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'Mystery Object' Seen Week Ago, Say 2 Alexandria Girls

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Alexandria and this area have entered in the "mysterious object" picture.

In fact, according to a 19-year old typist for the Magnolia Petroleum Co., in Alexandria, she and a girl friend saw an object "just like they described in the papers" over a week before reports started flowing in from western Texas and New Mexico about persons having seen a huge oval object in that area.

Pert red-headed Audrey Bryant's eyes lit up almost like the object she described as she told of having seen the strange oval while she and Jill Eldred, 19, a secretary at the State Colony and Training School, were returning from St. Francisville on Thursday night, Oct. 24, after a visit with Jill's sister.

"I was scared to mention it to the newspapers for fear they would think I was crazy or something," Audrey said today. "All the people in the office here thought I had gone out of my mind when I told them."

In Audrey's own words, here is the account.

"Jill and I were coming back from St. Francisville Thursday night. It was real late, nearly one o'clock in the morning, I guess. I was driving the car, a 1955 Ford, and Jill was trying to sleep on the seat beside me.

"I saw a small red light ahead in the distance that looked like the tail light of a truck or something. We were approaching the Morganza spillway and I awoke Jill and told her to look at it.

"We agreed that it must be a truck's tail light, but it was really bigger than that. When we got to the spillway the thing I had mistaken for a truck was the approach to the bridge. But the light was still there further down the highway.

'80 Miles an Hour'

"We tried to catch up with the thing and went as fast as 80 miles an hour. By then we thought it wasn't a truck although we kept telling each other it probably was.

"After we left the spillway bridge there was a small road off the highway to the right and we sped up to get there. The thing looked like it had turned off on this road, but when we got there it wasn't on the road. When we looked ahead on the highway there it was in front of us.

"It was real big — about the size of that wall," she said, pointing to an area about 15 feet square. I would estimate that it was about two city blocks in front of us, although I'm not very good at estimating distances.

You can imagine how scared we were. Jill kept saying, "Are you sure we're seeing all this?" And then she'd start crying. When she'd stop, then I'd start.

"The thing moved off the highway when we got pretty close. Sometimes it looked like it was right in front of us and sometimes way off like a little light. It was just like they said in the newspapers — on the roadside, in the air, but never too far away.

"It was huge at times and then would shrink up right before our eyes.

"After we passed through Simmesport the thing kept appearing. My knees were really knocking. We stopped at a house near the highway and naturally at this hour of the night there was nobody up.

'Aw, Go On!'

"I called until some man answered and I told him what we'd seen. He told me to go on, that it was probably a truck in the road with bright lights.

"I have a Magnolia credit card so when we got to Mansura we tried to find a Mobil station. We were almost out of gas and you can imagine what we would have done if we had run out of gas out on the highway with that thing around.

"We found a station but it was closed so I went to the house next door and asked the man who came to the door if he were the operator of the station.

"He said he wasn't and that the owner lived on the other side of town.

"We went on to an Esso station and at a nearby cafe located the man who ran it. We asked him if he would open the pump and he said he would.

"I told him the story about the object and asked him where I could get in touch with the police. We were going to ask them to escort us to Alexandria.

"However, he told us that there were no state police around so we said we'd better try to get home. While he was putting the gas in we saw him at the back of the car taking down our license number. We thought he would call the police, thinking we were crazy, but he didn't.

The next part of the story, Audrey explained, did not appear in any of the accounts she has read about the object in the past few days. "Maybe someone else saw it and didn't want to tell it, just as Jill and I felt," she pointed out.

She continued, "We left Mansura and didn't see the thing for about 15 miles. We thought this was probably the end of it.

"Then we saw two little lights in the distance ahead of us. We tried to assure ourselves that it was just tail lights. Then started getting bigger and blinking off and on.

'Like 2 Red Lights'

"It rose in the air on the left side of the road and still appeared as two red lights. Then it turned into one big light like a headlight and we said it was the headlight of an approaching car.

"So we said we'd wait and see if we passed a car but we never did. We tried our hardest to make sense out of this thing but we couldn't. This was the last time we saw the light."

Asked about whether her car stalled or the lights got out, as had been reported in west Texas, she said, "No, our lights didn't go out but they did get dim one time. The motor never did conk out or even seem that anything was wrong."

Showing that she and Jill have more courage than some, Audrey said they went back to St. Francisville three days later and came back home about 8 p.m. "We wanted to see if it would appear again," she said.

"However, there was too much traffic on the highway at that time of night and we didn't see it. The first time there was no traffic at all.

"We even took another girl friend with us to prove to her that such an object existed," she added.

"I think the thing is from another planet or from Russia," she concluded. "And I think there's more than one."

What did Mom and Dad Bryant think about it?

"Well, we woke them up when we got home and told them the story. Dad said suspiciously, 'It's just a warning for you and Jill to stay off the highways at that time of night.'"

The people who work (with Audrey verify that this is the story she told them over a week ago.

Audrey lives with her parents at 405 First Street Pineville. Jill also lives in Pineville at 110 Russell Courts.

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