

a strange object in the night sky, but was very wary of reporting my experience for fear of being called a 'crank.' Until then I was a complete sceptic.

"On February 14 at 7.40 p.m. on our farm in the Witbank district, I was outside and became aware of a strange sound which became louder and louder until the whole air seemed to throb with it. I looked up and saw what at first appeared to be a firework rocket. Then, as it came closer, I thought it might be a falling star, and then it became fully visible overhead.

"It seemed to hover, the sound became even more intense, and I saw what looked like a cigar-shaped object at the front of which was a very bright light. I saw small port-holes, and the rear end was almost transparent, bathed in a bluish glow. As I watched, it suddenly shot upwards and disappeared and the sound stopped simultaneously.

"Several of our farm workers told me the next day that they had heard this fantastic noise, and had thought that something was going to crash through their roofs.

(Sgd) Mrs. Jean Feldt,
Kendal."

(Credit: Philipp J. Human.)

Flying Saucer over Kloof

From the *Natal Mercury* of March 14:

"A Pinetown health inspector's mind boggled yesterday when he saw disappearing over the Kloof skyline an object which looked suspiciously like a flying saucer.

"The man declined to disclose his name because, he said: 'I might become the laughing stock of Pinetown. I am not saying the object was a flying saucer—I don't believe in those things—but it was definitely disc-shaped, and was shining in the sun. Suddenly it dipped, turned on its belly and making only a slim silhouette, disappeared behind the trees. I couldn't tell how far away it was but it must have been somewhere over Mariannahill-Kloof or near that area,' he said.

Another witness to the Kloof sighting was Mr. W. M. Bier, of P.O. Box 106, Estcourt, Natal, who wrote to the *Mercury* on March 17, as follows:

"Sir,—Concerning the report of a 'flying saucer' over Kloof, published in your issue of March 14, the object was seen by me at 5.15 p.m. on March 13, flying about 10 miles north-east of Estcourt at a height of

about 5,000 ft., with a speed of about 200 m.p.h., in the direction of Ladysmith. It appeared like a bright star about the size of a football and by the time it was near Ladysmith looked no bigger than a tennis ball.

"Its speed and height remained constant. If it had wings they were not visible. I concluded it must be some radio-controlled object and that the Defence Department would know something about it. If not, then we must draw our own conclusions."

(Credit to Philipp J. Human.)

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Orange discs over Burnham

From the *Waterville Morning Sentinel* of March 17, 1966.

"While the U.S. is putting men in space at an increasing rate, it wasn't anyone on our side that five Burnham residents saw in the sky Wednesday night.

"Daniel Estes, 24, first saw two objects in the sky about 7.45 p.m. He immediately told his mother, Mrs. Sally Estes; the Rev. Nellie Lane; Mrs. Oscar Auger; and an unidentified MCI student who was with him.

"They too saw the objects which Mrs. Auger described as large orange discs. She said the objects were first seen to the south and appeared then to be about the size of the moon.

"None of the five persons could estimate the altitude of the objects. She said they gradually moved in a counter-clockwise circle. The objects seemed to move at erratic speeds first slowly, then quickly, then slowly again. They moved toward the viewers, but never passed over or around them, finally returning to about the same position as originally seen.

The orange light went off from time to time for minutes at a time, but when it was visible, it didn't blink, she said. There was no sound at any time, she added.

(Credit: Welton P. Farrow, who tells us that Burnham is about 15 miles from Waterville, Maine in an easterly direction.)

UFO over Boston School Power failure reported

The following report is taken from the *Record American* of Boston, Mass., April 13, 1966 edition:

"The sighting of a strange unidentified flying object sent a small section of Dorchester into panic last night. At the same time, a mysterious power failure blacked out some

2000 homes in a nearby section of Roxbury.

"The UFO was first seen by a resident at 24 Thane St., Dorchester, hovering over the Oliver Wendell Holmes grammar school. She alerted others who also watched the object as it hovered, circled and landed on the roof of the four-story school.

"Ten or 15 boys playing basketball by the light of a street lamp were so frightened by the appearance of the object that they scattered and ran to their homes.

"First to see the object was Pearl Moses, 15, who was returning home from an errand to the store with her girl friend, Annie O'Neil, 14, of 18 Algonquin St., Dorchester.

"It was hard to describe," Pearl said. "It didn't give off much light but it was hovering about 10 feet above the roof of the school. It appeared to have two sections—an oval shape with a dome on top—and was about as large as a helicopter. There were lights around the bottom that changed from red to white to green. They were in a bunch.

"It started to circle the school," Pearl said, "then it would speed out of sight. In a minute and a half, it would reappear. When it moved it went like a roller coaster, up and down, you know."

"Robert McCambly said he and Pearl's brother, Robert Moses, 18, went outside when Pearl came in and told them about the UFO. 'We went to the front steps and watched it,' McCambly said. He and Bob Moses agreed on the size of the object but they thought 'it was squarer on top.' The boys also agreed that the object had a bright white light shining down from the centre of the bottom section.

"We went through the school yard and on to School St. on the other side," McCambly said. "It was then about 30 feet above the roof of the school. It circled away and disappeared, then in a minute or so, it returned."

"Wayne Bell, 14, occupant of the second floor at 24 Thane St., and Michael Welsh, 13, who lives on the third floor, were returning from the YMCA on Washington St. when they spotted the UFO.

"This thing came down out of the sky," Wayne said. "I thought it would crash into the school. Then I saw another one following it. They were going slow. Both of the things went behind the school," the boy said. "I ran home with Michael and I didn't want to go out anymore."

"Wayne and Michael said 'some kids were playing basketball under the street light. They all started to