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UFO BLAMED FOR DEATH OF HORSE

One of the strangest stories of the month concerns the death of a horse at Alamosa, Colorado, sometime between Sept. 7th and the 9th. To date we have received several newspaper and radio reports and will attempt to assimilate all the facts given into this account.

When Snippy, the horse, failed to return to Harry King's ranch in the San Luis Valley, near Alamosa, on the evening of Sept. 7th, King didn't think too much about it, but when she still had not shown up two days later, he set out to look for her. He found her just a quarter-mile from the ranch house. The animal had been completely skinned. A completely smooth cut had been made around the neck and all that remained of the head and shoulders were bleached bones. The rest of the carcass, "was as perfect as the day it was killed." There were no tracks around the horse.

King returned to the site the next day with the horse's owners, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Lewis. Nothing had changed except the exposed bones were a bright pink and there was an odor. The three searched the area and found what appeared to be fifteen circular exhaust marks. They covered an area about one-hundred by fifty yards. A hundred yards north of the animal they found a three-foot bush which had been squashed to within ten inches of the ground as was all the area within a ten-foot radius of the bush. Near here Mrs. Lewis found a piece of the horse's flesh encased in a piece of the skin. She picked it up, then dropped it at once.

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DR. HYNEK TO SPEAK IN ST. LOUIS AREA

Dr. Allen Hynek, director of the Dearborn Observatory and chairman of the astronomy department of Northwestern University and UFO consultant to the Air Force, will speak on "The UFO as a Scientific Problem" at the Graham Chapel on the University College campus in St. Louis Nov. 24th at 8 pm.

Dr. Hynek's educational background would fill several paragraphs, but of chief interest to our readers is the fact that he has been a scientific consultant to the Air Force on UFO's since 1953. It is well known that while he has often stated his opinion that the Air Force investigation has been woefully unskilled and unequal to the problem of investigating UFO's, his own attitude has been mostly one of doubt until recently.

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SEDALIA MEN SEE OBJECT

William C. Rayl of 2342 W. 2nd St., Sedalia, his eleven-year old son and two other adults watched two objects move across the sky the night of Sept. 24th. The first object appeared just above the horizon in the east at 7:45 o'clock and moved across the sky to the northwest. Rayl says the object appeared as a soft white and orange glow and was, "larger than any of the stars." When it had reached the northern sky, sparks seemed to shoot off in all directions, then fall toward earth. It was in view about five minutes. In a few minutes, the second object appeared, following the same general course as the first and it too gave off sparks and disappeared from view. It was a clear night, with stars visible, and there was very little wind.

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*****With the Editor*****

We warned you we might goof once in awhile in getting SKYLOOK into orbit, and we started early! Some of our readers feel the story about Dr. Stranges' native of Venus working at the Pentagon is an insult to their intelligence. Well, you are right, of course. It seemed perfectly obvious to us his claim is pure fantasy (see September SKYLOOK) but second thoughts bring the realization that, not being personally acquainted with ye editor, our readers have no way of knowing (yet!) when we use a story because of its comic interpolation.

Now hear this! our serious credo is to "separate fact from fantasy" and we will never intentionally try to deceive a reader or color a story for sensation value. Science fiction we leave to others.

Our publisher's views on UFO's are also ours, and we quote him: "I want to see ufology become a true science, and see valid research done in this field; also I want to see the word 'believe' discarded from its jargon, 'believe' is a word to be associated with religion or philosophy

and has no place in the realm of scientific research. I never say I 'believe' in UFO's any more than I say that I believe in the theory of evolution. I 'accept' the theory of evolution and will untill a better theory comes along which can explain the OBSERVED FACTS in a more precise manner. The OBSERVED FACTS point to a theory of the existence of UFO's, our mission is that of a true scientist, to prove or disprove this theory, not to substantiate it."

Okay? Okay.

COUPLE WATCH OBJECT

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Husky, of Sedalia, were at a drive-in movie when they sighted a fast moving object one night in June, this year. They didn't recall the exact date when interviewed by Ted Phillips, Jr., but said the object approached from the south, stopped when overhead and hovered for about a minute, then headed due west and disappeared. It appeared to be a bright white light and made no sound.

STRANGE LIGHT AT ASH GROVE

Bob Stanton, of Ash Grove, his family, his parents and his brother's family all watched a strange light in the sky the night of June 30th. The sky was relatively clear and the light was described as being in a pyramid form. It hovered for some time, then moved beyond the horizon.

GOOD SIGHTING IN ARKANSAS

APRO BULLETIN, Tucson, Arizona.
On the 27th of April, Ken Kesterson, of Pine Bluff, Ark., sighted an unidentified object with blue lights which appeared to come from windows in the bottom of the object, at 10:44 pm. The object approached from the northwest and became stationary slightly west of center in the sky.

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GOOD SIGHTING IN ARKANSAS—CONTINUED

Kesterson had three other witnesses to the incident and he immediately called radio station KCLA and told the announcer to alert the city. As soon as the announcement was made the lights on the object went out and it disappeared.

UFO NEAR ARMY BASE

Larry Hill and several other witnesses say they saw a silver disc pass rapidly overhead, in the daylight, at Ft. Leonard Wood, an army base near Waynesville, last December. The object was in view over a minute. (From the files of Ted Phillips, Jr.)

UFO OBSERVED ON GROUND

A lady who does not want her name used, sends this report. She was driving alone about eleven o'clock at night on Highway 67 and about halfway between Ridgely and Exeter, five miles from Cassville, when she saw an object on the road. It covered all of one lane and half of the other. She swerved to the shoulder and kept going. She picked up her husband and they went back to the spot, but the object was gone. She described the object as being like a truck standing on end, without wheels, and it seemed to be lighted inside and shining out through a grillwork.

This happened the last week in September, and we're trying to get more on it.

SEND SKYLOOK TO A FRIEND

Don't throw your copy of SKYLOOK away. Give it to an interested friend who may become a subscriber and/or a contributor. If you want sample copies mailed, send a dime with each name and address to the publisher, John F. Kuhns.

ON THE PERSONAL SIDE

Believing the personalities of the staff and contributors to SKYLOOK are of interest to our readers, we will give some biographical facts from time to time. This month, meet

John Farrell Kuhns, student at UMKC, head of the Missouri section of APRO, and publisher of SKYLOOK.

Born in Albuquerque, N. Mex., interested in science at an early age, he started a research project (the preparation of the oxygen-acids of chromium, vanadium and manganese) as a high school senior. Lacking some necessary expensive equipment, he had to drop this for a time but has since finished his research, the results of which he hopes to have published soon in an annual chemistry publication. Completing another research project, he is now working on a third, doing graduate level research at UMKC where, as an accomplished glass blower, he makes much of the equipment he uses in his own laboratory space. He is paid a salary for some of the work he is doing and is president of the UMKC chapter of the American Chemical Society Student Affiliation.

Married this year to Carol Johnson, a part time student at UMKC and employed at Braniff International Airways, they are both amateur naturalists and rock hounds and enjoy hikes and field trips when their busy schedules permit.

John also paints--held his own exhibit in 1964, does professional photography, and is a student of the occult and psychic phenomena.

His views on UFO's are best expressed in his own words and we quote them on the editorial page.

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FIVE OBJECTS OVER ST. LOUIS

We are indebted to August W. Hearst, APRO member, for a very interesting report of five objects seen over St. Louis in May, 1963.

The observer was Monty G. Bowen-schulte, of 5213 Hilda Ave., a postal clerk with a background of four in the Air Force. He was reclining on a lounge chair on the roof of a three-story building when the five objects came into view almost directly overhead. It was about nine o'clock on a warm night with no wind and the sky was fairly dark with a few drifting clouds. The five objects were traveling in a north-easterly direction in a semi-circular formation with the one in the middle acting as leader. They were a dull orange, reflecting a little light and seeming to emit a slight exhaust. There was no sound during the minute and a half they were in view. They appeared to be revolving or spinning and when directly overhead, Mr. Bowen-schulte guessed them to be about twenty-five feet in diameter, the size decreasing as they moved away at high speed to about the size of an orange when they suddenly made a sharp, right angle turn, in formation, and disappeared over the horizon.

SAUCER HOAX IN ENGLAND

Newspaper and television carried accounts of a flying saucer hoax in southern England early in September. Six saucer shaped objects, weighing about one-hundred pounds each, silver gray in color and measuring about four feet long, two and a half feet wide and one and a half feet thick, sending out bleeps-bleeps had the air ministry, the army and air force and Scotland Yard teamed up in the investigation. After the objects were exposed as a hoax, students admitted they made the "saucers" to call attention to a drive for funds.

AT THE NEWS STAND

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

FLYING SAUCERS, Issue No. 4, a Dell magazine. Good reading with many photographs, 1967.

POPULAR SCIENCE, October issue, "The Great UFO Probe"--author asks, "Can we trust the upcoming Condon Report?" Good article on Condon's investigating methods.

NATIONAL ENQUIRER, October 1, 1967. Stanton Friedman, Westinghouse Astro-nuclear Laboratory scientist says: "Yes, Flying Saucers Come from Other Planets."

NATIONAL ENQUIRER, October 29, 1967. "300 People See UFO--Cops Call It an Optical Illusion."

SAGA, November, 1967 issue, "Fantastic Key to the Flying Saucer Mystery."

BLUEBOOK, December 1967 issue, "Why the Air Force Sits on UFO's."

AIR PROGRESS, October, 1967 issue. Good article on "UFO's From the Designer's Viewpoint."

THE FLYING SAUCER MENACE- an Award special, by Brad Steiger, \$1.00.

CHALLENGE TO SCIENCE-an Ace Book, by Jacques and Janine Vallee, 60¢. Very good.

OBJECT TRAILS SPARKS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kuntz report they both saw an orange, disc-shaped object one night in June, this year, near Jefferson City. The object was traveling at a slow speed at low altitude below the clouds and was trailing sparks. They said they had a good view and watched it for several minutes.

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Her hand began to burn and turn red and continued to burn until she washed her hands.

Further search disclosed more flattened brush and six indentations forming a circle about three feet in diameter. Each indentation was two inches across and four inches deep.

The local sheriff didn't check the scene and gave his opinion that lightning killed Snippy. King and Lewis didn't buy that.

Two weeks after the report was made, a Forest Service employee checked the area with a Geiger Counter and recorded extremely high radioactive readings from some black material, like auto exhaust, found near the scene.

Dr. Condon, who heads the Air Force UFO study at the University of Colorado, is reported to have said the story was pretty "far-fetched" and did not plan to send an investigating team to the scene.

According to reports, strange flying objects have been seen frequently in the valley for the last six months. Lewis is quoted as saying, "Any night you want to check, you see something besides airplanes." Lately, he says, the objects have been like pulsating green and white beacon lights. Others are just straight lights, moving fast.

Friday night, Oct. 6th, Mrs. King had a telephone call from a Milton Graves, of Houston, Texas, telling her two UFO's had been seen over Houston shortly after 6 pm and one seemed headed for Colorado. About three hours later Denver Superior Court Judge Charles Bennett said he, his mother and his wife saw three ring-shaped objects flying in triangular formation over Denver, accompanied by a loud, humming noise. His report was carried by the DENVER POST which also gave front page coverage to the death of the horse.

DR. HYNEK--CONTINUED

He now welcomes the new University of Colorado investigation, headed by Dr. Condon, and has stated and written his conviction that "there is something going on up there" and that "there is something that needs to be explained about the very widespread and often cogent and articulate reports on UFO's."

All in all, his lecture should be very interesting and we hope some reader who is fortunate in hearing Dr. Hynek speak will send SKYLOOK a report.

J. Schuessler, who sends us the lecture notice, says tickets may be purchased by mail with checks for \$1.75 each made payable to Alpha Sigma Lambda, who are sponsoring the evening. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Max F. Schwarze, 8511 Lydell Drive, St. Louis, Mo., 63123.

THANKS!

The editors and publisher of SKYLOOK thank the contributors who have sent in reports of UFO sightings. We request our readers to send in newspaper clippings and personal reports. If a sighting in your area makes headlines on the front pages of your home town newspapers, don't assume the same thing happened elsewhere. As you probably know, few sightings get publicity outside the area from which they were sighted. If a story you have sent us hasn't appeared, that is because it was pulled to make room for a newer and more important sighting--but we'll use it later.

This is OUR paper and only WE can keep it going. Pooling our information gives us all a better view of what is going on up there, and every sighting is one more piece of the puzzle needed to complete the picture.

FATHER AND SON SEE LIGHTS

The Reynolds County TIMES, of Independence, gave headlines to a story of a sighting in Shannon County, the night of March 28th.

An unexplainable light, almost blinding in its intensity, was witnessed about 11 pm over their farmhouse by Dairrell Broadfoot and his son, James. They also heard a noise like the roar of a motor.

James was awakened by the light shining into his bedroom. It seemed to be coming through the top of a high window in his bedroom, and he jumped out of bed calling his dad. Mr. Broadfoot saw the light shining into another room in the house, as he was dressing and said the light was so bright he had no difficulty in seeing in the room. When the two were dressed, the "roar" of sound was heard. The two rushed outside and James saw soft red lights appearing over the chicken house, east of their residence. The lights seemed to be hovering, then disappeared.

GRAVOIS MILLS SIGHTING

Another observer who does not wish publicity told Ted Phillips of a good sighting at Gravois Mills on a branch of the Lake of the Ozarks, the night of May 22nd. The man watched a large orange-red disc for about three minutes. He judged the object to be about one-thousand feet up and said it seemed to be under controlled flight, as extensive movement took place. The object flashed red, green and white lights.

DON'T MISTAKE THESE FOR UFO'S

By Ted Phillips, Jr.

The planet Venus will be a very brilliant visible object in the sky for about four hours before sunrise this month. The planet Jupiter will also be visible at about the same time in the eastern sky. There will be an eclipse of the moon October 18th.

GOOD SIGHTING IN ILLINOIS

Paul Harvey, newsman, reported on radio October 2nd that a Rockford, Ill., highway patrolman and an FAA official observed a disc-shaped object, silver in color, for some three hours. No balloons were in the area. We would like to have more details on this one.