

Sees Saucer Spiral Int

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Orangeville, July 19 — "It hovered absolutely silently over my field. Then it sped just as silently away. It spiralled upward at a fantastic speed to disappear among the stars." That's how Alfred N. Phillips, 60-year-old Orangeville district resident, describes a large disc-shaped object, "glowing with a brilliant white light," which he saw above his farm, about six miles northwest of here. "It was about 100 feet in length and 50 feet deep," he said. "I had never seen anything remotely like it before.

"It was, no more than 150 feet from me," he continued. "I'd say it was about 50 feet in the air. It must have been something from another world, it certainly was no earthman flying machine, so far as I know them. If it was," he said, "I'd like to know how human beings could stand the terrific acceleration and speed. Nothing on God's green earth could travel the speed that thing travelled," Mr. Phillips declared.

The object visited Mr. Phillips' farm last Jan. 17 on a cold clear night with brilliant moonlight and a myriad of stars casting a glow on the snow. At about 10:45 p.m. he was walking from his house to the barn to cut some firewood when he noticed the surrounding area suddenly cast in shadow.

Lights Up Field

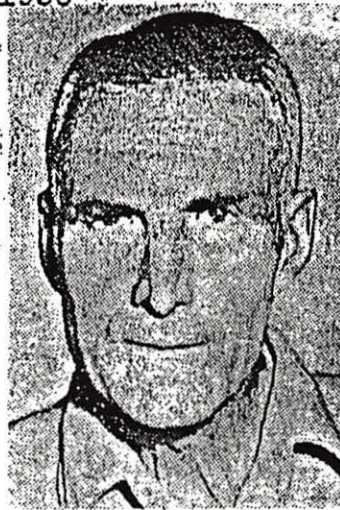
Looking up, Mr. Phillips saw the disc-like object hovering about 150 feet away and 50 feet in the air. "It couldn't have been much higher," he said, "because it lit up the field next to the barn. And it made absolutely no sound.

"It had a sort of oval shape and was made up of three rings of about equal depth. The outer ring gave off an intense white light. The middle ring was less brilliant and the inner ring was dark and almost transparent," Mr. Phillips related.

"I looked very closely at the centre ring, hoping to see some sign of movement," he said. "But I couldn't detect any. I half expected someone to call out to me at any moment."

Mr. Phillips gazed at the glowing saucer for what he estimates as "no more than seven seconds." Then he started back toward the house to call his wife.

"I had only taken a few paces



—Star Photos by Ivan Lavery



"UNEARTHLY GLOW" of flying saucer seen by Orangeville farmer, Jan. 17. He says artist James Klappis' drawing on a cold, clear night when the soundless saucer hover

when it began to glow with much greater intensity and moved off across the field and upward toward the sky. It still made no noise. The disc shot upward in a spiral path and was out of sight in about five or six seconds," he said. "I could see a star in the centre of its spiral path. It just kept climbing until it sort of disappeared in the light of the stars," he related.

Mr. Phillips returned to the house and told his wife what he had just witnessed. Next morning he went out to the field to

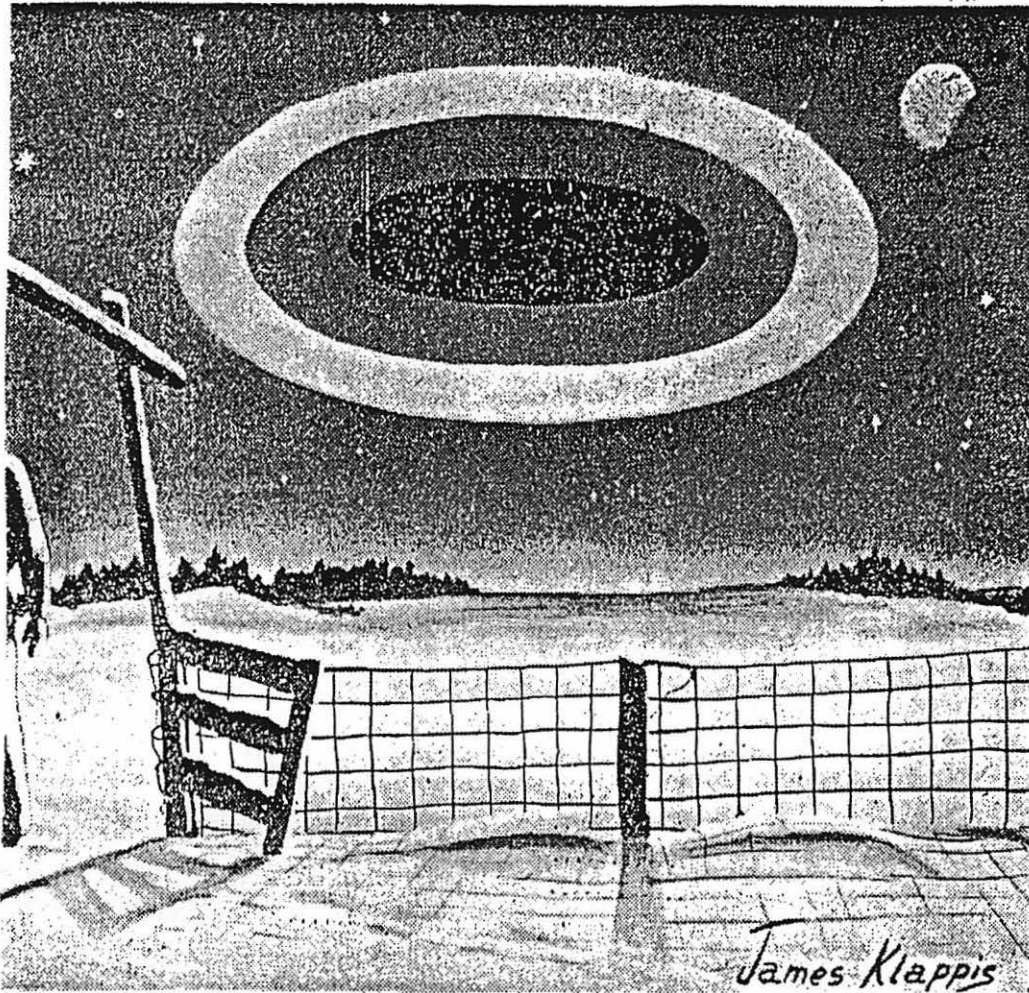
see if he could see snow melted where the intense light of the object had fallen. "I had felt no heat from it," he said, "so I wasn't too surprised when I could find no melted snow."

Reluctant To Talk

Mr. Phillips is a veteran Orangeville district farmer with about 100 acres of land on which he grazes cattle and grows feed. Reluctant to talk of what he had seen, Mr. Phillips inquired cautiously among his neighboring farmers to find out if they had witnessed the mysterious

Odd ringed light form.

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—Sketch by James Klappis

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