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Did A UFO Buzz Carter's 'Copter?

By SUSAN HALL
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Wanting to finish up her roll of film, Linda Arosemena took one last picture of President Carter's departure from Fort Clayton. That was on Saturday, June 17 at approximately 1:20 p.m.

Not until the film was developed did the "blip" show up. Arosemena had the picture blown up and what can clearly be seen is some kind of unidentified flying object. The negative is exactly the same quality as the rest on the roll and

the previous frame taken 5 to 10 seconds earlier has no sign of the UFO.

Employed by the Defense Mapping Agency Inter American Geodetic Survey (DMA IAGS) as the Visual Information Officer at Fort Clayton, Ms. Arosemena has been a professional Photographer for many years.

Intrigued by the apparent UFO, Arosemena called FRANK Grba of the faa and asked if anything had shown up on the radar there. Grba said no.

Arosemena sent a letter and a copy of the picture to President Carter

explaining the circumstances of the photograph, which was taken with a Nikon equipped with a motordrive, using Kodak TRI-X black and white film at 1/250 sec., f/16.

The day before, on June 16, at 2:30 p.m. Brenda Reilly was fishing with some friends on the causeway at Fort Amador.

Suddenly her friends

Sandra Chandler, looked up and asked what the lights in the sky were. They talked about its being a helicopter but realized that it wasn't when they saw its shape. Before their other friend could come up the embankment to see it, the object had disappeared.

"It was spinning, moved forward and then it disappeared", said Brenda. It was just about to rain and the sky was overcast.

Brenda drew a picture of it for her mother Mrs. Velma Reilly.

"It had a black inner oval, with a dull grey metal-like outer oval", said Mrs. Reilly. "It looked very much like Linda Arosemena's photograph, except that my daughter drew the picture without having seen the photograph."

If any other photographers in the area have photos which imaged the UFO, Linda would appreciate it if they would send their film to her in care of the Star and Herald P. O. Box 159 Panama 1, R. P.



FLYING SAUCER? OPTICAL ILLUSION?

This photo was taken by Linda Arosemena of the IAGS Visual Information Department just as the helicopters taking President Carter and the White House news media to Tocumen International Airport took off from Fort Clayton. No one noticed the strange object, but when Ms. Arosemena developed the roll of film there was this thing that looks like one of those unidentified flying objects that some people have reportedly seen throughout the year.

STAR & HERALD, Panama, Republic of Panama - June 28, 1978

Up & Down the Street

14 see UFO

We are not alone.

At least 14 residents on Franklin Church Rd. in northeastern Richland County suspect "visitors" hovered over a farm area at 11 p.m. yesterday.

The Butler Township residents congregated in a front yard to watch the movements of a strange, bright yellow light appearing to hover in the air above a farm about one-half mile west of them.

The group told Richland County sheriff's deputies the light remained in the sky for almost 30 minutes before disappearing below the skyline. Several minutes later the group reportedly observed the light rising back up and then dimming as if it were taking off.

Deputies contacted weather officials at Mansfield-Lahm Airport, but they could not explain the unidentified flying object.

NE'S JOURNAL, Mansfield, OH - June 29, 1978 CR: W. Purdin

UFO(?) baffles authorities

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. (UPI) — A strange hovering light witnesses said was ringed with a blue haze has baffled local authorities and area weather forecasters in the central Nebraska city of North Platte.

The light was seen briefly above a park by two patrolmen about 10 p.m. Saturday, but vanished while the officers tried to find a better location from which to view it.

The National Weather Service said there were no weather balloons in the area and authorities said they could not explain the phenomenon.

Several residents who spotted the light telephoned a local radio station.

One woman reportedly said, "I have been watching this thing for an hour and a half now, and its scaring me to death."

GAZETTE, Haverhill, MA
June 20, 1978

UFO sightings puzzle police

By Dick Dahl

Rhoda Haas usually reads from her Bible before going to sleep at night.

It was about 10:30 p.m. Monday, May 1, when she closed the cover, turned off the light and closed her eyes.

Suddenly the room was as light as day, almost as though someone had shot a flare outside the bedroom window. She got up to take a look outside the window and saw the cause of the light.

"It was oval-shaped and very, very bright," she said. "And it was moving very rapidly, less than 100 feet off the ground, I'd say."

"My first impulse was to go to the front room and see where it went, but my gosh the way that thing was traveling, I would never have gotten there in time."

RHODA AND GERALD HAAS have lived in that same house on Pioneer Tr. since 1961 and have seen countless aircraft flying in and out of Flying Cloud Field at night. But Mrs. Haas, 60, says she's never seen anything like the bluish-white oval before.

Mrs. Haas went back to bed to sleep and elected to wait until morning before telling her husband.

She didn't think much more of the strange sighting than to tell friends about it, until last Thursday she read in the newspaper that an Eden Prairie resident claimed to have spotted a UFO the previous week. She decided to call the police.

Detective Les Bridger interviewed Mrs. Haas and came away convinced that she "definitely saw something," but could not determine what it was.

THERE THE MATTER rested until Monday, when Bridger received the report of another strange object—this one in The Preserve, allegedly seen by four children no more than 40 feet away as it hovered in a wooded area.

Tracy Kowalczyk, 12, and Jill Swanson, 11, recalled that they were playing keepaway with neighbors Brett Warren, 11, and Mark Lowe, 12, and Jill's brother Eric, 8, at about 8:15 p.m. last Wednesday when they heard a sound like a helicopter coming from the trees about three blocks away.

Eric sped away on his bike to investigate and soon started yelling for the others to come. Tracy said that when they arrived, Eric told them he had seen something in the woods from the direction of the sound, at this point described as more of a "rustling" sound by Tracy.

Between the woods and the road where the children stood is a clay valley about 40 yards wide with mounds on both ends to obstruct a clear view of the woods.

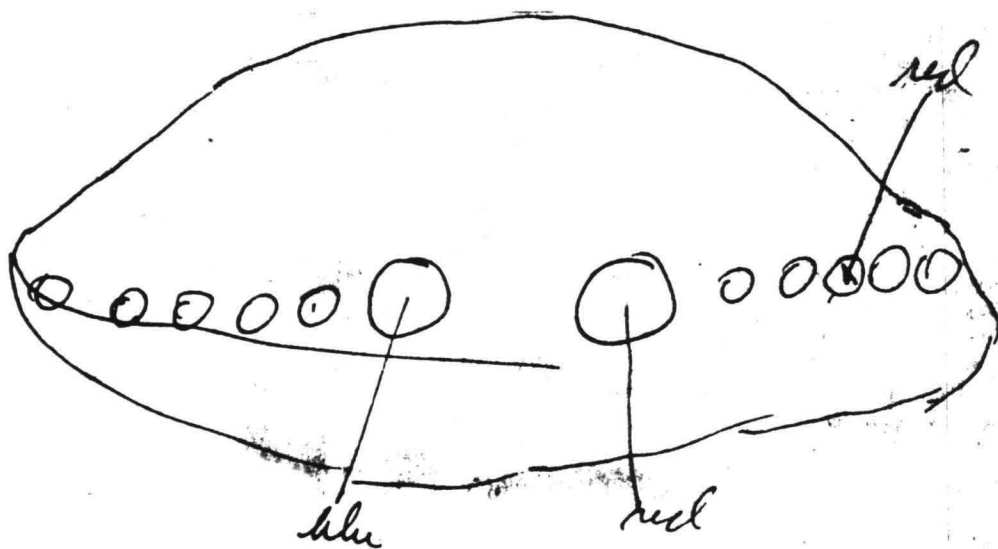
As the children crossed the valley the sound became louder, Jill and Tracy said, and in an act of bravado they picked up rocks for protection as they approached the second hill adjacent to the woods.

They scaled the little hill and then saw it: a round object, between 10 and 15 feet across, flat on the bottom, but raising up like an oval on top so that its height was several feet.

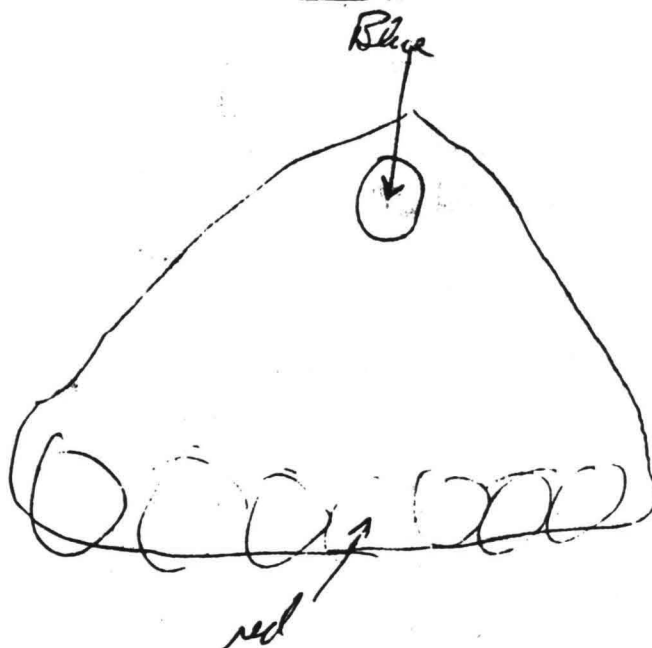
IN SEPARATE INTERVIEWS with Detective Bridger, the two girls and Warren and Lowe agreed on that basic description and that it had a ring of red lights and one or two blue ones.

The object, they said, had a bluish-white glow and was hovering, but not spinning, above the ground and below the treeline.

The descriptions, however, varied in several ways: location of lights, description of sound, shape of the object, enough so that Bridger says he doubts whether the children got together and concocted a story.



TRACY KOWALCZYK



JILL SWANSON

Jill's mother, Mrs. Donald Swanson, said she was bicycling at that time, was nearby, and heard a sound she described as being like that of a helicopter.

A neighbor reported hearing the same type of sound two nights later.

JILL AND TRACY said their reaction was one of fear, that they only watched it for a few seconds and ran back to their bicycles. The girls said that when they got back to the Swanson house they looked back and saw the thing fly out of the trees and head east.

"I thought it was really weird," Jill said with a laugh, in recalling the incident. "I was really scared, really shaking bad. I didn't think it was any kind of airplane, anything like that."

Tracy, too, conceded that she was frightened—especially because her bicycle ride home carried her through another wooded area.

Both girls said they have not seen the movie, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," but they have seen "Star Wars" and the TV program, "Project UFO." They seemed skeptical about the likelihood that it was a spacecraft.

Mark Lowe took a hard line in telling Bridger he doesn't believe in UFOs. He also told Bridger he never saw the thing fly away.

An investigation of the scene where the object allegedly hovered revealed nothing. There was a tree apparently split by lightning with part of its wood charred, but it apparently had not happened recently. Bridger did take a chunk of the charcoal for carbon dating, however.

MRS. HAAS, meanwhile, also is a disbeliever in UFOs.

"All I can think of is that it might be scientists, some top-secret government project."

Of the UFO talk, she says, "I don't want any part of that. It puts a scare into people."

Lights Baffle Witnesses

A spokesman for the U.S. Navy Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range in the Ocala National Forest says he doesn't like the term UFO, so he's come up with a different way to describe the strange lights seen by dozens of people this past Sunday evening.

"We're calling it an object that was flying that was unidentified," said Nick Young, public affairs officer at the Naval Station in Jacksonville.

But whether you call it an unidentified flying object or an object that was flying that was unidentified, the man who says he got the closest look says it was strange indeed.

By **ALYSE LOUNSBERRY**
Lifestyles Editor

Rocky Morgan is a "show me" kind of guy.

He's down to earth, not prone to take off on tangents, and certainly not given to wild imaginings. He's not caught up in the UFO craze.

He didn't even believe there were such things. Until Sunday night, when he saw one for himself.

"It was up in the air straight over us," says Morgan. He claims that he and eight other residents of the Ocala National Forest's Silver Glen Springs community stood outside and watched strange lights in the sky that night for about an hour.

And all, he adds, got a close look

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ROCKY MORGAN
'...It was up in the air...'

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at what has come to be known these days as a "close encounter."

Morgan, a fishing guide at Silver Glen Springs Campground, was that anonymous guy who tipped off the personnel at Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range Sunday night.

"But I wouldn't leave my name," he insists.

"I wanted to keep my mouth shut because I didn't want anyone to think I was stupid. Now that I called Pinecastle and those guys have seen it, too, I don't feel so bad..."

Morgan explains that the first thing he did Sunday night was call the Marion County Sheriff's Office.

"And they sounded like they thought I was drunk or crazy," he remarks.

The officer at the other end of the line sounded uninterested, according to Morgan. He was given a number to call in Gainesville, apparently the standard number the Sheriff's Office gives out regarding all purported UFO sightings around these parts.

He called Gainesville, and was then given a number to call in Indiana, a kind of central clearing number for UFO sightings nationally. There was no answer.



Photo by Patti Griffiths

RIGHT THERE: Billy Tatum, who also witnessed lights, points to area in sky where UFO was spotted hovering.

CR: J. Brill

"So I went back outside and watched it," he says.

Morgan describes the thing as about 50 feet in diameter, oblong in shape, a bright pulsating light that was much brighter at the center.

"At first it looked like a bomb flare like they use over there at Pinecastle," he says. "I was worried because I thought if it was a flare it might set the woods on fire."

"But when I called Pinecastle, they told me they weren't using any flares."

"Well, we looked at it for a few more minutes as it was hovering and then it went across the road over near Pat's Island and it started getting lower. We watched it come down through the trees," he explains.

"It came down to the ground," he continues. "I know it must have landed out there in the forest. It was giving off a glow into the trees."

That's when he called the Sheriff's Department and received the cold shoulder.

Morgan then walked about a quarter of a mile to the entrance of the campground as it intersected with SR-19. He was following the light, trying to get as close as he dared, yet not knowing what it was he was headed toward.

"I've never seen anything like it before," he assures. "I don't know how to put it. It seemed strange to me, something I didn't understand."

"It was just a real mellow type of light, almost the color of the moon. You know—super bright. It was real quiet."

Morgan confides that he wasn't frightened by the experience. He was intrigued, if anything. He stood there on the road, watching the light and wondering what it was all about.

On Sunday morning, Rocky Morgan wouldn't have described himself as a UFO believer. But that night, he had a change of heart.

"Yeah, I'm a believer," he says. "I know there's something there. I don't know what it is. Maybe it's just something experimental," he rationalizes. He's still reluctant to believe in ships from outer space. "But there's something..."

Rocky Morgan had lots of company in the sighting Sunday night.

JOURNAL TRIBUNE,
Biddeford, ME -
May 24, 1978
CR: B. Greenwood

UFO SIGHTED?

OLD ORCHARD BEACH - Among numerous calls reported by police here last weekend was the sighting of a "possible UFO" at 9:45 p.m. Saturday. The sighting of the unidentified object was reported at 12:01 a.m. Sunday by an unidentified caller, who described the object as large and round, with red and purple lights, and moving slowly, according to police. No further information was given.

'It Was, Well... A Flying Saucer'

BY TERRY WITT
Staff Writer

The captain and deckhand of a tugboat chugging down a desolate stretch of the Apalachicola River Monday morning spotted a bright, glowing object over the river, the U.S. Coast Guard confirmed Wednesday.

"He described it as a glowing object with spotlights underneath," said Coast Guard radio operator Ken Gibson of Panama City, who took the captain's call. "He said it looked like it had enough light to light up New York city."

Gibson said the tug captain talked in a calm, but convincing voice over the marine radio around 1:15 a.m., and seemed convinced of what he had seen.

The tug was apparently located near the mile 51 marker north of Apalachicola, on a section of the river that a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokesman said has no access roads or landings.

Gibson said the tug captain did not disclose that he had seen the object, until he had first checked to make sure there were no downed airplanes in the area.

Gibson said the man was insistent that a check be made with the Federal Aviation Administration, and Tyndall and Eglin Air Force bases.

"I told him, sure," said Gibson. "But what do I tell them to look for? That's when he told me he had seen---well, a flying saucer."

Gibson said the name of the tugboat was the

Lisa C., but he was not at liberty to disclose any information about the identities of the captain or the deckhand.

The radio operator said he checked with the FAA in Tallahassee, and with the two bases, and found that none had any flights scheduled for that area.

Gibson said the man did not say whether the object made any noise, presumably because he was preoccupied with watching the spectacle and also because the vibrations of the tug would mask any sounds made by the object.

Neither Tyndall or Fort Rucker, Ala. Air Forces bases had any helicopters in the area that morning, base officials said Wednesday.

The Apalachicola Weather Bureau said skies were clear.

Unidentified Flying Object Attracts Lots Of Attention

County Sheriff's Department reflected no formal report had been filed.

Patrolmen Dispatched

The dispatcher for the South Carolina Highway Patrol at Greenville said patrolmen were dispatched to the traffic jam on U.S. Highway 28 to restore the normal flow of traffic.

Fowler and Bischoffberger agreed that the UFO was traveling at a slow rate of speed and appeared to inch along the horizon.

Mike Clawson the tower chief at the Greenville-Spartanburg Airport said on the division of the Spartanburg question they saw nothing unusual on their radar.

"I have no reports of such a thing and there is nothing on our log about it on that date," said Clawson.

One report phoned into the The Greer Citizen's office stated the UFO was the size of a football field and the shape of a pumpkin. No matter if it was a "flying saucer" or what, at least 75 persons saw it and the Spartanburg County Sheriff's along with the South Carolina Highway Patrol sent to the scene to keep the traffic flowing.

SUN, Durham, NC
May 26, 1978

UFO Seen

Several residents of Durham and Orange counties reported seeing strange, glowing lights in the sky last night.

A Durham woman said she watched some strange lights for a few minutes until they disappeared behind some trees on the Duke University campus. An air controller at Raleigh-Durham Airport said a pilot reported seeing and orange lights in the sky when the pilot was 10 miles northwest of Durham.

And an Orange County man said he got a long look at two hovering lights. He said they went down, then up and then vanished.

NEWS-PRESS, Richlands, VA
May 17, 1978

Resident reports UFO in area

At about 9:45 last Wednesday morning, Troy Profit and his sister-in-law say they saw an unidentified flying object at Pounding Mill branch on route 67.

Profit says he was waiting at a stop sign when he saw two flying objects about 20 feet in diameter and silver in color with one flying under the other.

He says the objects were only 400 to 500 feet above the ground which Profit thought was a bit low for an airplane. Also the object did not have wings like an airplane, he says.

The UFO was flying along for one-quarter of a mile then it raised up and disappeared into the woods, Profit says.

Curious to know if there were any planes flying in the area, Profit says he checked with the airport and found out that no planes had been flying in this area for the past two days.

What Profit saw flying in the hills on Wednesday morning could have been a UFO, he thinks.

by Ken Shoffner
"It was just like you took that silver pen out of your pocket and saw it over behind the store," he added.
Fowler said the object was first cited about 4 p.m. and remained visible until at least 6 p.m.
"I don't know what it was but I'm sure had people looking," Fowler said.
A check with the records division of the Spartanburg Lyman area on May 19.
"Traffic was backed up at least two miles," began C.L. Fowler, also of the Culler-Jackson

'I'm sure of what I saw' Minnesota woman says she saw a UFO

By Michael Vadnie
Herald Staff Writer

A Shevlin, Minn., woman says she has seen something "so strange and beautiful I just couldn't help telling someone."

She says she thinks she saw a UFO — an unidentified flying object.

Gladys Swanson, 68, said she and her husband, Carl, 55, saw the object at 10:20 p.m. Monday. She said they watched the object for six minutes.

"It seemed to come out of the earth," Mrs. Swanson said, gesturing occasionally with her arms. "It looked like two inverted saucers with lights running down the middle from front to back with a sort of reddish, orangish glow like you've never seen.

"At the ends of each row of lights was a larger light which looked like a glistening diamond."

The former Grand Forks resident said the object "floated — it looked like it was controlled." She said the object made no sound whatsoever.

Mrs. Swanson and her husband lost sight of the UFO after a time. "We followed it until it just seemed to disappear," she said.

Mrs. Swanson said she regrets she is not a better judge of distance and size, but she said she believes the object was within a mile of her house in Shelvin, a town of about 150 persons east of Bagley, Minn., on U.S. Highway 2.

She said she told the Herald about her sighting because she wanted to find out if others saw the object, "and because it gave a feeling that was very supernatural and very beautiful. It was not scary."

Mrs. Swanson says she is a religious person who does not drink alcohol. "I'm sure this came here from the Almighty to show us there are other worlds and people elsewhere — that there are things superior to us. He's showing His handiwork," she said.

Mrs. Swanson says she is sure of what she saw. "I saw it absolutely. I'm not given to telling tales. It made me feel very humble.

"What a shame not to say so when you see something beautiful. It couldn't have been anything else," she said.

The object did not look like any kind of human-made aircraft she knows of, she said.

Mrs. Swanson said she recently read a book about UFOs, and has recovered her eyesight after being blinded by cataracts. She says she underwent two eye operations to correct vision problems, and now sees with the aid of eyeglasses.

"It was a beautifully clear night Monday. I'm sure of what I saw, and so is my husband," she said. Swanson was not available for comment.

Several law enforcement officers in Clearwater County and the surrounding area said they had heard nothing of other UFO sightings last week. Area newspaper offices did not receive any reports, either.

But Mrs. Swanson's UFO spotting is not the first in the rural area heavily covered with pine tree forests.

Franklin Vikan, editor of The Thirteen Towns, a weekly paper published at Foston, Minn., said he has monitored UFO sightings for more than 10 years.

He became involved when he followed up numerous UFO reports in the area years ago and wrote stories about the phenomenon.

"I recall getting four reports from people within 10 miles of each other who did not know each other. I think there had to be something," he said.

Vikan said in recent years he has kind of forgotten about UFO-chasing, "but I'm still positive these people saw something here."

Vikan said he has not heard any recent reports that would correspond with Mrs. Swanson's sighting in Shelvin.

Robert Gribble, a staffer with the National UFO Reporting Center at Seattle, Wash., said Friday there were no UFO reports from Minnesota last week.

After checking the logbook of the private organization that attempts to monitor and investigate UFO reports, Gribble said, "The closest thing we have is in Colorado."

Two years ago, numerous UFO reports were received from Goodridge and Plummer, Minn., 40 to 50 miles from Shevlin.

Asked whether she minded if some persons thought she was a crackpot for reporting a UFO, Mrs. Swanson said, "Not at all. I know what I saw.

"I'll be glad to give the word to the wise. Rather than fake uncertainty, I'd prefer to believe what the Bible says — that God will show signs."

HERALD, Grand Forks, ND - May 21, 1978

BULLETIN, Manteca, CA

June 11, 1978

UFOs in Linden?

By JANET SONNTAG
San Joaquin News Service

A young Linden woman and a Linden fireman claimed they saw a huge glowing, saucer-shaped flying hovering in the sky over a remote Linden field late Tuesday night before it darted away at an angle.

University of the Pacific student Janet Calle, 21, and Ken Snyder, 23, were in separate locations at approximately 11:15 p.m. — Calle in her home on Baker Road where she lives with her parents and Snyder driving northbound on Duncan Road approaching the Baker intersection — when they made the sighting.

Calle was "terrified and trembling" according to the sheriff's detectives, when she told them of looking out of her kitchen window and sighting the looming object, which she estimated to be more than 100 feet long, and moving over the field in back of the house.

She first sighted "three small white lights and a large red one in the center" that seemed to be approaching when she went outside to get something from her car, Miss Calle said in a telephone interview Thursday.

"I saw a huge object, the prettiest color I've ever seen — a sherbert pinkish-orange color is the best way I can describe it," she said which appeared to be over the field behind a barn about 40 feet away from her house, although she could not pinpoint how far back.

She said the object was softly luminous and she could see the outline of it clearly. "It was shaped like a saucer, with the top going up into a bell shape," Miss Calle said, with "little lights, like they came from windows, shooting out."

Although she was terrified, she said, she observed the object closely for several seconds "with my nose pressed against the window. "Then it tilted and flew away at an angle in a north-westerly direction, she said.

The flying object, which Miss Calle said first sounded like the wind and then a fan, was behind a barn about 40 feet away and was "at least as big" as the 100 foot barn.

Ken Snyder told sheriff's investigators he was northbound on Duncan near Baker at approximately 11:15 that night when he observed an object "much larger than any other aircraft" he's ever seen.

The object he described was almost identical to the one Miss Calle described, with small red and white lights around the bottom of the rim.

Snyder said the object hovered and then flew away at an angle, also, he observed in a northwesterly direction.

If You Think You Saw 'It' You Certainly Are Not Alone

By B. Greenwood

By DAVID J. SPARLING

NORWICH — There were six of them in a row flying to the southwest over the Thames River at about 9:30 Saturday night.

They were triangular in shape. They had red lights at the rear and either white or yellow lights on the front.

At least four people reported the crafts to State Police in Montville. One Norwich man called the Bulletin. His description matched the ones given to the State Police.

A spokesman at Troop E said calls came in from Montville and Ledyard. State Police referred the callers to the toll free number of the Center of Unidentified Flying Objects Studies.

The young woman taking these messages, who asked to be called R2D2, said the callers sounded sincere, not a quack among them. And all the reports were the same.

So if you saw those triangular crafts, those red and white lights you're not alone. Literally.

BULLETIN, Norwich, CT - May 21, 1978

Couple spots UFO

By MIKE ARCHER

Terror swept over Mrs. Helen Knapp as she spotted a bright circular object flying an erratic path in skies north of State Road 70 last Thursday night.

"It was a terrible fright," she said. "My stomach hasn't settled down yet."

The sighting by Mrs. Knapp and her husband Ted came four days after Navy Radar technician Timothy Collins was reported to have tracked a UFO over skies 150 miles north of here near Ocala before it eluded radar. Collins, and other workers at Pinecastle Electronic Warfare Range, said they spotted several UFOs with binoculars and on radar.

Mrs. Knapp told the News this week the object she and her husband saw appeared to be round, glowed brightly and bobbed up and down in the sky.

"AT THE CLOSEST point, it looked like a big balloon," she said. "But it was so bright that it projected light onto the clouds."

On the way home to Treasure Island after a shopping trip to Fort Pierce, the couple first thought the object to be a

star, but became curious when it seemed to move closer and get brighter.

"The radio began picking up a lot of static, as if we were near a transformer," said Mr. Knapp. "But it acted up way too long - I'd say more than one and a half miles - for it to have been a transformer."

Mrs. Knapp said she first spotted the object just outside of Fort Pierce, and noticed it getting closer as the couple traveled west toward home.

BEFORE IT vanished near the intersection of State Road 70 and Highway 710, the object flew toward the car and then up at an angle, then back down again, she said.

"It was a bright circle, putting light on the clouds, coming right at us," she said. "I did not know what it was going to do."

The object never came close enough for Mrs. Knapp to see details of its construction. At its closest point, bright light obscured a clear view of it, she said.

Law enforcement agencies in Okeechobee and Fort Pierce said they did not receive reports of UFO sightings Thursday. A surge of fighter jet activity in the sky following the Knapps' sighting was probably F-4 training flights from Homestead Air Force Base en route to the Avon Park bombing range, Captain Frank Cimo said Tuesday.

"WE DID HAVE aircraft in the area that evening," he said. "But it was just a routine training mission. To my knowledge no aircraft were dispatched to investigate a UFO sighting."

Mrs. Knapp, who moved here with her husband two years ago from Connecticut, said the couple did not contact any law enforcement agency after the sighting.

"We just sat here," she said. "When you see something like this it gives you a strange feeling. It was almost unreal, the kind of feeling like maybe you should examine yourself. You think... maybe I didn't really see it. But I did see it. It was there."

Letters



EVENING POST, Charleston, SC - May 31, 1978

I write with regard to the article by Dr. Robert Boxer on April 25. I take it *The Evening Post* agrees wholeheartedly with Dr. Boxer and his "resounding conclusions". A little over six months ago, I too, would have agreed with the assumptions of Dr. Boxer. But, I have seen a UFO over the Charleston area on seven occasions, and twice was able to photograph it.

It is interesting, that despite the rather persuasive explanation by the Naval Research Lab on the "airquakes", many scientists and individuals involved in UFO research feel there is a connection between the UFO sighting reports and the "airquakes". Groups such as NICAP, APRO, and CUFOs, UFORC and UFOIRC as well as others, feel strongly that the UFO phenomena is real enough to warrant scientific and serious study. There are many scientists (over 70) in APRO and CUFOs alone, who are not in Dr. Boxer's corner; individuals such as Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Margaret Mead, Dr. Frank Salisbury, L. J. Lorenzen, and many others from such leading educational institutions as Johns Hopkins University, the University of California at Berkeley, Utah State University, Iowa State, USC, UCLA, and many others.

I consider myself a rational human being, but exactly what sort of physical evidence does Dr. Boxer want? I thought the photographs I took were physical evidence, but I have found out all they prove is I wasn't hallucinating. Yet they have convinced me that I saw something. Dr. Boxer apparently wants a UFO to land during halftime at the Super Bowl, or hover over the White House. I feel very alone indeed, at times.

while thinking of the UFO sightings, and at the risk of ridicule I write this letter ... but I have to write this in rebuttal, simply on the basis of my own experience, and with the hope that Dr. Boxer or the Post can answer the questions that are in my thoughts. Questions such as, "what did I, my wife, and four Charleston County police officers see? What did I see hovering over an electric power tower on Dec. 2, 1977, during the "airquake" that morning? What did I photograph pacing a C-141 USAF Reserve Starlifter on Jan. 22, 1978? What did I see and photograph moving in triangular patterns over the Dorchester Road Fairgrounds above the power lines, Nov. 27, 1977? What did the 792nd Radar Squadron see on their screens that they considered serious enough to scramble two fighters from the 48th Dept. Fighter Group at dusk on March 17, 1978?"

The questions remain unanswered. But, perhaps someone who is reading this letter, Dr. Boxer included, may have some answers. I have been working closely with the research groups, have submitted reports, data, sketches and photographs and negatives for analysis and research, and still the questions remain unanswered.

But one thing is certain, beyond the "resounding no" of Dr. Boxer's article ... at least beyond ridicule and implying sarcasm, and despite my former skepticism, I saw a UFO on Nov. 23, 1977, Nov. 27, 1977, Dec. 2, 1977, Dec. 4, 1977, Jan. 22, 1978, March 17, 1978 and March 18, 1978, and up to this point in time, I search for an answer that will confirm the sightings.

WILLIAM JAMES HERRMANN
Charleston

Was it...? 4 youths say it was

By MARY ANN DUGGAN SCACCIA
Staff Writer

NORTH BERWICK — Four people in this town think they sighted a UFO while driving on the Somersworth Road Tuesday night.

But a security guard at The Value House, located on the Wells Road, told North Berwick police he, too, sighted what he described as a triangular object "all lit up with lights" that same night, but he says it was an airplane.

Police say the security guard did not want to be identified.

"I know what I saw," says 17-year-old Joyce Smith of Eastern Avenue, North Berwick, driver of the car, who with three companions, reported the incident to police. "It was a flying saucer. It wasn't a plane or a helicopter.

"It made no noise. It followed us for two miles. First it was in back of us, then on the side of us and then over us."

Also in the car were Miss Smith's sister Sandra, Karen Webber of Mill Lane, both sophomores at Noble High School, and Steven Reinholdtten, 21, of Main Street, North Berwick.

North Berwick police have reported the sighting to officials at Pease Air Force Base, Newington, N.H. But a spokesman there told the Journal Tribune in an interview Wednesday morning that base officials do little more than file reports of UFO sightings.

According to North Berwick patrolman Alvah Beal, who was on duty Tuesday night, the sighting occurred around 9:30 that night.

He describes the four young people as "nervous" after the incident but says he

didn't notice anything else unusual in their behavior.

In an interview with the Journal Tribune Reinholdtten, a passenger in the car, says what he saw left him "stunned and curious."

"I hadn't seen anything like it in my life. I'd think anyone was crazy if they thought they'd seen something like that."

Reinholdtten describes the object as rectangular in shape, with the top shorter than the bottom. There were lights on all corners of the object and legs, also having lights, extended beneath it, he said. Each leg ended in a disc-like shape, he added.

Reinholdtten says he and his companions spotted "a light in the sky — a bright, white light" as they drove along the Somersworth Road (Route 9) toward Berwick around 8:30 Tuesday night.

But when the group was headed back to North Berwick about an hour later, Reinholdtten says the object moved alongside the roadway above the level of the trees. He said it was "about the size

of a small house.

"We had the windows rolled down some," Reinholdtten recalls, "but there was no noise. There was silence.

"There's no way it could have been a helicopter or an airplane."

Reinholdtten says Miss Smith drove to the stop sign at the intersection of routes 4 and 9, turned around at a gas station to get a better view of the object, but the object had disappeared, he says.

"They were pretty scared and pretty shaken," says Val Fredette, North Berwick's acting police chief. "I did some checking and they're reliable kids."

Beal, who interviewed the security guard at Value House, says the man described the object in the same way the other four sighters had, but said it was an airplane. The others disagree.

"It was so close to us," Joyce Smith relates. "As close as houses.

"I'm positive (I saw a flying saucer). I swear. I don't care if I die, I'll say that."

CR: B. Greenwood

JOURNAL TRIBUNE, Biddeford, ME — May 25, 1978

HERALD, Park Falls, WI — June 1, 1978 CR: R. Heiden

UFO Sighted Locally

Thursday evening, Stephan M. Vuchetich of Park Falls put on his chest waders and walked out into the still waters of the south end of Butternut Lake to try his luck for a few panfish. It was a humid night with a low mist obscuring the opposite shoreline, but the sky above was clear and the stars were easily visible. Nothing to concentrate on but casting for that big one.

However, something happened at 10:15 which will make that evening forever stand out in Stephen's mind.

In his own words in the report filed with the UFO Educational Center, "Out of the north (came) a flashing light, about 30 degrees above ground level, a whitish light at a great distance. The flash was not pulsating but irregular. The object traveled vertically as fast as horizontally. The flashing light of the object turned to an orange color and back to a whitish light during its flight. Within a few seconds, the object traveled in a zig-zag pattern to a point directly east of my location, at this time being much closer and brighter. The object dropped behind the trees, very low, but still visible by the flashing light."

The report then goes on to describe a second object with a similar light and flight pattern which joined the first one behind the trees. At that point, the first rose above the trees and traveled low over the lake just north of where Vuchetich was standing and stopped flashing.

At that point, approximately 10:30, he returned to his home and telephoned the police who gave him the number of the UFO Educational Center.

Whether or not this was a UFO, no one can be sure yet, even Vuchetich admits that to his knowledge, no one else saw the lights and there was no noise connected with the objects. However, as a student pilot familiar with aircraft, he stated that no aircraft he knew of could have executed the same maneuvers at that speed.

The objects also traveled a good distance in a very short time. At their farthest point, Vuchetich estimated them to be somewhere above Hurley or Ironwood; at their closest, approximately 100 yards away and about as "bright as a street light."

After calling the regional office of the UFO Center, he was informed that a very similar description was given a week earlier by a woman in Two Rivers in eastern Wisconsin. Evidently, this is a good time of the year for sightings.

All of the information is being kept on file at the Center, an organization which has been documenting sightings for the past 30 years.

Vuchetich also commented that he was not frightened during the encounter, but was very intrigued and hopes that anyone else who might have seen the same thing would come forward.

ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, AR
June 17, 1978

UFO Is Reported In Oklahoma

PAWHUSKA, Okla. (UPI) — A police officer said Friday that he watched an unidentified flying object for about two hours Thursday night.

The police have received a large number of reports of mysterious objects in the sky over the northern Oklahoma area recently.

Officer Tom Gillette said the object he saw was large and circular in shape. He said officers from Shidler and Burbank saw the same thing to the west of them.

"It just stayed there in the sky," he said. He described it as being red, blue and white.

DAILY PRESS,
Escanaba, MI
June 5, 1978

7 boys see flying objects

POWERS-SPALDING — Seven youths from the Powers-Spalding area reported an object flying low over the North Central area Sunday night.

Willie, Larry and Keith Charlier, John Triest, Joey Pavlot, Mack McNellis and Jerry Wilson were in the ball field when they heard a high pitched whining sound. The boys looked up and saw something with large bright white lights coming towards them from the southwest. A large red flashing light was in the center or on the main section of the object.

The object was moving very slow although it sounded like it was traveling very fast.

The main part of the object was cigar shaped but was larger in the center, sort of like a blimp. As the object approached it seemed to hover above them the boys reported. It had very short wings only long enough for the lights.

The object preceded north-east and the boys watched it as it disappeared behind the trees.

Even CV cop saw it

7 calls report sighting of red-lighted UFO

Silently, with engines softly humming and red lights flashing, the flat pointed object skirted South Bay skies, slowly moving from the east and toward the coast.

It hovered for 5 to 10 minutes behind the dairy near the Chula Vista Harbor Drive-In, seeming to rotate 90 degrees in every direction, when suddenly it sped off, going east over the central part of the sleepy town.

THAT'S WHAT Chula Vista police were told in seven calls describing an unidentified flying object (UFO) from approximately 8:44-9:30 p.m. Sunday.

Even police Sgt. Ted Simons saw it as he stood outside the 4th Ave. police station.

"He said it was an odd-shaped object," said dispatcher Billy Cox Jr., "otherwise he didn't seem too alarmed."

But other Chula Vistans were moved by curiosity and fear when, not believing their eyes, they sighted the strange craft.

"My 8-year-old boy was the first one to see it," said a Chula Vista woman who wishes not to be named, for fear neighbors would think she was a bit unsound.

"He said, 'Hey what's that?' My husband said it was only a jet, but I knew it looked funny."

The family stepped out of their truck parked at the drive-in and stood staring in awe of the machine.

"I know it sounds really strange saying this," the woman said. "But my husband doesn't believe in anything, and he said it wasn't a plane, helicopter, blimp or anything we've ever seen before."

SHE DESCRIBED the craft as bigger than a big jet, flat on the bottom and "almost diamond shaped with two sets of lights on each point."

"It seemed to move," she said, "and as it moved it seemed to be turning, but it didn't seem to be turning all the way around."

"It was so strange watching this. What I felt was a mixture of feeling really scared and really curious."

"My son was frightened. He said it was like watching 'Close Encounters.'"

THE WOMAN also said her parents, who live in Bonita, heard a loud engine hovering over their home only minutes before her sighting, at about 9:30 p.m.

"My mother couldn't understand why it was so loud and so low," she said. "My father thought it was a helicopter."

Cox said the other calls he received gave a similar description of the craft. Callers told him it was triangular with lights around the outside and that no propulsion noises were audible.

He said the police took no action because "it doesn't come under the realm of our duties unless it creates a hazard to the safety of our city."

He said there was no "logical explanation" for the craft, but "frequently the Navy sends up weather

balloons in the area.

"Last weekend's Brown Field air show had a great variety of planes in it. It makes sense that it could have been a plane from the air show, especially since (the craft) was last seen in Otay."

POLICE Capt. Earl Clark said it may have been Jupiter and Mars, since both stars were shining brightly last week. He also said that he heard there were a couple of "sightings" reported in San Diego.

According to Cox, who checked with other area law enforcement agencies, the Border Patrol, sheriff's department and San Diego police department received no similar calls.

He said residents from various sections of the city last saw the craft moving south from 3rd Ave. The last caller reported that at 9:30 p.m. it was moving near the I-805 overpass at Main St. in Otay, heading into the adjacent canyon area.

NEWS, Springdale, AR - June 13, 1978

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (UPI) - For \$50, Southeast Missouri State University is offering two hours of university credit and a scientific kit to help detect unidentified flying objects.

Harley Rutledge, chairman of the school's physics department and a recognized authority on UFOs, said his week-long course that begins July 24, will include a field trip to Piedmont in southeast Missouri, the site of several

reported UFO sightings in 1973.

Rutledge said reported sightings are more numerous now than at any time since 1973, and he thinks there's an outside chance the class will spot a UFO.

The course, titled "Scientific Methods of UFO Detection," costs \$50, and the fee includes the detection kit. Rutledge did not say what the kit includes.

UFO reported
for third time

For the third time in two months, an unidentified flying object has been spotted over Maplewood. Patrolmen Robert Fiorentino and Anthony Puglio reported spotting a "triangular-shaped vehicle twice the size of a full moon" in the heavens over Valley Street in Maplewood about 4 a.m. Friday.

Florentino, who was working the midnight to 8 a.m. shift, said each one of the UFO's three tips bore a bright white light that remained on constantly. In the center of the vehicle was a cluster of red lights. The officer said they "spotted the UFO circling over our heads and then it traveled in a southwest

direction toward Millburn." They followed the soundless airborne vehicle a short distance and parked under it, while it appeared to briefly stop in the sky. It then passed from sight. Fiorentino said two citizens reported seeing a similar UFO on separate occasions last month.

STAR LEDGER, Newark, NJ - June 18, 1978

HERALD, Park Falls, WI - June 15, 1978

Re: Park Falls Herald June 1
Issue -- UFO Sighted Locally.

Dear Editor:

Last summer, while visiting in Park Falls, we saw two UFO's. We had had a late dinner after a polka dance and were returning home at 3 a.m. Suddenly, we saw a bright object in the distant sky, resembling a huge star. It was still in the eastern sky when we got home. We sat and watched it from the house. Ken thought perhaps it was a meteorite when it shot across the sky. Those thoughts were quickly dispelled when it shot back to its original station, and became very dim. Then, within an instant, it grew from dim and small to bright and large again. Once again it darted across the sky. This time we realized it had gone to another smaller object. The smaller object seemed to be flashing red and green. Our daughter woke up and we watched while the larger object darted back and forth across the sky. The large object was still brightly visible after the sun was up.

We called the police, but have to wonder now if it ever got reported. It's understandable the police could've thought it was a hoax because:

1. -- It was 3 a.m. I explained we were returning from a party, but we were sober; I hadn't had a thing to drink! (Actually, I was on a bland diet for a stomach ailment and couldn't drink).

2. -- We identified ourselves -- explaining Ken was Lt. Colonel in the Air Force stationed at the Space and Missile Systems Organization in Los Angeles. Coincidentally, Ken has been working in Aerospace for eighteen years. He was involved with Skylab and the Viking Programs at Martin-Marietta in Denver, Colorado. In Los Angeles, he is Director of Procurement for the NAV-STAR Global Positioning Satellite System. He realized what we saw wasn't an airplane or a satellite.

Our experience left us awe-stricken. Reading the article of Mr. Vuchetich's sighting, we

realize the similarities between his experience and our own. We are sorry if our sighting didn't get reported. Along with Mr. Vuchetich, we urge others to come forward. From word we have received since last summer, we have reason to believe others have had similar experiences -- that the "objects" have been visible for many months in the Park Falls area. Generally, there is an explanation for UFO sightings; at other times there is none. Regardless, it's important to report them so they can be properly investigated.

Sincerely,
Lt. Col. & Mrs. Ken JuVette
9781 Colverdale Ave.
Westminster, CA 92683

P.S. -- According to our daughter's diary, our sighting occurred early Sunday morning on July 17. There had been a power failure due to a thunderstorm earlier Saturday evening.

CR: R. Heiden

ARKANSAS GAZETTE,
Little Rock, AR
July 24, 1978

Leo Sprinkle, a University of Wyoming psychology professor who is an expert on sightings of unidentified flying objects, said at Denver that persons who say they have had contact with UFOs are "normal, average people" who believe they are telling the truth, adding, "I think we are being shown there is life out there. The question is who is showing us."

ENTERPRISE SUN & NEWS, Simi Valley, CA
June 1, 1978

Youth continues to spot UFOs

Twelve-year-old David Tucker has experienced a long series of unidentified flying object sightings in Simi Valley skies -- at night and during the day -- throughout the past several months.

"It's scary. Whew, it was creepy," the Valley View Junior High School seventh grader said.

About a month ago, while watching the television show Project UFO, Tucker said he looked out the window of his 2014 Avenida Placida apartment and saw three red lights flying in formation.

"They had to be

UFO's," he said. The three lights were joined by three more and then by a seventh. Three came from the north, three from the south and one from the east. "It was a fleet of them. They assembled and went east. They landed, I think, in the east end of the valley, in the mountains," he recalled.

Four months ago, Tucker said, he heard a loud roar while he was playing at Verde Park. He looked up and saw a north-bound craft.

In all, Tucker said he has made 28 UFO sightings.

DAILY OKLAHOMAN, Oklahoma City, OK
June 16, 1978 CR: T. Adams

UFO Sighting Claims on Rise Near Pawhuska

PAWHUSKA (AP) — A flurry of sightings of unidentified flying objects and mysterious lights have been reported near this northern Oklahoma city in recent days.

The sightings have been reported from an area between Pawhuska and Nelogoney, about seven miles southeast of here.

Tuesday night an object with "a blinding white light and blinking bluish-green and red lights" was reported to have hovered over a freshly plowed farm field.

Paul Kendricks of Tulsa, who was plowing at night for his father, says the object hovered about five feet above the ground but went away when he moved toward it on his tractor, according to Mrs. Harold Danner.

Mrs. Danner's husband, who pumps oil wells in the area, told her of the incident. He later went to the area and also saw the object.

The reports started last February when Virginia Craun of Nelogoney reported that saw an object flying around the hills in the area. She said it was directly over her car.

Jack Watts, also a well pumper from Pawhuska, and Fay Roberts, who lives in the Osage hills near the Kendricks, also reported observing unexplained lights in the area, with Mrs. Roberts saying she has been seeing the lights over a 15-year period.

Wednesday night three staff members of the Pawhuska Avalanche-Journal drove to the area, hoping to see the object and get pictures. They were unsuccessful.

DAILY NORTHWESTERN, Oshkosh, WI
June 27, 1978 CR: R. Heiden

Reflection no boat, couple says

By JIM MEYER
Northwestern Staff Writer
MENASHA — Virginia Adrian and her husband, Frank, aren't sure what it was they saw last night, but it wasn't a motorboat.

The retired couple were on their back porch at 833 Broad St., shortly before 11 p.m. when they both noticed a bright red reflection. Mrs. Adrian said at first she and her husband thought it was a light from a passing boat until they looked skyward and saw a "great big red ball."

Mrs. Adrian said she immediately went into the house to get a pair of binoculars, and when she returned the object had disappeared.

Menasha police are as puzzled as the Adrians over the UFO sighting and report one other incident from Monday night.

John Q. Mitchell, 474 Rainbow Beach Road, told police he observed two objects over Lake Winnebago near Menasha circling each other and traveling in an erratic fashion. Mitchell told police he made the observation around midnight from Hunters Point Road just east of Neenah along Lake Winnebago.

Mrs. Adrian said at first she thought she was "seeing things" and said this morning she was relieved to know that another sighting had been made.

"All I can say was it was like a great big red ball of fire. I walked out to the back porch to sit down and I saw a big red reflection on the river," she said. "Frank and I thought it might be a reflection from a motorboat until we looked up and saw it."

No Encounters of the UFO Kind

By STEPHEN WEBBE
Aviation Science Monitor Service

So whatever happened to the predicted Great UFO Flap of 1978?

Skeptics had confidently expected that the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" would result in a flood of would-be UFO sightings.

Philip Klass, senior avionics editor of Aviation Week & Space Technology and regarded by some as an implacable foe of UFOs, asserted last August:

"My own hypothesis is that UFO flaps are psychologically induced by widespread public attention to the subject, generated by news media coverage."

But UFO investigators across the U.S. are unanimous: there hasn't been a flap.

Investigations director Raymond E. Fowler of the Seguin, Texas-based Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), which has been probing the UFO riddle since 1969, says, "The number of current UFO reports hasn't increased since 'Close Encounters.'"

And MUFON international director Walter H. Andrus Jr., whose UFO research group is one of the best known of the 18 now operating in the U.S., rejects "very strongly" Klass' contention that UFO flaps are "psychologically induced."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek's Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in Evanston, Ill., likewise reports that it has received no more than its usual volume of letters and telephone calls — about 15 or so a day — since "Close Encounters" was released.

Dr. Hynek, who served for more than 20 years as astronomical consultant to Project Sign and Project Blue Book, two of the U.S. Air Force's UFO investigations, long has discounted suggestions that UFO reports are generated by the mentally unstable.

"To hold that view," he has observed, "is to cast serious doubt upon the sanity of people we otherwise implicitly trust and respect — airline pilots, air traffic control operators, public officers, astronauts, skilled technicians, and, yes, even some scientists who have the courage to own up to having had a UFO experience."

But if there's been no flood of new UFO sightings, "Close Encounters," with some help from NBC's "Project UFO" television series, has prompted many people to reveal UFO experiences they have concealed for years. Both MUFON and CUFOS report they now are getting a lot of interesting older reports.

"The film has made people less afraid to talk about the UFO phenomenon," says CUFOS administrator Estelle Postol.

She reports that the center has received reports of UFO sightings dating back to the turn of the century.

"One of the most fascinating is in a letter home from a British staff officer in France during World War I describing a daylight sighting seen by all the troops."

Miss Postol says he described the object as zeppelin-like but emphasized it was doing things that zeppelins don't do. "It was apparently maneuvering like a helicopter," she says. "An artillery duel stopped while everybody watched it."

MUFON's international director says that old reports are reaching his organization from

"very credible people." Says Andrus: "Some people who have seen a UFO and who wouldn't tell a soul, not even their own spouses, for fear of ridicule, are willing to talk about it now."

Both UFO organizations say that reports of old sightings are of more than academic interest, and that they are used for research and to help to substantiate other cases on file.

"The subject is not going to go away," says Andrus.

So what did happen to the predicted Great UFO Flap of 1978? Explains Klass, who has ascribed many UFO sightings to misperceptions and even outright hoaxes:

"It was a pretty cold winter

and in cold winters people seldom go out watching the night skies. Also, the bright celestial bodies have not been visible until recent weeks."

"Close Encounters," he suggests, was not the film to spark a lot of psychologically induced UFO reports. "If I had seen the film before I made my prediction I would have been a little more reserved," he concedes. "Frankly I was very disappointed with it. I thought it was an amateurish job."

But he also takes issue with the assertion by CUFOS that there hasn't been a recent increase in UFO reports, declaring that the organization's sighting figures for February are "up by about 50 percent."

MORGAN COUNTY PRESS, Stover, MO - June 21, 1978 CR: N. Short

UFO...or whatever... it aroused the curiosity

Mrs. Elaine Rost and Miss Pearl Putnam of Jefferson City are likely to remember the night of June 15th for a while because that was the night their curiosity was whetted almost to the point of no return.

The ladies were at the home of Mrs. Rost's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brockman, southeast of Cole and southwest of Stover when they saw their first "UFO".

And if it wasn't an unidentified flying object, it was an object that is not a common sight in this part of the country.

The PRESS contacted Mrs. Rost Friday morning and got this story of her experience:

"We were outside at the car getting out our luggage. We had been to Pennsylvania and come back to Jeff City where we live, and then came on down here.

"We noticed in the west there was bright light, like a star, but it had rays around it like the rays of the sun. It dimmed down and then shot across the sky. It stopped and got brighter and brighter. Then it dimmed down again and moved in one direction and then another. It got lighter, sort of

yellow, but twice as bright as a star.

"The Sheriff's deputies (Benton County Volunteer Patrol) and the Cole Camp Police were all out here and the Cole Camp policeman said there was such popping and cracking on his radio that he couldn't hear a thing.

"I tried to get our CB but we couldn't get anything....it was dead.

When asked how the object disappeared, Mrs. Rost said: "It sort of sunk down behind the trees and we never did see it again. But I think if people would have left their radios and lights off we could have kept watching it. I noticed that when we turned lights on it would sort of disappear but if we turned off the lights, we would see it again.

Mrs. Rost estimated that the object was in the sky for 45 minutes; that it was two or three miles away, and about a mile high from the tree tops.

She said that seeing the object was more 'curious' than frightening, and that they expected to be out again Friday night to see if it was about.

Jerry Reardon, Cole Camp

policeman, told the PRESS that he did not see any object in the sky, but that he did have a lot of difficulty with his radio.

The Brockman farm is located on the road leading south from highway 52 at Crockerville, and about two miles south of the overhead bridge. The distance from Stover, as the crow flies, is about 5 miles.

There have been other reports of 'unidentified' objects around Stover during the past several months. Last summer there was one reported in the Big Buffalo area southwest of Stover.

But people who have seen objects are reluctant to talk. One individual said when the subject was mentioned: "Why people will think I'm out of my mind".

And on the other hand, people will say: "I don't think these people are out of their minds; too many people across the country have seen something but that something probably isn't from outer space. It's more likely to be a 'secret' weapon of ours and when the time is ripe, we'll find out what it is."

LEADER, Tomahawk, WI - June 22, 1978

UFO Reported Sighted

A UFO was sighted by a county resident along state highway 107 near county trunk highway E about 11 p.m. June 17. The resident said she saw a strange object in the sky which hovered for a short time, dipped down and then disappeared.

CR: R. Heiden

HUMANOIDS FROZEN

Latest account: UFO's retrieved

By Rick Van Sant

CINCINNATI (UPI)—The latest UFO account to surface is a mind-boggler.

A veteran UFO (unidentified flying objects) researcher claimed yesterday that crashed UFOs and the occupants — humanoids 3½ to 4½ feet tall from another solar system — have been retrieved by American military officials.

Autopsies have been performed on the bodies, which currently are in a "deep freeze" for preservation and more study, said Leonard H. Stringfield.

(UFO believers circulated an identical story four years ago at a convention in Tampa, Fla. A spokesman at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, where Stringfield claims the humanoid bodies are being kept, said the story has resurfaced at subsequent UFO conventions.

"Our response every time is 'no, there never have been and there are not now any humanoids at Wright Patterson Air Force Base,'" a public information officer at the base said.)

Stringfield, 57, said his claims — based on "reliable sources" — will be presented in

full July 29 at an international UFO convention in Dayton, Ohio.

"This will be my most important presentation ever," said Stringfield, author of a UFO book and frequent lecturer on the disputed topic of whether aliens have visited the earth.

"I won't go there to produce final evidence," he said. "My job is to open the eyes and minds of the public and get them prepared for what I believe the government is getting ready to tell them.

"I think there are government preparations to release certain information, but I think it will be spoon-fed to them. In my presentation, I am going to urge that the government release the evidence to support the reports of my reliable sources."

Stringfield's upcoming presentation will be entitled "Retrievals of the Third Kind."

"The first part concerns the recovery of crashed UFOs with the occupants held in military custody and the second part concerns the retrieval of the UFOs, where they occurred and what time," he said.

"I also will present information on autopsies of the aliens, which were humanoids, but not human, ranging from 3½ to 4½ feet tall. Some of the bodies are still around, having been placed in deep freeze for preservation.

"I don't know where the aliens came from. I expect they are from another solar system, light years away."

Stringfield, who alleged the recoveries occurred between 1948 up through the 1970s, said the bodies are at military bases such as Dayton's Wright Patterson Air Force Base, where the Air Force used to run a UFO study center, "Operation Bluebook."

Asked if he believed any of the aliens were captured alive, Stringfield said, "I can't comment on that at this time."

Couple witness UFO hovering above house

TORREY, Wayne County — A Torrey couple may have experienced a close encounter of the second kind early Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jones say they watched an unidentified flying object flash and hover in the sky for more than an hour.

Jones said he had been resting on the floor because of a sore back. When he arose and moved to a chair before going to bed about 3 a.m., he saw lights coming up from the northeast.

"My first reaction was that it was an airliner too low — maybe in trouble," Jones said.

But the lights — red, blue and white — came to a dead stop and hovered in one area, he said. He then thought the object in the sky might be a helicopter.

"My mind began to buzz and I went to look from the kitchen window," he said. "By then I looked at my watch and saw it was 3:20 a.m. The object was darting in and out of my range of vision, sometimes being blocked from view by trees.

"I went in and awakened my wife," Jones said. Together they watched the lights until they disappeared in the northeast toward I-15 about 4:30 a.m.

Jones said he tried to call some friends and only one answered, but was unable to see the lights because of trees.

A call to the dispatcher of the area Utah Highway Patrol office to find out if troopers might be able to see the object proved fruitless. No officers were patrolling at the time, Jones was told. The dispatcher suggested that the lights could be from a plane on a "mission."

"But it was awfully low to the ground, and I could see no covering or anything, no shape," Jones said. "It could have been a helicopter."

"It left me with a very, very weird feeling," he said. "The dogs up the street were raising Cain the first time we ever heard them bark at night. A weird feeling."

Jones said there could be a very logical explanation, but then again, anything could be possible.

Pat Wiggins, an observer with the Hansen Planetarium in Salt Lake City, said no unusual stellar phenomena occurred to explain what Jones saw. Venus was prominent in the west, but there was nothing exceptionally bright in the northeast.

DES MOINES NEWS, Salt Lake City, UT - June 23, 1978 CR: J. Wardle

REGISTER, Des Moines, IA - June 13, 1978

Who — or what — trimmed Harlan Berg's cornfield?

By JAMES NEY

Register Staff Writer

Could it be a strange encounter of the second kind?

Lyon County Sheriff Craig Vinson says he has no better answer. "It makes me wonder if it was a UFO," says Vinson, who adds that he is "a firm believer that there are other people around from other territories [outer space]."



Vinson is puzzled about a mysterious, half-mile long swath cut in Harlan Berg's cornfield about three miles west of Rock Rapids.

The corn, which was about 6 inches high, was snapped off in a curved pattern about an inch above the ground with each stalk left lying neatly in a row on the ground to the south of each corn plant, Vinson said.

Berg noticed the strange scene early Thursday morning when he went out to cultivate his corn, Vinson said. Vinson went out immediately to investigate, and estimated the cutting had taken place about daybreak.

"There no footprints and no animal tracks throughout the entire path," which was about 25 to 30 rows wide, the sheriff said.

It makes one wonder if it weren't carried out by some type of hovering craft, but there were no burns on the ground or any other indication that a helicopter-like craft might have been used, he said.

Vinson starts thinking about UFOs as an explanation because there have been several other similar mysterious incidents in Lyon County in recent years, he said.

About three years ago, one of his deputies investigated "the very same type of thing" — only that was in a beanfield not far to the south of Berg's cornfield, he said.

And about a year ago, "we had a very large round burned area in a beanfield, again with no footprints or tracks of any kind," the sheriff said.

"If I could find some tracks or footprints anywhere, I'd think somebody was having some fun," Vinson said.

"But this was no animal, and no person. If it was, they were walking around on air."



EVENING POST, Maidstone, Kent, England - May 11, 1978

Terrifying 'Beings'

I HAVE never seen a UFO, but I'm more than convinced I've seen some occupants from an alien craft.

In the late Fifties, I left my sister's house at Leigh about 10.30 one night to catch the last bus.

Starting to walk round the village green, I noticed three figures crouching on the grass verge and as my eyes became accustomed to the dark, I was aware of several groups of beings standing nearby in threes and fours.

They appeared to be dressed in

'Saucers' were moving slowly

AT ABOUT 6.30 one evening in April, 1973, I was alone on the Wouldham Road coming from Rochester, approaching Ringshill Farm.

Seeing a light out of the corner of my eye, which I took to be an aircraft leaving Rochester Airport, I looked up as one does.

The object I saw moved in a straight line across my line of vision from the direction of the airport, across the marshes and the river, flying due north, and vanished into low cloud on the far side of the river.

It was silent and its movement was slow and steady. I suppose I watched it for about five to seven minutes.

It was silver, shaped

clothing of dazzling white, the head gear closely fitting like balaclava helmets.

Robot

I was instantly aware of a strange quietness. They all stood motionless. Not a whisper could I hear. I felt

like two saucers placed together rim to rim, with a rim of bluish-white light at the junction of the two halves.

I took little heed at the time, as I had regarded these objects as secret (!) military experimental machines. — Mrs F. Hibbin, Castle Street, Wouldham.

I saw silver discs

I AM not sure of the date, but between 1950 and 1952 in my garden at Bridgewood I looked towards the river and to my surprise saw two perfect silver discs in the air at even height and with a fair space between them.

I thought they were some kind of weather balloon, but not seeing

all eyes upon me.

As I proceeded I saw standing ahead to my left, one solitary figure, like a giant robot well over six feet tall.

Terror struck me. I felt I couldn't go on, and I turned and ran back. After explaining to my sister she simply replied, "Boy Scouts camping for the night."

Early next morning I left for home, not a sign of the night before.

It's only during recent years with the news of UFOs that my experience seems possible to relate.

Truth can be stranger than fiction. — Mrs C. Wickens, Lunsford Lane, Larkfield.

any docking ropes I stayed to look at them again.

Almost at once they shot off so fast out of sight towards Rochester, still at the same height and spacing, that I could hardly believe I had seen them stationary. — Mrs Wright, Magpie Hall Road, Chatham.



THE POST has been asking readers to send in accounts of UFO sightings. Today we publish the final letters. We shall be giving prizes to those readers we feel have written the best letters.

There are tickets to see *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* at Rochester Odeon later this year. We're also offering copies of *Sphere Books'* paperback of the film. We shall be announcing the names of prizewinners shortly.

Nasa experts to probe fallen object in Bolivia

HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina - May 15, 1978 CR: J. Thomas

MILITARY and scientific authorities are investigating an object which fell from the sky in Bolivian territory on May 6. It landed in such a remote part of the country that news of the event is only now filtering through to other parts of Bolivia and Argentina.

According to reliable reports from La Paz Bolivian scientists are already on their way to Tarija, near where the object is said to have fallen, and experts from the US National Aeronautical Space Authority (Nasa) will be arriving in Bolivia today.

Hundreds of people in the district of Tarija, some 150 kilometres from the Argentine border saw a strange, elongated object, some four metres in diameter passing over their heads. A few seconds later it crashed against the side of the "Cerro Taire", a hill located in the midst of a jungle.

As it struck the ground it produced a tremendous explosion which was heard in a vast zone of southern Bolivia, and in the Argentine districts of Oran, Tartagal, Agnas Blancas, and Colonia Santa Rosa. People living in the area said the impact of the object when it struck the ground caused an earth tremor which caused panic among the Indians which inhabit that part of Bolivia.

The hill where the object is reported to have fallen is covered with dense vegetation and only Indians live in the area. Had it fallen in a populated area

the consequences might have been extremely serious.

Up to now reports of the incident have come from Indians in the area, three engineers from the "Banco Minero Boliviano" who were prospecting when they saw the object fly over their heads, and the personnel of the Bolivian customs post in the locality of Mamora.

As a first step to the next investigations, the Bolivian government has declared the zone to be of "military importance" and is barring newspaper reporters and "tourists" from approaching the spot where the object is said to have landed.

The Bolivian government fears that if the object proves to be an artificial satellite it might contain radioactive elements

such as that in the Soviet space craft which fell recently in Canada.

Bolivian planes have been flying over the area for the past two days and yesterday a helicopter joined in the search for the remains of a satellite. Argentine border patrols at Tartagal offered their cooperation to the Bolivian authorities.

In the province of San Juan there have been recurrent reports of flying objects during the past fortnight. Six soldiers attached to the local garrison in that city told the newspaper "Diario de Cuyo" that they had seen two groups of what appeared to be flying saucers pass over their barracks early on Wednesday morning. (NA)

DAILY MAIL,
London, England
June 2, 1978
Cr: N. Oliver

Capture a space craft and win £1m

By NICK SKIDMORE

AND tonight's star prize is £1 million. All you have to do, contestants, is to capture a visiting spaceship.

Once it's been verified by the Science Museum in London, the money is yours.

The prize was offered yesterday by the people who brought you the great £1 million Loch Ness monster hunt. (First prize as yet unclaimed.) Now Cutty Sark whisky have higher things on their minds.

'We're very serious about this,' said Cutty Sark director Russ Taylor. They must be. They've taken out multi-thousand pounds worth of insurance with Lloyd's against paying out.

Support

This is a responsible exercise, went on Mr Taylor. 'I believe there is a definite possibility someone will claim the million.'

BUFORA, the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association, weren't so sure. 'Chances of a winner? I'd say about nil, to be quite honest,' replied chairman Lionel Beer.

'But we're in full support because we think that the prize, and subsidiary prizes, will generate a serious interest in the subject.'

If you can't find a spaceship, don't give up. There's £1,000 for the best scientific paper on UFOs, £500 for the best research into UFO sightings recorded in the logs of 19th-century sailing-ship logs, and £1,000 for the best selection of items to be included in a spaceship capsule with a view to informing other beings about life on earth.

Party

Just to help you, a Voyager space probe last year took with it, among other things, a photo of rush-hour traffic in India, shots of a Chinese dinner party, a record of Johnny B. Goode, and a message from Jimmy Carter.

The big problem for those chasing the £1 million will be: How to catch a spaceship once you've spotted it.

No prizes for the man who suggested getting the little green men inside tiddly on Cutty Sark whisky and then punching their ignition keys.

There is still hope if you can't get a whole ship. The £1 million will be awarded for an abandoned spaceship, an extra-terrestrial reconnaissance vehicle, an outer-space missile or 'an artifact.'

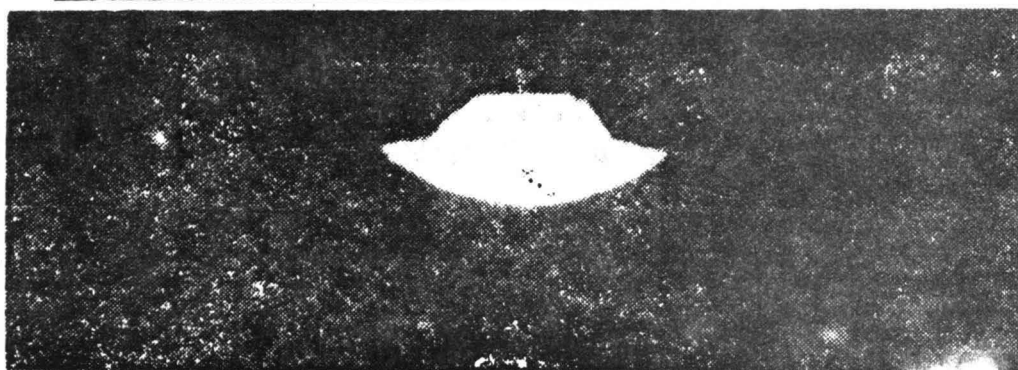
Right then, contestants, up telescopes and off you go. And may the Force be with you. You'll certainly need it.

EVENING STANDARD, London, England

June 27, 1978

CR: R. Rickard

Close encounter over Iran . . .



CLOSE ENCOUNTER . . . or what the student saw. It looks like a flying saucer and it appeared over Shiraz, in southern Iran, last month.

It was spotted and photo-

graphed by 16-year-old student Jamshid Sayadi-our at 1 o'clock in the morning as he sat up late studying for his exams.

And apparently such encounters are not un-

common in the Shiraz area or so the locals claim. A week after he took his photograph, Jamshid says he saw three more flying saucers appear over the horizon.

Close encounter of the first kind

It was ten minutes to one on a warm spring morning when Mrs. Muriel Canney prepared for bed. As always she switched off the television, checked the back door and glimpsed outside to see that all was quiet.

It was then that she saw it. . . a luminous object, shaped like a football hovering over the end of West Lane.

At first she thought it was the moon but taking a closer look she realised it was moving in the wrong direction. The object continued to move — this time in a semi-circle and then returned, hovering at the end of the lane.

Mrs. Canney was mystified. Opening her back door she decided to venture out and take a closer look. What she saw led her to believe that the luminous object was in fact a UFO.

And she told us: 'There wasn't a breath of wind, it was a clear sky and deathly quiet. The object was hovering for about ten minutes and then it shot away towards the sea, became just a pin point of light and then disappeared. It definitely wasn't a plane or a star.'

What convinced Mrs. Canney further was a UFO film on television a couple of weeks after her sighting. The objects shown in the documentary were identical to the one she saw that morning.

'I've travelled round the world and seen many unusual

sights but nothing like this before,' said a mystified Mrs. Canney of Stanley Road. Now she wants to know if any residents of either Massams Lane or West Lane — or in fact anyone else in the town — saw

the object.

If you think you did but didn't like to report it for fear being laughed at follow Mrs. Canney's example and either write to or phone the Formby Times.

FORMBY TIMES, England
May 10, 1978

Policemen convinced by UFO sighting

PETER KNIGHT was so convinced he had seen a UFO that he called the police.

The two police officers thought it was a hoax when the message came through to their patrol car.

But after watching the strange object for 20 minutes, PCs Louis Bennett and Stewart Funnell were convinced as well.

Mr. Knight, of Coldbath Street, Lewisham, said: 'I told the police not to think I was round the bend, but I had just seen a UFO. I know something about planes and helicopters. They were out of it.'

Checked

'Three of us stood on the balcony of our flats watching. It was a sort of black metallic silver with square protusions jutting out. There were amber, green and white lights shining from it. One light was very brilliant like a laser beam.'

PC Bennett said: 'Mr. Knight was a bit excited, but perfectly rational. He took me to the balcony and we all saw this bright light in the sky shining through the clouds.'

'It moved from side to side and its intensity increased from time to time.'

EVENING NEWS, London, England - May 23, 1978

STREATHAM NEWS, London, England - May 19, 1978

UFO Riddle

TWO schoolchildren claim they sighted an 'unidentified flying object' on Streatham Common last Sunday.

And a leading UFO expert has backed up their story.

Andrew Payne, aged 12, of Copley Park Road, Streatham was playing football on the common with his brother when the 'close encounter' happened.

When they went to collect their ball from the woods on the common they saw a 'strange oblong shape ball of fire.'

They claimed it appeared to be moving in a controlled way and was only five feet above their heads.

Their father Mr William Payne said: 'My son is quite an intelligent lad and I do not think he made the story up. When he came into the house he was terribly excited and I definitely believe he saw a UFO.'

Mr Payne was so sure in fact that he contacted the British UFO Association in North London.

Said chairman of the association Mr Ken Rodgers: 'I was a bit wary of the story at first but they have obviously had an experience of a UFO.'

'They have seen something they can't explain and we want to see them do drawings of the UFO and send them to us.'

TRANSLATIONS:

CREDIT — Jane Thomas

- 1) City and country of incident: Tarapoto, Perú
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of paper and date of dip: Crónica, April 17, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO OVER PERUVIAN JUNGLE

Lima, 17 (ANSA) - A UFO was seen for the second time in the last days by numerous residents of Tarapoto, in the central department of San Martín, right in the Peruvian amazonic jungle.

A report by a local paper states the luminous object was seen at dusk by many witnesses.

- 1) City and country of incident: Catamarca Province, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: May 11, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, May 12, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

CATAMARCA POLICEMEN SIGHTED UFO FLEET

Catamarca, 11 - Between 25 and 30 UFOs were sighted here. The testimony is even more valuable since those who saw them belong to the guard of the province's police headquarters.

The head of the institution himself, Major Juan Daniel Rauzzino, stated that upon arriving at headquarters he was informed of the presence of several flying objects which crossed the Catamarca skies at great altitude. The UFOs -he added- disappeared towards the West at great speed after making a turn over the city.

The chief of police added that the UFO group consisted of 25 or 30 units with an unusual luminosity. The presence of the UFOs over this city was noticed at about 5.40 am.

Other events

This version is especially remarkable in view of the unexpected source it comes from, viz., police personnel on duty, and has been issued by the head of the institution himself, an Army chief. The events add to other similar ones registered in San Luis and Mendoza provinces -about which wide information has already been provided - while as of last Thursday many witnesses saw UFO fleets flying in "perfect formation" and in a quantity similar to those seen over the skies in Catamarca.

The Search Continues

SALTA, 11 - In the last hours the search for the strange object fallen last Saturday in the mountainous and selvatic zone next to the Baritú, in the northern part of the province, has been intensified.

At Squadron #20 of the National Gendarmerie it was reported that a plane from that institution overflew yesterday a large area of Los Toldos-Candidarios-and San José in the departments of Rivadavia and Santa Victoria, in order to aid the five patrols that were assigned to walk to the spot.

It was also reported that up to this moment the area is "practically inaccessible" due to the abruptness of the terrain and the thickness of the jungle. The region where it is presumed the object fell is called Mecoyita, near the border with Brazil.

According to testimonies by the most diverse sources, the strength of the impact caused a seismic movement which was felt at the same hour in towns located in different areas of the northern region of the province.

* Chile: Also in Arica

Santiago, Chile, 11 (AP) - Local media informed today that UFOs were seen last night by numerous residents of Arica, a port on the northern tip of Chile.

They pointed out that the appearances are reported when it is informed from Argentina that UFO fleets crossed the Andes towards Chile. According to those reports, they were seen in Mendoza and Salta provinces.

The correspondent of the paper "La Tercera" of Arica, which lies 2,000 km North of Santiago, informed that residents of three housing complexes saw the motions of three "flying saucers", two of which remained hovering for several minutes.

- 1) City and country of incident: Near Lublin, Poland
- 2) Date of incident: May 17, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, June 6, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

HE TRAVELED IN A UFO!

Warsaw, 5 (AFP) - A polish peasant claimed having spent some time on board a UFO upon being invited by extraterrestrial beings, reported the local evening newspaper "Kurier Polski".

The event allegedly took place on May 17th.ult., in a village near Lublin, in the SW of Poland.

According to the story, the peasant was crossing a wood when two strange creatures with a kind of black helmet, appeared on the road. Their faces were green and their eyes slanted.

"Shortly thereafter, without realizing how, I found myself on board the craft -the peasant related- where several similar beings auscultated me with a device similar to the one used in radioscopy.

The extraterrestrials then offered to partake of their food with him -a transparent gelatin- which the cautious peasant refused. He then returned to his village, without knowing how he arrived.

- 1) City and country of incident: Paclin, Catamarca province, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: June 1, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, June 7, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOS ARE STILL BEING SEEN SOUTH OF CATAMARCA

Catamarca, 6 (From our correspondent) - Local public opinion watches with interest and also with some dismay the continued news about the appearance of flying saucers in different regions of the province. UFOs have now appeared, according to valid witnesses, in the Paclin zone, a department on the limit with Tucumán province. The previous appearance, which was more spectacular, was also seen in the Southern border, when a UFO passed close by two witnesses right on the border where the Huacra river flows. There it was seen by the policeman of a road post and a driver traveling from Tucumán to this city.

The "La Unión" paper continues being the champion of these news. It now titled the report from a correspondent sent to the area: "Strange Flying Spheres Explored Paclin Soil".

In the present case "teachers from national schools in La Bajada, Palo Labrado and Monte Potrero saw the UFOs".

The group of teachers was formed by eight people who sighted the alleged spherical flying saucers on the 1st.inst. "The sighting, according to the report, took place at 07.30 am." The teachers, who travel daily from Las Chacras where they live, to the above schools, "were surprised by three UFOs with a pale green luminiscence and metallic appearance which zigzagged from SE to E, then performed a kind of open parabola and returned to the SW, disappearing in the distance".

One of the witnesses is Mr.Manuel Orellana, director of National School No. 201 of Palo Labrado. He points out to the reporter that descriptions tally in many details with those of the Huacra river UFO witnesses, last May 16.

HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina - May 8, 1978 CR: J. Thomas

50 UFO's parade over San Luis

San Luis kilometres south of here AT LEAST 50 flying saucers, flying in perfect formation, made eight to ten passes over the town of Villa Mercedes about 250

last Thursday night, according to a number of eye-witness reports.

The residents of Las Mirandas section of Villa Mercedes reported that the greenish-blue UFO's

appeared in the sky shortly after 10.00pm "in the midst of a dazzling light", perfectly executed a series of manoeuvres - including one in which they broke into two formations and then rejoined -and finally

disappeared from view shortly after midnight.

A Chilean radio station reported that UFO's were spotted over Chile six minutes after they vanished from over Villa Mercedes. (NA)



GAZETTE, Manakin, VA - May 25, 1978

Cow deaths said linked with UFO's

Nine white faced cows were found dead and mutilated in a bizarre fashion at the State Farm during a three week period in late March and early April of this year. The autopsy report received recently by the Goochland County Sheriff's Department reported no discernable cause of death. There were no puncture wounds, bullet holes, signs of poison, or any other known cause found in the body of the dead cow.

According to Bill Moseley in his article for the True Section of The National Lampoon, these killings make Virginia the 23rd state in which such mutilations have occurred. The pattern in each has been the same sensory organs, such as the ears of the cattle at the State Farm, reproductive organs, udders, as was the case here, or anal tracts were removed, the absence of any footprints or signs of struggle, and unusually rapid deterioration of the carcasses. The bodies of the cattle found at the State Farm did decompose very quickly, according to Captain Mavin Clements of the Sheriff's Department.

One other occurrence has marked these incidents. On the nights when the mutilations took place, there were reports from reliable sources of unidentified lights in the sky, in other words, UFO sightings. Several guards

at the State Farm, according to the sherriff's department, reported the sighting of UFOs during the three week period in question. All told the same story even though they did not have the opportunity to collaborate.

There was evidence of severe hemorrhaging in the cattle in areas such as the heart, rib cage, and brain, according to the autopsy, although the cause of the hemorrhage was undetermined.

Moseley's article strongly implicates either the existence of extra-terrestrial beings responsible or the actual involvement of the U.S. Government in clandestine experiments in chemical/biological warfare by helicopter. In any case the mystery is yet unsolved in any of the 23 states in which such incidents have ben reported. "Whoever or whatever is responsible for the gruesome trail of mutilated bodies," says Moseley, "will undoubtedly continue the night surgery until its mission is accomplished."

First horse found dead, mutilated

LAS VEGAS, N.M. (AP) — A brown mare found mutilated near Las Vegas is believed to be the first horse in the state to fall victim to the mysterious animal deaths in the past few years, an official said.

As in previous incidents with cows, the uterus, udders and rectum of the horse belonging to Arthur Padilla had been removed with "perfectly round" incisions, said cattle inspector Carlos Lovato.

Albert Padilla, who found his brother's dead horse last Friday, said there were no clues — no bullet holes, no tracks, and no signs of a struggle.

"Not a drop of blood was left," he said. Padilla said the left eye and ear also were removed.

Lovato, who said he has seen six or seven cows similarly mutilated in his district, could offer no explanation or motive in the killings.

"There are no clues as to who did them or what," he said. "A 1,600 pound horse is not easy to mutilate."

DAILY NEWS, Alamogordo, NM - June 15, 1978 CR: D. Mills, via S. Hicks

Sasquatch Spotted At Logy Falls By Yakima Nation Tribal Member

A male tribal member who claims he saw a Sasquatch at Logy Creek April 30 on the Yakima Reservation told a neighbor about the hair-raising incident. The neighbor—who would not give personal identity—telephoned William Vogel, staff fire control officer of the BIA's forestry division, with an account of the encounter.

Vogel told the Yakima Nation Review the male witness and the neighbor insisted on anonymity. Vogel's notes:

"On Apr. 30, a person who wishes to remain anonymous decided to go fishing on Logy Creek. He parked his car and walked about a mile to where he wanted to fish. It was near the Logy Falls.

"As he was sitting there fishing, he heard the brush (and grass) crackle behind him—and

thinking it was another fisherman, he turned around. You can imagine his shock when instead of a fisherman standing there, it was a sasquatch.

"It had a face similar to an ape and stood around seven feet tall.

"As they looked at each other, the Sasquatch suddenly gave a blood-curdling screech and began to violently shake a sapling it was hanging onto with one hand.

"This action was enough for the fisherman, who instantly made a dash across Logy Creek. His departure was so rapid that he tore his clothes and punched holes in his rubber boots.

"As he retreated down the opposite side of the creek to his car, the creature followed him on the other side (of the creek) almost until he reached his car.

"His mother stated

that when he arrived home, he was still badly frightened.

"There have been reports by the Indian people of similar types of encounters in the same general area over the past several years."

Vogel added a light touch to the recital of Logy Falls encounter. "Maybe," he said, "the tribal law and order department could hire several of these creatures to keep trespassers off the reservation."

VALLEY SUN, Yakima, WA - June 8, 1978

JOURNAL, Albuquerque, NM
June 22, 1978 CR: F. Hudson
Las Vegas, N.M.

Mutilated Animal Found

By The Associated Press

The badly decomposed body of a mutilated cow was found about 1 1/4 miles west of the Camp Luna firing range near Las Vegas. Cattle Inspector Carlos Lovato said the animal probably had been dead more than a week.

The mutilation was similar to that done to a mare in the same area a week earlier, he said. Autopsies done on other mutilated animals showed no traces of tranquilizers or other drugs, Lovato said, and no signs of struggle, tracks, clues or blood were found around the bodies.

'Nessie' Makes an 'Appearance'

Agence France-Presse

London, England — Scotland's celebrated "Nessie," the Loch Ness Monster, made its first public "appearance" of the year this weekend, to fisherman Bill Wright.

Wright, who was fishing from the loch shore at dawn, said, "I got the fright of my life. My eyes nearly dropped out when it rose out of the water just 30 yards away."

Wright said the monster had a black body shaped like an upturned row boat. He said its neck was at least 12 feet long.

June 25, 1978 CR: R. Heiden

JOURNAL, Milwaukee, WI

Calf's death unknown

LEADER, Lincoln, AR - July 12, 1978

A two-month old calf belonging to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Mathias, who live in the New Hope community, was found dead in their pasture about 9:30 a.m. July 7. Mrs. Mathias reported that the animal's intestines appeared to have been taken out and laid on the ground beside the carcass.

According to Mrs. Mathias, there was evidence which led her to believe that some of the intestines and a piece of skin were missing and she could not find any blood around the animal. The calf was found at the edge of a field near a wooded area.

Mrs. Mathias said that she had checked on the cattle the previous evening and the calf was alive at that time. The manner in which the calf was slain has not been established, as yet, but the Mathias family feels that perhaps some one entered their pasture the night before and killed the animal.

Recently, a calf was found dead on the Jerry Hunton farm in the same community. Although the Huntons believed that the animal had been killed by someone, the Washington County Sheriff's office investigated the incident and reported that it appeared the calf had been killed by a pack of dogs.

Washington County Sheriff Herb Marshall stated in an interview Monday that his investigation of the calf belonging to Mathias disclosed that the animal possibly died from blackleg. He suggested that a veterinarian be contacted to try to determine the exact cause of death.

The incident is still under investigation by the sheriff's office.

LEADER, Orange, TX - June 20, 1978 CR: T. Adams

Killer Creature Stalks Vidor Area

By JOHN RICE

VIDOR (Spl) — Twenty-year-old Bobby Bussinger got brave Monday night and decided to confront what North Tram Road residents near here are calling a werewolf.

By the light of a full moon, he took his .12-gauge shotgun and walked to the back edge of his cleared lot. To his surprise, the erect form described as taller than 6 feet, with long, shaggy hair and muscular body did not scare.

It came toward him. He fired a shot in panic as he turned and ran back toward his house. He barely made it, he said.

Then he called the sheriff's office.

Bobby and his 18-year-old wife, Beckie, have lived at the house at 3925 N. Tram Road for 14 weeks. It is owned by her father.

The couple have only been married a short time — they moved there two weeks after the wedding. Bussinger works as a laborer for a construction crew at the Goodyear synthetic rubber complex near Beaumont.

They knew when they moved in that the previous tenant left because of strange occurrences in the night.

An elusive figure roams the night, clawing at the window screens, howling, yelping like an injured dog.

"It wasn't that bad at first," Beckie said today from the safety of her parents' Beaumont home. "But, Sunday night..."

Sheriff's Deputy Jack Reeves picks up the story. It was Reeves who responded Monday at 11:30 p.m. to the prowler call.

The Bussingers told him that Sunday night, three of their dogs were believed killed. The hindquarters of two were maimed and the dogs have died. One is missing. All three are puppies of mixed breed, part of the eight dogs the young couple kept on the property.

Monday night after sundown, as the moon moved into full phase, they heard commotion, "like a good-sized dog fight," Reeves said. There was banging on the walls of the house, rapping on windows. Heavy footfalls were heard outside and an eerie barking and yelping filled the air.

That's when Bussinger took his shotgun down. When the shot failed to produce the desired result, he called for help.

Reeves reports that the situation is "extremely serious." He saw window screens torn "by what appears to be bare hands." Some of the frames are broken. Four screens were ripped off.

At the edge of the cleared property, a foot-path leads through three acres of heavy timber. At one time, Mrs. Bussinger walked the path in search of berries.

That is the path used by the "thing," as she calls it. It is well-worn.

Mrs. Bussinger said during one of her walks she saw a lean-to in the distance, at the far edge of the timbered area. It was put together with scrap lumber and three limbs, she said.

Reeves said he went to the timber line Monday night to investigate.

"I heard growling and howling in the distance. It sounded like a cross between the noise a hyena makes and that of an injured dog.

"As I went into the woods, the sound came from farther away and I knew it was backing off," Reeves said.

After consulting with Bussinger, Reeves decided to move his patrol car a block away and wait a few minutes for the prowler's return.

As he sat in his car, his radio crackled with a dispatch that something was at the back of the house scratching and banging on the window screens. It had only been five minutes.

"I drove in, but my car was under a street light. It took me a matter of seconds to hit the driveway — but it had backed off," Reeves said.

"I saw it about 50 yards off, a large form in the shadows. It was between two small oaks that form a V. I shined the spotlight and it moved into the woods," he said.

That was enough for the Bussingers. They packed their belongings under Reeves watchful eye and headed to Beaumont.

Reeves said today he has not ordered any silver bullets, but he has consulted with his superiors and there will be a follow-up investigation, probably a stake-out.

"I was skeptical at first and so was Bussinger. But it's gotten pretty serious with the property destruction and now the dogs," he said.

As far as the Bussingers are concerned, the one-story frame home will stand vacant until the prowler is caught. "I'm not going near that place until they find it, whatever it is," Beckie said.

POST-DISPATCH, St. Louis, MO - June 24, 1978 CR: S. Hicks

Police Draw No Conclusions In Cattle Mutilation Inquiry

By KATHY ROGERS
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

St. Charles County sheriff's deputies say they will keep an open mind in investigating what is reported to be the fifth incident of cattle mutilation in the western part of the county in two months.

Deputy Ray Runyon said his office is investigating a cattle mutilation reported Friday by a 74-year-old Wentzville farmer. The farmer, Cleve Parr, reported that he had discovered the badly decomposed body of a cow, with one ear missing, in a pasture behind his house a week ago.

Four incidents of cattle mutilation have been reported in the Elsberry area since April 25. Parr's farm is about 25 miles from Elsberry. Carcasses in two of the incidents were found with one eye, one ear and the tongue missing, police said. They said the udders, genitals and rectums were cut from three of the carcasses.

Elsberry police and some residents have linked the mutilations with report-

ed UFO sightings in the area. Other residents say the mutilations are the work of devil-worshippers.

Runyon said Friday that the body of the cow found on Parr's farm was too decomposed for an autopsy. He said, however, that the incident "is not your ordinary cow death."

Runyon said the cow was lying in a gully near a fence and that dead flies "were matted together on the fence and leaves of trees above the cow." He said he could find no evidence that vultures or other animals had been feeding on the carcass.

Elsberry farmers whose cattle were mutilated have given similar descriptions.

Parr said the cow died resting on its stomach, "which isn't natural." He said most cattle fall on their sides before dying.

Runyon said that although the cow's death "doesn't appear to be natural," he needed more than this to draw conclusions.



Buckeye Dateline

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Dispatch Photo

Bighead Causes Stir In Butler Vicinity

Dispatch State Service

What has a head larger than its body, bulging red eyes and stands over seven feet tall? Don't know?...Well neither do residents of the southern Richland County community of Butler who supposedly have seen it. "Bighead," like its more famous cousin, "Bigfoot" of television fame, hasn't physically harmed anyone. But the mysterious creature, reportedly seen about two-and-a-half weeks ago, has thrown a scare into some Butler residents. "We're not sure what it is," says Acting Butler Police Chief Phil Stortz. "We're just sorting out the facts. If it's a prank, we don't want anyone to get hurt," noting that shots were heard in the vicinity of one recent Bighead sighting. Monster sightings during the mid-summer months have become rather common in Ohio in recent years. In 1972, a similar seven-foot monster that gave off the odor of limburger cheese was reported. This creature apparently trekked from the northwest part of the state, through central Ohio and into the southwest areas of the Buckeye State. A year later, an eight-foot hairy beast supposedly was seen in the Dublin area north of Columbus. In neither year were lawmen able to track down the elusive primates. In some instances, however, evidence such as footprints were reported. Bighead, according to Stortz did leave an impression in the grass after he (or she) was seen on one occasion. The imprint, said the police officer, was larger than what would be expected from a deer or cow. There also was some unusual hair found on a bush nearby, Stortz said. In another case, Stortz related, a dog owned by a local resident jumped through the picture window of his owner's home and ran around inside the house. No one's sure exactly what the dog saw, but the canine obviously was scared. "We're dealing strictly with facts," Stortz said, refusing to speculate much on what the facts might mean. He said it has been hard to come up with a good description because the sightings have all occurred at night. The acting chief said it is possible Bighead might be a deer or some other regular inhabitant of the hilly woods throughout the area around Mohican State Park, which is near this community of 1,300. He noted the eyes of many animals appear to give off a red glow when struck by a light in the dark of night. So far, he said there have been "three or four confirmed sightings" in the area. The Richland County Sheriff's Department said at least three sightings were made in the vicinity of the Roger Kline home. Several members of the Kline family have seen Bighead, reports indicated. Stortz said he also has heard of a half-dozen sightings that were not reported to lawmen. Officers have searched the area where Bighead supposedly was seen. But underbrush in the wooded area makes it difficult for searchers, Stortz said.

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Links UFO Sightings To Cattle Mutilation

Recent incidents of cattle mutilation and reported sightings of UFOs have left Elsberry residents mystified and a little jittery.

As one Lincoln County Sheriff's department deputy put it, "Everyone around here is beginning to see spooks."

Sam Mayes and Henry Hagemeyer, two Elsberry farmers, found cattle mutilated in fields on their farms Saturday. The incident is the fourth in the area within the last two months.

Carcasses in two of the incidents were found with one eye, one ear, and the tongue missing. The udders, genitals and rectums were cut from three of the carcasses "in a perfect circle," police said.

Police Chief John Livengood said he believes the mutilation is related to a reported UFO sighting in the area last weekend.

Water Superintendent Manford Hammond said he spotted a large bright object "shaped like two saucers placed upside down on each other" hovering above a wooded area southeast of town about 10:45 p.m. Sunday.

"It was like something right out of a Buck Rogers comic strip," Hammond said. "It wasn't an airplane, and it wasn't a balloon; it wasn't like anything I'd ever seen."

Hammond reported the incident to police, and by Monday afternoon, Livengood said, about a half dozen other residents had reported similar sightings.

"I think the mutilations and the sightings are too much of a coincidence not to be related," Livengood said.

One farmer, who found a mutilated heifer June 8, reported seeing lights in the sky near his property June 10, 11 and 12, Livengood said.

Livengood said he had contacted UFO researchers in Chicago and St. Louis to act as consultants in the police investigation of both incidents. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department also is conducting an investigation.

Livengood said similar incidents involving mutilation and UFO sightings occurred three years ago in Foley, Mo., about six miles south of Elsberry.

Livengood said he saw a UFO at that time.

"I'm not saying that I believe people from outer space are coming down here to kill our cattle," he said. "But somebody, somewhere is."

Mutilations that occurred in 1975 in two other Missouri towns — Sedalia and Buffalo — were attributed by some authorities to devil worshippers.

And Mrs. Henry Hagemeyer, whose cattle were mutilated Saturday, would agree with them. "I can't tell you anything about this UFO business because I didn't see it," she said, "but I think some kind of cult or devil worshippers are doing this."

Mrs. Hagemeyer discounted reports that the mutilations were the work of a predator. "No animal slices off the ear of another animal or just eats one eye," Mrs. Hagemeyer said.

Mrs. Hagemeyer said there were no tracks in or out of the field where the slain cattle were found. She said a grassy area surrounding the carcasses "had been beaten down in a perfect circle."

Spokesmen for the Sheriff's Department said authorities were waiting for another incident before they perform an autopsy. No cause of death had been determined for the mutilated carcasses, which were all found within a four- to six-mile radius of each other, spokesmen said.

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Shoots 7½ ft. 'something'

By ALLAN BURT

What would you do if you were all alone, several miles from your nearest neighbor, and you saw something seven and one-half feet tall with arms extending upward and three beak-like claws protruding from its fingers?

I'd probably set a new track record, or, worse, nearly die of fright. But 10 year old Mike Lofton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Lofton of South Crossett, chose to face whatever it was in an episode which occurred outside his home on Monday.

Puppy trembled

According to Mike's mother, the boy had been alone at their trailer home and was feeding his puppy when the dog began to whine and tremble as if he was afraid of something.

Mrs. Lofton said Mike looked up and was startled to see, not more than 50 feet from where he sat, a creature that was approximately seven and one-half feet tall and covered with hair. Its arms were extended overhead, she stated, and from the ends of what appeared to be its fingers, long beak-like claws protruded.

Mike told his mother he jumped up and ran into the house, where his father always kept a loaded .22 calibre rifle. He got the rifle, ran back to the door of the house and fired at the "thing" seven times.

Blood said found

Mike then stated that the "thing" gradually turned and started back into the

woods from where it came, toddling somewhat as a young baby would, his mother said.

Mrs. Lofton said Mike then called the police, who came out to investigate the incident. When they arrived and began to search the premises for a trace of the "thing," they came across some blood and bits of hair, but found no tracks, she reported, and the blood and hair was sent to Little Rock immediately for tests to determine just what it was that Mike shot at.

The police would not release any information concerning the incident. The matter apparently is still under investigation.

Cattle mutilations, flying lights puzzle Missouri town

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ELSBERRY, MO. — The mysterious mutilations of five head of cattle on four farms since April 26 and reports of strange lights have residents of this farming town about 50 miles northwest of St. Louis perplexed and frightened.

Are the mutilations the act of some crazed cult, visitors from outer space or merely the act of wild dogs or coyotes feeding on the carcasses of cattle that died of natural causes?

FARMERS AND LOCAL authorities aren't certain about the first two possibilities, but not all believe the "clean, surgical-type cuts" found on all of the animals was the work of scavengers.

In most cases, the dead animal's sex organs, eyes, ears and rectal tissue had been cut away as if by a sharp instrument such as a knife or surgical implement. No blood was found and no tracks, either human or animal, were evident. Farmers interviewed said they have never seen anything like it.

An autopsy performed by Troy, Mo. veterinarian Dr. William E. Newberry on a cow found dead Saturday on the farm of Henry Hagenmeier convinced the doctor the cow died of natural causes while giving birth, he said.

THE "MUTILATION" of the carcass was caused by wild dogs or coyotes with sharp incisor teeth and not by surgical instruments, he said.

"There were complications in calving. The calf's hips became lodged in the pelvis and the cow couldn't expel it. She started out on a level pasture and rolled down an incline lodging between two trees on her back with her legs in the air," he said.

The weight of the cow's rumen (the largest of a cow's four stomachs) pressed against the cow's diaphragm and caused difficulty in breathing, he said. In all likelihood she suffocated, the veterinarian added.

Newberry said the cow's blood had settled in a low area of the body and had coagulated, hence there was no bleeding when the carcass was attacked by scavengers.

"WHAT HAPPENS WHEN an animal dies is the tissue underneath will swell from gases which stretch the skin. Once taut, the edges of cuts (caused by scavengers) would give the appearance of being clean and smooth," Newberry said, adding that cattle can die from eating poisonous plants such as wild snake root or nightshade.

Hagenmeier and his wife disagree that animals could have caused the well-defined cuts. "There is no way varmints could have gotten to them (the cow and unborn calf)," Mrs. Hagenmeier said, adding that the carcasses were still lying where they were found and that "nothing goes near them."

"If it was animals, they would return to feed. They haven't. I don't know what did it, but we'd sure like to know."

"I think it has to be someone that knows how to handle a sharp instrument," she said, noting "UFO doesn't necessarily mean extraterrestrial beings. It could be our government or another. Or it could be a cult group, but I doubt that. I don't think they could do it so secretly without getting caught."

ONE CURIOSITY THAT is baffling authorities are tree limbs taken from the site where the cow and calf were found. The limbs are covered with hundreds of dead flies stuck or frozen in some manner to the branches.

Since the first mutilated cow was found April 26 on the farm of John Mayes, about one mile west of Elsberry, some residents of the town claim they have seen strange orange balls of light and other moving lights in the sky which alternate in color from blinking red to green to orange.

Forrest Gladney, a cattle farmer living 12 miles southwest of Elsberry, found a 200-pound calf mutilated in a pasture about one-eighth of a mile behind his farmhouse June 8. "I don't know what happened. I've never seen anything like this before," he said. "The right eye was gone along with the right ear, tongue and udder. They were real straight cuts, done with something real sharp."

AGAIN, THERE WERE no signs of blood, and buzzards and other scavengers didn't come near the carcass and the body "was still limber," the farmer noted.

Gladney, his wife Hazel, and 4-year-old daughter Judy witnessed the appearance of strange lights about 9 p.m. Friday night "that were not helicopters or airplanes," the farmer said.

"The wife and girl saw them first. A big orange light came from the north and went around to the south. Then there were two other blinking lights that changed in color from red to green and orange. They sat still for awhile, and then circled around before they sped off faster than a jet. There was no sound," Gladney said.

Saturday, at about the same time the Hagenmeiers found their dead cow and calf, neighbor Sam Mayes discovered one of his steers had been mutilated.

"MY HUSBAND AND HIS father have been farming all their lives and they have never seen anything like it. There was no sign of blood. But something had cut around and removed the sex organ and rectum," said Mayes' wife Carol.

Elsberry City Water Superintendent Manfred Hammond was one of more than a half dozen persons who saw the strange lights Sunday night, according to city Police Chief John Livengood.

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Monster seen

By Ralph Kiesel

Someone or something has been spotted lurking in the wooded area surrounding the tiny village of Butler in southeastern Richland County.

Word of the sighting of a "creature" is swiftly spreading through the Worthington Township community.

Several residents reported seeing the strange figure on two separate occasions stalking in a densely wooded area off Ohio 95 just south of the village limits.

Richland County Sheriff's Deputy Rick Imhoff said the area was searched thoroughly Saturday and Sunday nights and again yesterday morning but no evidence of the "object" was found.

He added no special patrol of the area will be made unless requested by the Butler Police Department.

Residents described the creature as standing nearly 7 to 9 feet tall with red bulging eyes and a head as wide as a tractor tire.

The figure was spotted about 600 feet behind the Roger E. Kline residence on Ohio 95 by two youths at 11:30 Saturday

night. Eugene Kline, 17, and Ken Oneil, 15, told deputies they were walking behind the residence near the railroad tracks which run through the village when the pair heard something rustling in a thick growth of vines about 50 feet from where they were standing.

The boys pointed a flashlight beam in the direction of the noise and saw what they described as a "large, dark mass with a head much bigger than its body."

Sunday night deputies were called back to Butler to help village and Bellville police investigate shots that were heard by several residents fired in the woods by the railroad tracks.

Butler policeman Fred Horne said he found large prints in the wet, tall grass that indicated something heavy and large had stopped in the weeds near the tracks. He added it would have to be larger than a cow or a deer.

It is probably just someone playing a game, he said, adding that with the gunshots heard Sunday night it is no longer funny.

The creature was first sighted by three boys two weeks earlier in approximately the same spot.

Elsberry residents looking to the skies for answer to cattle mutilation mystery

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ELSBERRY, Mo. — A real-life feeling of a possible "close encounter" with alien beings is evident among many residents of this small farming community about 50 miles north of St. Louis.

In fact, this town of nearly 1,400 persons might have made an ideal setting for film director Steven Spielberg's box office hit, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

All the ingredients are here — the mysterious deaths and mutilation of five cattle, the sighting of "strange lights" that hover, dart and move silently across the sky, and a strong belief by some residents that alien creatures have singled out this town to make contact with earthlings.

SINCE APRIL 26 five cattle have been found mutilated. The soft tissues of their eyes, ears and reproductive organs were cut away so cleanly that it appears to some farmers that the mutilations may have been done with a surgical instrument.

Some persons think the mutilations are the work of animals or even a strange, satanic cult, but others can envision no earthly culprit.

As in Spielberg's thriller, the curious and the true believers in UFOs have been lining the rural roads here. They have been keeping a nightly vigil since last Sunday, when news of the strange events leaked out.

They are waiting with binoculars, telescopes and cameras, hop-



Top from left are Elsberry residents Carol Fakes and Howard Burleson. From left on bottom are Roy Burchette and Ruth Ann Lilley.

ing to get a glimpse of interstellar light like that in the movie.

Supporting the "believers" is a report that yet another mutilated cow has been found on the farm of Clete Parr near Wentzville. Parr told authorities that the heifer was found dead on its stomach in an isolated pasture. It was missing a right ear, which appeared to have been removed with the precision of a surgeon. It is believed to be the first cow mutilation reported in St. Charles County.

Carol Fakes, 41, an employee of a Dairy Freeze store, is one of the "believers," although she has not seen the lights reported by other residents.

"I can believe those stories about the lights," she said, adding that several years ago she saw what she believes was a UFO in another part of the country.

"I think everyone's a little unsettled. Some of them like to laugh at it. I think it's a bit curious," Mrs. Fakes said.

"Everybody's been out looking from the roads at night. You wouldn't catch anyone on those roads at night except for something like that," she said. "They have cameras. They are hoping they'll be the first to see it."

FARMERS AND shopkeepers mingled at The Place, a tavern and restaurant, drinking coffee or sipping cool glasses of beer after work. The center of conversation was the strange events of the last month that have focused attention on Elsberry.

"I've always believed in UFOs, and I'm sure they did it (mutilated the cattle)," said a waitress, Ruth Ann Lilley.

Miss Lilley said her German shepherd, "Sergeant," has been acting strangely for the last two months, barking in the middle of the night "for no reason."

"I can't get him to shut up, and he's not a barking dog," she said.

"I'm not petrified, but I am scared," she added. She has a pair of binoculars by her bed "just in case."

ROY BURCHETTE said, "I've been around here since 1935 and I've never heard of anything like it. Some of the people are scared."

Elsberry Police Chief John Livengood said he has received nearly a dozen reports of UFO sightings since last Sunday night.

The most recent was Tuesday night, when Margaret Watts, the editor of the Elsberry Democrat, said she and four other persons spotted "an orange light about the size of a volleyball" hovering west of town about 10:30 p.m.

Mrs. Watts' story is almost identical to that of Gary Hagemeyer, who said he saw a similar light Monday, just two days after his father found a cow and her calf mutilated on his farm.

A Troy, Mo., veterinarian, Dr. William E. Newberry, examined the cow and dead calf and attributed the death to natural causes during the birth of the calf. He attributed the sharp, seemingly surgical cuts that removed the udder, the reproductive organs, the tongue and one ear to scavenger animals.

DR. RICHARD W. COLES, a biologist and director of Washington University's Tyson Animal Research Center just south of St. Louis, said he believes the mutilations are the work of coyotes or, more probably, wild dogs.

In his experience with dead deer, Coles said, he has found that wild dogs, coyotes, skunks, foxes and even raccoons will begin chewing on the soft tissues of the rump of a dead animal.

Coles said wild dogs have a sharp, almost scissors-like bite and could be the culprits that carved up the dead cattle.

Despite the professional opinions, many people in Elsberry are sticking to their less conventional theories. It was just about six years ago that residents of nearby Louisiana, Mo., reported seeing a strange, humanoid, fur-covered and foul-smelling creature prowling the hills. Because of its great size and stench, the creature was named Mo-Mo, for "Missouri Monster."

MO-MO apparently has gone the way of the dodo. Since the ruckus ended, the monster hasn't been seen or heard from. It's now just a part of the local folklore.

Howard Burleson, 61, the manager of the Missouri Farmers Association facilities in Elsberry, said, "I don't believe in all that outer space stuff." He said he is also skeptical of a theory that the mutilations were the work of a satanic cult.

"I've never seen anything that I didn't know what it was," he said, referring to lights in the sky.

But two clerks at the IGA supermarket here, Bill Rockwell and Patrick Womack, said they don't believe the cattle mutilations were the work of animals.

FOR THE LAST 70 or 80 years, there have been reports of cattle mutilations throughout the country, but in recent years the reports have increased.

In 1975 mutilations were reported in Sedalia and Buffalo, Mo. Both were classified by authorities as being the work of devil worshippers.

Loretta Spies, a waitress at The Place, said she has heard that such a cult is active in Elsberry. "I think that's what it is. They do have ceremonies around here," she said.

Womack says he has heard of strange rituals by witches at Hawk Point, about 12 miles from Elsberry near Troy.

A team of veterinarians from the University of Missouri-Columbia is waiting to perform a complete autopsy if a well-composed dead cow is found. They hope to solve the mystery.

Until then, members of the St. Louis UFO Study Group plan to search for evidence, and Elsberry residents are keeping their eyes on the skies.

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'Creature' seen again

The Butler "creature" has been sighted again.

A teen-age girl told Richland County Sheriff's Deputy Rick Imhoff she saw the figure lurking about 300 yards behind the Roger E. Kline residence off Ohio 95 at 10:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The creature reportedly has been sighted by youths on two separate occasions in the densely wooded area just south of the village limits.

Imhoff said another thorough search of the area was made; but again no evidence of the creature was found. Butler police assisted in the search.

The figure was earlier described as standing nearly 7 to 9 feet tall with red bulging eyes and a head as wide as a tractor tire.

Imhoff said the girl was visibly shaken by the incident.