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U.F.O. Observed Over Andover Area

An unidentified Flying Object (UFO) was observed over the Andover area around 8:10 p. m., Monday evening by many local Andover residents.

We, at the News Office, happened to be outdoors at about this time, since we had just returned from a visit at the Bethesda Hospital but were unfortunately not to have noticed the phenomena ourselves. Thus, the only point of information that we can say is of the negative type, and that is that there was no unusual noise which accompanied the flight of the UFO.

We had just entered our house when the phone rang at 8:15 and we received our first report. The lady on the phone identified herself and proceeded to tell us what she had just seen. Her description was that it was an object with a green body with red appearing flames shooting out from the back of it and over the hill towards Hornell at a very low altitude. She told us that at first she hadn't believed her own eyes and had called another lady that was in her home to the window to see it in order to verify what she had seen. Thus the object must have been visible from her home for a period of several seconds at least.

We then went down to the News Office to work and several more people stopped in to tell us what they had seen. These intelligent business people described it to us as having a bright green, tear drop shaped main body with orange and red flames apparently shooting out from the back of it traveling in a Northerly direction at a low altitude. They also reported that the Wellsville Fire Department along with a long retinue of cars had been seen heading toward Elm Valley.

We then called some other friends of ours who reported that a local resident had observed the same phenomena on the way to their home, so we talked to him. In his words he said that his first impression on viewing the UFO was that it was an airplane on fire. However, on looking it over and studying it, he saw that although it was about the size of a small plane — it didn't have any wings or tail assembly — but instead was sort of oval with a green body and long red flames shooting out in back. He said that it didn't appear to be going too fast and that it appeared from over the hill from Independence and was heading over the hill towards Hornell at such a low altitude that it was going to hit the Andover reservoir.

We then called the Wellsville Fire Department and were told that it was true that they had responded to a call reporting that a plane on fire had crashed towards Elm Valley. However, their call and investigation had been fruitless.

Next, we called the Wellsville Police Department and were informed that they had received many calls reporting the UFO. They also said that radio reports at that time had been received confirming sightings of the object from as far South as Warren, Pa., and as far North as Rochester, New York.

Early Tuesday morning we made a business trip to Salinsgrove, Pa., for the Silk Mill and found that many people in that area had also seen what appears to be the same UFO.

We talked to the Superintendent of the Port Trevorton branch of the Wm. F. Groce Throwing Company who saw the UFO from his backyard at 8:00 p. m., and his description of the object was identical with that given us by local residents.

In his words he said that the object was very low, it was about the size of a small plane, and that it appeared to be flying parallel to the ground at a fairly fast rate of speed, that the body part of it seemed to be green and orange and red flames appeared to be shooting out from the back portion of it. He also said that he had seen several meteors during his lifetime and that according to his memory this object didn't appear to be anywhere near the same.

He described the other meteors (or meteorites) as falling almost straight towards the earth burning for a short time and then going out — while this UFO just disappeared over the next hill.

We also talked to people in the Williamsport area that saw the phenomena and one of the witnesses said that it appeared over the airport and seemed to be lower than planes that were in the air at the same time. Everyone in that area agreed that it came from the South and was heading North when it disappeared over the horizon.

Tuesday, Daily Newspapers throughout this entire area carried banner headlines and big stories about the object with several scientists describing it as a meteor or some other such type of celestial body.

Dr. Thomas C. Nicholson, chairman of the Hayden Planetarium, called the object an exceptionally bright meteor that left a multi-colored, glowing vapor trail and said that it was probably 10,000 times brighter than the brightest star at night.

Dr. Nicholson is reported as saying that the fireball was probably moving 35 miles a second at an angle of 75 to 80 degrees to the earth and estimated that it was perhaps "several hundred pounds". (However, this doesn't appear to tie in with the information that we received from all of the witnesses that we talked to.)

At least two local witnesses that we have talked to since Tuesday said that it appeared to them as if the object that they saw disintegrated, and then went out — yet people in the Rochester and Oswego area reported seeing a like object going over, heading North, several minutes after it was seen in this area.

At any rate, until proven otherwise, we will not discount the possibility that this was a true UFO in the commonly accepted meaning and will eagerly await any future developments.

Little League Try-Outs Saturday April 30th

Little League Try-Outs will be held Saturday, April 30th at 10 A. M., at the New Diamond in the Grove. Boys Ages 8 - 12

RAIN DATE — The following Saturday, May 7th.

Legion Auxiliary Notice

The regular meeting of the Lynch-Burgett American Legion Auxiliary will be held Monday, May 2nd at 8 p. m.

During the business meeting the Memorial Services will be held.

Members are reminded to bring a gift for the White Elephant.

Lois Wheaton will be in charge of the refreshments.

A maple tree is usually 30 years old or more before it is tapped for syrup.



Andover News Photo

Courtesy of Wattle

Local Ice Storm Tops Trees and Downs Electric and Phone Lines

L. Reid Mattison Elected President of Olean Chapter A. I. B.

L. Reid Mattison, Assistant Vice-President and Manager of the Andover Office of the Citizens National Bank of Wellsville, was elected President of the Olean Chapter of the American Institute of Banking at the Chapter's Annual Dinner given at the Castle Restaurant in Olean on Wednesday, April 20, 1966.

Other officers elected were E. James Woodruff of Delevan, New York as Vice-President and Mrs. Helen Cole of Smethport, Pennsylvania as Secretary-Treasurer.

The American Institute of Banking is the educational section of the American Bankers Association, offering a varied educational program to every person in banking, who is a member of the Institute.

The Olean Chapter is represented by banks from Allegany and Cattaraugus counties in New York and McKean and Cameron counties in Pennsylvania.

Margaret Mary LaForge

Mrs. Margaret Mary LaForge, a life-long resident of Andover, died Wednesday, April 27, 1966 following a long illness.

She was born March 14, 1884 and her foster parents were James and Nancy Edwards Guinn.

She was twice married. On December 31, 1902 she was united in marriage to Edward Mullen. They had one son, Arthur E. Mullen, who was born November 24, 1911 and died November 9, 1912.

Later on December 27, 1945, she was united in marriage to Fred C. LaForge. Both husbands are deceased.

Mrs. LaForge was a member of the Andover Blessed Sacrament Church, the Altar Society and a former member of the Andover Firemen's Auxiliary.

Funeral arrangements are under the auspices of the Daron Funeral Home in Hornell with tentative funeral date for Saturday.

Annual C of C Minstrel Show Ready To Go

The Annual Chamber of Commerce Minstrel Show will be presented Friday and Saturday, April 29 - 30 at the Andover Central School Auditorium. The money raised by this show is the sole source of revenue for the activities of the Chamber of Commerce for the coming year.

Curtain time is 8:15 — don't miss it — there have been several changes made this year. Batman will definitely be here to entertain you!

Tickets are still available and reserved seats can be purchased at the Clothing Store and also at the door.

The End Men have some surprises for you this year that you won't want to miss and also you will want to see who gets the PIE. See you at the Show —

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Over-slaugh are the parents of a daughter, Judith Dennison, born Tuesday, April 26, 1966 at the Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip MacMichael are the parents of a 5 lb., 8-oz. daughter, born Wednesday, April 27, 1966 at the Bethesda Hospital in Hornell.

Mr. and Mrs. David Conde are the parents of a son, born Wednesday, April 27, 1966 at the St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell. Mrs. Marilyn Conde is the paternal grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Lewis are the maternal grandparents.

Firemen's Notice

The regular monthly meeting of the Andover Volunteer Firemen's Department will be held Tuesday, May 2nd at the Fire Hall at 8 p. m.

Keep On Buying Savings Bonds

A freak ice storm hit the Greenwood Hill-Independence area last night and early this morning, disrupting Electric and Phone service causing an unestimated amount of damage to lines as well as felling many branches and trees.

According to Gerald Mullen on Greenwood Hill, the electric power was cut off around 11:00 p. m., and still hadn't been restored this morning when the News Photographer was taking pictures of the scene.

Local Dairy Farmers in that area were forced to resort to electric power furnished by tractors in an effort to get their dairy herds milked.

As we go to press, Phone Service still hadn't been restored on the Hill, and it is doubtful if the electric power has been put back into operation.

Hospital Notes

Linford Potter of Independence, a surgical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, returned to his home Saturday.

Mrs. E. J. Allen, a surgical patient in the Bethesda Hospital, returned to her home today (Thursday).

Tracy Preston, 6 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Preston of Elm Valley, spent from Thursday thru Saturday in the Bethesda Hospital, where he underwent corrective surgery on his eyes.

Mrs. James Monahan is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital. She is in room 2027.

Mrs. Lydia Kenyon is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Roger Baker is a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Burns, a medical patient in the St. James Mercy Hospital, returned to her home Sunday.

Mrs. Gary Heavland, a medical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital, has returned to her home.

Mrs. James Haugh of Elm Valley is a surgical patient in the Jones Memorial Hospital.

Don't Forget The Minstrels Friday and Saturday Nights