

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD**

<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 20 September 1954	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Ionia, Michigan
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Civilian	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> 3	
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 2	
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Grnd Visual	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b> Three objects glowing, traveling across the sky at tremendous speeds at an extreme height.
<b>7. COURSE</b> ?	
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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The astronomers were [redacted] 25, and [redacted] 32, of Ionia.

THE ORIGINATOR OF THIS SPEEDLETTER IS NOT ACQUAINTED WITH THE AMATEUR ASTRONOMERS NOR DOES HE KNOW THEIR ADDRESSES IN IONIA, MICHIGAN.

  
M. E. COLLINS

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1954.

## *Capsules of News*

# On Michigan Front

### ***Flint Woman Heads State Library Board.***

(Citizen Patriot Lansing Bureau)

**Lansing**—Election of Mrs. Verna Barkey of Flint as chairman of the state board for libraries was announced Wednesday. She is school librarian.

Arthur Yabroff, business manager of the Detroit public library, is vice chairman.

Other members of the board are Donald W. Kohlstedt of Grand Rapids and Miss Anna E. Lindblom of Kalamazoo.

The board voted to ask the state department of administration and appropriate legislative committees to include the state library and its law division in the proposed justice building. Headquarters have been in rented space since the 1951 state office building fire.

### ***3 Glowing Sky Objects Reported.***

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