it, and was making a humming noise," Canterino says.

She watched it for 50 minutes before it began emitting a series of loud beeps, shot straight up and disappeared into space. The other two objects disappeared in the same manner and at the same time.

Marna Azar, a friend and neighbor of Canterino, has now seen the object twice. She says she first sighted it on August 31, about 2:30 a.m.

"I was just coming home and I saw these bright

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Over Grossmont Hospital

flashing lights, just above the apartment building next to mine. It was about four stories up.

"At first I thought it was a plane, but it didn't move. When I realized it wasn't moving, I ran into my apartment and locked the door."

Azar says that later that morning she was awakened by a loud vacuum cleaner-type humming that continued for about a minute "I was too afraid to look outside, and see if it was still there.

"When Kathleen called me Wednesday morning, and I looked outside, I knew immediately that it was the same thing I had seen before. It was higher this time, but there's no doubt it was the same thing."

A Most Interesting Sighting

A security guard at Grossmont Center also reported that he saw a red light in the sky and heard a humming noise about the same time that Canterino spotted the first object. However, he thought it was a sheriff's helicopter, and did not investigate.

All of this adds up to a most interesting UFO sighting, says Robert Garis, field investigator for the Center For UFO Studies. "Most UFO sightings we receive at the

center are nocturnal lights that streak across the sky. It is very unusual since it was this low."

Garis receives about 1,000 calls on UFOs each year in San Diego; only two or three of those are determined to be solid UFO cases after investigation.

Significant, says Garis, is the number of witnesses in this case, the fact that animals were disturbed by it, and that the object appeared to be sucking energy from the earth.

So far, the Center's efforts to explain the phenomenon have proved fruitless. All sheriff's helicopters were grounded at the time, says Sgt. John Mander. "If it had been a helicopter the whoop, whoop, whoop of the blade could have been heard at that elevation."

Radar at Miramar Air Station did not pick up anything unusual; Gillespie Field tower was closed so no private aircraft were taking off or landing.

Although La Mesa police received at least two telephone calls about the sighting, no officers were sent out to investigate.

"We're hoping that someone will come forth and offer an explanation," says Garis.

Sept. 13, 1977 Southwest Times Record—Fort Smith, Ark.

Woman not positive, but object could be UFO

By DAVIS WOODS

It was Tuesday night, about 10 o'clock, when a 29-year-old Alma woman left a relative's house on the outskirts of Alma and headed home with her four children in the family jeep.

She had driven about three-fourths of a mile down Red Hill Road when she spotted something.

"It looked like a falling star, it came down so fast," says the mother.

It was not, at least as far as she and

her 14-year-old daughter and her 9-year old son are concerned, a falling star. Exactly what it was, or is, she's not quite sure. It has all the classical signs of a UFO sighting.

Convincingly the woman tells this story.

The object came from the southwest, stopped over a pasture adjacent to the road about 40 yards away from the truck and was about "tree level."

It hovered around the corner of the pasture nearest her, spotlighting the

area for about 10 minutes. Then it headed off in a southerly direction, while she left in the opposite one. She lost sight of it through the trees. She never did see it land.

"I have tried and tried to think of what to compare it to," she says, describing the experience to Bill Pitts, an official investigator of UFOs.

Pitts says the sighting is credible. "I am convinced she saw something. Exactly what she did see, I don't know."

In size, the woman says it was "larger

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than a blimp" rounded in front, but concave in back with red lights.

"It did not make a sound, not even a mmmmm (imitates whirring sound)," she says.

Although she had some trouble describing it, she did draw a picture, which Pitts has. He says another interesting thing about the sighting is her drawing conforms to sketches made of other credible sightings. "It is not the usual saucer-shaped drawing."

The drawing depicted a "hump" on

top of the craft, where the spotlight was.

Pitts, during the nearly hour and a half he spent with the woman, questioned her thoroughly and meticulously, trying to determine what she saw.

For instance, although she says it was at tree level, Pitts brought out that she never did see the object descend in front of the trees, which would have been a sure guidepost as to its height.

What did she see? Well, she obviously isn't sure. She ran off a list of identified

flying objects, saying it did not look like any of them.

"One of the kids even thought it was a satellite," she says.

Pitts noted one of the things which add credibility to her sighting is the fact she did try to explain it away.

"She did not call up and say she had seen a flying saucer with little green men walking around," Pitts said.

She did not report the incident to local law enforcement authorities.

KINGSTONIAN, (Kingston, N.H.) — October 12, 1977

CR: G. Fawcett



BETTY HILL, center, was the guest speaker recently at a Project LEARN program on UFOs in the Church on the Plains. Shown with Mrs. Hill are Barbara Comeau, left, and Eleanor Clark, right. (Smith Photo)

Landing Area Near Kingston?

KINGSTON — According to Betty Hill of Portsmouth, formerly of Kingston, unidentified flying objects are landing in the Kingston area on a regular basis.

Mrs. Hill was guest speaker on that subject recently at the Church on the Plains sponsored by Project LEARN. She and her late husband, Barney, claimed that they were taken aboard a spaceship in 1961 after being forced off the road in their vehicle off Route 3 in Ashland onto a side road. While in the spaceship, they were given physical examinations before being released.

According to Mrs. Hill, 57, she has seen

five UFOs on the ground within the last year at an undisclosed site within five miles of this community, which she has termed a "landing area." She refused to identify the location of the landing area because she doesn't want "bumper to bumper traffic there." She said a number of scientists, police officials and military personnel have visited the landing area with her and viewed UFOs. Her mother, Mrs. Florence Barrett of Kingston confirmed that she, too, has seen the UFOs at the landing area.

Mrs. Hill believes in UFOs and wants to find out why they are here.

Log Cabin Democrat—Conway, Ark., Wednesday, Oct. 12, 1977

'Red object' is reported in sky

The telephone was busy at Conway police headquarters last night with inquiries of a "red object in the sky."

One caller said "It looked like a large red door."

Neither Arkansas State Police nor Little Rock Air Force Base authorities had any information about such an object.

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Houston, TX

Oct. 8, 1977

CR: M. Hall

UFOs are studied by France

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Chicago — A French government agency has begun to study the phenomenon of unidentified flying objects.

J. Allen Hynek, professor of astronomy at Northwestern University and director of the Center for UFO Studies, said the study is the first of its kind to be funded by any government.

The French National Center for Space Studies (CNES), has created a research group which has asked Hynek's organization for cooperation.

Hynek told reporters that CNES is equivalent to our National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "The implications of this step taken by the French government are far-reaching," Hynek said. "It points up to the growing interest on an official level and recognition of the serious nature of the UFO phenomenon," he added.

Hynek has been studying UFO reports since 1948.

"There will now be an official government group — unfortunately in another country — that is going to take this thing seriously," he said.

"All of our data is available to them. We have computer data on 60,000 cases. The great difference between our work and what the French will be doing is they will be properly funded."

Hynek hedged when asked if he personally believes the Earth has been visited by beings from other worlds.

"It is possible," he said.



"GAZETTE" AUSTRALIA

Nunawading, Vic.

24 AUG 1977

Two see 'flying object'

A mysterious, illuminated object was sighted hovering over Blackburn South and Box Hill South by a woman and her engineering student son last Wednesday evening at about 8 p.m.

Mrs Sally Kirwood, a mathematics teacher, of Berl Crt., Blackburn South, said she had first heard a "whooshing" sound overhead like the sound of a blowlamp.

She had then seen an elongated object lowdown in the sky in the direction of South Box Hill.

The object had a row of colored lights right across it.

Thunder

When the sound had first been heard it was also like a clap of thunder.

Mrs Kirwood said she had called to her 19-year-old son Geoffrey, an electrical engineering student at Swinburne.

They had both watched the object for from six to 10 minutes as it had moved slowly and silently away towards the west before disappearing from sight.

Mrs Kirwood said she had phoned Tullamarine Airport to ask whether there might have been any unusual aircraft activity at the time and also D24 to inquire but had been "more or less laughed at."

She said the object could not possibly have been a helicopter.

She and her son had been able to watch it from the upper storey of their house which had a view over South Box Hill.

ENGLAND
Southern Evening Echo, Southampton

- 2 SEP 1977

Police 'cop' UFO

THE Romsey policemen were quite sure they saw it . . . but they don't know what it is.

"It was giving off different coloured lights, and hovering in the sky . . . several of us stood and watched it for some time," said one constable.

The UFO was "copped" over Romsey on Wednesday night, the police revealed. And it was seen elsewhere.

Romsey police took an excited call from North Baddesley about a flying object "seen by a dozen people through night glasses" says their report of the incident. It was described as spherical, emitting green, blue and red lights and at one stage, said the informant, it split into two.

Police checked Eastleigh Airport (no answer) and Hurn Airport ("They didn't want to know"). The object was last seen heading towards Winchester.

ENGLAND
Western Independent, Plymouth

- 4 SEP 1977

New UFO spotted

A FLYING saucer took a close look at South Devon on Friday, says a UFO-spotter who claims to have watched a craft with flashing lights travel from Manaton over Newton Abbot towards Brixham.

Mr. Robert Wyse of the Devon UFO Centre in Market Street, Torquay, says he saw an object with revolving blue flashing lights and one red light from his look-out point at Haytor at 10.30 p.m. for 12 minutes.

ENGLAND
Bath & Wilts Chronicle
30 AUG 1977

Flying saucer 'jammed camera'

TROWBRIDGE factory worker, Bridgette Chivers, today revealed that her camera, filled with infra-red film, mysteriously jammed as she was about to photograph a flying saucer landing on Cradle Hill, Warminster.

"The shutter jammed as I was about to take a picture of the craft," she said. "The infra-red film would have enabled me to take clear pictures in the dark."

"Funnily enough the camera works perfectly now. I don't know what happened to it."

Quick-thinking Bridgette, 25, changed to her Kodak Instamatic to snap the saucer before it disappeared into thin air.

Today Bridgette, who works at Bowyers, was waiting at her home in Eden Grove, Whitley, for the colour film to be developed. As she waited she wrote an account of the bizarre incident and drew a picture of the craft.

"I saw the saucer just before midnight on Sunday," she said. "It was shaped like an inverted cone standing in a shallow dish."

"There was a circle of green and pink lights around the body and a large white light at the top of the cone."

"It was just like a small blue light when I first saw it. It appeared to be coming down and then it landed and then disappeared, leaving a yellow musty colour."

Miss Chivers is a member of UFO Info, an organisation which keeps watch for flying objects. She spends two nights a week in the Cradle Hill area on the look-out for UFOs.

She has seen UFOs in the Melksham area and near Cradle Hill before Sunday's sighting.

There are reports that on the same night a UFO was spotted in Trowbridge and yesterday there was a sighting near Warminster.

ENGLAND
Evening Gazette

MIDDLESBROUGH

26 AUG 1977

Shopping with a UFO

ETHEL JACKSON got a nasty shock when she popped out to the shop . . . she saw what she thinks was a flying saucer.

Mrs. Jackson, of Broxa Close, Redcar, claims the UFO was "just like you see in the cartoons."

"It was a massive round shaped thing and it came down really low. It fascinated me. I never believed in flying saucers before, but I do now."

She spotted it as she walked her dogs along the Lakes Estate, about nine o'clock last night.

"It seemed to be keeping close to a rain cloud. It looked like there were little windows on it. It was much bigger than a car and was silver underneath. It didn't make any

noise. I watched it for a long time before it headed off in the direction of ICI."

Cleveland Police says they have received no reports of sightings, but Mr. Brian Straight, of Chrysis, an organisation for the study of UFOs, said his group would be investigating.

He said: "This is similar to reports we have had in the past when we have eventually found that the moon has been partially obscured by clouds—and this can give the impression of seeing a saucer-shaped object. Last night the moon was low in the sky, and this would perhaps explain the sighting, but we'll be looking into it in greater detail."

ENGLAND

Westmorland Gazette, Kendal

- 2 SEP 1977

In the sky at midnight

TWO separate sightings of UFOs seen at about midnight on Saturday have been reported to the Gazette.

A large, silent object in the sky, displaying two lights, baffled Mr J. R. Currie as he was returning home to New Redbridge Farm, Silverdale, just after midnight.

He told the Gazette that as he was approaching his house in the car he noticed this object in the sky, and after stopping the car outside the house he dashed indoors to get his binoculars. By the time he got outside it had passed overhead and he could no longer see the lights.

"There was absolutely no sound", he said, "and the two lights must have been facing front as they could not be seen from the rear. It came overland and went across Morecambe Bay in the direction of Heysham. It was difficult to estimate the height at which it was travelling, but I should say about 400 or 500ft".

Mr and Mrs Jack Platt, of "Fairmile", Haggs Lane, Cartmel, were entertaining visitors at their home on Saturday.

At about midnight Mrs Platt walked into the garden with her guests to see the full moon shining overhead when suddenly they became aware of four strange lights in the sky.

They thought the lights must be attached to some object which they could not distinguish. For a time the lights hovered over Hampsfell but there was no sound of any engine.

Eventually they moved slowly away towards the Cartmel Fell area and then returned, headed towards Grange, and disappeared.

Mrs Platt said: "I have watched TV programmes about such objects but have never actually seen anything like this before myself.

"I couldn't sleep during the night for thinking about it. I wonder if anyone else in the area saw these lights".

ENGLAND

EVENING TELEGRAPH

Peterborough

Sept. 5, 1977



Chris Shuell looks to the sky after reporting his "UFO" sighting.

City man sights UFO trio

THREE UFOs were sighted over Peterborough at the weekend — adding more evidence to a prediction that this year would see a big increase in such activity.

The three large cigar-shaped objects were seen flying at a high altitude at "phenomenal" speed by Mr Chris Shuell (32), of 141 Eastern Avenue, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough.

"I telephoned the *Daily Mirror* and they said they had a report of three UFOs south of the Thames," he said.

Mr Shuell said the objects were travelling in a south-easterly direction, and gave off a dim, glimmering, orange-brown colour.

"I went outside at about 10.25 pm on Friday," said Mr Shuell today. "I saw these lights and thought: 'I must be dreaming; it can't be real'.

"At first they were flying side by side but then the middle one shot forward to form a triangle.

"The speed they moved at was absolutely phenomenal. I estimate they were travelling at 2,000 mph and were 200 to 600 feet long."

A spokesman for RAF Wittering said there were no aeroplanes flying from the station on Friday night.

ENGLAND

Kent Messenger, Maidstone

- 9 SEP 1977

Mystery of big orange 'roll' in sky

A COUPLE travelling in their car saw an enormous orange object ahead of them in the sky on Saturday night.

Mrs Pamela Bance, 24, of Sevenoaks Road, Borough Green, said: "It was massive. It was the shape of a bridge roll, bright orangy-red with two black holes at the front."

She and her husband David, 27, were driving from Ightham to Borough Green, at 10.40 pm when they saw the UFO.

They followed the object, which was about half a mile up in the sky,

but lost it as they approached Borough Green.

Then they turned down the High Street and spotted it again. Mr Bance stopped the car and the couple watched as the object decreased in size and disappeared.

Mrs Bance said: "We knew it was not a plane or anything like that."

"We both drew it when we got home to make sure we had seen the same thing and our drawings were exactly the same. Somebody else must have spotted it."

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "We did not have any other reports of sightings in this area at the weekend."

ENGLAND

Stourbridge County Express,
West Midlands

2 SEP 1977

'Shocked' by UFO

A Stourbridge man claims to have sighted an unidentified flying object.

Martin Yardley, aged 26, of Wheeler Street, told the County Express he saw a large metallic shape glowing in the night sky above the town on Sunday.

"I had just returned from my mother-in-law's and put my car in my garage in Green Street when I happened to look up at the sky," he said.

"I saw a large red object with a yellow underside fluttering. At first I thought it was someone flying a kite but I looked closer and it was like a piece of glowing metal."

"It came from the direction of Halesowen, then it seemed to go

over the top of Kennedy Court flats and off towards Dudley. It was moving at a terrific rate and I saw it for about 20 seconds."

He added: "It was a lovely clear night with plenty of moonlight and I'm sure it wasn't a plane. I've never been a great believer in unidentified flying objects and I don't go round looking for them. It was quite a shock for me — I went to phone my mother-in-law and went down the wrong street."

Mr Yardley, a tool setter for a Stourbridge firm, reported the sighting to the police.

"The police said they would pass it on to the UFO spotters' association."

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- 1) City and Country of incident: 19 de Abril, Rocha, Uruguay
- 2) Date of incident: 8/5/77
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, 8/6/77
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

FLYING SAUCER ATTACKED A RURAL WORKER IN URUGUAY: IT MADE HIM FAINT AND BURNED HIS HAIR

Montevideo, 6 (ANSA) - A new mystery chapter about the existence of UFOs commenced in Uruguay, when an enigmatic event that happened in the early hours of last morning near the town 19 de Abril of the department of Rocha (200 km East of Montevideo), was published. A rural worker fainted and his hair was burned after seeing a strange object that emitted a strong beam of greenish light.

Santiago Laco Ozano, 32, was milking cows in the "estancia" where he works, when he suddenly heard a strange noise and simultaneously the area was intensely illuminated 300 meters all around him. According to his later statements, he searched the place, seeing in the sky a small object that gave off a powerful light beam. At that moment he fainted and shortly thereafter, upon recovering, he noticed his hair was burnt.

Laco Ozano was taken to the hospital in Rocha where it was verified however, that his scalp had no lesions.

At the hospital he was submitted to a psychiatric examination by specialist Clemente Sazbon, who in principle concluded that the protagonist of the terrifying event is a normal person, without any background of mental disorders.

He added that in spite of the witness not being a cultured man, his testimony in principle should not be doubted, and he estimates that Laco Ozano was unconscious for approximately five minutes after hearing what he termed "the explosion of a gas container".

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- 1) City and country of incident: Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
 - 2) Date of incident: -
 - 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, 8/10/77
 - 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOs KEEP ON ANNOYING

Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 10 (EFE) - Several UFOs were seen the last days over the beaches of this city.

The UFOs which descended several times over the site, seemed to be reconnoitering and were detected by several people on the beach. A police lieutenant, who arrived trying to find out what was going on, stated: "I saw it too several times".

There are craft of different shapes which give off colored lights and at times remain quiet in the sky or rapidly climb or fall.

Several UFOs have been detected in different places over Colombia, especially in Bogotá, Cali and Cartagena de Indias, but it was not possible to find out anything about them

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- 1) City and country of incident: Montecchio, Italy
 - 2) Date of incident: 8/13/77
 - 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, 8/14/77
 - 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO LIKE A "BALL OF CREAM"

Reggio Emilia, 14 (ANSA) - A UFO was seen last night after one o'clock by a group of people in the rural area of Montecchio, 15 km from Reggio Emilia. According to descriptions it was an oval mass 3 to 6 meters long which gave off a white light and intermittent green flashes. The first alarm was given by three people who stopped in front of the parish house of Aiola de Montecchio to tell the parson and others what they had seen.

* More witnesses

A line of cars was immediately organized, which, with the parson leading the way, went to the place. "It looked like a ball of fosforescent cream, suspended some 70 centimeters from the ground", said the parson later, recognizing he was unable to explain the phenomenon.

- 1) City and country of incident: North of Gaifana and Nocera, Italy
- 2) Date of incident: August 14, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, 8/16/77
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THOUGH YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT, A UFO LEFT TRACES

Nocera Umbra, Italy, 16 (ANSA) - A stone picked up two days after the sighting of an alleged "UFO" still maintained an intense heat as if a strong energy had been discharged on it. This is the most interesting element picked up by three young students of the university group of parapsychological research of Perugia, in the north of Gaifana and Nocera, and they are presently investigating an unidentified object seen by some people two nights ago.

Some witnesses reported having seen a cone-shaped, one meter tall, UFO. One of them said he had tried to butt the object with his car but had been unable to come near it.

Afterwards, the alleged UFO dissolved precisely (sic-JT) in the area where, according to the witnesses, it had disappeared. The three researchers took samples of the ground for analysis and many photographs to perform new tests.

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- 1) City and country of incident: Olavarría, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina
 - 2) Date of incident: -
 - 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón - 8/28/77
 - 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THREE YOUNG MEN FISHING IN A LAKE IN OLAVARRIA CLAIMED HAVING SEEN A UFO WHICH ADOPTED STRANGE SHAPES UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED

Bahía Blanca - In Olavarría, three young workshop laborers who were fishing in a nearby lake saw in full daylight the manoeuvres of a brilliant unknown object. Rubén Lacay, José San Sebastián and N. Román camped in the Salada Chica, near the Carril lake, towards which they then drove in a pickup, and when they were ready to fish mackerels (pejerrey), they witnessed what they at first had taken for a "star", which they thought was Venus or the Morning Star, but which later started to move. The UFO then changed position, showing itself as a luminous cross. They also thought it resembled a globe with a ring around it, similar to those of Saturn. Its domes, according to the astonished fishermen, reflected their luminosity upon the ring area. "Its movements up, down and to both sides, inside a fixed point, made us recall the lively flight of a humming bird", they said. The object stood thus for some 15 minutes. Then a cloud crossed it without darkening it completely, reappearing in its full splendor before the eyes of the surprised witnesses, until the same was repeated with a second cloud, and it finally disappeared. "It simply vanished", expressed the astonished witnesses of that experience.

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- 1) City and country of incident: Sturno, Italy/Paris, France
 - 2) Date of incident: August 30, 1977/--
 - 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, 9/2/77
 - 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A GIANT "EXTRATERRESTRIAL IN ITALY

Avellino, 1 (ANSA) - A figure of more than 2 meters tall with a silvery "overall" and a helmet with two intermittent orange lights is the "extra-terrestrial" seven people claim having seen two nights ago, in the outskirts of Sturno, a town of Alta Irpinia, some 40 km from Avellino, in Southern Italy.

Two young men, university students Rocco Carullo and Michele Giovanelli were taking a walk when they suddenly claimed having seen the infernal machine surrounded by blinding lights. After running away very frightened, they returned to the place accompanied by five friends who testified having seen the "extraterrestrial" who walked slowly but with fear. "At a given moment -said one of the witnesses- we beamed the light of a flashlight against the "martian" and from the helmet came a very blinding light; then we ran off again".

- 1) City and country of incident: Sierra Madre, México
- 2) Date of incident: August, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, September 5, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO TRAVELERS SEARCHED FOR

México, 5 (EFE) - Mexican soldiers are looking for some "little men with square feet and luminous suits who dropped from the sky about a month ago", reports the local newspaper "La Prensa".

The military activity, officially denied, takes place in the western Sierra Madre where, according to the paper, a UFO crashed a month ago. Several of the UFO crew escaped alive, states the paper, which adds that two of the extraterrestrials died later.

At least 200 soldiers of the Mexican Army have been detached to the place to be searched and a gendarme, Ernesto Salazar, claimed having led a group of soldiers to a place near where the flying saucer crashed.

- 1) City and country of incident: Tavnäs - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: September 8, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Östersunds-Posten, September 9, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Östersund, Sweden

SAUCER (?) IN TAVNÄS

The light from the object - stronger then from a car's headlights - were so strong that it clearly reflected in the water of Landsomfjärden. The object could not have been a comet, because it had no tail - nor a helicopter. The speed was too high and the movement was soundless. The height from the ground was estimated to 300-500 feet and the object moved towards northeast over Landsomfjärden to Tavnäs. All the time on the same height.

This above was related for Bräcke's police inspector Kjell Nordlund by Lars Edler in Tavnäs. He was on his yard last night at about 8.15 p.m., when he spotted this strange strong light from a space object. Edler decided at once to phone the police and report what he had seen. He means thar somebody else must have seen the strange light at the same time. He has never himself seen anything similiar.

- 1) City and country of incident: Borgholm - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident: September 20, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Barometern, September 27, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Kalmar, Sweden

WHAT WAS THIS? MYSTERIOUS BALL WITH TAIL LIGHTED KALMAR SOUND

- We are absolutely sure that it was a flying saucer that we saw aobe Kalmar sound last Tuesday, Ragnar Carlsson and Arne Södergren claim. We were out fishing. At 2 a.m. a large shining ball rose at Revsudden. The ball went straight up a couple of miles. For about 10 minutes it radiated beams at one side and smaller beams towards the ground. The whole water surface was lighted of a blinding light cloud that during half an hour after the ball had moved north and disappeared with about the same speed as an airplane.

- 1) City and country of incident: Västervik - SWEDEN
- 2) Date of incident. September 20, 1977
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Västerviks-Tidningen, September 28, 1977
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Västervik, Sweden

THE FLYING SAUCER ALSO SEEN OVER VÄSTERVIK!

- I also saw the yellow and ball shaped object in the sky. It was a tremendous event. A enormous fiery light spread over the sky and forest at Vitudden and Grantorpet was lighted too.

That's what securita gurad Rune Torstensson tells. The night to Tuesday last week he wittnessed a flying saucer above Skeppsbrofjärden.

Rune spotted a large shing ball on 1500-3000 feet height. The ball then rose to higher altitude and sent beams all over Skeppsbrofjärden, like a welling light. The water was lighted.

The object the continued towards north after hovering still for several minutes on the saå e height. Rune saw the object between 2-2.30 a.m.



Skunk-ape seer moves out takes photograph with him

By PHILLIP E. SLOAN
Staff Writer

KEY LARGO — Charlie Stoeckmann, who last week gained nationwide attention for his reported sightings of a skunk ape beginning on July 14, said Monday he expected to be moved out of the Keys by today, and would like to forget he had ever seen the legendary creature.

Since that first sighting, when Mr. Stoeckmann and his son Charlie Jr., were out bottle hunting in swamps near their isolated oceanside home between mile marker 94 and 95, the skunk ape has been reported to have returned more than a

dozen times, leaving Mr. Stoeckmann and his wife, Leslie, in a state of constant fear, turning their nights into nightmares, and bringing out curiosity seekers and newsmen by the score.

On Friday, Mr. Stoeckmann received all the proof he needed to convince himself the skunk ape was real. That was the day he picked up a roll of film he had left for developing at Eckerds in Key Largo. The prints from Eckerds included one of a field in which Mr. Stoeckmann claims to have seen the skunk ape after dark on July 21.

The color photo, taken with Mr. Stoeckmann's instamatic camera with a flash-cube from more than 30 feet away, shows the field as a mostly purple, characteristic of underexposed color film.

In the center of the purple is a brownish blur, less than an inch long, with the shape of a human being, or, perhaps, skunk ape. Little detail is present.

On Friday night, Mr. Stoeckmann found additional evidence of the skunk ape near his home. Three large piles of fecal droppings were present in the field of which he had taken the photograph of the skunk ape.

W. Ted Ernst a Big Pine Key attorney who is secretary treasurer of the American Anthropological Research Foundation, Inc., an organization dedicated to the study of the skunk ape, or Big Foot, says that if the feces are analyzed by scientists it can be determined if they are attributable to any known animal.

Mr. Ernst has twice visited the Stoeckmann home and observed Mr. Stoeckmann's photographs. He says the photo neither proves nor disproves Mr. Stoeckmann's sightings. However, Mr. Ernst said he "sincerely believes something is out there in the swamps," near the Stoeckmann home.

"Whether or not it is a skunk ape doesn't really matter to me," the attorney added, explaining he is convinced skunk apes exist, and is positive there is at least one in the Everglades. Pervasive in Indian and European myths, a skunk ape could swim to the Keys, Mr. Ernst said.

He also indicated that it is not unreasonable to assume there is a resident skunk ape on Key Largo. Mr. Ernst said that skunk apes have been reported in Key Largo several times during past years.

Some long-time Keys residents speculate that the skunk ape sighted by Mr. Stoeckmann may in fact be a monkey, descended from some monkeys who got loose in the Upper Keys during the past 30 years.

Ann Miller of Marathon, formerly of the Upper Keys, contacted the Keynoter Monday and reported that in 1947, several monkeys got loose from their cages on Plantation Key, near the present site of the Seabreeze Trailer Park.

Kenny McKenney of Theatre of the Sea on Windley Key said that in the 1950's and 1960's, as many as 20 monkeys escaped from his family's tourist attraction.

Bernard Russell of Islamorada says he remembers that monkeys from Theatre of the Sea that got loose during the 1960 Hurricane Donna were seen and fed for several years by a resident of Windley Key.

As both male and female monkeys were present at Theatre of the Sea, it is possible they have reproduced, and that their descendants still romp the Keys wild.

However, none of the monkeys were large-sized apes, making them or their descendants unlikely candidates for a skunk ape, which Mr. Stoeckmann says is between seven and eight feet tall.

"It definitely isn't a monkey," he said Monday.

The Stoeckmanns were to leave the Keys without a forwarding address. Their only desire, according to Mr. Stoeckmann, was to leave.



CP Wirephoto

George Mussallem

Sasquatch bill

George Mussallem (SC—Dewdney) introduced a private member's bill in the British Columbia legislature Thursday which calls for the protection and preservation of the sasquatch.

In a press release accompanying the bill, Mussallem said the mysterious creature "has captured the imagination of all who live within range of its natural habitat."

In prose a little closer to Mel Brooks than to Edgar Allen Poe, he described his particular brush with the "mythical" creature at a Canadian Forest Products logging camp near Harrison Bay on a "blisteringly hot summer's day."

"As dusk thickened, the loggers, 50 or 60 strong, huddled in the stifling heat of their bunk houses. When I asked the reason for this unexplicable behaviour, my query met with silence.

"Only with the greatest reluctance did the men admit to their fear of the great sasquatch," he said.

"Alone, outside, I was eerily aware of something or someone watching me from behind the dense cove of bush. No one ventured out into the open that night."

Mussallem noted he is presenting the bill at the request of the Harrison Hot Springs town council.

He said the onus would be on educational facilities to investigate the possible existence of the animals. He said if any ordinary citizen spots a sasquatch he should protect it.

If this is done, it may lend something to the origins of man, he said.

LEADER POST, Regina, Saskatchewan
Aug. 12, 1977 CR: D. Glover

CANADA

THE KEYNOTER, Marathon, Florida
Aug. 4, 1977 CR: M. Hall

Big Foot spotted

NORTH OGDEN, Utah (UPI) — Eight North Ogden residents claim they spotted Bigfoot, the legendary creature of the western mountains, while hiking in Weber County.

Simi Valley, Calif.
Enterprise Sun & News

AUG 28 1977

The eight said they saw a 10-foot tall creature covered with a mantle of white hair while they were hiking to a ridge at the head of the Weber River Drainage between Pass Lake

in Utah

and Cuberant Basin last Monday.

Jay Barker said the group looked down and saw the apelike creature at the edge of a small alpine lake.

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8 Hikers Spot Elusive 'Big Foot' In High Uintahs

By BERT STRAND
Outdoor Editor

Two North Ogden men and six young companions said today they watched a "gorilla-like" creature in the High Uintah Mountains that matched reports of "Big Foot."

Jay Barker of 1350 E. 2600 N., who has hunted big game animals for years in the area, said the creature was estimated at being 10 feet tall.

He said it was covered with a white mantle of hair over its shoulders and half-way down its huge body.

The lower portion of the creature was dark colored, said Mr. Barker who said after it spotted his party it ambled off on its hind legs.

HIKES TO RIDGE

Mr. Barker and his two sons Brent, 12, and Danny, 6, had hiked to the top of the ridge between Pass Lake and Cuberant Basin at the head of the Weber River drainage.

They reached the top of the ridge at noon Monday and made contact with Larry Beeson of 1311 E. 2600 N., and his three sons, Scott, 14, Michael, 11, David, 5, and Paul Carling, 14, of 1284 E. 2500 N.

About that time, they looked down upon a small alpine lake about one half mile below them and saw the creature standing at its edge.

CREATURE TURNS

At first, Mr. Barker thought he was looking at an elk. Then the creature turned to look up at the party after a couple of the boys had knocked rocks loose that rolled.

"What are we looking at?" said an amazed Mr. Beeson as the creature turned and walked off on its hind legs.

Mr. Barker said the distance was too far to get a good look at the creature's face, but he said it moved through scattered trees, turning its head back to look at them from time to time.

FOUR MINUTES

He said they watched it for some four minutes while it covered about one half mile through the scattered trees and then disappeared into heavy timber.

Startled and almost dumbfounded, the group stared. "That thing is standing on two legs," said one member of the amazed party as they looked.

Mr. Barker said the party went down to where they had seen the creature after it disappeared. They found "paw-

like" imprints in the earth, but the ground was too hard and dry to leave a clear imprint.

He said the paw mark was "huge" and resembled that made by a palm and toes. The party followed the path of the creature to the timber and found other scruff marks on rocks and in the dry ground and grass.

HEAVY TIMBER

Mr. Barker said the group thought better about following the hairy creature into the heavy timber.

Excited and unable to sleep, Mr. Barker said he and his boys were too tired after their experience to make the return trip of over six miles back to their camper near Pass Lake.

They spent Monday night huddled about a campfire at Fish Lake near where the creature had been seen and came out Tuesday.

Mr. Barker estimated the elevation of the small lake where the creature was seen at about 12,000 feet. It was above timber line.

SHEEP SCARED

He also said a sheepherder in the Gold Hills area below, Arlo Fawcett of Roy, reported he has been unable to get his sheep to stay in the area where the creature was seen.

Mr. Fawcett reportedly said he would take his sheep into the area to graze, and they would beat him back to camp, apparently filled with fear.

The herder also said it's the first summer this has happened. It's also the first summer that he has failed to see or hear coyotes in the area.

Utah wildlife officials, informed of the incident, said they will ride into the area on horses to check the area.

FITS GRIZZLY

Jerry Dahlberg, conservation officer, northern region, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, when informed of the creature, said the description fits a grizzly bear "to a T," all except walking upright for such a long distance.

Officer Dahlberg says he plans a horseback trip into the area over the Labor Day weekend.

Mr. Beeson said when they reached the area where the hairy creature was seen, they found the carcass of a rabbit that had been completely "skinned as by a human" and partially eaten.

UNUSUAL CREATURE

'Big Foot' Report Attracting Many

By BERT STRAND
Outdoor Editor

Backpackers, hikers and horsemen are reported headed into the High Uinta Mountains today after a report a creature matching "Big Foot" had been seen.

Two North Ogden men and their six young companions reported Thursday they watched the "gorilla-like creature for four minutes near a small pond in the Cuberant Basin area northwest of Mirror Lake.

The creature was estimated at 10 feet tall and covered with a white mantle of hair over its shoulders and half-way down its huge body.

"Meanwhile, a state wildlife official said the presence of a grizzly bear in that area would be "extremely rare."

Dexter Pitman, northern region, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, said the animal would have had to travel all the way from the Yellowstone Park area.

Another wildlife officer said that large grizzly bears have a mantle of white hair over their shoulders and extending to their bellies.

Jerry Dahlberg, also said he planned a horseback trip into the area over the Labor Day weekend to check on the creature, "no matter what it is."

Officers and others also report they have observed grizzly bears run for quite a distance on their hind legs.

Members of the party who

saw the creature said it was about a half-mile away and ran off on its hind legs after seeing them.

The party also found huge paw-like tracks where they had seen the animal, although the ground was too dry to leave a clear imprint.

The creature was estimated to have ambled off through scattered trees for about a half mile before disappearing in heavy timber.

Sheep were reportedly too frightened to graze in the area and herders said it's the first summer they have not heard or summer they have not heard or

Reports of a creature termed "Big Foot" have come from just about all parts of the world, with many concentrated in northern California and the northwest.

Books, newspapers and magazines have printed reportedly authentic sightings of the creature. Films also have reportedly been taken of such a creature and several have been shown at theaters.

Jay Barker of North Ogden who saw the creature, said he has contacted the National Big Foot Association at Hood, Ore., to give his account.

He also said the association investigates reports of "Big Foot" sightings and his will be checked out.

Mr. Barker, an experienced big game hunter, said he first thought the animal to be an elk, but a moment later realized it was not.

When it was realized the creature was standing on two legs and made man-like movements, the party was dumbfounded.

Mr. Barker said the creature was nothing like he had ever seen before and that he is certain it was not any big game animal.

He also said he has reservations about the creature being a bear as it had long arms and moved too far in an upright stance. He also said its general movements were unnatural for a bear.

Mr. Barker said since he reported the sighting, two truckers traveling through the Uinta Mountains also reported the creature ran across the highway in front of them.

Officials at the National Big Foot Association said that the creature they acknowledge is "extremely" dangerous when aroused and has already killed at least one person.

They Say They Shot Big Foot

BEND, Ore. — (AP) — The spectre of Big Foot was raised over the weekend when two Portland-area hunters raced into the Wizard Falls fish hatchery here reporting they had shot something resembling the legendary creature.

Gary Benson, 25, Tigard, and Ronald Kershney, 25, West Linn, said they shot in self-defense when they were attacked by a seven foot-tall, black-furry creature with a monkey face and silver fur at the shoulders.

They fired four times, they said, when the thing was about 110 yards away.

A state police trooper said all he could find was a stump with four bullet holes in it after the men took him to the site Sunday.

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Some say phooey to Big Foot's foot

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SUDDENLY, THERE'S A battle over Big Foot.

Disagreement would probably be the better word. Whatever you call it, the turn of events has given new hope to those of us who enjoy the legend of Big Foot or Sasquatch, the man-like creature supposedly wandering the woods of the Northwest.

Members of the Warren Francis family found 15-inch-long tracks earlier this month on a dirt logging road near their home between Crow and Lorane southwest of Eugene. Ron Olson, Eugene's best-known Big Foot hunter, examined the prints and said, "I just flat don't think they're Big Foot tracks."

Now meet Gordon Kliewer, also a Eugene Big Foot hunter. "I feel at this time that it is definitely a Sasquatch track," Kliewer said.

That is what you call a professional difference of opinion.

Warren Francis has become a true believer and cast his lot with Kliewer.

"He took plaster of paris impressions of 'em and he's going to make me up a bunch," said Francis. "I'll give you one for a paperweight. Either that or take it over to Olson and tell him what he can do with it."

That is what you call a non-professional opinion.

A recapitulation of events is in order. Mike Francis, Warren's son, spotted the tracks on Sunday, Sept. 4. The family wasn't able to contact Olson until Wednesday,

Sept. 7, and he didn't get to the scene until Saturday, Sept. 10.

Kliewer beat Olson there, visiting the hillside off Simonsen Road on Friday, Sept. 9.

"ON SATURDAY, THERE was not anything visible because we removed the soil underneath the tracks in order to lift out the cast so it wouldn't break," said Kliewer. "He (Olson) seen where I dug the cast out, that's what he seen."

Olson said he took that into consideration. "I still have to stand by what I said," he said.

Olson said the depth of the tracks in the dirt was inconsistent; the tracks didn't follow a right-foot, left-foot pattern; the 6-foot stride was too long, and there was no real evidence of tracks in the woods leading up to the road.

Kliewer disagrees on all counts. He said he found impressions leading from 50 feet back in the woods; the depth of the tracks was consistent, and the stride matches that of others he's measured. He said he believes the creature has one deformed foot, apparently explaining the illogical right-left pattern.

This isn't the first time the two have disagreed. Kliewer used to be a volunteer Big Foot hunter for Olson, but the two parted company in the early 1970s.

Olson, an independent film distributor, formed North American Wildlife Research and ultimately made a fea-

ture film, "Sasquatch, the Legend of Bigfoot." Kliewer, who runs a commercial refrigeration business and auto body repair shop, formed Pacific Coast Primate Research and went public in a big way.

He entered a Big Foot-statue float in the 1972 Oakridge Tree Planting Festival parade, appealing for public help in finding the creature. An Oakridge millworker immediately reported that he and his father-in-law had found a huge track east of Oakridge two weeks earlier.

KLIEWER TOOK A cast of the print, pronounced it authentic, and dispatched a hunting party with tranquilizer guns. Olson refused to join the search, saying the track wasn't legit and decrying "sensationalism."

Kliewer's search turned up no Big Foot. And since then, he's lowered his profile. "I am not a publicity seeker," he said when I phoned to ask about the Francis-found tracks.

"I had so many people down on me (after the Oakridge search) because I ruined their recreation," he said. "Let's just say the general public are squeamish and afraid of their own shadow after it gets dusk in the woods, and I'm not about to spoil it for them."

Kliewer also said he no longer uses a tranquilizer gun when Sasquatch-hunting. "I wouldn't want it on my conscience that I had went out here and tranquilized one and take a chance that it might die," he said. "I wouldn't want it on my conscience to walk up and find out that, my God, I'd shot a human being. . . ."

"We're working on a system to try and determine where these thing are headed. Do they migrate south in the winter months, or are they gathering in certain places and using large caverns under the lava beds for winter shelter? Do they go out and store up food stock for the winter?"

Kliewer said he's sent casts of the Simonsen Road tracks "back East" for scientific study, but won't say where.

Olson, meanwhile, has said that he's not sure what made the tracks. The owner of the property theorized that they were cuts made in the dirt by logging equipment and then elongated by an animal, possibly a cow, stepping in them, Olson said.

WARREN FRANCIS SNORTED at such speculation: "I've worked around logging equipment and I never seen any that had feet. And I never seen a cow with a 15-inch foot. If I had one, I'd put it in the Guinness Book of Records."

I'm not taking sides in this. I saw the tracks before either Kliewer or Olson and agree that they definitely appear to be those of a human-like creature. But I'm as hoax-leery as anyone and respect Olson's cautious approach and past unwillingness to jump to conclusions.

So I'll cop out and simply agree with something Francis said about Big Foot: "Me, I'd just be curious to see one."

'Old Green Eyes' seen in S. Dakota

By RAY CRIPPEN

McLAUGHLIN, S.D. (Special) — The last sighting was Wednesday night. At Little Eagle.

Nancy Chasing Hawk, Esther Thundershield and Myron Fast Horse were in the Chasing Hawk house on the edge of Little Eagle when they heard the howling and growling which others in the region have heard through the past two weeks. The dogs were barking.

The three went outside, ran to a pickup and flashed on the lights. Something "big and hairy" took off through the brush. The beams of the truck lights caught one detail which has become familiar in stories of recent days: big green eyes.

This was the most recent sighting of the big-footed creature which has stirred excitement all through this region around Mobridge, S.D., since mid-September. "I took pictures of the footprints in the riverbed — you folks in Minnesota would call it a creek bed," Merle Lofgren, publisher of the *McLaughlin Messenger*, said today. "There is no mistaking that these are footprints. They are about 24 inches long and they are about 10 feet apart. There is a distinct imprint of toes. Then there is what would appear to be long toenails," Lofgren said, describing his photos.

Lofgren said there has been a suc-

cession of reports regarding a big-footed creature stalking the nearby Little Eagle area. Among details of description on which several witnesses agree are a large creature, eight to 10 feet tall, a hairy creature, a creature that howls or growls or moans, a creature with big green eyes which reflect light beams and a creature "with a very bad odor, it smells like a dead cow."

Is it possible that someone is perpetrating a hoax? Might someone be going about in a costume?

"I don't believe that," Lofgren says. "For two reasons.

"One, it would be too dangerous. These people here are going out with guns. They are going to shoot if they get a chance.

"Second, the thing tries not to be seen. If it were someone trying a hoax I think they would go where they could be seen. These footprints that I got a photo of were found completely by chance in a very out-of-the-way place. First we had to drive four miles. Then we had to walk about four miles, much of the time in brush, to get to where the tracks were found."

Lofgren said a week has gone by with no new sightings of the creature.

"Still there is a feeling that something is around. People still are hearing those noises. The dogs bark at something."

Reports of a mysterious, ape-like, big-footed creature previously have been confined to California. Asia has the legend of the Abominable Snowman high in the Himalayas. Now there are the stories and the photographs from north central South Dakota.

McLaughlin and Little Eagle are about 10 miles apart northwest of Mobridge and west of the Missouri river.

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Hairs may confirm Bigfoot's existence

By Associated Press

SEATTLE — A local "Bigfoot" hunter says it may be possible to confirm the existence of the legendary Sasquatch through blood and hair samples.

Jon Beckjord, director of Project Grendel, a local organization of Sasquatch investigators, claims a blood sample and primate hair samples found in three states are the strongest physical evidence of the existence of the Sasquatch.

Bigfoot, or Sasquatch as it is called in the Pacific Northwest, is an ape-like creature with distinct human characteristics, according to those who claim to have seen it.

Hair samples were found after reported Sasquatch sightings in Washington, California and Maryland, Beckjord said, and were analyzed by Tom D. Moore, forensic hair expert at the Wyoming Fish and Game Laboratory.

"The three samples had sufficient common characteristics as to be able to consider them as coming from the same species of animal," Moore reported.

"The hairs could not be identified as coming from any animal found in the Wyoming mammal collection, nor as coming from a Washington black bear, gorilla, chimpanzee, orangutan, gibbon, siamang or langur monkey, or man," he added.

Never molest a skunk ape

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — If you're thinking about molesting a skunk ape, don't do it in Florida.

The legislature's House Justice Committee has approved a bill making it illegal to molest the legendary anthropoids occasionally reported seen in south Florida swamps.

The committee approved a similar bill by Rep. Paul Nuckolls, R-Fort Myers, last session, too, but it never reached the House floor.

Nuckolls rounded out his pitch this year with pictures of a purported skunk ape. He refused to vouch for their validity, but said, "If you talk to some of these people who think they've seen it, they believe it."

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'Hideous,' Furry Creature Reportedly Seen in State

GREAT FALLS (AP) — "It was hideous. It looked like a semi-truck coming at us. It took 40-foot strides."

"It" was a 15-foot-tall furry creature that charged a group of campers after one of the men fired a shotgun to frighten it away, said S. Sgt. Fred C. Wilson of Malmstrom Air Force Base here.

The account is the latest in a series of reports during the past 18 months of large, hairy creatures sighted in the Great Falls area.

Wilson said the incident occurred about 2 a.m. last Saturday, but the group members did not report it at the time because they did not think anyone would believe them. The Great Falls Tribune said one of Wilson's friends called the paper and later persuaded him to talk to a reporter.

Wilson told the Tribune the group with him included two men who work for him, his nephew and a youth whom he sponsors in the "Big Brother" program. The two other adults confirmed his account to the Tribune, but refused to be identified.

Wilson said they camped last Friday night on a ridge in Belt Creek Canyon about 20 miles southeast of Great Falls, but a rainstorm about 2 a.m. made them decide to return home.

As the men crossed a fence about 500 feet from their car, one of Wilson's companions heard a noise and turned his flashlight back along their path, Wilson said.

The group saw the creature swaying beside a willow tree that Wilson later estimated to be about 15 feet tall, he said.

It disappeared, but one of the other men fired two shots from a shotgun to frighten it, Wilson said.

Wilson said he tore his pants jumping over the fence, and when he was about 10 feet from the car saw the creature racing toward them. The group sped away and didn't stop until they reached Great Falls, Wilson said. But he said he looked back to see the creature's head looking over an embankment.

"It was hideous," he said. "It had small, apish-type eyes, a flattened nose and canine-type fangs which showed when its mouth was open. Its face was totally covered with hair. The head was oblong."

One of Wilson's companions said the creature resembled the giant monkey in the movie "Star Wars."

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