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Object in sky causes a family puzzlement

By DON DONATO

Theme music from the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" would have been appropriate, but Diego DeGadoi wouldn't have recognized it because he didn't see the film.

DeGadoi, 27, who resides at 25th Lane and Everett Road, is "not into science fiction." However, at 1 a.m. Friday he found himself forced from his neutral feelings about what some people label as "science fiction," and others call such names as "flying saucers" and "unidentified flying objects (UFOs)."

But, DeGadoi insists that the burnt orange, bright, large, strange light he saw in the sky — if called by any such name — should be called "a UO — just an unidentified object because I didn't see it fly; not for sure."

Very carefully, DeGadoi said, "I'm not a practical joker; I call a spade a spade." He said he considers himself to be a reliable, sober person not given to hallucinations. "I don't drink or take drugs or anything like that," he said.

And yet, he and three others found themselves standing in the yard of their home in Pueblo County looking west over part of the 1 a.m. city staring at something

in the sky. "This thing looked twice the size of a full moon, or better," he said. "I'm sane and I was dead sober. And I saw something."

The other people who saw it were his cousin, Cecilia Basmadjian, 29, and her nieces, Cindy Curliss, 18, and Connie Curliss, 15, who saw the light first, DeGadoi said.

"I went to bed about midnight," he said, "and about 1 o'clock Connie was outside and started hollering something about the moon moving . . . I went out to tell her that the moon didn't move, that it was just this or that. She was standing there with this kind of blank look on her face, and when I saw what she saw, all I could do was give her one of those looks right back." Then every one was outside staring in amazement at the sky, he said.

"We just stared at it because it was so unreal."

DeGadoi said that if a line were drawn between CF&I Steel Corp. and the intersection of Pueblo Boulevard and the Beulah highway, the "UO" would have been at the center of the line.

He described the object as being flat on top, with the sides sloping out and down at about 90 degrees from the top. "It was precise, even distinct. Sharp lines. You could see the outline of a craft or machine or something," he said.

He said the most notable characteristic of the object was that it was enveloped by a "bright, burnt orange light."

DeGadoi said they watched it "for about five minutes. Long enough to get the excitement over and try to figure out what it was." Then, he said, "All of a sudden, it changed shapes, as if maybe some lights were shut off inside it. If it was moving, it was really moving fast and it was moving west toward the Beulah mountains. As something is moving away from you, it gets smaller and smaller, and it did that until it became just a red dot. Then we couldn't see it anymore."

DeGadoi said the object was so distinct that all four of the people watching it could see that it was "not a helicopter."

Guessing it to be about the size of a house or larger, he said that if he had held up a silver dollar the object and the coin would have looked about the same size. It appeared to be about 500 feet above the ground from his vantage point, DeGadoi said. In his line of sight, it was slightly above the mountain range, with sky all around it.

"I don't really want to try to say what it was. I've been hoping that someone else would have seen it and would tell me what it was," he said.

He said there was no beam of light visible from the ground to the object. "It wasn't a light or a reflection from the ground, I'm sure of that," he said.

The National Weather Service office at Pueblo Memorial Airport closes at 11 p.m. so nobody was on duty there to be looking for objects, a spokesman said. And, although they might not report it if they did see something strange in the night sky, there were no reports of unusual objects filed by air traffic controllers at the Federal Aviation Administration Tower at the airport, or by Colorado State Patrol, Pueblo County Sheriff's Department or Pueblo Police Department officers.

DeGadoi and the three others are hoping someone else saw the light/object. "We'd really like to know what it was. We really would," he said. □

DAILY NEWS, Milford, MA - June 26, 1978 CR: B. Greenwood

"UFO" Spotted In Medway?

MEDWAY — Four people here have claimed they saw what's commonly referred to as an unidentified flying object, hovering in the air in the Brentwood section of town last night.

The four people, all residents of Main Street, were relaxing in the backyard of Samuel Torrey's 62 Main Street home when they reportedly observed the object, hovering about 200 feet in the air. Torrey, 32, said the object was "silverish" in color and approximately four to five feet in diameter. He explained about the observation: "We were standing around watching the kids playing when we all looked up and saw it. It looked like a ball at first and then it came closer. It was oval-shaped with a domed top and left nothing to the imagination."

He disclaimed a theory made by a spokesman for the police who said the object may have been lights reflecting from a shopping center or nearby Waters Associates. Torrey adamantly remarked, "There's no way that it could be lights. It

was still light outside and the sun was in the western sky." The spokesman from the police department claims that he has seen "things" in the sky that turned out to be merely the high-powered spotlights in the area.

Judy Willinski, 36, of 61 Main Street, said she became a "believer" after observing the object in the sky. Previously a non-believer, Mrs. Willinski remarked, "It was really amazing to see it." She said the object seemed to "bob" silently in the air.

Torrey, who saw the "craft" with his wife, Cynthia, said the craft "tipped from side to side as if it was losing its stability." The object then reportedly traveled to the front of the home where it hovered for a few moments, after which it went in a northeasterly direction, Torrey said. "It just left at a 'normal' rate of speed, it didn't speed off like a rocket."

Michael Koczwar, 17, of 60 Main Street, also saw the object, but was unavailable for comment at press time.

Unusual Light Formations Seen

By CATHERINE POMIECKO

Valley News Staff Writer

FAIRLEE — Several people in this and other area towns have reported seeing unusual formations of lights in the sky Thursday night, and although details of the lighted objects differ somewhat, there are similarities in all reports.

Wendy Baade of Fairlee said she first spotted lights out of the picture window of her house at about 9:15 p.m. Thursday, and said the lights, which she said seemed too low for an airplane, came closer and hovered about 150 yards above her neighbors' house. Her report is echoed by her younger brother Chris. Her father, who was driving home from Hanover at the time, also saw the lights.

She said the lights came from the direction of Hanover, moving over dense trees in Fairlee in a north-easterly direction and then moving in a counterclockwise direction from Orford and Bradford.

Her father spotted the phenomena near the Lake Morey Inn golf course, and a maintenance man at the course also saw the lights, she said.

She said two white lights were located at the front of the farm and two in the back, and said there were also two round white glowing balls in front of the first lighted formation, located about 50 yards in front.

Sighting Verified

Her sighting is also verified by David A. and Karen Tremblay, who saw strange lights in the air as they were traveling from Barre to Fairlee. Mrs. Tremblay said the two were in Waits River when they spotted the lights.

A man and his wife who were near the Post Mills airport shortly after 9 p.m., also reported a similar sighting.

The man said he and his wife first spotted lights coming from the southeast and heading north along the Connecticut River valley, going at a speed he estimates to be between 200 and 250 miles per hour.

At first, he said, the lights looked like a large jet aircraft with its landing lights on, and as he watched the lights, which he said consisted of one unblinking white light in the front, back, top and bottom, with a red light just behind the front white light, another bright light came out of the north.

None of the lights flashed, he said, which is unlike conventional aircraft, and there was no sound emanating from either of the light formations. There was no wind to blow any noise away, he said.

He said he couldn't make out any structure because of the intensity of the light.

Fast Moving

The second light formation which seemed to be traveling between 600 and 700 miles per hour, made a large swing around by Strafford, and then rendezvoused with the first object toward the Bradford-Wells River area and disappeared behind the hills, he said.

Mrs. John Lange of Fairlee also reported seeing a similar phenomenon between 9 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday.

At first she thought the lighted object was a large plane, she said, noting that she was standing on the town common at the time.

The object was low, she said, and barely in the cloud cover. There were two white, unblinking lights, and a tiny reddish light in the middle, she said. A small reddish light was located slightly higher, she said.

Reginald and Karen Cramer III, who were in a house on a hill overlooking Lake Morey shortly after 9 p.m., saw strange lights also, Mrs. Cramer said.

Also Thursday, a man in Enfield reported sighting some slow moving lights while fishing on Goose Pond. He said two white lights settled over the Enfield end of the pond about 1,000 feet up in the sky.

A large ball of light came flying out of the sky, stopping in front of the other lights, he reported, and when he looked again, there appeared to be five or six different colored lights.

A second viewer reported seeing a similar phenomenon over the pond.

Several Sightings?

Although neither the Lebanon police department nor the Federal Aviation Administration Flight Service reported unusual sightings Thursday night, John Meloney of Claremont said there have been several sightings in the Northeast this year.

Across the United States, "we are getting an average of one verifiable landing with occupants a week," Meloney said.

In some instances there has been actual physical damage caused by the unidentified objects, he said.

Meloney, who has worked for the National Investigation Committee on Aerial Phenomena and the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, is now doing independent investigations of reported sightings around New Hampshire.

A volunteer worker at the UFO Education Center in Appleton, Wis., said the description of the lights and lack of noise yield a description similar to many given in Minneapolis and Wisconsin, as well as many other locations across the country.

"People are saying, 'It's incredible!'" she said.

UFO siting reported

FORUM, Maryville, MO - July 30, 1978

Two area residents reported they saw an unidentified flying object Friday night near their home northeast of Maryville.

Sheri Harbison and her brother Arthur saw a flying object with a revolving red light, a stationary blue light and a white, half-circle light going through an unusual pattern.

"He was doing some tricky work up there," Miss Harbison said. She described its maneuvers, saying it moved south of her home, then west, north, east and west again twice in a 45-minute period between 11:30 p.m. and 12:15 a.m. Miss Harbison reported that at one point the object flew close to her home.

She said she reported the sighting to the Maryville Public Safety Department, who told her it had no previous reports of the object. The department suggested it was a helicopter, she said.

"Of course I'm not positive it was a UFO," Miss Harbison said, but she added the maneuvers were such that she doubted it was a helicopter.

She told the Daily Forum she had seen a similar sighting on the same night earlier this week that a vacationing Iowa Highway Patrolman reported seeing a UFO in southwest Missouri

UFOs flying

Several unidentified flying objects have again been reported in parts of the county. Some Frackville residents said they spotted a cigar-shaped object with an upright fin glowing white cross over the borough from east to west Sunday at a speed faster than a jet. Another siting near Frackville was reportedly circular in shape with a design on the underside. Several residents of Pottsville said they spied several objects which glowed like red flares during the recent thunderstorms.

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EVENING HERALD, Shenandoah, PA

MORNING PRESS, Bloomsburg, PA - July 22, 1978

More UFO reports in region

ELYSBURG — On the heels of last July 11th's report in The Morning Press of a sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) comes another report of such an experience.

Last Tuesday evening, the Edward Gappa family, Southview Drive, reported sighting an unexplained object in clear skies as they were walking along Penn Avenue in Elysburg.

Judy Gappa, wife of Edward, said she and her children and relatives from New Jersey were nearing the Gappa home about 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, when they saw a bright light in the sky in the area over Snyderstown.

Seven adults and three children watched the object as it hovered over

the area for more than an hour. Mrs. Gappa described it as being oval in shape with white beams of light protruding from all around the object.

She also noted the center of the oval object had blinking, orange-colored lights.

"We knew it wasn't a star, because it was too low," said Mrs. Gappa. "We are also sure it was not an airplane nor a helicopter, because we viewed it through binoculars. Four airplanes passed overhead in the hour we were watching the UFO, and we knew for sure it was not a plane," she noted.

Mrs. Gappa said the object moved at a very slow pace and at about 10:45 p.m., it moved toward Danville and appeared then as a glow in the sky.

There have been several reported sightings of UFOs in the area around Elysburg, and many which have not been reported. One woman and her daughter reported sighting a UFO in December of last year as they were driving toward Elysburg and one young man, Phillip Skeba, sighted an object in the sky in January and took pictures to corroborate his story.

An article and photo concerning Skeba's sighting were published in the Press.

Since newspaper articles have appeared on the sightings, several Elysburg area residents have told of seeing unusual objects in the sky but refuse to tell their stories publicly because of fear of ridicule.

UFO sighted by local trio

Is Venice being invaded by beings from another planet? It is entirely possible, as three residents of the area will testify.

Joe Nigro, his wife Fran, and their neighbor Jim Minor all claim to have seen not only one, but two unidentified flying objects (UFO) Tuesday night near the Nigro home on Havana Road.

"I thought it was a bat at first," explained Mrs. Nigro, "but it has no eyes, mouth, or nose. It just had this two inch square light in its face."

She told the Gondolier the object came within six inches of her nose as she watched from a window. At first, all she could see was the light coming at her. Then, the light turned and it appeared to be contained in an object resembling a bat, but the wings were stationary and did not flap or make any sound.

AT THE SAME time Mrs. Nigro was watching the object from one end of the house, husband Joe was watching another object of similar design from a window in the front of the house.

Nigro called his neighbor Jim Minor to come over and verify the sightings. Minor obliged and was able to spot one of the objects flying down the road.

The UFO reportedly buzzed around the garage and some of the trees in the front yard before "zooming right out of sight."

Reflecting on the sightings, Mrs. Nigro said, "You kind of wonder what it could be." She denied being scared, stating that the object was not big enough to hurt any one.

The Tuesday night sightings were not the first time the Nigros have seen UFOs near their home. A little more than a year ago they saw an object hovering above their home. However, this object in no way resembled the two seen Tuesday.

"We were reluctant to call anyone then," explained Nigro, who said he felt no one would believe him. That object had both blue and green lights on it, but was not a plane or helicopter, as he did phone the Sarasota-Bradenton Airport to see if anything was showing up on radar. The airport reported showing nothing on their screens.

WHILE AWARE that some people may be skeptical of the sightings, the Nigros and Minor are sure of what they saw. However, they phoned the sheriff's department to see if any other sightings had been reported, and none had.

The speed at which the UFO traveled dispels any notion of it being man-made or controlled. It could change direction quickly and accelerate rapidly, according to the Nigros.

These sightings are the most recent, but certainly not the first reported in the Venice area. Although they are not firm enough evidence to flatly state we are being invaded, they surely give one food for thought.

UFO reported over Sumner

An Unidentified Flying Object was reported over the Sumner Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at approximately 7:48 p.m. Sunday by a Puyallup youth and his stepmother.

The youth described the UFO as being about 30 feet in diameter, like an upside down bowl, with a concave bottom. The object was metallic in color, "like a car's bumper," made no noise, and with no definite pattern fluttered over the church for three or four minutes before disappearing toward Mt. Rainier.

Neither the Sumner or Orting police or the U.S. Air Force report any UFO sightings in the area Sunday night.

A spokesman for the Air Force UFO identification group said reports of an upside down bowl are quite common among UFO sightings, however, the Air Force is investigating.

PLAYGROUND NEWS,
Ft. Walton Beach, FL

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One of Those Close Encounters

Four Freeport residents told Eglin officers Saturday night they had experienced a "close encounter" when a bright red and white lighted object hovered over their car and followed them for nearly an hour.

The Kevin Davison family and a companion were heading east on State Road 77 in Walton County when they said a "bright object" began hovering over their car, an Eglin Air Force spokesman related.

The Davisons, Kevin, Phyllis and Alicia, and Vicki Williams told Air Force personnel manning the Eglin Command Post, that an object followed their car after it turned east onto State Road 20 had two lights, one red and one white.

"They said the lights followed them, went up and down and then spread apart," Sgt. Candace Ballmer said. They also told the Command Post that at first it looked like a plane, but then the white light went out of sight.

Eglin officials say their radar screens "picked up nothing" during the time the UFO reportedly was seen.

Eglin said there were no military aircraft in that area at the time.

6 Report Seeing UFO

FARMINGTON — Six persons telephoned the Police Department here late Wednesday reporting what they thought was an unidentified flying object near Exit 39 off I-84 here.

The calls all came within an eight-minute span from 9:25 to 9:33 p.m., police said. They said the callers described the object as being circular with lights.

One caller to The Courant said he was taking the exit off the

highway when he saw "something hovering in the air with a red light on top and a group of six or eight lights rotating."

The caller, Brian Mark, 22, of West Hartford, said he confirmed the sighting with others on his CB radio.

"It seemed to be stationary and then moved quickly toward Plainville," he said, adding that the flying object didn't make any sound or appear to be any kind of airplane he was familiar with.

SENTINEL, Centralia, IL

Aug. 18, 1978

UFO SIGHTED

A resident of North Cherry Street told police last night she saw an unidentified flying object, described as a bright light hovering above the trees. She said it later flew away. Police investigated, but they didn't see anything unusual.

UFO's Sighted in Area Following Thunderstorm

By John Leavens

For reasons unknown, the night sky in and around Union, extending apparently as far as Washington, was littered with unexplained lights and objects following Wednesday's booming thunderstorm.

Reports of at least four separate sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO's) between 9 p.m. Wednesday and 1 a.m. Thursday filtered into the Union police station beginning early Thursday.

By day's end, after accounts of the mysterious turn of events had been broadcast locally and in St. Louis, two more UFO sightings had been reported in Union, and a pair of unofficial reports in the Washington area had been revealed.

Though at least two of the sightings in Union were later attributed to possible aircraft in the area, three

referred Winscher's report back to Franklin county sheriff's deputies and Union police, were unable to place any kind of vehicle behind Winscher's that could have left the indentations without damaging the rest of the vehicle.

Winscher, who described herself as "very alert on the road" Wednesday night, said she didn't believe in UFO's before the incident, "but I sure do now," she said.

She told The Citizen Friday she still ached from the ordeal. "It's like in a serious accident; every bone in your body is sore."

The 52-year-old woman said the object struck her car with "terrible impact," accompanied by the brilliant light which Winscher said was "not any real color, just very bright." The rear end of the car was lifted from

Beaufort area detailed a similar sighting at the same time.

About 12:45 a.m., Velma Clines looked out her farmhouse kitchen window on Old State Road and saw what she described as an "orange-red ball" come from the east over the tree tops toward her house, then veer suddenly south toward Highway 50.

Clines, who did not wake her husband during the incident said the UFO appeared not as big as the moon and not as bright as the stars, but more like a ball that "glittered", she said, around its edges.

She said she could see the object headed south, again noiselessly, and she went onto the porch to follow its course. When she returned inside, she looked out the kitchen window once more and saw the same spectacle repeat itself exactly.

"I can still see it in my mind's eye," Clines told The Citizen Thursday. "I was concerned, but I wasn't really scared. I still wish it would have come over the house; then I could have seen it really close. You know," she added, "I may never get the chance to see anything like that again."

Cline's husband, Seaburn, was anxious to have the phenomenon explained, but he had no doubt about the truth of the report. "I've been living with this woman for 49 years," he said, "and I haven't ever heard her tell nothing that wasn't true."

Three other unofficial sightings, one in Union and two more in Washington, piled up more evidence.

About 11 p.m., a man in his 20's, who chose to remain nameless, sighted (with a friend) what looked like a brightly-lit "ferris-wheel-type object" from his vantage point near Hartmann's bridge in west Union.

Instead of standing vertically, however, the UFO was hanging sideways, again noiselessly, with bright, colored lights ringing the outside. The object was a grayish color underneath, according to the unofficial report.

At least four residents at the Hillcrest senior citizen apartments in Washington told a Citizen reporter they saw lights in the sky and an "orangeish-red" globular object, with a flaming tail like a kite, come from the north about 9:30 p.m. the same night.

The object circled the town and dropped from sight, only to rise again and exit again, noiselessly, to the north.

A similar object, described as a "flaming ball", was sighted by a Washingtonian in the vicinity of Second and Stafford streets about 11 p.m. The unidentified man said he had been watching a jet-liner to the east when he caught the unusual movement from the corner of his eye. That report, also, was unofficial.



From Whence It Came —

Velma Clines, Route 1, Beaufort, gestures through her kitchen window to the tree line over which she followed the course of two UFO's early Thursday morning.

Staff Photo.

others, seemingly related in detail and time of occurrence, remain unexplained.

Certainly the most concrete evidence came from a 52-year-old Arnold woman. Clara Evelyn Winscher claimed the rear of her car was lifted from Highway 50 in Union about 12:45 a.m. Thursday by what she could only describe as "brilliant lights", which descended noiselessly on her car near the Bourbeuse river bridge, then disappeared just as suddenly.

Winscher's car, a 1974 Mercury Comet, bore marks from the incident. Two indentations, not more than an inch wide, according to police, adorned the rear of her vehicle, without damage to paint or any other part of the car.

Arnold police, who eventually

the ground for a matter of seconds, she said, and carried eastward toward the bridge. Winscher said she could neither steer nor stop her auto.

"I just can't explain how a very violent impact like that showed nothing on that car," Winscher told The Citizen Friday. "It was pushing the car, rocking it sideways and from the front end to the back." Winscher said contact with the object made the car heat up instantly and fogged the front and side windows.

Union Sergeant Bob Reichardt, who covered the incident with county sheriff's deputies, said Winscher appeared nervous and excited, but "not hysterical." Sergeant Reichardt said that, with the exception of the two indentations, not even dust on the rest of the vehicle had been disturbed.

A separate report from the rural

UFO sighting reported by area Coast Guardsmen

By LARRY YELLEN
Chronicle staff writer

The reports began Thursday night at a place called Rocky Gap near St. Joseph.

Just before midnight, the St. Joseph Coast Guard Station received a civilian report that a long, silver, cylindrical, brightly lit object was in the sky for about 30 minutes and then headed southwest.

The second report came from Ludington, according to the U.S. Coast Guard District Office in Cleveland.

"We received a call from a man in Ludington whose daughter and boyfriend saw it," said Scott Richardson, the officer in charge of the Ludington station. He said two of his own Coast Guardsmen also saw a strange airborne object.

"It was first sighted off of U.S. 31, behind the Consumers Power project," Richardson said. "It was east of the project, then it went out over the project up to Big Sable Point.

"All they could see was a white strobe light, and white lights and a green light," Richardson said. He said his men had no idea how big it was but the "lights were very, very bright.

"I'm certain my men saw it. No way it was a hoax," he said.

The Ludington sighting was at one minute before midnight.

"Then the guys said it disappeared over the horizon to the west."

To the west, across Lake Michigan, is a Coast Guard station at Two Rivers, Wis., where Seaman Gary Randall was on duty.

"As soon as I heard it was coming, I ran and got my camera," Randall said Friday. "Station Ludington called and

said a UFO was heading our way. We immediately looked in the air and saw it.

"We looked out the window over the lake and there it comes.

"From what we could see, it was just a ball with lights on it. We couldn't make out any shape. All we could see were really bright lights, white and red, really bright.

"Five of us saw it.

"No way it could have been a meteor or anything. It flew erratically from side to side, then it would stop. It was a couple of thousand feet, maybe more, up in the air.

"No, it wasn't no meteor. A meteor doesn't have a strobe light, no white light."

Randall said he took about 10 pictures with his 35 mm camera, and the Coast Guard District Office in Cleveland has asked for the pictures and the negatives.

The film, he said, is being developed at a photo studio of his own choosing even though the Coast Guard sought to develop it in Cleveland.

He said he would send the negatives to Cleveland.

"I have no doubt in my mind as to what it was," Randall said. "A UFO. Something I've never seen and the government hasn't either."

Randall's sighting was reported to the Cleveland office, as were subsequent sightings from Coast Guard Stations at the entrance to Green Bay and at Sturgeon Bay.

The Cleveland office reported the sightings to the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, Colo., said NORAD public affairs officer Capt. Thomas Koch.

"The Coast Guard folks did notify headquarters that they saw something that couldn't be explained," Koch said.

"All NORAD does is check our computer data to see if there's any space debris that could have been remotely over that area. We didn't find any, so it's a dead issue."

Koch said the review of the computer data is just a courtesy because the Air Force is no longer in the business of investigating UFO reports.

Robert Gribble, staff member at the UFO Reporting Center of Phenomena Research in Seattle said Saturday no government agencies investigate UFO sightings.

He said his organization is the only national UFO reporting service. He said it did not receive any reports since Thursday night.

Randall believes the Air Force may know more than is being disclosed. He said the object was picked up on radar at Milwaukee's airport, Mitchell Field, when it passed over the area.

The control tower at Mitchell Field had no unusual sightings on Thursday night, according to L. Sorenson, Federal Aviation Administration supervisor in the tower. "I don't know anything about what your talking about," Sorenson said Saturday.

When Randall was told that the Milwaukee airport reported nothing unusual, he said: "I know damn well they did see it in Milwaukee."

He said that minutes after the Two Rivers sighting, NORAD officials were talking with him on the phone, and the Cleveland Coast Guard office was "patched in" to the conversation.

"I talked with them right at that time, five or 10 minutes after the sighting," he said Saturday. "Oh yah, I'm definite, I'm still convinced I saw it."

'Aliens' in crashed spaceship discussed at UFO convention

By Rick Van Sant

DAYTON, Ohio (UPI) — Unabashed statements like "the aliens from the crashed UFO were brought to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for study" hardly fazed the audience.

Most of the crowd of 500 merely nodded their approval of what the speaker was saying.

After all, the speaker and the audience had convened for yesterday's ninth annual National UFO Convention — the major gathering of America's hardest believers in Unidentified Flying Objects.

"My husband and I have made eight of the nine conventions," said Mrs. Carroll Armstrong of St. Louis, "and the only reason we missed one was because we had to go to a family wedding the day of the convention."

Mrs. Armstrong and the rest of the crowd at the Dayton Convention Center listened attentively to featured speaker, Leonard Stringfield, 57, of Cincinnati, a veteran UFO researcher.

Stringfield had promised to disclose the results of his study into allegations that the Air Force has been secretly recovering bodies from crashed UFOs the past 30 years, and bringing them back to bases like Dayton's Wright-Patterson for study.

Stringfield has compiled a lot of stories from various people around the country, but refused to reveal most of their names and conceded that the accounts did not constitute "proof" of the allegations.

Stringfield also admitted that some of his two dozen sources might be lying.

"But even if one or two are lying," he said, "what about the others?"

"Where there's smoke there's fire, and from my position I can certainly see a helluva lot of smoke."

Mrs. Armstrong and the rest of the audience politely applauded.

"In 1973, the crates of bodies of humanoids from a UFO that crashed in Arizona were brought to Wright-Patterson," Stringfield said. "They were about four feet tall, and packed in dry ice."

Stringfield added that because of form-fitting space suits the aliens were wearing, his informant believed one to be female.

"A large chest," explained Stringfield.

NEWS-PRESS, Santa Barbara, CA

Portuguese sight UFO in Lisbon

LISBON, Portugal (UPI) — Dozens of Portuguese bombarded the national radio station with reports of a large unidentified flying object hovering over Lisbon.

According to the callers, the craft was a large round object festooned with bright red-and-white lights that flew about 150 to 250 yards above the ground.

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Convention in Chicago Focuses On Visits of Ancient Astronauts

Special to The New York Times

CHICAGO, July 30 — Businessmen and college students, engineers and scientists — whatever their earthly pursuits — had come to hear of things out of this world.

The 650 people who crowded into a ballroom at the Chicago Marriott Hotel for the Fifth World Convention of the Ancient Astronaut Society this weekend heard 25 lectures expounding one theme: that beings from outer space visited Earth in ancient times and taught humans advanced technology.

The five-year-old society with 2,000 members from different countries was founded by Gene M. Phillips, a lawyer in the Chicago suburb of Park Ridge, to provide a "forum for ideas" about ancient astronauts.

"We're not like a scientific group," said Mr. Phillips, who set up the organization after reading a book by Erich von Daniken, the controversial Swiss writer. "We just try to present all kinds of evidence."

Mr. von Daniken has drawn criticism for his books and articles about various archeological sites that, he said, indicate visits from extraterrestrial beings. "They say we are cracks, fools," Mr. von Daniken bristled yesterday. "But the facts are different. I've been everywhere I've been talking about."

The evidence presented at the lectures was colorful and controversial:

Zecharia Sitchin, a New York businessman and linguist, suggested that 6,000-

year-old Sumerian texts found in what is now Iraq show a sophisticated knowledge of our solar system, and that beings from a yet-undiscovered planet in the system taught man the knowledge.

Robert Earle, a nuclear engineer for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, postulated that large, ancient carvings in a flat plain near Nazca, Peru, were so technologically precise that they seemed to be maps to help ships land on Earth.

Rodney Dale, an English writer and engineer, said that careful readings of the Bible showed the manna that fed the Israelites 3,500 years ago on their flight from Egypt was actually a form of green algae produced by a nuclear-powered machine from outer space.

Josef Blumrich, a former N.A.S.A. design engineer who worked on the first stage of the Saturn 5 booster, said that he got involved in the ancient astronaut theory after he became "aggravated" by a passage in Mr. von Daniken's book that cited a description of a sophisticated "wheel" that turned in all directions in the Bible's Book of Ezekiel.

On reading Ezekiel, Mr. Blumrich encountered a description of landing gear for what could have been a space craft. It sounded "suspiciously" like something he had designed for N.A.S.A.

Mr. Blumrich then designed an "omnidirectional wheel" based on Ezekiel's wheel. The patent for the wheel is owned by N.A.S.A.

NEWS, Brookfield, WI

Aug. 17, 1978

CR: R. Heiden

•UFO

An Unidentified Flying Object was reported to the Brookfield police at about 11:20 p.m. Sunday night.

Two police officers went to the caller's address on North Brookfield Road to check out the report. With the caller, the two officers observed an object in the northwest sky.

According to their report, the object appeared to have a red light revolving around it. There was a stationary green light and the object was lit up by a white light. The officers reported that the UFO moved up and down and left to right; otherwise it remained in the same location for more than an hour. One of the officers said the object was "clearly not an airplane."

The police notified a UFO sighting station in Illinois and also contacted General Mitchell Field, which reported that there was nothing on their radar in that area.

THE PRESS, Riverside, CA - Aug. 1, 1978

Strange lights in desert sky seen by residents, deputies

By MIKE KATAOKA
Press-Enterprise Staff Writer

COACHELLA — There was no sound — only bright, spinning lights on an oval-shaped object that illuminated the vacant field across from Frank Garza's ranch on Avenue 54.

Maria Garza and her 12-year-old daughter, Yvette, were sitting on the living room sofa about 10:30 p.m. carrying on a conversation Saturday night when a flash of light caught Yvette's attention.

They opened the drapes and gazed out the picture window. Across the street, over the field no more than 100 yards away, was a strange sight in the sky that has yet to be explained.

"There were a lot of lights just spinning around," Maria Garza recalled. "It just came down so fast, but there was no noise, no sound." After a few seconds, after descending about to the height of a telephone pole, it vanished, she said.

Her husband was not home. She telephoned her sister-in-law next door. Petra Garza and her daughter, Lily, also had seen it, but they, too, shared an initial skepticism.

They called the Thermal Airport to inquire about any planes

in the area that reported problems or any reported unusual sightings from the tower. The response was negative.

Yvette Garza called the sheriff's department. The bright object they saw was confirmed by deputies Ken Griffin and Gayle Janes, who had been patrolling Highway 111, between Avenue 60 and Avenue 62 in Thermal.

Griffin said he and Janes saw an object with bright white and red lights "coming straight down out of the sky." It made no sound. The deputies said they could not determine the shape of the object.

The deputies drove to the Garza ranch. A check of the field that night and Sunday morning uncovered no evidence of a landing.

"We expected to find scorched ground or something, but there was nothing," Petra Garza said.

All witnesses at the Garza Ranch agreed that the oval object appeared to be no bigger than a horse trailer. The lights, they said, were affixed to propeller-like devices which spun around.

"We first thought it was phony, but at the same time we got a weird feeling," Yvette Garza said.

All the Garzas said they had

been dubious about unidentified flying objects, but now they are not so sure.

"We were really worried that no one would believe us," Maria Garza said.

Two other Coachella residents, Jerry Jemenez and his brother-in-law, Daniel Gomez, were outside a friend's house on Avenue 50 when they, too, saw the bright object in the sky.

Jemenez described it as having many bright lights spinning around. It definitely was not an airplane, he said.

The radar facility at the Palm Springs Municipal Airport, which can pick up air traffic in Coachella, logged nothing out of the ordinary Saturday night. According to Bob Cobb, a tower official with the Federal Aviation Administration, the object spotted in Coachella would have been routinely interpreted on the radar screen "as an airplane that got down too low."

Although the sheriff's office plans no further investigation, the matter has been called to the attention of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization.

The private, Arizona-based organization investigates UFO sightings and plans a followup of the Coachella incident.

UFO

Palm Springs woman reports having 'Close Encounter of Third Kind'

By **TERRY J. TRIPP**
Staff Writer

PALM SPRINGS — A Palm Springs woman who says she loves westerns and gangster movies believes she may have had a "Close Encounter of the Third Kind" about the same time as the UFO sightings near Coachella.

The news report Tuesday in The Desert Sun of the sightings prompted the woman to recall her own sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object in June of last year in Mississippi.

"Mrs. X" (she prefers to remain anonymous) said she had fallen asleep about 10:30 p.m. Saturday while watching television in her living room.

At about the same time, two sheriff's deputies patrolling Hwy. 111 between Avenues 60 and 62 reported spotting an object with bright white and red lights appear to drop below the tree line without making a sound.

It was also about then that a Coachella mother and her daughter were talking in their living room on Avenue 54 when a flash of light caught the girl's attention.

In the vacant field 100 yards away, across from the Frank Garza ranch, Maria Garza spotted an oval-shaped object with "a lot of lights just spinning around."

She said it descended about to the height of a utility pole, then vanished.

At least two other Coachella residents spotted an unexplained bright object in the sky.

There were other unconfirmed reports of several persons seeing a mysterious object on the ground near Avenue 52 and Van Buren Street.

Meanwhile, back in Palm Springs, Mrs.

X, asleep on the couch, recalls:

"The next thing I remember is I woke up outside" her home "between 2 and 2:30 a.m." Sunday. "I felt like I was in a heavy cloud of mist, like I floated down. I have no recollection of getting outside." wearing "shortie pjs," she was standing barefoot in some gravel on the other side of a five-foot brick wall, about six feet from the front door.

"I felt very cold and numb all over, like I was dying. I felt frightened. I knew I'd been somewhere and I didn't know where." She claims she never sleep walked before.

She opened the front door — which had been locked when she fell asleep — and awakened her husband, who had gone to bed earlier.

Said Mrs. X, "I told him, 'I've been with

'A lot of lights just spinning ...'

a UFO, I've been with them. They want me for some reason.'"

He replied, "You're dreaming. You're crazy."

Mrs. X recalls she "felt like someone else was trying to make me say this. They might have rejected me."

Before Wednesday's newspaper was out, Mrs. X picked up Tuesday's Desert Sun at a restaurant newstand "for the ads. I read the paper a day late."

Her husband saw the headline, "'UFOs' may have been helicopters," looked at her "in amazement and asked, 'Are you psychic or what?'"

The couple had only been married a few months and he hadn't known about her UFO sighting last year — until now.

"I kept it quiet because I didn't want people to think I was crazy," says Mrs. X, who readily admits she is 40 years old.

Last year in mid-June she and her 15-year-old son were driving from California to Florida, when they had a "close encounter" on Interstate 10.

"It was about 8:15 p.m. We were 11 miles inside the Mississippi state line, about 50 miles from Biloxi. It had been raining hard, a downpour out of a clear sky, then it stopped," said Mrs. X.

She doesn't remember if there was any traffic on the four-lane divided highway.

"I had asked my son to check the map and see how much farther it was to Biloxi. I only had a quarter tank of gas."

Looking off to the left, "We were perhaps a mile away when I first saw it.

"It was a huge silver monster, pulsating, huge silver rays flashing from it. At first I thought I was dreaming. I asked my son if he saw it and he said, 'Yes, ma'am, I do.'"

Her son at first thought it might be a big Ferris wheel in a carnival.

"I said, how could it be a carnival out in the wilderness.

"When we got closer, it turned transparent and you could see little people inside running around. By that time I was so afraid, all I could think of was getting out of there.

"We both kept looking at it. When we got close, the engine started sputtering and started to cut off. I flipped off the air conditioning and stepped on the accelerator."

Mrs. X said the object "was as tall as a 10-story building, stuck out of the trees, big as a baseball field.

"I looked at the outside mirror and like a flash of light it was gone. The light came up and it completely vanished.

"By then I was shaking so bad I could hardly drive the car."

She said she stopped at the first freeway exit for gasoline and telephoned her mother living near Lake Worth.

"I told her what I saw, she said go to bed and laughed. My son also told those who were pumping gas about it and they left to go look."

Mrs. X said they spent the night in Mobile, Ala., but "I was so upset I couldn't sleep." They arose at 5:30 a.m. and arrived in the

'... you could see little people inside.'

Lake Worth area about 11 p.m.

"That night I told my mother and sister about the sighting. I told them I thought it was a spaceship from outer space — it had to have been."

Her sister, a former sheriff's department employee, suggested she report it to the West Palm Beach authorities, so she did.

She was advised to call a toll-free number which connected her with the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

The center asked Mrs. X and her son to draw separate diagrams of the UFO and describe "what we saw, or thought we saw,"

and send the information in.

She described the "people" inside the UFO as "greyish brown," while her son thought they appeared "more brownish." Both described them as three to four feet tall.

Mrs. X said the UFO "was on the opposite side of the road, back in the woods. It looked like it was on stilts. The weirdest thing was when it turned transparent."

Driving back from Florida via the same route, she said she checked to see exactly where the UFO was, during the daytime, and "it looked like it had been burned."

The UFO center sent investigators to the vicinity, Mrs. X said, but "they couldn't find anything at all."

While she was in Florida, she said, "I came down with severe throat problems. I couldn't talk at all."

She said she went to several doctors, but they could not diagnose the ailment and she still has it. She said she smokes about two packs of cigarettes daily.

"I take antibiotics. It goes away and comes back. I also feel less energetic."

Mrs. X, who likes television shows such as "Charlie's Angels" and "Baretta," but has "no desire to watch outer space movies," said she formerly "never believed down deep there were people in outer space."

She added, "If whoever or whatever it was had meant us harm, my son and I would not be here today. I can't explain it; I don't think anyone will until we are more able to understand life and the world.

"There is something more powerful than us out there. They are far more superior and advanced than we will ever be.

"I wasn't a believer until last year. They made a believer out of me."

It's Close Encounters of Some Kind in Nelagoney

By Jon Chavez
Staff Writer

NELAGONEY — Is it possible that this community snuggled obscurely in the Osage Hills is under observation by aliens from outer space?

Or could it be that a long time ago in a galaxy far away, ancient astronauts picked out this spot in northeastern Oklahoma as a rest stop on interplanetary jaunts?

Residents of these parts aren't saying there's a cosmic particle of truth in either of those suggestions. But they are saying that something weird is going on.

That something, observed in the night sky by a number of people over the last six months, has taken various forms, such as an eerie pulsating light, a flying boomerang spewing colored sparks and the spitting image of a bouncing headlight on a stick, among others.

The reluctant witnesses of these unnerving spectacles, wary of getting the fish-eye glance from folks who previously had considered them normal, deny resolutely that any of the above resembled flying saucers.

They say they fully recognize the existence of airplanes, helicopters, balloons, car lights and man-made satellites. However, they say, these weird things do not resemble those things either.

"I don't know what I saw," said an admittedly perplexed Billy Mitchell, an Osage County sheriff's deputy. "I called the newspaper and they heard that there might be some northern lights out."

"I talked to another guy and he said that this weatherman said that there would be unusual phenomena in the sky because of weather disturbances."

"For something to have been that big and to have that illumination, I don't think it could have been either northern lights or weather."

Mitchell, who assures he doesn't believe in flying saucers, little green men or the Easter Bunny, said he and four other lawmen watched a motionless bright object in the southwest sky for about an hour-and-a-half in mid-May.

"It was a light. I thought it was an airplane at first, but it didn't move."

Whatever "it" was, he said, looked like a core of white, pulsating light "with red, blue

and green lights going around it."

Mitchell and his baffled colleagues telephoned other area lawmen and also radar operators at a Tulsa airport, but none of them had seen it.

"It was just stationary, it didn't move at all," Mitchell said. "Anything, even a helicopter, moves some."

But don't take this deputy wrong. "In no way do I believe it was any kind of foreign object of any type," Mitchell said.

"... I'm sure this could have been explained at the time if somebody could have investigated it further."

Virginia Craun, of Nelagoney, would also like someone to explain to her what it was, exactly, that she saw in the sky while driving down a back road one evening last February.

"When I first saw it, I thought it was a star," she said. "I thought maybe that's what it was until it moved."

"I just continued on the road," she said. "Then it flew backwards and later right above me."

As the object — described as a "boomerang-shaped" white light — passed silently overhead, it emitted "bluish-white sparks," Mrs. Craun said. On its front, four small lights were flashing in sequence. Then it sped away extremely quickly, she said.

"If it had hovered over me, I'd have been hysterical. It was definitely some sort of aircraft," she said. But no kind she has ever seen before, she said.

Gerald Covington, a 60-year-old oil producer who owns a lease between Pawhuska and Nelagoney, is frequently in the area of all the strange goings-on, and he doesn't know what to think.

"I haven't seen anything, so I don't know," Covington said. "But that little Craun girl, I know her and know that she must have seen something."

"She's no nut at all," agreed Osage County District Attorney Bill Hall, who lives in Nelagoney. "She's a very straight person. If she says she saw something, I'm sure she did."

Mrs. Craun told others of her experience hesitantly.

"Since this has happened, people have called me and said they too have had a similar experience but were afraid to talk about it."

One is Mary Powers, who lives about five miles north of Nelagoney.

During an evening in the first week of June, Mrs. Powers says she saw "red and blue flashing lights" hovering around and slightly above her farmhouse.

The object was silent and was definitely not a helicopter or airplane, she said.

Mrs. Powers said she ran inside to get her husband, Merle, but when they rushed back out, the object was gone.

Two others who claim to have seen a strange ball of light "dancing" atop the trees, skimming across a plowed field and streaking across the sky are oil well pumper Harold Danner, of nearby Pawhuska, and Albert Kendrick, who has a farm in the area.

The 50-year-old Kendrick says he has seen this spectacle a number of times, and "I sure would like to know what it is."

The light made an appearance during the first week of June while Danner and Kendrick were out talking.

And so it is that the people of Nelagoney have been wondering. And hoping that any day now, the Air Force, national space program officials or even some eccentric inventor will announce they've been testing a new experimental aircraft in the Osage County skies — one that pulsates, spews colored sparks, is shaped like a boomerang and bounces like a headlight on a stick.

Mysterious Light Seen Moving East In Sky

San Diego and La Mesa police last night reported numerous calls about a mysterious red light moving east in the southern sky.

Calls about the glow began about 8:30 p.m., police said. San Diego police reported numerous calls while La Mesa police said the department received about 100 calls.

Mitch Sosna of 9120 Briar Road, La Mesa, said he and a group of friends watched the phenomenon for about 10 minutes. He described it as a "large red glowing light."

At one point, it appeared that something dropped from the light and blinked as it fell to earth, he said. There was no noise, he added.

After about 10 minutes, the light turned pale yellow and took off "super-fast," Sosna said.

An officer from the La Mesa Police Department attempted to follow the light, but lost sight of it in the vicinity of the Grossmont Shopping Center, according to reports.

Sosna said when it took off, it went "to the left of the moon."

Police were unable to identify the source of the glow.

UNION, San Diego, CA - Aug. 17, 1978

STAR, Indianapolis, IN - Aug. 18, 1978 CR: C. Jones

Strange Lights Haunt Southern Illinois Area

Carmi, Ill. (UPI) — Residents of this Southern Illinois town had no ready explanation for the stellar display they witnessed in every direction.

Police said callers reported that six strange lights glowed red, green and white and traveled at high speeds, making sharp, unusual turns.

Police Sgt. Dee Heil said the starlike lights were visible for six hours Wednesday night and early Thursday and were seen by at least seven city, county and state police officers.

Heil said the lights were about the same size as the planet Venus, when photographers shot it lined up with the moon last week.

Police dispatcher Rex Harris said wit-

nesses attempted in vain to identify the source of the lights through rifle scopes, telephoto camera lens and binoculars.

"We have no idea at all what they were," said Heil. "I've never seen anything like it."

He said the lights were "very high" in the sky most of the time and appeared north, south, east and west of Carmi.

"Sometimes some of them would go away and then would come back but some were there all the time" Heil said.

Controllers at Dress Regional Airport in Evansville, Ind., said they noticed no unusual radar activity at the time of the sightings.

Authorities notified the Air Force and the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Local Couple Say They Spotted UFO

By DEBBIE HARVEY
Daily Times Staff Writer

It was Thursday, July 13, at approximately 9:30 p.m. It was a "dark and foggy night."

Rev. Elisabeth and Rev. Stephen Stephenson were traveling from Louisville to their home in Glasgow by way of I-65, when suddenly an object appeared before them that they had never previously encountered.

"It appeared to be an airplane on fire, approximately four to five miles away in the western sky," said Rev. Elisabeth. Adding, she said that the object lighted up the entire western sky. They were approximately 25 miles south of Louisville at the time.

"We pulled to the trouble lane, stopped, and watched this object, within seconds, appear within 100 yards of the highway where it hovered for a short time about 30 feet above the ground," they explained.

The couple said the unidentified flying object (UFO) was rectangular in shape, about 15 to 20 feet high and perhaps 30 to 40 feet long. It appeared yellow in the distance but as a glowing, steady white light when it hovered near us, Rev. Elisabeth said. "The dazzling, almost blinding light was like no other light I have ever seen before," she added.

Rev. Stephen said the UFO was as big as their home, and that he was amazed by the huge amount of light surrounding the object. "I never really saw a shape, just light," he said.

"It was soundless in flight and moved with terrific speed. It reminded us of a large house burning all over, except the light was brighter than our brightest sunlight and there were no flames," Rev. Elisabeth said.

The couple said they were totally speechless. We never said a word to each other, we just sat in the car in awe, they said. "We were awed and speechless by the brilliance which lighted the ground and surrounding area," she said. They said a giant oblong shape of light encircled the UFO and penetrated deeply the fog and darkness.

Then just as the object had appeared, it moved quickly to the west again, she said.

The couple continued their journey after the lights had dimmed and finally went out. "The lights blacked out just as if someone turned the lights off," he said.

They said another car almost stopped alongside them; however, it just slowed for a moment then continued. Rev. Elisabeth said others



Staff photo by Donna Buckles

UFO SIGHTING — Rev. Stephen and Elisabeth Stephenson, Ford Drive, Glasgow, have reported their sighting of an unidentified flying object. The couple said they saw the huge bright object July 13, approximately five miles south of the Glass House on I-65. They said the UFO was as large as a house and appeared to be on fire.

must have seen the UFO, but didn't stop possibly due to fear.

She said seeing the object could scare someone half to death if they weren't a Christian.

As they continued on their route to Glasgow, they kept watching the sky and about seven miles down the highway, Rev. Elisabeth noticed a bright glow like a sunrise.

They stopped again, this time turning the car off, and viewed the object which appeared to be a blazing

airplane.

"We watched the object for approximately 15 minutes as it played over a hillside," she said. It went up and down, sideways and zig-zagged atop a tree studded hill about 3 miles away, the couple explained.

Rev. Elisabeth said that at times the object shot forth ribbon-like flares. "We thought a plane was fighting it at first," she said. Adding, she said that they had seen a plane circle the object, but they didn't ever see what happened to the plane.

Rev. Stephen said the glowing light engulfed an area about a mile wide. He said that trees and clouds could be easily seen from the light and that it was an extremely dark night, with neither the moon nor any stars shining.

Rev. Elisabeth said the light varied in intensity, going from extremely bright to dim, until the light finally disappeared from their view.

The couple said that they are aware of no aircraft of this nature that could come and go with such speed. Therefore, they said the object is not a natural phenomenon.

"It could have been supernatural or from outer space. It was definitely from somewhere," Rev. Elisabeth said. Adding, Rev. Stephen said, "It was not an earthly thing."

Both being ministers, they said the brilliant light could resemble a Heavenly light and they wondered if it were a supernatural craft.

The couple said they were hoping to have another encounter with the object. "It was very exciting to us," she said. Adding, she explained that they were so surprised this time that maybe if they ever see the object again they might be able to more closely observe the object.

Rev. Elisabeth said they reported the sighting to the Kentucky State Police and that to their knowledge, no one else reported seeing the UFO. They also reported their sighting to the publication, "National Enquirer."

Rev. Elisabeth said they didn't say anything about the UFO to anyone for some time, but they eventually told the members of the Salmon Tabernacle Church. The couple notified the "Daily Times" about the sighting this week. She said that a lot of people don't believe in UFO's and that some people might feel that they were seeking publicity.

However, both Rev. Elisabeth and Rev. Stephen said they just wanted to let others know what they saw. "People need to know about these things," she said.

EVENING LEADER, Shawano, WI - Aug. 21, 1978

Flying saucers sighted

TOWN OF WASHINGTON — Several persons reported seeing unidentified flying objects last night in the Township of Washington along the south shore of Shawano Lake.

They indicated they were of green and red in color and were visible for about an hour.

Another area resident called the Leader and said they were the size of an automobile and saw blue and white lights.

There was no report of planes or other objects in the area that may have caused the sightings.

STANDARD-PRESS, Burlington, WI
Aug. 9, 1978 CR: R. Heiden

UFOs

Two Burlington residents reported seeing unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the Henry Street area shortly before 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8. Pat Nelson, 340 Henry St., told police he saw a glow in the sky to the east for approximately 15 seconds. Dean Willich, 318 N. Spring St., staying at the Nelson residence, said he saw what appeared to be three stars moving in close proximity to each other. They disappeared, he said, after about 30 seconds of observation.

Denman employees report UFO

CR: M. Swift

By MARK KHOLOS
Tribune Staff Writer

LEAVITTSBURG — It appeared to be a normal Tuesday evening for the night-shift employees at the Denman Rubber Manufacturing Co. on Diehl South Road. But at about 9:10 p.m. a group of workers reported seeing an unusual object in the night sky descend upon the plant. By that time the men were convinced they were witnessing a "close encounter" of some kind.

After reporting the sighting of a UFO to the Youngstown Municipal Airport control tower, one of the employees notified The Tribune. At first, shop foreman Dale Bungard and about 15 other workers from the plant's curing room were hesitant about publicly revealing what they had seen. Some employees teased Bungard and the other workers about the sighting. There were taunts of too

many drinks and just calling the whole thing a hoax.

BUNGARD SAID he feared losing his job by telling the story until a company official gave him the OK. One of the first employees to see the UFO was Carlos G. Cowger, 38.

It was near the end of break time, said Cowger, when he and other employees ran out of the curing room to investigate a triangular object hovering about 200 feet above a pile of scrap rubber fires.

Another worker, George K. Bayus, 20, described the object as triangle-shaped with a bright white light at each point. He estimates the lights to be about 100 yards apart. Other employees immediately ran to the scene. Among the curious were Robert P. Dulovich, James B. Gavitt, Jeff Jarman, Terry L. Hall, Jerry Stimpert and

Ronald Sowers.

"I was about 150 yards away then I ran directly underneath it," said Cowger.

COWGER NOTED that the grayish metallic object "just coasted above and made a soft noise."

He said after about 15 minutes the object slowly moved from above the scrap rubber, toward the building

and suddenly left the area at a high rate of speed.

Cowger said the experience gave him "kind of a scary feeling." Fellow employee Bayus said, "I just wanted to watch." It was the first UFO sighting for both men.

One of the workers who reported the incident to the airport control tower said an air traffic controller told him

there were no unusual objects on the radar screen within a 50-mile radius.

The employee said he followed the advice of the tower worker by calling a national toll-free number in Seattle which handles UFO reports.

Area police agencies reported no other calls Tuesday evening on unidentified flying objects.

OBSERVER, Charlotte, NC
Aug. 29, 1978

2 Flying Saucers Visit N.C. Skies?

Two flying saucer sightings were reported in North Carolina last week, and at least one is being taken seriously by the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill.

Colon Grandy Jr., a farmer near Poplar Branch in Currituck County, says he saw a disc-shaped aircraft, 75 yards in diameter, with orange lights around its edge, near his home Thursday evening.

Grandy said the saucer sped silently about 200 feet off the ground. Grandy called the Elizabeth City Coast Guard Air Station, where Lt. (j.g.) Brad Black said it was the second call he'd received. Black said he called the UFO center, which said it planned to investigate.

Friday night Lisa Potter and Ray Eudy were driving in downtown Concord when they saw an object in the sky over the Cabarrus County Courthouse.

The saucer-shaped aircraft had lighted windows around its edge, Eudy said, and it appeared to be about the size of a house. It hovered, he said, for about three seconds, then zipped silently away. CR: G. Fawcett

DAILY TELEGRAM, Norton, KS - Aug. 30, 1978
CR: S. Hicks

Norton lady reports UFO sighting Saturday evening

"It was wierd, the wierdest thing I ever saw," says Abbie Davenport, 501 E. Lincoln, Norton, of a brightly illuminated object she saw going up and down in the sky early Sunday morning about 1:30 a.m.

She says she watched the object go up and down vertically either in or behind a tall tree across the street northwest from her bedroom. She told the Telegram today that she did not tell anyone except her daughter Mrs. Bill Antrim, Norton, about the sighting until today because she thought "everyone would think I was crazy. But, I, know I saw something like I'd never seen before." When she read in the Telegram about a UFO sighting near Coffeyville last Thursday evening she said she decided to report her sighting.

She is accustomed to reading until late at night before retiring. On Saturday evening she finished reading about 1:30 a.m. and got in bed. As she looked out the bedroom window to check the weather before going to sleep, she saw

the lighted object either in or behind a large tree in the neighbors' yard. She says it had a yellowish light and was very bright. She couldn't make out the details of the object but said it had ragged edges and was not perfectly round.

The object would go down slowly to a point about five feet off the ground, then shoot up to a point near the top of the tree. It continued to follow this same pattern for the approximately 20 minutes that she watched it from her bedroom window.

"I thought about going out in the yard to get a better view but I was kind of afraid," she says. "It was so late I didn't know of anyone I could call so I finally just went to sleep. I wasn't going to say anything about it until I saw the other sighting in the paper."

Abbie says she has perfect eyesight and that she knows what she saw was not a street light or a star. In fact, she has no idea what she saw. She says she has never seen anything like it in her entire life.

TIMES, Maiden, NC - Aug. 30, 1978

Maiden Family Reports Seeing Large UFO

A Maiden family has reported what they thought was a confirmation of a report of a UFO "the size of a four or five room farm house" that passed and stopped a motorcycle ridden by Terry Mayo at 11 p.m. Aug. 5 on Buffalo Shoals Rd.

The UFO, described as domed on top and flat on the bottom caused the motor and the headlights of his motorcycle to conk out, Mayo said.

The earlier report was delayed a week before it was published, so the Garvin Galloway family of Route 3, Maiden, UFO report—which also occurred on a Saturday night (Aug. 12) at the same time—was also near Buffalo Shoals Road, but was not related.

Mr. and Mrs. Galloway reported seeing a "great big ball of light" moving due south towards Buffalo Shoals Road. They said

it was oval-shaped, bright orange in color and was seen for an estimated minute, before it blinked out and disappeared. The two witnesses said the UFO was "as big as a large house."

On Thursday afternoon, Aug. 10 at 3:30 p.m., Mrs. Diana Galloway observed what appeared to be lightning strike a blue object in the sky which she said caught on fire and burned out before hitting the ground.

George D. Fawcett, state director for the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON) in Seguin, Tex., is investigating the new sightings in Lincoln and Catawba Counties.

Fawcett asks that other eyewitnesses contact him in writing to 602 Battleground Rd., Lincolnton, 28092 or by calling 735-5725 at night.

To date, advertising planes and meteors have been ruled out as explanations, Fawcett said.

DAILY TELEGRAM, Norton, KS - Aug. 28, 1978

UFO reports near Coffeyville

COFFEYVILLE - Authorities have been unable to confirm sightings by eight area residents of an unidentified flying object. The residents reported seeing the object in the skies of Chautauqua County late Thursday.

Spokesmen for the Federal Aviation Administration control centers at Kansas City, Fort Worth and McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita said that the centers had not received any reports and that no radar sightings had confirmed a UFO.

The object reportedly was sighted over Peru and Sedan, Kan., between 9:30 and 10 p.m. by three different groups of people.

Witnesses said the object flew over a church in Peru at little more than tree-top level, looked as though it were going to strike a nearby hill, then lifted off into the sky at a "rate faster than any jet."

CR: S. Hicks

CR: G. Fawcett

UFO sightings keep Uintah Basin buzzing

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By Andrea Granum

Deseret News correspondent

ROOSEVELT — The Uintah Basin, already famous for numerous UFO sightings in the past 10 years, has been the stage for a great deal of excitement in recent weeks.

Area residents say that at various locations and at times they have witnessed the flight of an awesome dome-shaped unidentified flying object with intense lights.

Dale Wood, 13, a student at Vernal Junior High School, was the first to see the large silver object, near his grandmother's home about seven miles northeast of Roosevelt. About 10:30 p.m. Aug. 11, while walking to his grandmother's trailer home, he could hear the sound of a finely tuned purring engine, Dale said.

He looked up to the horizon and was surprised to see a silver dome-shaped object. It was surrounded by a very intense green light that was jagged like the flames of a fire, he said.

The object then hovered directly above him and he was able to see the underneath section of the craft. He could see lights there, with the middle light of greatest intensity.

While the craft was overhead, the engine sound was not noticeable, he said. The object remained overhead for a few minutes and, Dale said, he had the impression he was being watched.

Dale said he was very scared, but at the same time he wanted to see what the UFO was going to do. It began to circle, and Dale immediately ran to tell his brother, David, who was nearby in his aunt's house.

David called his mother, who was in his grandmother's home doing some canning, shouting that Dale had seen a flying saucer. His mother, Larain Wood of Vernal, told her son Dale was just trying to scare the younger children.

Suddenly, the air conditioning units and television sets quit operating. Mrs. Wood tried the switch on the air conditioning, but to no avail. She also noticed that the dogs were whining and crying — not barking, she said, but whining! as though they could hear a sound beyond human hearing range.

Mrs. Wood went outside along with some of her children in time to see the craft circle over the area twice. It then took off rapidly toward the northeast. Mrs. Wood said she was very frightened, yet so fascinated she couldn't take her eyes off the object.

Dale had the impression the saucer-like craft may have landed in a field near them. He could hear a herd of horses located there running rapidly. He surveyed the area the following morning, but could find no evidence of a landing.

After the UFO disappeared, Mrs. Wood called the Ute Indian Tribe Police Department in Fort Duchesne. Officer David Murray was dispatched to investigate the sightings. He later said he, too, saw the object near U.S. 40.

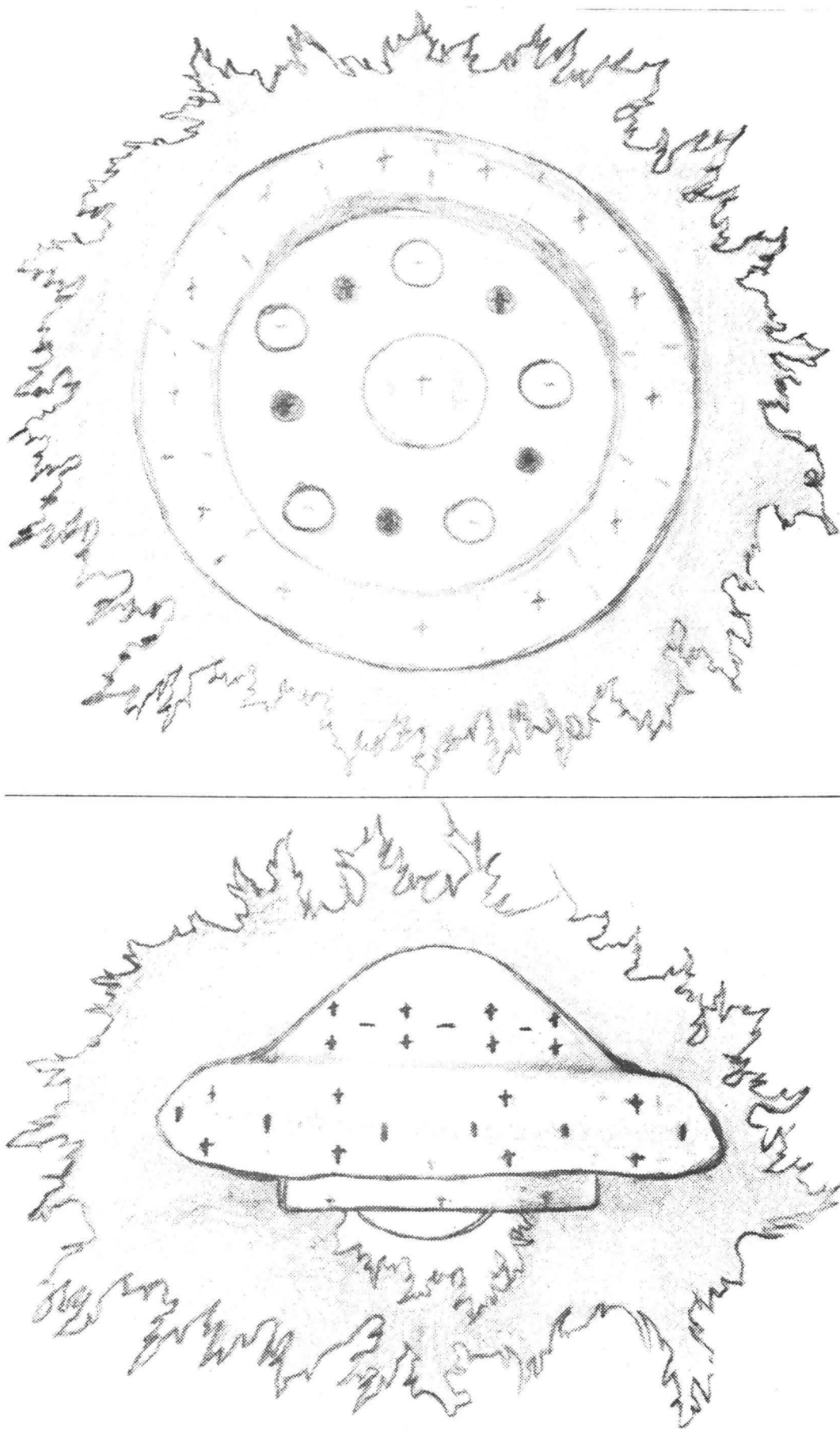
The following day, in a conversation with Telintha Rasmussen, a reporter for the Roosevelt Standard, Mrs. Wood learned that Mrs. Rasmussen and her 10-year-old grandson, David, had also seen a craft near their Ballard home.

While driving home from Roosevelt, Mrs. Rasmussen spotted something out of the corner of her eye. She looked up through the windshield and asked David if the shining object she saw was a plane or something of that nature.

David calmly replied that it was a flying saucer.

At that point, Mrs. Rasmussen, fearing an accident, pulled her car to the roadside and got out to have a better look.

She described the object as being dome-shaped and very shiny. It was moving at a high rate of speed, she said. It headed north to the mountains.



Dale Wood, 13, drew the object's underside, top, and a side view.

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Mrs. Rasmussen and David said they were not afraid of the UFO. She said she had seen a saucer-like object about 20 years ago in the Neola area, so she knew a little about what to expect.

The Woods and Mrs. Rasmussen contacted Junior Hicks, a science teacher at Roosevelt's West junior High School who has gained some fame in the field of UFO investigation. Since 1968 he has personally investigated more than 400 sightings in the Uintah Basin.

Through Hicks' extensive files, a book, "Utah UFO Display," was compiled by Dr. Frank Salisbury of Utah State University.

Hicks investigated the sightings by the Wood family, Mrs. Rasmussen and her grandson. Also present at the investigation were reporters from a national weekly magazine. The magazine has offered rewards for proof of the existence of extraterrestrial spacecraft.

Hicks was also informed by two women from Roosevelt that they had seen an object while riding their horses near the Cedars, west of Roosevelt.

The most recent sighting came last Monday about 23 miles southeast of Roosevelt. Jimmy Justice, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Justice, prominent local dairy operators, burst into the family's home to report that he had seen a large glowing object near where he was working. His parents proceeded to the area and observed an intensely lighted dome-shaped object circling the area.

After a few minutes, the craft headed south over the hills. It was reported as traveling very fast. The Justices had the impression the craft may have landed nearby. The following day, Eva Justice, Lawrence Justice's mother, drove to the area. However, she could find no evidence of a landing.

CR: J. Wardle



PENINSULA POST, Mornington, Victoria, Australia - June 29, 1978

Helicopter . . . or what?

A woman has said she and her two sons saw what appeared to be a helicopter hovering over Menzies Close, Frankston, on two separate nights.

The woman asked not to be named in the paper.

The incidents occurred on a Tuesday and Thursday night three weeks ago.

She said that on the Tuesday she and her sons watched it from 8.35 to 8.45 p.m.

On the Thursday night she was pulling down the blind in the living room at 8 p.m., and saw it again.

She called her sons

and they watched it for half an hour.

She said it appeared to change the color of its lights, showing green, red, blue and gold.

Because it "hovered," she and her sons called it a helicopter, but, in fact, she described it as a small green cigar shaped craft about nine ft. in diameter.

The women said she had seen what she imagined to be U.F.O.'s before and has had members of U.F.O. groups visit her at her home.

It was their opinion that the U.F.O.'s were using a very large pine tree outside her bedroom window as an alignment, and advised her to have

it chopped down, which she did.

Until last week she had not seen them since.

She claimed she could always hear them because of a very high pitched whistle, which set dogs in the area barking.

She rang Standard-Post because she was anxious to know if anyone else had reported seeing the craft hovering.

She wondered whether it could possibly have been the Angel of Mercy, peninsula's helicopter ambulance.

Standard-Post contacted Peninsula Ambulance and spoke to Station Officer Les Fry who said the Angel had only flown twice at night, and this only in outstanding emergency, and with the assistance of the police.

It was not up on either of the nights in question.

The police "Air Wing" said the police helicopter used a few times earlier in the year had been on loan.

It was no longer being used here, but would not be flying at night anyway.

So what was it the woman and her sons saw on two separate nights?

HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina

July 21, 1978 CR: J. Thomas



● A 13-year-old boy living with his parents near Cerro Otto in Bariloche, watched three unidentified flying objects hover near his house for half an hour last May, and photographed one of them (above). Jose Gabriel de Virgilio was left alone in the house one day early in May when his mother and three brothers had gone shopping in the town of Bariloche, some three kilometres distant. The boy, while looking out of a window, suddenly saw three "flying saucers" appear. He said they remained in the area for half an hour, hovering over the house at a slow speed. Jose Gabriel remembered there was a small camera in his mother's bedroom, and while he was getting it two of the saucers disappeared. He photographed one of them from inside the house with the last negative in the roll. When he told his mother what he had seen he was not believed, but two months later the roll was developed and the photograph clearly showed a dark spot in the sky. On Monday night eight people in Chacabuco, province of Buenos Aires, reported having seen an unidentified flying object on the outskirts of the city. (NA)

HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina - July 14, 1978 CR: J. Thomas

Close encounter in San Juan

Orozco's encounter was made public.

Sightings and close encounters of the first kind (sightings at close range) have been reported with increasing frequency here and in the neighbouring provinces of Mendoza and San Luis since February.

A formation of about 50 UFOs flew over Villa Mercedes in San Luis province several times one night in May. Another formation was spotted by several state employees the same month flying towards the Andes in Mendoza. Five soldiers had a close encounter with two flying objects in San Juan on May 13. The last sighting was on Monday, July 10, when several flying objects were spotted near Alvear, Mendoza province.

The police in this province have started an investigation into Orozco's close encounter on Wednesday night (NA)

station. Orozco claims the light came from a strange object which lit up the area as clear as day for a few seconds.

When Orozco dived into the station's main building for cover he found he wasn't the only one who panicked but that a large number of stray dogs and cats had sought refuge from the UFO there.

Once the UFO had gone the 11pm train approached the station but drew a stop when it saw the signalling lights had not been turned on. The engine driver found Orozco, who had suffered a nervous breakdown, cowering with the animals in the main building. Another station chief was called into replace Orozco, who was immediately taken to a nearby hospital.

The UFO was also sighted by a motorist who reported it to the local daily Diario de Cuyo before news of

San Juan A CLOSE encounter of the first kind was reported yesterday by railway employee Felipe Onofre Orozco who ended up in hospital after spotting a UFO (unidentified flying object) in this province.

Orozco suffered a nervous collapse as a result of his close encounter with a luminous flying object on Wednesday night and was interviewed by reporters yesterday morning at a local hospital.

Orozco, 33-year old chief of the Ramblon station on the San Martin line, was waiting for the 11pm train, to pass through when he saw a bright light approaching above the tracks. At first he took it to be the train arriving a few minutes early. But Orozco panicked and climbed out of the tower to hide in the station's main building when the light began to hover over the

HERALD, (town unknown), New Zealand - July 22, 1978

Mystery Object Crashes In Town

An unidentified flying object crashed and exploded in the marketplace of Fort Dauphin, Madagascar, on Friday night, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

Radio Madagascar said the cigar-shaped UFO lit up the whole town before plunging to the ground.

Local people rushed from their beds to put out the flames, and there were no casualties.

The radio did not say what happened to the wreckage or indicate where the UFO might have come from.

HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina - July 11, 1978 CR: J. Thomas

Mendoza AN unidentified flying object was reported to have "flown" over the town of General Alvear, 320 kilometres south of here on Sunday. A family by the name of Videla said the object had flashing coloured lights and soared over the town at a very low height. (NA)

UFO mushroom takes over tele

San Juan

THE UNIDENTIFIED Flying Object whose appearance over a railway station in this province sent the station master to the hospital with a nervous breakdown also interrupted radio and television broadcasts across an area of several kilometres, according to a report yesterday from the provincial police chief.

The police chief, Colonel Guillermo Voget, said at a news conference here that an investigation has confirmed "the presence of a strange phenomenon" of undetermined origin in the area where station master Felipe Onofre Orozco reported the "close encounter" which caused his nervous breakdown.

Voget said that police have also corroborated the testimony of a farm worker in the area concerning an interruption in television reception. The worker, Lorenzo Correa, said that the television programme he was watching went off the air, and in its place a mushroom appeared. No matter which channel he turned to, the image of the

mushroom remained on the screen.

Frightened, Correa ran from his house. But outside he encountered a "phenomenon of great luminosity" and experienced a sensation of sudden weakness, especially in the legs.

As for stationmaster Onofre Orozco, he has announced that he is asking to be transferred. "I have never been afraid," he declared. But, he added, "I am now going to put my situation to the railway authorities since I think I am not going to be able to continue in that area."

Orozco's encounter of the first kind and Correa's television encounter took place in the area near the border with Mendoza province. Fortunately for Orozco's nerves and Correa's knees, there was no encounter of the second kind. Colonel Voget said his investigation has revealed no evidence that the "luminous phenomenon" left any traces of a contact with the surface of the earth.

CR: J. Thomas

DAILY MIRROR, London, England - Sept. 4, 1978 CR: N. Oliver

UFO's FIELD DAY IN A VILLAGE

A VILLAGE was buzzing yesterday with talk of UFOs.

Several sightings of an unidentified flying object have been reported to police in North Wales. Farmer John Roberts, of Plas Gynaf, near the Anglesey village of Llanerchymedd, said: "It was about eight on Friday evening. Suddenly I saw this blinding, shining white light slowly descend from the sky. I thought it was most unusual at the time but later when I arrived at the village I found a terrible commotion."

By MIRROR CORRESPONDENT

People were gazing towards a hilly field behind a housing estate. One of the tenants, Mrs Pat Owen, of Maes Atham, said: "I saw three men striding across the field. They were wearing silver grey suits and were well over 6ft. tall. I was very frightened."

The vicarage, said her young daughter, Vivienne, ran into the house "white as a sheet" after seeing a bright light descend into the field. Councillor Eilwyn Schofield said: "I know that many people on the estate saw something. One of them was very disturbed."

A police spokesman said sightings of UFOs had been reported over Rhabon, Colwyn Bay and Prestatyn.

TRANSLATIONS:

CREDIT -- Jane Thomas

- 1) City and country of incident: Ayacucho, Buenos Aires Province
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, 6/27/78
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A VENDOR OF AYACUCHO SAYS A UFO LANDED IN THE PATIO OF HIS HOUSE AND THEN LEFT FOR TANDIL

Ayacucho (From our Mar del Plata agency) - A vendor of the rural zone, surprised and very confused by the experience gone through, presented himself to the police of this city and related that a UFO landed for several minutes in the patio of his house, which lies in the middle of the country, then taking off towards Tandil. Oscar Belloq, who is a vendor in the Estancia San José, said the appearance occurred at night while he was sleeping. "I heard a strong noise -he said - and got up to see what was happening. I then saw, a few meters over the treetops, a strange black artifact, two by two meters, in the shape of a flying saucer, which made a humming noise". He added that "it did not emit lights and had no windows" and after a few minutes it ascended "moving away at some 50 kph towards Tandil". Belloq's wife also ratified her husband's words, stating instead, that "the strange object gave off a flash when it started to move away from her patio".

- 1) City and country of incident: Moscow, USSR
- 2) Date of incident -
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación - July 11, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

IT IS STATED IN RUSSIA THAT UFOS EXIST

Moscow, 10 (EFE) - A top Soviet military man declared there is irrefutable proof of the existence of UFOs and of their very high technical maneuverability in space.

According to the Soviet general, a "formation" of flying saucers closely followed orbital station "Salyut-6" some months ago.

The general, who disclosed these confidential informations to a high military command of a Latin American country during its recent visit to the USSR, as was learned by EFE, said that the "formation" of flying saucers had followed Salyut-6 for three orbits at the time of its being piloted by cosmonauts Yuri Romanenko and Gueorgui Crechko.

The cosmonauts who returned to earth March 16th after staying 96 days in orbit, breaking the world record of permanence in space, took several films of the flying saucers which followed Salyut-6 around the earth for some three hours.

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The Soviet Union, added the top Russian military man, after thoroughly studying the films taken by the cosmonauts, sent a copy to the United States to be analyzed by the NASA experts.

No information on the case has been published in the Soviet press nor had it transcended in Western media, due to the great reserve with which the USSR always treat events related to flying saucers.

The source that informed EFE said that Moscow had sent the films to the U.S. in compliance with agreements reserved for the mutual observation of UFOs and the hypothetical danger to world security.

- 1) City and country of incident: Tarbes, France
- 2) Date of incident: July 10-11, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica - July 19, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO INVASION CONTINUES: THREE FLYING SAUCERS WERE SIGHTED NEAR THE PYRENEES; ONE OF THEM, RECTANGULAR, EMITTED AN ALMOST BLINDING LIGHT AND MOVED AT GROUND LEVEL

Tarbes, France, 19 (EFE) - Three UFOs appeared **around Tarbes**, a French city near the oriental Pyrenees.

The events happened the night of July 10-11th, but those who saw them - three young monitors from a vacation colony- only decided to inform authorities today.

The first UFO they saw was spherical, a dozen meters in diameter, emitted intermittent blue and red lights from its front and moved from north to south in the Tarbes sky. The second UFO which followed it in the same direction, was cylindrical and also gave off blue and red lights.

As to the third one, rectangular, it moved almost at ground level and an almost blinding luminosity came from it. This last UFO made five turns in an area of a few hundred meters, and then climbed, disappearing.

The services of the National Center for Space Studies have assessed the observations as "interesting", in view of the concordance of the reports and also of the kind of data supplied and the relative proximity to the phenomenon.

- 1) City and country of incident: Copacabana Bay, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, July 26, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

32 UFOs HAVE ALLEGEDLY APPEARED OVER COPACABANA BAY, IN RIO

Rio de Janeiro (EFE) - A UFO squadron performed strange evolutions over the sea in front of the Copacabana bay, the touristic heart of Rio de Janeiro. Hundreds of people witnessed the phenomenon from the Costanera avenue and the balconies surrounding the eight kilometer long bay. The witnesses stated that 32 small spacecraft came out of the mother ship and started to perform flights skimming the sea surface, some three kilometers from the coast. They added that the craft emitted an intense orange light and remained in their places for more than 15 minutes, until disappearing at great speed towards the south.

- 1) City and country of incident: San José, Uruguay
- 2) Date of incident: 7/27/78?
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, July 28, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

HUNDREDS SAW A UFO IN URUGUAY FOR 25 MINUTES
Commotion

Montevideo (EFE) - More than hundred people from the city of San José, 90 kilometers west of Montevideo, saw for 25 minutes the motions of a UFO. The event which occurred in the first hours of the night, upset this quiet town of Uruguay. The UFO moved towards the NW after flying over two suburban zones which are located some two kilometers from the urban center. Witnesses informed that the object, in the shape of a saucer, increased its size while leaving the first place of observation. A strong luminosity surrounded the craft which had no trail, and at times blinded the observers. Experts from the Center for UFO Research of Uruguay (CIOVNI) immediately commenced their investigation. It is the first time that a UFO is seen in Uruguay by a numerous group of people, thanks to the phenomenon's long duration.

- 1) City and country of incident: Chiclayo, Perú
- 2) Date of incident: July 30, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación - August 1, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO

Lima, 31 (EFE) - An alleged UFO which emitted lights "similar to fireworks" was seen last night by the residents of Chiclayo, who said the flying object was round and gave off blinding lights. The UFO crossed the Chiclayo sky at extraordinary speed and disappeared towards the south.

- 1) City and country of incident: El Belloto and Chuquicamata, Chile
- 2) Date of incident: August 3, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón - August 4, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

HUNDREDS SAW UFO IN TWO CHILEAN REGIONS

Santiago, Chile (EFE) - Hundreds of people in two cities separated by thousands of kilometers claimed having seen a giant UFO, a fact which was entered in the Navy's records. According to reports from Valparaíso, the main port in the country, a giant UFO was seen last night at 22.05 local time (02.05 GMT of yesterday, Thursday), moving at great speed and emitting bright lights. The phenomenon was recorded in the maritime guard's log book and at the aeronaval base of El Belloto, some 25 km away, as well as in other military divisions, ships and naval units, whose staff also claimed having seen the strange object. It is estimated that the UFO was seen by some two thousand people. At the same time, in Chuquicamata, the center of a copper mine by the same name, it was reported that at 10.00 pm local time, that is, five minutes before the previous case, a flying object of magnitude was seen by numerous miners who were on a bus returning to their homes after work. The UFO remained hovering in the sky and after a violent turn, ascended and disappeared behind the Andes at an incredible speed.

- 1) City and country of incident: Madagascar
- 2) Date of incident: July 30, 1977 (note: 1977)
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Nación - August 7, 1977
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THE FALL OF A CELESTIAL BODY IN MADAGASCAR

Antananarivo, 6 (AFP) - The mystery of "what fell from the sky" last Saturday over Madagascar remained unsolved today, after all searches having failed, in the belief it had been a meteorite. After 0600 pm of Saturday, July 30th (at which time it is completely dark in Madagascar), an intense blue and yellow flash, visible from several hundreds of kilometers, crossed the sky from NW to SE, causing a double explosion like that of a plane breaking the sound barrier.

After the alert given by the news media, a first version was soon denied which assured that the alleged object had crashed near Fianarantsoa, 400 km South of this capital, opening a 240 meter wide crater.

According to the national observatory of Antananarivo, the first explosion caused a 0.3 tremor in the Richter scale, and "the object", the nature of which it could not define, had presumably fallen some 250 km from the Malgache capital.

The official information estimated that the first explosion occurred when the object got in contact with the atmosphere, and the second -since there were two explosions with a few minutes interval- upon breaking up against the earth.

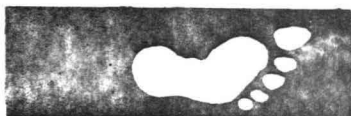
A team of two seismologists and two geologists from the observatory left for the East to investigate in the area between Moramanga and Tamatave, a particularly difficult mission due to the dense woods and the few residents. A helicopter also reconnoitered the spot with no success.

The national ANTA agency on the other hand, issued a call to the population to alert authorities in case of finding something abnormal and to avoid the eventual areas where the object might have fallen.

Up to now, not even the contribution of foreign researchers led to explain the phenomenon, while the most fantastic versions circulated among the people, which the radio asks should not be divulged.

For some this was the fall of a space engine or laboratory, which broke up in several pieces upon entering the atmosphere, and for which reason it will be impossible to find traces.

Many of course believe in the "visit" of a UFO which after an incursion over the Malgache island, returned to its extraterrestrial site. (please note similitude of this case with the object fallen last month in the Argentine/Bolivian border - J.T.)



McCurtain County Has a 'Manbeast'

By Len Green
Chapter Forty Five

If you are a believer in such things, McCurtain County has a "Manbeast."

From descriptions offered by persons who have met the Manbeast through the years, he (or she) is apparently a brother or sister of Sasquatch, Bigfoot and the fabled Fouke Monster of southeastern Arkansas.

Historically, tales of the fabled monster man date back at least as far as 1849, with sightings reported as late as in May of 1978.

By the Choctaws, the Manbeast, as he has come to be called in the area where he supposedly abides, was called "Hattak Lusa Chito," which means simply "big black man."

The Manbeast has apparently taken up residence in what the Choctaws call the Boklawa (many waters) area, along Little River between its confluence with Yashau Creek and Mountain Fork River.

The area contains several small natural lakes, considerable swampland and heavy undergrowth. All known sightings have been within this area or within a short distance from it.

Probably the most "authenticated" sighting of McCurtain County's "Manbeast" was made in June of 1975 by a rancher from the Goodwater area, who asked that his name not be used in this history.

He offered your writer three pieces of "proof" that the "Manbeast" still exists in this area:

1. He displayed a Polaroid picture of what definitely resembled the track of a huge three-toed foot, which he said he snapped near Little River in a soft spot of ground in mid-June of 1975.

2. He displayed a tuft of hair, coarse and grayish black, which he said was apparently scraped off the monster as it fled from him through the underbrush.

3. He produced three witnesses, two persons plus himself, who affirm that they have heard the strange, haunting, mournful cry of the Manbeast.

The picture of the track appears very humanlike, except that the foot seemed to possess only three toes, a fact also attributed to the northwestern Bigfoot, the Canadian Sasquatch and the Fouke Monster.

The finder of the footprint said that the track measured 17 inches from tip of big toe to tip of heel, and measured 8½ inches across what would be the "ball" of the foot.

He reported that he has seen the Manbeast three times in his lifetime, the first about 1964, the second the 1975 sighting and once in late 1977. Of the 1975 sighting, the Goodwater gentleman said:

"I was 'still' hunting on the edge of a small clearing on the north side of Little River not far downstream from the mouth of Yashau (creek), when this 'thing' suddenly appeared at the opposite edge of the clearing.

"It was walking upright like a man, but stooped forward as it walked and its arms appeared to be much longer than a man's, reaching almost to its knees. It was covered with grayish-black hair. I'd say it was about eight feet tall and walked with a sort of shuffling gait.

"I guess I moved or something, because it looked in my direction and then broke into a sort of loping run toward the river. I jumped up and chased after it, but I didn't see it again that day.

"I did find the hair stuck on a limb. It almost had to come from that thing because it was too high up on the sapling to be hog hair or something like that. I found the track a little later, went home, got my camera and took this picture," he concluded.

At the urging of your writer, the Goodwater man sent the Polaroid picture and hair sample to a Sasquatch-Bigfoot research group in Portland, Ore., for their study and report.

About 60 days after he had sent the pictures and hair, the gentleman received a letter and report from the Portland institute, stating that tests of the hair had been "inconclusive," asked him if they could keep the picture and hair for their files and stated that they were listing his as "an authentic sighting of a Bigfoot or Sasquatch."

From all of the tales and reports your writer has been able to trace the strangest and possibly the most convincing "proof" that the Manbeast may exist is that every story placed the "monster" in more or less the same area.

It would seem that the swamps and canebrakes of Southeastern McCurtain County should also have inspired stories of the Manbeast, particularly in the

early days when that area was in its wildest state.

However, only one area, the so-called "Boklawa" (or twisted into the white man's language as "Boggle Eye"), is the only area in which sightings of the purported Manbeast have been made.

Historically the first authenticated (?) sighting is recorded in a diary kept by Bertrand Tonihkah, who was employed at Eagle (later Eagletown). Eagle was then located on the west bank of Mountain Fork River just north of where US 70 crosses.

In the May 14, 1849 entry in his diary, Tonihkah reported that a hunter-trapper known as One-Eye Bascomb came into the Eagle (town) postoffice and general store reporting that the day before he had seen a "strange critter" in the swamps southwest of the community.

The description the one-eyed Bascomb gave Tonihkah is much like the description offered in 1975 by the Goodwater citizen, including the stopped posture, long arms, grayish-black hair and strangely loping gait as the shy Manbeast fled from the hunter.

Several oldtimers in the Goodwater, Jadie and Cerro Gordo areas recall of hearing their parents speak of the Manbeast, with one saying "I'm nearing 80, and I've been hearing the tales all of my life. I never seen the thing myself, and sure hope that I don't."

This aging gentleman recalls that there were a number of sightings about 1908 until about 1910, and then there weren't many reported from about 1910 until the middle 1920s.

There was another outbreak of sightings in the spring of 1928, according to the files of old McCurtain County newspapers, with two such sightings worthy of note by W. J. Old, Sr., editor of the McCurtain Gazette.

The first of these was by a Haworth doctor, who reported that he had seen "the thing" dart across a lane in the lights from his Model T Ford on a road "close to Goodwater."

Traditionally, the local Manbeast is a very shy creature and tries to avoid man, running away when sighted. It has never been known to display any violence against man.

Only two cases of "violence" in connection with the Manbeast can be found in old reports, and in both of these the "monster" did not attack men but may have figured into the

death of one person and of one hunting dog.

One of these episodes of "violence" is in connection with the other reported sighting in 1928.

Two hunters were camped out on the west bank of Mountain Fork River, not too far north of the spot where Mountain Fork runs into Little River, and were hunting westward from their camp.

Topping a hill, the pair reported that they saw a big, black, hairy "ape man" in a small clearing at the base of the hill. When they "yelled", the Manbeast jumped up and ran away.

One of the hunters said that he "sicked" his dog on the critter, and since "that hound wasn't afraid of nothin'" the animal chased after the "whatever it was."

The two hunters did not spot the Manbeast again, but about an hour later they found the dog, which had, they said, "been just almost tore in two", possibly by the "giant critter."

However, stories of the Manbeast can be traced back to the early 1830s, and figure in Choctaw legends and folk tales that have come down through the years.

One aging Choctaw friend, who was reared in the Goodwater area, says that as a youth and young man, he saw the Manbeast on several occasions.

"He has become much more wary of people now," my Choctaw friend says. "Back 50 years ago, he was seen quite often. But now he hides so people can't see him much."

Hap Ward, who is of Choctaw descent, shared with your writer a story of how the Manbeast may have figured indirectly into the death of his grandfather, reporting that he had heard the story told by his grandmother on several occasions before her death.

She said that one day her husband came home appearing pale, and a little shaken.

He told her that while riding horseback, he had seen a "big hairy man" on a river trail not too many miles distant from where the family was living on Little River's Big Eddy between Redland and Goodwater.

Ward's grandfather reportedly told his wife that "the fellow wasn't wearing any clothes, was hairy all over and was the biggest man that he had ever seen."

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Clumsy brown monster growls at Rockdale boy

MILAM COUNTY - Footprints 24 inches long and nine inches wide are the only clues to what a 15-year-old boy saw near the Little River Thursday, the Milam County sheriff's office reported this morning.

The boy, Jeffrey Gelner, told Sheriff Leroy Broadus that he saw a brown, hairy creature that stood erect 7 to 8 feet tall.

"He and his grandfather were

working in a field near the river," Broadus said this morning. "The boy was sitting on the tailgate of their truck waiting for his grandfather when he said he heard a growl."

Gelner didn't stop to look before he ran from the scene, Broadus said. "He said he'd run a good ways before he turned back," Broadus said. "Apparently the thing had slipped or something, because it was

getting up off the ground when the boy saw it."

"Whatever it was stood up on its hind legs," Broadus said. "The boy said he must have been 7 or 8 feet tall."

Sheriff's deputies measured and photographed the footprints left behind, indicating that he's treating the incident seriously at this point.

"There are definitely footprints there," he said. "We measured them as 24 inches in length, nine inches in width and seven inches at the arch."

Broadus added, however, that whatever it is, he won't send his men out looking for it.

"We really don't know what to look for," he said. "It could be anywhere, and we just don't have the time or manpower for any real search."

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About three weeks later, Grandfather Ward's horse came home alone, and when the family went to look for him, they found his body on the river trail not far from where he had reported having seen the "big hairy man."

He had been thrown from his horse and apparently died of a broken neck sustained in the fall.

His wife always said that she had a "feeling" his horse had been frightened by the Manbeast, causing it to bolt and throw her husband off, thus indirectly causing his death.

Another Choctaw friend, a member of the Winship family, tells a story which he says is traditional in his family about how the Manbeast was once a slave of a man said to be a "hatukchaya" (great witch).

This spirit-talker and witchman must either have been a real "ladies man" or "one mean dude", as his name is remembered as "Ohoyotubbee," which in the ancient Choctaw language means "woman killer."

The Manbeast was said to have been enslaved to Ohoyotubbee, and that it was brought by the conjurer from the great Mississippi swamps in either 1831 or 1832.

Apparently, the witch man could not order his Manbeast to kill his enemies, but he could use the huge, stooped, hairy being to harass those who did not do his bidding.

The Manbeast might be sent to howl around the house of someone who had opposed Ohoyotubbee, or might be dispatched to raid a barn, pumpkin shed or potato cellar

of someone against whom the spirit-talker had a grudge.

But, even then, the Manbeast reacted to fear, and once he sensed that someone was nearby and scared, he became frightened himself and fled from the scene.

One of the neighborhood families in particular seemed to have been singled out by Ohoyotubbee for harassment, and it was not long until there was a strong enmity between this family and the witch man.

It is told that one dark, moonless night in the early 1860s, this enemy of Ohoyotubbee and his sons crept up to the conjurer's house in the darkness.

There, they reportedly tied the witchman to his bed, gagged him and burned his house with him inside.

Since that time the McCurtain County Manbeast (or his descendant as the case may be) has had no master, but has continued to live in and roam the swampy and brushy country of the Boklaw area.

The Choctaw legend also says that anyone who meets the Manbeast and is not afraid will become the master of the creature.

So, if you happen to meet the McCurtain County Manbeast, don't be afraid and you'll have a friend for life.

Perhaps it may seem frivolous to some readers that a chapter on the Manbeast legends appears in this history.

But, the legends, stories and continued reports of sightings of the creature make him a part of county history ... even though he may be a figment of too much moonshine or just as real as you or me.

Wireless call from the past?

LONDON DID one of the old Queen Mary's radio signals bounce out into space only to come back to earth at least 12 years later? Queen Mary hasn't sent a radio signal since her last voyage in 1967, but Alan Holmes, first radio officer of Queen Elizabeth 2, claims last February he picked up a QM message.

The "ghost" message was allegedly between Queen Mary and the British Maritime Communications station at Portishead.

"Mr. Holmes is somewhat pedantic," said a spokesman for Cunard, the owners of the ship. "To him, sending and receiving radio messages is the most important thing in the world. He would not joke about it."

QE2 was near Tahiti when Mr. Holmes heard in Morse the call sign of his ship, GBTT, also used by

Queen Mary. But GBTT seemed to be radioing Portishead, and was using the old call sign, GBS, rather than the present GBZ.

The day of the month wasn't right and the signal used an obsolete time zone. Furthermore, the Morse message was sent in an old "up and down" machine rather than the present "side-swipers." An experienced operator can clearly tell the difference.

He says that if a radio signal penetrates the ionosphere it would theoretically go on out into space, but if it hit a solid object it could, in theory, bounce back.

Ray Ashmore, com-

unications editor of Wireless World journal, says it's possible. But he did not discount the possibility of a hoax, although he admits it would have to have been most elaborately set up.

The Radio Society of Great Britain said it has record of "echoes" coming back after one hour, but never 12 years. (Reuters)

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - July 31, 1978

What lurks at lake bottom?

Argh!

The appearance of a 25-foot aquatic monster off Barrie has mystified monsterologists who thought the beast had packed its sacks and moved to Metro.

"I don't know what kind of creature you people in Toronto are seeing in Lake Ontario, but we're sure now it isn't Kempenfelt Kelly," CHAY radio newsmen Barry Kentner said after several picnicking Barrie residents reported seeing the legendary monster of Lake Simcoe yesterday.

The sightings follow reports of another 3,000 pound dragon-like creature basking in the sun off Hanlan's Point - sparking speculation that Kelly had come down the Trent Canal.

Could it be Kempenfelt Kelly's twin? Possible. If you see the monster in Lake Ontario, take a quick picture and send it to us at the Sun. If you don't have a camera, give us a written description of your sighting, including time, date and place. The best sightings will be printed and those entrants you will receive a Metro Maggie T-shirt.

We've named the Lake Ontario creature Metro Maggie. It may be Kempenfelt Kelly and it may not. Whatever, send your entries to Metro Maggie, The Toronto Sun, 333 King St. E. Toronto M5A 3X5.

Cr: G. Duplantier

BIGFOOT LIVES IN PENNSYLVANIA!

At Least That's The Theory Of A Maryland Schoolteacher Who Says There Have Been 237 'Sightings'



BIGFOOT-PRINT — Robert Chance, school teacher and town commissioner in Bel Aire, Md., holds up a 15-inch plaster cast of what he says is a Bigfoot footprint he found near his home. His dog, Tonka, is at left. (AP Laserphoto)

Editor's Note— A few months ago The Gettysburg Times ran a report on sightings in the lower York County area which led those involved to believe Bigfoot might be visiting in the area. Today the Associated Press has released the following story concerning the views of a Maryland teacher who is convinced that Sasquatch is in the area.

YORK, Pa. (AP) — If asked, Maryland schoolteacher Robert Chance will tell you about strange doings in York County and in nearby Harford County, Md.

He says chickens are mysteriously slaughtered in grotesque fashion. Mauled guard dogs become more like docile puppies. Fifteen-inch long tracks are found which have left unusually deep impressions in the ground.

Chance's explanation for these phenomena is a creature called "Bigfoot."

Chance gives this description of Bigfoot: About 7-7½ feet tall, the creature is a two-legged humanoid weighing roughly 350 pounds. He is covered with dark or reddish brown hair, except over his face. He has a flat nose and a pointed head and is a good swimmer. Most active at night, Bigfoot feeds on fish, poultry, roots and garbage.

Chance has compiled evidence pointing to the presence of Bigfoot in Pennsylvania and Maryland. He says there have been 237 reported sightings of the beast in Pennsylvania since the 1950s. One was reported in York County only last March.

Chance claims he and Bigfoot have had two encounters. The first was in 1972 when he was hiking an abandoned logging trail after a canoe trip on Muddy Creek in southern York County.

He and his four companions were startled by several large boulders, about 50 pounds apiece, which came bouncing past them. There was no sound of a landslide, just the rocks.

"I've never been as scared as I was on Muddy Creek," Chance recalled. The projectiles came close but hit no one.

"I think he was just trying to scare us off. He could have hit us if he wanted to," Chance says.

Chance had read of reported sightings of Bigfoot in the Pacific Northwest. The incident at Muddy Creek made him think that Bigfoot also lived in the East.

Inspired, Chance checked and turned up other stories of bizarre occurrences. His quest for the beast began in earnest.

Two years ago in Harford County, Chance was investigating a reported sighting. "I could smell something, and my dogs were going crazy. I heard this rash through a thicket and this weird cry. I went and found sawhings broken off waist high." It was another close call with Bigfoot, Chance believes.

Chance says more than 50 possible Bigfoot encounters have come to his attention this year — including several in York County.

There have been sightings in the county's Muddy and Codorus Creek areas, he says. Tracks have been found in outlying farmland. And a truck driver says he saw a Bigfootlike creature near the Peach Bottom power plant March 2.

Scant hard evidence for Bigfoot's existence has been found, Chance says. Strands of hair picked off barbed-wire fences have been identified as that of a primate, but not a known primate.

Plaster casts have been made of footprints, Chance says. A camper with a tape recorder believes he got some Bigfoot shrieks on tape. But there are no photographs of an East Coast Bigfoot.

The elusive quality Bigfoot exhibits is a sign of intelligence, Chance says. "You can't set a trap for it. It's too smart."

Bigfoot perhaps has retained survival instincts humans lost thousands of years ago. Although curious and powerful, the fleeting animal is afraid of humans, Chance says.

That attitude, combined with thick vegetation, makes summer a slow season for Bigfoot sightings. Winter is when incidents abound because scarcer food forces more activity by Bigfoot, thin foliage makes spottings easier and snow clearly marks footprints.

The best theory Chance can develop is that Bigfoot roams the Appalachians, traveling from northern Florida to central Pennsylvania. In the midAtlantic area, Chance figured there actually are three Bigfoot animals. He guessed there may be 200 in the continental U.S.

After a total of three months of camping out in search of Bigfoot, Chance has come no closer than the two incidents related above. He isn't quite sure what he'd do if he did find it.

"I don't think I could capture it because I wouldn't know what dose of tranquilizers to use. And I don't have 20 men with a steel-mesh net."

"I've thought I'd stand my ground and mimic what it'd do. Idealistically, I'd like it to communicate with me, although I admit that is a little far-fetched."

An environmental education teacher at the local high school, he has a syndicated newspaper column in addition to being a town commissioner and environmental center director. He also works as a wilderness outfitter.

"I get razzed a lot. My father can't buy it (the Bigfoot notion). The commissioners and a lot of the people I teach with can't buy it. You lose some credibility. But eventually I'm going to regain it when Bigfoot is found."

"I don't mind criticism from outdoorsmen," he says. "But comments from a Monday morning quarterback who's never even camped out in the backwoods — I get upset when they give me grief. It's something I got to live with, I guess."

Much remains to be learned about Bigfoot. Chance points out without hesitation researchers do not know where they come from, where they sleep, why no dead ones have been found, among other questions.

Texas Town Baffled

UFO'S, CATTLE DEATHS BARED

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

HEREFORD — Reported sightings of UFOs and findings of mutilated cattle have this Panhandle area baffled.

Deaf Smith County Sheriff Travis McPherson says he is keeping an open mind on the matter. However, he said he leans toward the belief a religious cult is at work.

"I know it's strange, but I'm not ruling out anything," McPherson said.

The sheriff estimated there have been about a half-dozen cattle mutilations in the county during the past 12 months, two of those in the past two weeks.

Surgical

Two weeks ago, one steer which was said to have been in excellent health the day before it was found dead in a pasture in the northwestern part of the county, was found with its tongue removed, the genitals and other sexual organs missing and a neat, round hole where the excretory parts had been.

All incisions were definitely made with some type of surgical instrument, McPherson said.

The body had been completely drained of blood through a pencil-sized hole in the animal's jugular vein.

"People out here know what it looks like when a coyote or other varmint is responsible. This was definitely not the case," McPherson said.

Another rancher discovered another dead steer last Friday. Deputy Sheriff Art Burton inspected the animal and found the exact manner of mutilation as the other cases, he noted in his report.

McPherson said this animal died of blackleg, but the incisions were inflicted after death. This steer had not been drained of blood.

The sheriff said there have been a number of UFO sightings in the county over the years, the latest occurring about the time the recent series of mutilation cases started coming in.

"We don't even make written reports on these things (sightings) anymore. They just clog up the files and we really can't do anything anyhow," he said.

Cars stall

Asked who saw the UFO, McPherson said the report had also been made to the Hereford Brand newspaper.

Paul Sims, a reporter for the publication, said he had learned "several cars driving in the area of the night-time sighting had quit running."

"They described the UFOs simply as strange lights and they were in the area where these cattle mutilations have been reported," Sims said.

However, when the reporter attempted to get further details of the incident, he was rebuffed.

"The man who saw the lights is one of the town's leading civic leaders, businessmen and active in the chamber of commerce. He just refused to talk about it because he didn't want to face all the ridicule," Sims said.

McPherson said the sightings of UFOs and the cattle mutilation reports are being connected by citizens in his small community.

"I know everybody here, and we just don't have any people who belong to these crazy religious cults," the sheriff said.

"I guess you'll have to draw your own conclusions," he said.

REGISTER, Des Moines, IA - Aug. 2, 1978 CR: K. Conlon

Ape-like creature reportedly seen

OTTOSEN, IA. (AP) — Sightings of an ape-like creature have been causing some concern in the small town of Ottosen.

Humboldt County Sheriff Marvin Andersen said his department has been investigating the sightings, which have been reported by youngsters and adults during the past several days.

Andersen said witnesses describe the creature as about five feet tall, hairy, standing on two legs and having a wide forehead.

The first sighting was last Thursday night and the latest was Monday, when an adult said the creature was heading north of Ottosen into a cornfield.

The sheriff said one reason for concern is that several pets in the area have been mangled to death in recent days.

Anderson said he has contacted neighboring county authorities to see if they have reports of a missing monkey or ape. He said he hasn't ruled out pranksters, but that he thinks the animal may be a bear.

Ottosen, population 93, is about 12 miles northwest of Humboldt.

STAR, Kansas City, MO
Aug. 24, 1978 CR: S. Hicks

Sonic Boom A Real Puzzle

SAN DIEGO (AP)—Mystified officials say no supersonic aircraft were in the area when what seismologists described as "the granddaddy of sonic booms" rumbled over San Diego.

Richard Simons, seismologist at the University of California at San Diego, said the boom Wednesday "was intense enough to cause a slight recording at a seismological station at Camp Elliot." Many thought the noise, which rattled dishes and shook windows, was an earthquake.

The source of the shock remained a mystery. Military officials in San Diego and Orange counties reported no aircraft or offshore activities that might have caused a sonic boom.

TRIBUNE CHRONICLE, Warren, OH
Aug. 24, 1978 CR: M. Swift

Tall, hairy beast lurks in backyard

PARIS TOWNSHIP, Ohio (AP) — A hairy, 6-foot creature was spotted late at night by six area residents as it sat atop a backyard chicken coop, according to Stark County sheriff's deputy James Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cayton and four friends say they saw the creature on the coop and when it peeked through windows in the Cayton home Monday night. The Caytons maintain that they have seen the creature

several times over the past several months, Shannon said. The six also saw two smaller similar creatures with the six-footer.

Shannon said he scouted the hilly, heavily wooded area Tuesday, but found no sign of the creature.

Shannon said the Caytons told him one of the witnesses drove a car across the backyard with its headlights on, to get a better look at the creature. When the beast ran toward the car.

Monstrous Maggie rises from the deep

Metro Maggie's been spotted again!

The mysterious monster, first seen in Lake Ontario last week, was sighted yesterday by two Toronto teen-agers.

Danny Elliott, 14, and Randy Zapotoka, 15, said they had binoculars yesterday at 8:30 a.m. just off Windermere Avenue on the lakefront.

"The monster was at least 25 feet long and greyish-black in color. She had three humps, each four feet above the water. Her head appeared low and was not as high as the humps," said Elliott.

"We spotted her 150 yards from shore. She stayed in one area and seemed to be basking in the sun."

Bob Hollywood, of the Barrie Chamber of Commerce, meanwhile, isn't totally convinced there's a monster in Lake Ontario.

Hollywood says, however, there is a monster - Kempenfelt Kelly - in Lake Simcoe.

Has Kelly left Simcoe? Has he found a new home in Lake Ontario?

"Impossible!" says Hollywood. "If Torontonians have a monster they can be pleased but we've still got ours. Why would Kelly want to leave? He was very happy where he was."

Whatever, if you spot the Lake Ontario monster be sure to take a picture and send it to us at the Sun.

If the giant water beast submerges before you've got the picture, send a written description of your sighting. The best will be printed and those entrants will receive a Metro Maggie T-shirt.

Send your entries to Metro Maggie, The Toronto Sun, 333 King St. E. Toronto M5A 3X5.

SUN, Toronto, Ontario, Canada - Aug. 1, 1978
CR: G. Duplantier

WESTERN MAIL, Cardiff, England - Aug. 8, 1978

Nessie yet again

The Loch Ness monster was sighted by an Inverness couple and their 12-year-old niece yesterday. Mr. Hugh Chisholm, aged 35, lorry driver, and his wife, Mhairi, 32, made the sighting as they drove with their niece Margaret Sutherland, of Ross-shire, on the east bank of the loch. Mrs. Chisholm said, "We stopped and watched it for several seconds. It was

really huge with the head and one hump clearly seen above the water. When it vanished under water there were large waves left behind.

"I never believed in the monster until today. You can tell those scientists who say they think they have found the monster's skeleton underwater that Nessie is alive and well and living in the loch."

Boys Discover Seventh Animal Mutilation Monday Morning

A young bull calf was found mutilated on the Joe Vitro farm southwest of Elsberry about 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 7.

The six-to-seven-month-old calf, which weighed about 350 pounds, was discovered at the edge of a thicket in a field about a mile from a roadway by Angelo Di Bartolo whose father, Sam Di Bartolo, owned the part-Hereford animal. Angelo and Tony Vitro were cutting the pasture with a brush hog when Angelo spotted the animal. The frightened boys left the field immediately and went to the Vitro home. At the same time as the boys were leaving the field, the Vitro's dog, Lady, which had followed them to the field, came dragging the calf's front leg from the top of a knoll about 100 yards away from where the carcass lay.

Upon further investigation, it was found that the calf was laying on its left side and the hide and meat of the upper right side had been stripped exposing the throat and the rib cage extending from the right front shoulder to the middle of the right side and from the backbone of that area toward the underside. The right front leg was missing. There was no fresh tear where the leg had been attached and no blood visible. A small cut could be observed on the right rear hip. The eyes, tongue and sex organs had not been removed as in previous mutilations in this area. According to reports, this type of mutilation has been used in southwestern states.

Tony Vitro said the calf had been missing for several days

and Mr. Vitro told the boys to look for it when they were mowing the pasture. A member of the Vitro household recalled hearing a disturbance among the cattle about midnight Friday, Aug. 4, but no investigation was made. It is estimated that the animal had been dead two or three days (cool weather) and Monday afternoon the carcass was just beginning to stiffen.

This is the first mutilation reported to THE DEMOCRAT since June 24. THE DEMOCRAT learned from an unimpeachable source of the discovery of a mutilated cow on a farm northwest of Elsberry in early July but this discovery was not publicized.

EARLIER MUTILATIONS

Since April 26, the Elsberry area has been plagued with seven—or perhaps more—animal mutilations. Prior to and since April 26, sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) have been reported by various reliable persons, many of whom live in the area where the mutilations have occurred.

INVESTIGATORS

Visiting the site of the latest mutilation were representatives, including Martin Wolf, from the Society For The Investigation of the Unexplained with headquarters in New York and a two-man team from Unusual Phenomena Investigation Organization of Fenton. Spending several days in the area last week was a team of investigators from the Mutual UFO Network, Project Sigma and APRO out of Colorado.



MONDAY MORNING two boys found a young bull calf which had been mutilated on a farm southwest of Elsberry.

GRAPHIC, Pea Ridge, AR - Aug. 24, 1978

Mule colt reported mutilated here

A mule colt in Pea Ridge, a calf west of Cave Springs and a cow west of Centerton have been reported mutilated recently in a manner similar to a number of mutilations that occurred in the spring.

The latest was reported by Utah Smith in Pea Ridge, who found a two-month-old colt mutilated Saturday evening on his property, north of the school. He said the animal's eyes, tongue and sexual organs had been removed. He said the colt had been missing since Wednesday and was badly decomposed when he found it Saturday.

Benton County Sheriff's Deputy John Greene said the eyes, tongue and sexual organs had been removed from a calf found last Tuesday west of Cave Springs and only the tongue had been removed from a cow found Thursday west of Centerton.

He said the sheriff's department had no evidence concerning who might be responsible or what their motive might be.

In the spring, speculation about a motive for the mutilations centered on the subject of witchcraft. It was noted that the animal parts could be used in various religious cult ceremonies. It was also pointed out that some cult rituals are performed during the season of the equinox in spring and fall when day and night approach equal length. The autumnal equinox occurs about Sept. 23.

A University of Arkansas anthropologist, Dr. Jerome Rose, who was consulted by the sheriff's department in the spring, said the mutilations could be connected with witchcraft activity.

He added that it could be someone playing around with witchcraft rituals they found in a cheap paperback book, or, possibly, a serious underground religious cult.

The anthropologist said he found no indication that the animal mutilations would be followed by any activity that might threaten the safety of humans.

Woodsy creatures

Hairy beast and buddies lurk in family's backyard

CANTON (AP) — Six residents of Paris Township have reported they saw a 6-foot creature covered with hair sitting atop a backyard chicken coop, according to Stark County Deputy Sheriff James Shannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cayton said they have seen the creature several times over the past few months, Shannon said. Four friends and the Caytons say they saw the creature

and two smaller similar creatures Monday night.

"When I got there, the people were visibly shaken and some were even afraid to go to sleep," Shannon said. "It was obvious they saw something, but what? I'm skeptical about it myself. There were two footprints — one distinguishable, the other, not so good."

Shannon said he scouted the hilly, heavily wooded area but found no sign of any of the creatures.

Shannon said the Caytons told him one of the witnesses drove a car across the backyard with its headlights on to get a better look at the creature. When the creature ran towards the car, the five other witnesses ran into the house.

Shannon said they told him the creature began looking in the window at them. They couldn't see any facial features because of its bushy hair.

Shannon said the group also heard footsteps on the roof, but when Mrs. Cayton loaded a gun, the creature disappeared into the woods.

PLAIN DEALER, Cleveland, OH

Aug. 24, 1978 CR: M. Swift