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Finally, still reviewing "old" reports, there was an eerie tale from Ridgeway, Virginia, concerning a Mrs. Ruby Hairston. The woman was driving back from a weekend at Philpott Lake on Sunday night with four members of her family. She neared the North Carolina/Virginia state line on the Henry-Oak Level Road at 6:50 p.m. when an eerie light appeared. For ten minutes a strangely lighted object hovered over her car as she sped down the highway. A press account states:

"'We couldn't see any direct light,' Mrs. Hairston said. 'Just the immense oval red glow that went on and off. It faded from bright red to a pale amber pink, then brightened again. It seemed to be moving with and ahead of us at an angle of about 45 degrees.'" (52.)

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ALSO ON THIS SUNDAY EVENING, Mr. and Mrs. Famous Hairston, their infant son and Mrs. Moten Turner (Mrs. Hairston's mother) were driving along State Route 647 near Martinsville, Va., when they encountered a somewhat disconcerting experience. Related Mrs. Hairston (a teacher at the Albert Harris High School): "It was about 6:50 in the evening, and fairly dark. Suddenly, about five minutes distant from Oak Level, we noticed this bright red glow. The road ahead of us glowed, as did the trees and surrounding countryside. Even the inside of the car glowed red. My husband stopped the car, thinking there might be a fire or some emergency red flasher signal ahead. There wasn't. The glow, alternating in intensity of brightness and color, flashed on and off at about three-second intervals. When the car moved, so did the light. It seemed as though we were moving in the focal center of a red spotlight. Shortly before we reached Oak Level and Highway 220, the light disappeared. It just went off and didn't come back. There was no noise." An unidentified Cincinnati radio station supposedly reported that traffic in that area was being followed by a mysterious amber glow. (Martinsville Bulletin, 11/4.)

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