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On Oklahoma Radio

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Weather Bureau

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Pike said the blips on the bureau’s radar screen at Municipal Airport began about 2:30 am. and continued intermittently until after 6 a.m.

“At one time I think they counted as many as four blips on the radar scope at one time,” Pike said.

“For what it’s worth,” he added, “we just a few minutes ago counted 14 planes in the air and the immediate area of the sightings. Most of the sightings were in the vicinity of Wellington, Kan., about 30 miles south of here.”

Pike didn’t know how many of the planes contained sightseers who had gone up early today in hopes of getting a closer look at whatever was in the sky.

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