

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

An Editorial

What would you do if you saw a UFO (unidentified flying object)? Would you report it to the News Office, Fire Company, or Police Department, — as several local people did the other night? Or would you watch it — and then keep quiet about it — for fear that someone might possibly make fun of you?

We were very pleased Monday evening when several people called us and reported what they saw in the sky around 8:10 p. m., Monday evening, and on the support of these descriptions were able to check with other people that saw the same phenomena, as well as Fire Department and Police Officials in Wellsville. (In fact, after we found out what information was available from these official sources, we notified the people that had reported it to us and let them know the result of our investigation — which took several hours.)

We, as a Newspaper, are charged with collecting news — and then disseminating it to our readers. Part of our "stock in trade" is believing what people tell us that they see, notice, or do. Of course, since what we say in the paper is a matter of public record, we are in a rather precarious position of having to verify or justify what appears in our Newspaper.

Sometimes, some of the things that we know, see, or hear about, are unable to be printed in the paper — not because we don't believe it — not because we wouldn't like to print it — but because we would be violating a confidence if we can't verify the story and justify it from our own investigation.

Part of our self-assumed obligation, we feel, is to keep our readers alerted as to what is going on in our immediate area that may affect their health, wealth or general welfare — as well as their obligation to our immediate society.

Thus, when someone calls in an unusual report or piece of information, we do not scoff at it — but instead, try to immediately find out all we can about it. If we are fortunate, like this past Monday evening regarding the UFO, the news story can be reported in every detail that we feel is important. However, if no one else had reported it, then it would be a rather difficult thing to make people believe — not because it didn't happen — but because it was so unusual that the majority of the people just wouldn't have accepted it as having been possible.

From our standpoint of view — one of the most important and necessary things to do after seeing or hearing anything unusual — is to report it as accurately and in as much detail as possible — immediately! Then we, the police, or firemen can ask pertinent questions while the event is still fresh in the minds of the person or persons reporting it. Otherwise some small but yet important piece of information could be overlooked in the excitement of the event.

In regards to this recent UFO — some scientists speculate that it was a meteor, others say they think it could have been a bolide (a type of meteor that burns itself out more slowly than a regular meteor), others contend that it was a man-made satellite — and so it goes! However, as far as we are concerned, these are purely speculations or possibilities as we haven't run across any proof to substantiate these theories.

One scientist said the fireball probably was moving 35 miles a second at an angle of 75 to 80 degrees to the earth — yet everyone that we talked to that saw it said that it was very low and flying parallel to the earth's surface. If this scientist is right — how could it have been seen in Selinsgrove, Pa., at 8:00 p. m. — and yet appeared over Andover at 8:10 p. m., about 120 air miles further North? This would figure out that the object was going around 700 miles per hour).

Then too, why haven't there been any reports of it having appeared on Government Radar Tracking Screens? We have been led to believe that Defense Radar Screens are in constant operation haven't we?

Could there be more to this than meets the eye? At the present time it looks as if we will just have to wait and find out — but in the meantime — let's all keep a "weather eye peeled" and report anything that appears out of the ordinary or unusual in the sky!



50 YEARS AGO

April 21, 1916

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Frank Gray of Shinglehouse, Pa., has purchased the Williams laundry and is preparing to start a first class laundry in Andover.

Miss Martha Broghan and Elmer C. Coats, both of Andover, were united in marriage Saturday, April 15th by Rev. W. H. Randall.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mullen have purchased of Mrs. Flora Deming the brick house on Barney Street.

Edward Cable has purchased the house recently vacated by Ellery Cornelius and family on Rochambeau Ave., and are moving from First Street to their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartley Joyce are the parents of a son, born at their home on Chestnut Street Thursday, April 13th.

Miss Mayme Dean has been appointed Superintendent of the Graff Memorial Hospital in North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay E. Davis of Arkport were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Clark Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Lever and little son, Charles, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Graves of Ashville, N. Y., this week.

Cashier and Mrs. J. M. Brundage returned home Friday after passing the winter at Palm Beach, Florida.

Miss Grace Cheesman went to New York City Sunday where she will pass the week.

Mrs. Nora Burdick of Alfred came Wednesday for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Crandall.

G. M. Barney and daughter, Mrs. W. S. Calhoun attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. Nancy Darling of Wellsville Tuesday.

40 YEARS AGO

April 16, 1926

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Mrs. Anna Garvin has shipped her household goods to Lima, Ohio, and with her family, will go there to make their permanent home.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Hackett of Washington, D. C., have purchased of the Henry Garvin estate, the home on Maple Street and have taken possession of the same.

William Joyce has purchased the Henry Eggert farm on South Hill and will take possession of the same in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Baker spent Easter Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of Young Hickory.

Miss Emily M. Blodgett of Coudersport, Pa., and C. Clarence Cronk were united in marriage April 4th.

Mrs. Laura Bowen arrived in Andover Monday from Fillmore with her household goods to make her home in Andover.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wenz re-

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Letter To The Editor

April 18, 1966

Dear Jean,

With vacation time almost here and some people from the Andover area may be considering a Southern California holiday, I am extending an invitation to them to make my place their headquarters while vacationing in the L. A. Area.

I live on the fringe of the downtown area next to St. Vincent's Hospital. There is a lot to enjoy here, and when one get fatigued from other activities, loafing at my pool would be in order. Contact my mother so she may alert me.

Best regards to your father and mother.

My Address:
Dr. James P. Lynch
228 So. Lake St.
Los Angeles, Calif.

turned home Thursday from St. Cloud, Florida, where they spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Kemp and Ray Geer motored to Cleveland, Ohio on business Friday, returning Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Trowbridge, son, Jack and daughter, Myrtle Arne of Syracuse, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Trowbridge Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Robinson of Rutherford, N. J., are spending their Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Gilfillan, Mr. and Mrs. James McDonough, and daughters, Martha and Anne, spent from Wednesday until Saturday in New York City and Port Chester.

Mrs. Louise Corwin of Friendship is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bullard and other relatives in town this week.

A. L. Rogers was a guest of his sister, Mrs. Sylvania Whitcomb of Corning from Friday until Wednesday.

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