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Residents Report Seeing UFO

By Pat Farrell

At least two nights last week some residents on Ft. Leonard Wood reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO). But, as is common place with such sightings, there are as many sceptics as believers.

The first time the glowing round object was spotted was on Tuesday, July 25, by Juanita Love, 35, and her husband, 32-year-old Sergeant Gary Love. Mrs. Love said it was about 9:30 p.m. when she and her husband first saw the object from the front porch of their home on Diamond Street.

She described the mass as the biggest, brightest star she has ever seen. But what she said was so unusual about the object was it was moving across the sky. She said she called a neighbor to view the sighting but the neighbor chose to remain like the object, unidentified.

On Wednesday night, two other residents on Diamond Street reported an unusual happening but said they could not confirm a sighting. Barb McCoy, 19 and Peaches Farr, 24, said a bright flashing red light passed over their home at least three times.

On Wednesday there was a severe thunderstorm in the Ft. Wood area and the women first believed the flashing light was connected with the storm, but they said the incident happened twice after the storm had passed.

Thursday night, July 27, was when the sightings received the most publicity. Mrs. Love and Pam Green, 25, who lives at 24 Diamond, were the first to see the object.

It was around 8:30 and not quite dark outside. The object started out as a small, distant glow in the sky and it grew larger and brighter as the sky became darker. Mrs. Green said the glowing mass was circular in shape and had, what she called, two triangular shapes on the bottom. Then it faded away.

When the object was in the sky Mrs. Green said the dogs in the neighborhood began to howl. When the object disappeared the dogs went silent. Then at about 11:30 the dogs started howling again and the object was once again visible.

This time the women used a telescope to view the UFO. Through the telescope the object looked much the way the women thought it did, but there were also black lines running both horizontally and vertically through it.

The women said the UFO then disappeared behind some houses on the street. Near where the women thought the object had descended they said there was a noticeable change in temperature which caused the forming of an ice-like dew on the windows of parked cars. They said less than a block down the street parked cars were completely dry.

A total of eight adults saw the mysterious object the first time it appeared on Thursday, Mrs. Green said. The second time it showed up only five people were on hand to view it.

Aside from Mrs. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Love and Jeanie Horsman, 25, no one else wanted their name released for publication. Mrs. Horsman also lives on Diamond and was called out by the other ladies when the object was in the sky.

She said the object looked like the others had described but she said it never looked bigger in size than a basketball. It moved very slowly and had a glow around it which was blueish-green in color, she said.

"It was really wierd, Mrs. Horsman said. "We've lived on Army bases for a good seven years and it was like nothing I've ever seen. I've seen helicopters on night maneuvers, but this was different.

EDMONSON COUNTY NEWS, Brownsville, KY
Aug. 10, 1978

More UFO's Are Sighted

Strange objects in the sky have drawn the attention of more Edmonson County residents during the past week.

Three persons said they saw an unidentified object in the sky in the Lincoln Community Monday night and a Moodyville woman reported seeing moving objects in the sky from a window of her home Tuesday night, July 25.

Kelly Meredith, 11-year-old grandson of Mrs. Carl Sanders, with whom he makes his home, gave a vivid account of what he saw about 9:30 p.m. Monday.

"We were coming back from my aunt's house on Gap Hill Road when I looked out the car window and saw something that looked like an orange star," the lad said.

It kept blinking on and off. It looked like it was going at the speed of the car, it went down behind the woods in front of our house and came back up. There were two objects that came back up from behind the woods and when we saw it, it looked like it was headed toward the southeast. Every time it blinked it moved upward."

Collaborating Kelly's account were his grandmother, and a cousin, Brian Lindsey, 12-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Lindsey, Moline, Ill., who is visiting in the Sanders home. Mrs. Lindsey is a sister of Mr. Sanders.

When the three reached the Sanders home on Hwy. 728 in the Lincoln Community, the boys said they ran in the house and were too scared to come back out.

The object looked "real big while we were in the car" Kelly said.

Mrs. Sanders said the objects, traveling toward the east stayed along the horizon and then just disappeared.

She estimated the lights blinked every two or three seconds.

"It could have been a metallic balloon," she speculated.

Mrs. Beulah Moody, who lives at Moodyville, said she saw several objects going up and down in the sky near a security light when she looked out the window at her home. She said she watched the sight for about 10 minutes and then retired.

Helicopters don't move in the sky like this did."

The post Military Police were contacted by the ladies on Diamond Street and recorded the sighting as a helicopter with landing gear turned on.

The ladies then contacted Forney Airfield on post to see if the military had any aircraft up in the area. The flight dispatcher who took the call Thursday night, PFC Dan Sullivan, told the caller there were no aircraft in the air.

He said from his location at the airfield he could not see anything in the sky but he wasn't saying the caller was a liar. "I have no reason to doubt the lady," Sullivan said. "I think she really did see something but I'm sure there is an explanation."

Sullivan referred the ladies to the State Highway Patrol to check if there was a copter patrolling the Interstate. The ladies called the patrol's Troop I Headquarters in Rolla and was told no copter or any other type aircraft were assisting them on Thursday night.

A spokesman for the patrol also received another call Thursday night concerning the sighting. He said the caller told him they were viewing the object from the WAC's barracks on post.

Sylvia Plys, 31 Diamond, said she and several friends were outside every night last week except Wednesday and none of them saw the flying object. She said there were as many people who did not see the UFO as those who did.

According to Private Sullivan, UFO sightings are reported to the airfield at least three or four times each summer.

Who goes there?

LAKE CITY NEWS-CHRONICLE, Two Harbors, MN

Aug. 2, 1978

UFO sighted over North Shore

TH - Keep your eye peeled to the sky and you never know what you may see.

Last week, at least two area residents were doing just that and caught sight of what might turn out to be an unidentified flying object (UFO).

At 11:22 p.m. the Lake County Sheriff's office received a call about a strange looking falling star sighted in Finland. At 11:35 p.m., another report came in about a bright green glowing object that darted silently across the sky and then plunged straight down towards the earth and behind the horizon of trees.

The man who sighted it, who was apprehensive about being identified, said he had never seen anything like it. He had ruled out the possibilities of it being a plane, weather balloon or falling star.

Also in the area that night, there were reports from individuals who reported seeing bright lights falling in the sky. They felt, however, that the sightings could be attributed to meteor showers scheduled for the area.

Across the region, UFO's have been in the news. In the Biwabik-Gilbert area, several people reported seeing a number of glowings, multi-colored UFO's.

According to the Biwabik Times newspaper, sheriff's department officials and citizens all saw lights in the sky above that community.

The sightings on the range were reported to the Wisconsin State Director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). The organization receives reports of sightings and close encounters and turns the a-

available information over to scientists.

One of the MUFON's field investigators, Eugene Lundholm, works out of Superior, Wis.

He was contacted by the News-Chronicle and told of a sighting and actual evidence that might have been left by a UFO in the Two Harbors area four years ago.

According to Lundholm, there was a reported sighting of a craft actually landing in the woods between Brimson and Two Harbors. When he was called to investigate, he found evidence of impact as well as small piles of a powdery substance.

Lundholm collected and analyzed the powder and sent it to scientists for further analysis. It was found to be a mixture of a magnesium and

calcium that was identifiable. Lundholm said that such a mixture is not native to the area and traces of the same substance have been found around the country at reported UFO landing sites.

That physical evidence, a close encounter of the second kind, lent some credence to the story.

Lundholm said that there were a rash of sightings in northeastern Minnesota in 1974-75 and that it may be happening again in the area with the reports of sightings from Biwabik and Two Harbors.

The warning from the movie *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* where contact was made with aliens might hold true: We are not alone.

Close encounter?

Seaman's 'hair stands up' as flashing object is sighted at Ludington

By BILL McCULLOCH
Record-Eagle staff writer

LUDINGTON — The people who saw it couldn't say for sure how big it was or what its shape was. They only saw lights — white strobe lights mostly, and maybe one flashing red light.

And the lights moved — always silently, sometimes erratically.

The lights were first reported near Ludington a week ago Thursday about midnight. Some fellow called the Coast Guard Station and said he'd seen the lights hovering over U.S. 31, then moving west.

"He said, 'Hey, stick your head out and tell me if you can see this thing, too,'" reports Seaman Don Clark, who was just going on watch at the time. "So me and my buddy looked out, and there it was."

The lights were just moving out over Lake Michigan about two or three blocks north of the Coast Guard Station.

Clark still has trouble describing exactly what he saw. Judging from the arrangement of the strobe lights, he says, it appeared that the object might be round, almost like a Frisbee flying on its edge.

"I don't want to sound like a kook," Clark adds, "but it really made the hair stand up on the back of my neck. I was thinking, you know, maybe we're going to die right now."

Because the lights appeared to be heading in a northwest direction, Clark and the seaman who was just going off duty radioed the Coast Guard Station at Two Rivers, Wis.

"When the call came in, our guys got a little freaked," reports an officer at the Two Rivers station. "We didn't know what to think at first."

But sure enough, there came the lights, moving across the lake. The lights approached to within two or three miles of the Two Rivers station, then headed north where there were additional sightings by the Sturgeon Bay Coast Guard Station and the Green Bay Harbor lighthouse.

A seaman at Two Rivers reportedly photographed the lights. As yet, though, no one has seen the prints.

Based on radio contacts between Ludington and Two Rivers, the estimated speed of the lights crossing Lake Michigan was something in the range of 250 miles per hour.

"That's nothing spectacular, I realize," says Clark. "But it's pretty tough to go that fast without making any noise. It wasn't a bicycle, I can tell you that."

The Coast Guard's group headquarters in Muskegon says all reports on the flying object were sent to the main district office in Cleveland. And the district office says it's satisfied that the lights were not related to any maritime activity. End of investigation.

The group headquarters in Milwaukee says it's assuming that the object was a conventional aircraft of some kind. "The indicated speeds were well within the range of conventional aircraft," observes Lt. Bruce Tate. "And when an aircraft is flying at 20,000 feet or so, very little sound can be heard on the ground. That's probably why no one heard anything."

"Twenty-thousand feet?" says Seaman Clark. "No, it was more like 15-hundred feet when the lights were coming over Sterns Park here at Ludington."

"Hey, if that's a conventional aircraft, okay," he adds. "But it sure wasn't like anything I ever saw before."

PRESS COURIER, Oxnard, CA - Sept. 19, 1978

Flying Object Ducked

Fillmore police managed to chase down one flying object in the city early today, but another object got away earlier in Ventura before it could be identified.

The Fillmore object was a duck. In Ventura it was an apparent unidentified flying object that was seen in the sky by a policeman and a citizen.

Fillmore Officer Randy Jens said he and Officer Max Pena drove to Ventura and Central streets after receiving a call of a duck flying down the street.

Jens said when they arrived at 5:30 p.m. they spotted the mallard then chased it a quarter mile before catching it.

The duck was taken to the police station and detained for investigation of resisting arrest, failure to identify itself, jaywalking and flying too low, according to Jens.

Jens said the charges, however, will be dropped when the duck is claimed by its owner.

About 45 minutes earlier, Ventura Officer Dave Williams said he spotted a strange object in the sky above the Police Department.

He said the object made strange movements, then swiftly moved across the sky towards the ocean and disappeared.

A citizen also spotted the object about the same time, according to sheriff's deputies.

Deputies said the man called the station in Ventura and described the object as "a bright ball with a tail."

"It just couldn't have been another duck, so the object was reported to the UFO center in Seattle, Wash.," a deputy said.

UFO visits soybean field, some claim

By MARK PEARSON
Times Staff Writer

KINGSTON — A UFO sighting July 3 — a circle of dead soybeans in the middle of a thriving field — have people in this area debating the existence of flying saucers.

Kim Cates, 27, a construction worker native to this area 25 miles south of St. Cloud, claims he saw a silvery object hovering over his grandfather's fields about 9:30 the evening of July 3.

But with no one to verify his sighting, like most UFO incidents, Cates put the sighting away as experience.

A neighbor discovered a 40-foot diameter circle of soybeans apparently burned while growing healthily in the area where Cates claimed he saw the saucer. This, Cates said, is proof of what he saw.

A University of Minnesota agronomist who specializes in soybeans will not deny that Cates may have seen something. He is will-

ing, however, to stake his professional reputation that lightning, not a UFO, destroyed the circle of beans.

Cates spotted the UFO, Cates said this week, while walking to his parents' house about 1.5 miles west of Kingston to take a shower after a day of fishing.

Cates saw a large silvery oval object about one-half mile away as he looked towards the southwest at his grandfather Dean Cates' farm.

"It made my jaw drop to my toes," Cates said describing the experience. "I was stunned — like in a hypnotic trance."

He watched the object dip and drift silently, moving west to east, for about 10 seconds before he claimed it vanished at a high speed.

Cates said he told his mother, Mrs. Dale Cates, about the UFO when he returned to a campsite that night on the farm. She did not believe him and little more was said.

Cates claims this is the second time he has seen UFOs in the area. The first time was about 6:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve when he spotted three glowing objects in the same general area.

Around July 14, Gordon Myllykangas, who repts grandfather Cates' farm, was cultivating soybeans in the area. On top of a hill, Myllykangas found the patch of dead soybeans.

Myllykangas was not aware of Cates' alleged sighting, he said. He mentioned the patch of dead beans to the Cates during a conversation and Cates became convinced he had proof of what he claimed he saw.

During one of the "dips" the saucer made, Cates believes, it came close to the beans and killed them.

A Times reporter discussed the theory with extension agronomist Lee Hardman this week. Hardman volunteered to look at the patch.

Hardman predicted he would find a typical lightning strike

pattern in the field based on what he was told. When he viewed it Monday, he was sure he had the solution.

"This is an ideal spot for a lightning strike," Hardman said as he examined the circle and scrutinized the dead bean plants.

"The plants are wet and are good conductors with roots deep into the moist soil," Hardman said. "It (the patch) is located on top of a hill and fits the typical pattern of a lightning strike."

One characteristic of the phenomenon he could not explain and left Cates unconvinced.

A row of beans that roughly bisects the center of the patch has plants that died sporadically beyond the circumference of the dead patch for a distance of about 15 feet. The plants continued to die sporadically, interspersed with healthy plants, on both ends of the row, even though adjacent rows were completely healthy.

Hardman admits that he is not

an expert in the study of lightning and can not explain what caused the sporadic skipping in one row. That characteristic of the pattern, different from an example Hardman showed the Cates in a crop book, makes the Cates question the explanation.

"It is mighty peculiar," grandfather Cates said.

Since the discover of the circle, grandfather Cates estimates about 100 people have helped wear a path to the spot. One of those walkers is neighbor Lawrence Olson.

Olson, 70, was not too surprised by the patch. He said he has seen UFOs in the area for years.

"I have seen something," Olson, who farms just southwest of Cates' soybean field, said. "Oh, maybe three times. They move by at a terrific speed."

"I never discussed it with anyone because of the temporary condition they would accuse me of being in," Olson continued.

Olson spotted his first UFOs in the area about 10 years ago and saw them most recently about two months ago, he said.

Hardman, meanwhile, said the university receives between 15 and 20 reports of patches like that on the Cates farm each year.

The reports are not always accompanied with UFO reports, Hardman said, but they usually look like the Cates' patch.

"There have been instances down in Illinois where the circle is 100 feet across," Hardman said.

Hardman conceded that Cates could have seen a UFO and the patch could still have been caused by lightning.

"There are many things that are unexplained," Hardman said. "But that patch is."

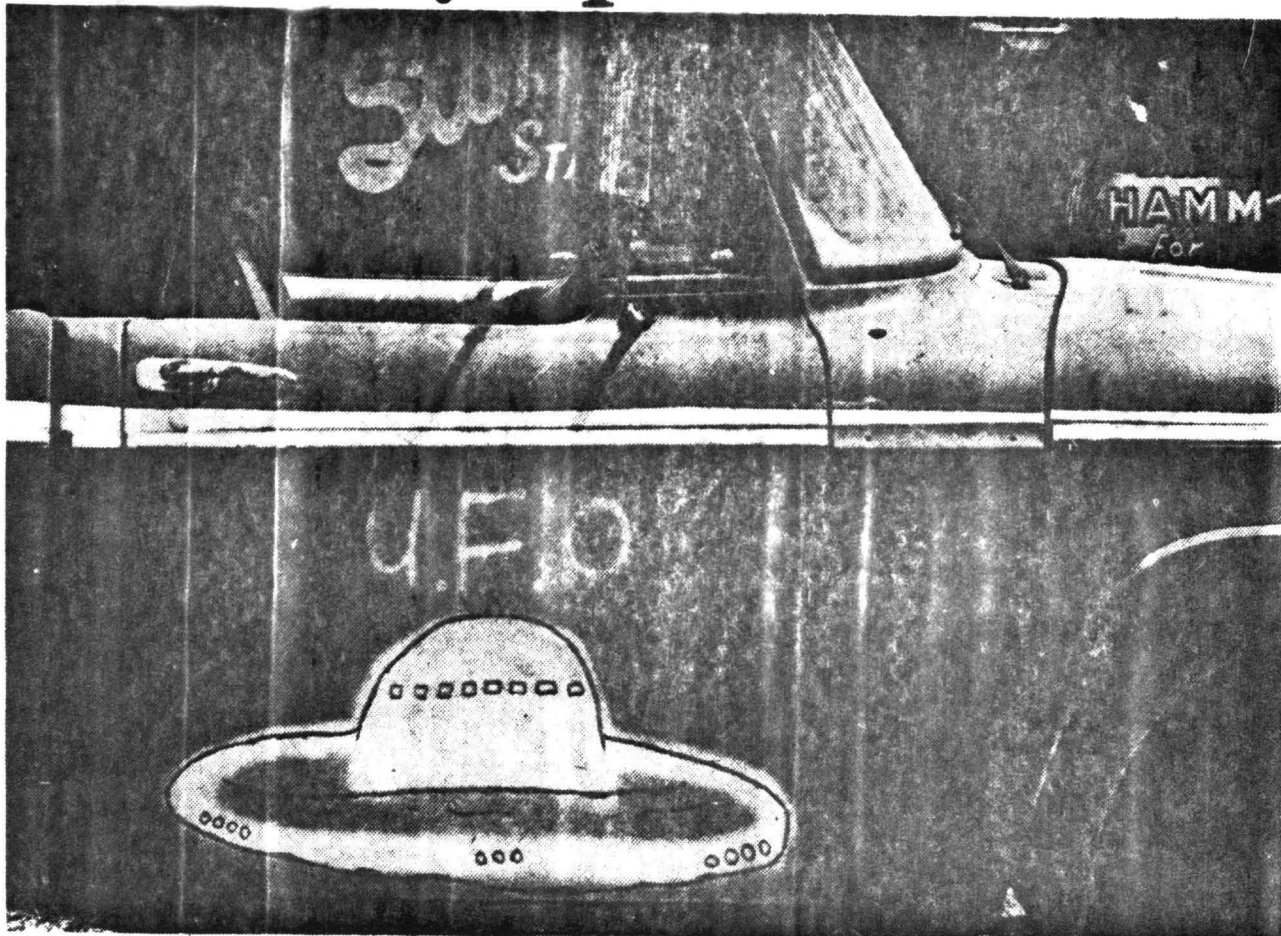
DAILY TIMES, St. Cloud, MN - Aug. 9, 1978

UFO Sighting Reported; Just Skimming Tree Tops, Some Say

TIMES STAR, Sedan, KS - Aug. 30, 1978

Have you seen anything strange in the sky lately? Several people in Chautauqua county did last Thursday. Javanita Thomas was the first to call the newspaper office on Friday morning. She reported that her son, Dale, and a friend, Mike Rees, got her out of bed around 9:00 p.m. to look at something. When she got outside she said she saw an object shaped like a kite traveling from northwest to southeast at a seemingly low rate of speed. It looked to be about the size of a 747 but made a low humming sound rather than the usual sound of an aircraft or the whirl of a helicopter, she stated. Mrs. Russel Wemmer, who also saw the object, said it made no sound that she could hear. She, too, claimed the object was diamond-shaped and added that there were three steady white lights on the front, back and right of the craft and a red blinking light on the left. The reports came in mostly from the Fern and Sedan areas and most of the sightings were recorded between 9:30 and 10:00 p.m. Some people said the object seemed to be flying at a very high altitude and some claimed that it barely cleared tree tops. At least as of Tuesday afternoon, no one has reported having a close encounter with any of the occupants of Chautauqua county's unidentified flying object.

Elsberry Split On UFOs



Signs of the times in Elsberry, Mo., where T-shirts advertise UFO Country but "a lot of people think it's very serious business."

By Ed Wilks
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

She was standing by the gate at the end of the lane that leads up to her house, she said, when she saw "this thing in the valley... down next to the road, in the field below the road." What she saw, she said, was "an object that had reflectors on it, the kind you see on the back of trucks, and they made a pattern of light and dark glows. They were not flashing."

The pattern of the reflectors formed "a perfectly made cross — no propeller, no tail. It was about 20 feet long... I was looking through binoculars and I can't say for sure, it might have been bigger. The crosspiece may have been 10 or 12 feet, maybe more. I couldn't tell how thick it was."

"And then it went. Just like that. It went from left to right. It didn't go up into the sky. It was just gone."

She is a housewife who lives outside Elsberry, Mo.; a Lincoln County town with a population of about 1,400 that lies near the Mississippi River 45 miles or so northwest of St. Louis along Highway 79 just past Lost Creek.

Marc Hill, a catcher who once belonged to the baseball Cardinals but now plays for the San Francisco Giants, is from Elsberry. Photographs of the local boy who made good in the big leagues flank a team picture of the world champion 1926 Cardinals on a wall in The Place restaurant and cocktail lounge. Near the cash register in the cafe, a T-shirt hangs on display with a sign that says the shirts are for sale at a shop next door.

Across the front of the T-shirt there is lettering that reads: "U.F.O. Country. . . Elsberry, Mo."

"I wouldn't buy one of those. It's no joke to me," said the housewife, who asked not to be identified by name because she doesn't want "every kook in the country calling me up and wanting to come out here. A lot of people have come out here already, looking for the

lights that have been seen around here... Some come out and have beer parties, and there's no telling what other kinds of parties.

"I'm not seeking publicity or any notoriety. I don't want any, and I don't see why I should get any if I don't want any. My husband doesn't want it, either."

"But I've seen lights out here, and my family knows I've seen lights for three or four years — I'm a sky observer, I watch clouds — but I've never seen any lights like these."

"I don't think I'll ever be the same after seeing these. You wonder, are you going to die? Is the world coming to an end? Is God trying to tell you something? I just don't know... a lot of things go through your mind. But I definitely know I saw it. I'd take a lie-detector test."

City Marshal Jon Livengood of Elsberry said there had been "a lot of UFO sightings lately," but that reports of Unidentified Flying Objects were not new in that area. "I saw three together in 1975," the marshal said, "and my wife and I saw one in 1965."

Barbara Becker, who lives in University City, has seen some unexplained lights in the Elsberry area. She said that some persons living there had become used to the sightings. "They'd say, 'Well, there's another orange light. Big deal.' They didn't think much of it, until the animals were found."

Carcasses of six or seven cows and calves have been found on several local farms since the first reported case in late April. All of the animals had been mutilated — some with one eye and one ear or a tongue missing, some with udders, genitals and rectums cut out "in a perfect circle," according to police reports. Some residents suggested that the mutilation was the work of devil cults, witches and warlocks from down the road in the St. Charles area. More likely the work of predators feeding on soft tissue, said the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office at Troy.

But Ms. Becker has another theory.

She is a member of the National Committee on Animal Mutilation that was formed about two years ago as a subcommittee of the UFO Study Group of Greater St. Louis, Inc. The subcommittee "came about," she said, "because in areas where mutilated animals have been found there usually is a high degree of UFO activity."

Livengood, the marshal, doesn't support either the devil cult or predator explanation for what has been happening to the dead cattle. "I go along with the theory of others," he said, without specifically endorsing a relationship between the mutilations and the sightings of orange, amber, yellow, red and white lights in the area.

The marshal said he had been told that "August is always the peak month for animal mutilations." He had been told that, he said, by members of some groups from Colorado, Texas and New York who had checked into Elsberry to check into the happenings. He said one such group member was Walter Andrus, from Seguin, Texas, and international director of the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON), whom he had known previously in Quincy, Ill. Livengood described Andrus as "one of the top two or three experts in the United States on UFOs, possibly in the world."

Margaret Ann Watts, editor of the weekly Elsberry Democrat, said a three-man group from APRO in Colorado had been on the scene, although she didn't know what APRO stood for, and that Martin Wolf had been in town from Newfield, N.Y. Wolf, she said, identified himself as the assistant director of the Society for the Investigation of the Unexplained. Miss Watts offered also a newsletter from Project Stigma of Paris, Tex. The newsletter cited "continuing investigations into the occurrence of animal mutilations," and listed several such cases from January through June of this year in a dozen states (Missouri among them) from Alabama to Oregon.

As Ms. Becker had suggested, some of the residents outside Elsberry have,

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indeed, taken more notice of the lights sighted in the area since the mutilation incidents. Four were reported between late April and mid-June, and it was June 24 when the housewife began "logging the sightings."

On a pad of yellow paper, under the heading "U.F.O.'s 1978," her entry for Aug. 4 reads:

"1 pm — TV interference — all stations.

"6:10 pm — Tower light is still off, has been since sometime Wednesday morning Aug. 2.

"11:35 pm — Tower light is back on. (A sketch of the cross-shape object followed). I saw the above light down next to road in the field below the road. . . time 11:20 pm. No noise, although a plane had gone over earlier, or just before I saw above.

"Must have observed as many as 25 lights or maybe more for I lost count.

"But they were in a different sky direction Southeast to West. Never observed any returning in any direction... they were more red and orange than usual, some seem to just set still and get red and orange to looking like a moving star. . .

"Air traffic is just terrific, I can't imagine where they are all going 'talking about fuel waste' — Ha. Ha.

"Saw light (in) East Southeast above trees, very bright red to orange, seems to be doing tricks or putting on a show."

The tower mentioned in the log stands on a knob that is more or less in the center of the area in which the animal mutilations have been reported. The housewife said she didn't know what kind of a tower it was, but that when the blinking red lights at the top went out from time to time, the lights she had sighted "changed sky patterns."

(Highway W runs through a settlement called New Hope, about five miles southwest of Elsberry, and continues past the tower, which is owned and maintained by the Union Electric Co. The tower is part of the utility's microwave communication system to southeastern Iowa, a UE spokesman said. Maintenance reports indicate that one of the bulbs at the top of the tower burned out in May, he said, and that a circuit-breaker that had failed was replaced Aug. 4. Such light failures on UE's towers "are not unusual occurrences, according to our records," he said.)

The entry for Aug. 7 in the housewife's log reads:

"12:00 noon — Neighbor. . . just called me and said they had a cow down, one front leg had been cut off. They had just found it. She asked me what she should do. I advised her to call the law. Could be why I saw weird light Friday night (Aug. 4), they heard a cow scream at 12 midnight Friday night."

Lillian Vitro said her son, Tony, 15, and a neighbor boy, Angelo Di Bartolo, had found a dead calf while they were cutting weeds last Monday in a pasture. The right shoulder of the calf was missing, and one of the family's dogs had found part of the leg some distance away.

"The calf was a quarter of a mile or a half mile away from the house," Mrs. Vitro said, "and this used to be a pig farm — the ground is rough. You couldn't take a car in there, and anyone in his right mind — if he's a human being — wouldn't go back that far. They'd have to walk in, and it's a mile from the road (Highway W) on one side and almost as far from the road (Highway V) on this side."

Mrs. Vitro said a relative was in the home alone Friday night (Aug. 4) and heard the cattle behind the house making noises, but didn't go outside to investigate.

She said her husband, Joe, a bricklayer, "parks the truck in front of the gate that goes into the pastures, and another of our dogs, Snoopy, is tied up by the gate. Snoopy barks at anything. And we've got two geese out there that make more noise than the dogs, but the dogs and the geese were quiet."

The Vitros and their three sons, Joey, 17; Tom, 13, and Tony, moved from St. Louis to the Elsberry area about seven years ago, and have shared the farm with Sam Di Bartolo and his family about four years. The calf belonged to the Di Bartolos.

Mrs. Vitro said she hadn't seen any of the lights others had reported — "not this year, but three or four years ago while I was sitting on the porch I saw what looked like a gray shadow about dusk. It went up, and then shot off straight."

Wednesday morning, two days after the dead calf had been discovered, Mrs. Vitro reported that the carcass had been moved four or five feet and the right eye and ear were missing.

"What's weird, though," Mrs. Vitro said, "is that the tail's back. Tom said that the tip of the tail was missing when he saw the calf Monday."

A farmer neighbor, Robert Taylor, said the tail was intact when he saw the carcass Monday. When he saw the dead calf again Wednesday, Taylor said, "a dog or something has been eating on it, and dragged it where it is. Something's got at the eye, too; and the ear."

"What's strange is that there wasn't any blood on the calf when I saw it Monday. And look around now; there aren't any buzzards. I've been around cattle almost all my life — I'm almost 65 — and you usually can find a down cow by following the buzzards."

In their living room, Taylor and his wife, Eileene, said they had lost a cow a couple of months ago, and the rectum portion of the carcass was missing when they found it out in the middle of a field after a storm. A veterinarian had said the cow had been struck by lightning and some sort of animal had been feeding on it, Taylor said.

"There had been a thunderstorm that morning," Taylor said, "and there was blood on my cow, but I didn't see any animal run away from it when I came up to it."

Said Mrs. Taylor: "There's something fishy about there not being any blood on the Vitro calf. Fishy, strange, whatever. No blood."

The carcass of the Taylor cow remains out in the field because there is no reason to move it, Taylor said. It, too, doesn't appear to have attracted any buzzards.

The Taylors never have seen any of the strange lights reported by others, "but I don't sit out and look for them, either," she said, and laughed.

"I say if they're going to get me, they're going to have to come into the house to get me. I don't think there's anything coming down from the sky and doing anything."

The housewife who has logged lights "that get so bright you can't say what size they are, or how close they are," said she has "talked to some neighbors even now and they don't see them. They don't look. There's a lot of people around here who think it's very serious, I'll tell you that. There are others. . . I don't know what they think."

As for the mutilations, the housewife said, "I think they've got terrific knowledge; they leave no evidence and they've never been caught. I wouldn't want to say who 'they' are, but kids playing a prank? No way. Cultists? No way. Predators? No way."

Sheriff Clifton Hilton scoffs at the idea of UFOs having anything to do with the animal mutilations, or UFOs in general, for that matter.

"I talk to people about those sightings, and I ask them whether they're on any kind of medication," he said. "I'm not saying these people didn't see anything, but. . .

"We got one call from a woman who said she had chased an amber light and it had 'landed' over in New Hope. Well, we get over there lickity-split, and what we found was an orange globe over a yellow light on the back of a house. Nobody was home, so we couldn't get inside and turn it off, but I went off at a distance with a deputy, quite a distance away, and then I had another deputy black out the light. We're in radio communication with each other all the time and I'm saying, 'OK, now black it out. OK, now let it shine.'

"Well, there are people around us and they say, 'Look, it's starting to blink! It's starting to take off!' And they're standing right there by us. They were listening to me tell the deputy to black it out, then let it shine. But they wouldn't believe it."

Another time, Hilton said, he and his wife "drove all around those blacktop roads — W, V, JJ, B — and we see the lights — they're all planes. Definitely planes. We see planes around here all the time, leaving Lambert Field with their lights still on, or heading in with their big white lights on. They're bright — some people might think they're stars. And then they go out. They're gone."

One of Hilton's deputies, Charles Colbert, said that, "At a time when we were getting the first reports of UFOs from Elsberry, I went out and plotted one of those lights. It went right smack dab into Lambert."

(One of the approach patterns to which air controllers assign incoming planes at Lambert is called the Winfield Gate. Winfield, Mo., is a few miles south of Elsberry. Once inside the 'gate,' incoming aircraft are directed by navigational aids called intersections, one of which is called Hardin. Hardin, Ill., is between the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, almost directly east of Elsberry.)

Hilton accepts the predator theory in explaining the mutilations. In Lincoln County, he said, "we've got a lot of coyotes, and umpteen hundred coydogs — part dog, part coyote. We've got bobcats; we've got opossums. If it's good enough for Doc Newberry, it's good enough for me."

William Newberry, veterinarian, lives near Troy and was called in by the sheriff to give a professional opinion on the mutilations.

"I've investigated only two of the cases," Newberry said. "In the others, the animals had been dead a considerable time, 5 or 6 days, and the carcasses were in such an advance stage of decomposition I wasn't called in."

"In one of the cases I saw, a cow died giving birth in a field, and the calf died with her. In the other, the Taylor case, the cow was struck by lightning. In both cases, the deaths were 'natural.' I saw the Taylor cow about 36 hours after it had died, and teeth marks were obvious where the soft tissue had been eaten."

A dog, or coyote, particularly, would have "gone after the soft tissue, and some seem to like the cartilage that is found in an ear," Newberry said.

As for the lack of blood, the veterinarian said that "when the heart stops, blood settles to the lowest point in the carcass. If you make an incision above that level, there is no blood. Blood doesn't run uphill. And after an animal has been dead, say 48 hours, blood appears in tissue in a coagulated state. When an incision is made, the blood does not gush out, as it would if the heart were beating and forcing it out."

There are other "post mortem changes" that take place, Newberry said. "The soft tissue underneath swells,

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POST-DISPATCH, St. Louis,
MO - Aug. 13, 1978 --
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stretching the hide, so that the hide gives the appearance of having been neatly cut." Or the appearance of a "perfect circle" as mentioned in police reports of the mutilation found in cattle that had been dead several days.

Newberry said he would "imagine that just seven or eight deaths among the number of animals in that area would not be an unusual percentage. It is perhaps 1 percent, probably less than that. A fellow with livestock figures his death loss is not heavy if he has less than 2 percent in a year's time."

The absence of buzzards (in Missouri, the name is hung on turkey vultures) might not be unusual, said Jim Wilson, an ornithologist with the Department of Conservation in Jefferson City. Buzzards "probably don't commonly feed on large carcasses," he said. "That may be due to the fact that there is an abundance of road kills that are smaller and already macerated to some degree." Smaller birds would peck away at the eyes of a carcass. The calf found last Monday was lying on its left side, exposing only the right eye (and ear).

Miss Watts said Livengood told her, "Coyotes, birds, field mice, whatever — OK, maybe that's right, but according to Wolf, that's a copout — if the authorities say this is done by something people know about, they won't panic."

The Senate Theater is on Broadway, past Third Street, in Elsberry. For seven nights — Thursday, Aug. 3, through last Wednesday — the feature film was "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." The housewife who logged her sightings didn't bother to drive into town to see it.

"I think I've already seen it," she said. She meant she thought she'd seen it without having left the gate at the end of the lane.

ADVOCATE, Spooner, WI
Aug. 31, 1978

CR: R. Heiden

Strange Smears On Grass Appear

"I've never seen anything like it," Charles Larson proclaimed, pointing to the black smudges on his lawn in the town of Beaver Brook.

The smudges appeared Saturday morning and Mrs. Larson at first thought someone had spilled grease on the grass. The dark patches are about a foot wide where the grass is discolored by tiny black beads covering the blades. When rubbed off the black beads feel like graphite.

Probably the most curious aspect of the smudges is that about ten of them appeared in a ring, forming the perimeter of a circle about 18 feet in diameter. Larsons called the sheriff's office and a deputy took some samples of the grass. A sample, taken to the County Agent's office, will also be sent in for analysis.

While not ruling out the landing tracks of a UFO or some soot, the ag agent said it appeared to be the spores of a fungus.

HERALD-TIMES-REPORTER, Manitowoc-Two Rivers, WI - Aug. 11, 1978

CR: R. Heiden

Guardsman claims UFO sighted near Two Rivers

By THOM AIELLO
Herald-Times-Reporter
Staff Writer

TWO RIVERS — Sgt. Tom Gordon, 34, of the National Guard Armory in Two Rivers, was out fishing late Wednesday night when he noticed something in the sky. "It was really a spooky feeling. I never saw anything like that before," Gordon said.

What Gordon claims he saw while at the east side pier near the Coast Guard Station was an unidentified flying object. And there were several other witnesses that strongly agree with Gordon.

Gordon, a Kentuckian who is stationed here for two years, said that at about 11:45 p.m. he saw several colors of lights in the sky — red, blue, and green. He said the object was roundish in shape and, after a while, turned sideways and then upside down.

Gordon told some kids about the sighting. Then he went to the Coast Guard Station and told some men there. The police were also called.

The object went back and forth three times, according to Gordon. He said it seemed about 600 yards northwest of the tail of the Little Dipper. He estimated it to be about eight miles away.

"I kind of believed they (UFO's) were out there before, from as much as I've read on them. But, after last night, now I am sure," said Gordon Thursday afternoon. He added, "I never saw one of these things before and I thought it was really neat. Now I know they really exist."

Asked if it could have been some kind of remote control model or a government project of some sort, Gordon called upon his eight years in the Air Force, "I have seen all kinds of aircraft and I have never seen anything like that."

There was also a UFO sighting reported in Sturgeon Bay Wednesday. The Two Rivers Police Department, which sent

an officer to the scene, verified the sighting in its police log.

Two other people went on record Thursday stating they witnessed the UFO's. The two are Gary Randall, 20, and Doug Wangen, 20. The two witnessed the sightings as civilians, though both are also members of the Coast Guard in Two Rivers.

Randall, who hails from Sacramento, Calif., but has been stationed here since Feb. of 1977, said, "It is most definitely a UFO, as far as I know. I don't think it's a government project."

He added, "I had my doubts about these things until the 28th (of July). Now I'm a believer."

It was on July 28 that Randall saw the object for the first time. He photographed the object at about 11:30 that night, but cannot release the photos. The prints have to be sent to a government agency in Milwaukee for studying. It is said that the photos will be released later for the public to see. (Three photos of the apparent object were shown to this reporter. The photos were mainly dark, with some landmarks near the Coast Guard station showing up and several colored lights appearing in the upper right corner.)

The UFO reportings brought a television crew from Green Bay to Two Rivers to talk to the men involved. Gordon said he was told to tell the truth by his major of command. But he could not wear his uniform while discussing the matter.

Wangen, who has been in Two Rivers for six months, said before the July 28 sighting he "was kind of uncertain about UFO's. You have to see it to believe it."

The Pequot Lakes, Minn. native said it's a weird feeling seeing an object like he did. "You feel like someone's watching all the time. You get a feeling of insecurity, sort of. I think someone's out there, but it's kind of neat," Wangen said.

Wangen said that on the 28th

he could see the object coming across and saw lights flashing. Then it sort of stopped for a while, turned bright white, began moving again, then went straight up and disappeared. He added, "You couldn't really tell the roundness."

It was believed the object was near Rawley Point that time. Wangen said Randall does a lot of charting and estimated the object's speed at 800 mph. Wangen thought it was more like 1000 mph.

There were about five or six witnesses each time, according to the three people who talked about it Thursday. Randall said the object "flew very erratic — side to side, up and down and across. The lights were fantastic. For the distance that it was, it would have had to be bigger than a B-52 or a 747."

Gordon said that he went to the Coast Guard Station to view the object through binoculars. "There were fantastic views we were getting through those lenses. What a sight! I never saw anything like it in my life," he said.

Gordon also said, "Another guy said to me, 'I'm glad you saw it too, because I thought I was crazy.'"

The object, according to the police report, could be seen barely with the naked eye, but clearly with binoculars.

It still is not certain what exactly the object was that appeared. Perhaps the government agency in Milwaukee will be able to explain the object with the bright lights. And, perhaps, the object was a UFO, as all of the men believe.

In a related matter, a lady phoned the police station Thursday evening to say she saw something in the sky. The police report said she claimed it moved slowly and had blinking lights and that it couldn't be seen with the naked eye, but it could with binoculars. She said she has seen this in the past also. After checking, a policeman reported, "What the lady sees is a star."

TIMES, Rawlins, WY - Aug. 25, 1978

Local residents spot possible UFO

By KAREN O'DEAY
Times staff writer

Jess and Bea Bartlett, along with several neighbors, spotted an unidentified flying object Wednesday night in Rawlins.

Mrs. Bartlett said that around 9:10 p.m. on Wednesday night a big bright yellow light was noticed over the western part of the city. Several of her neighbors also saw it, according to Mrs. Bartlett.

Mrs. Lynnell Corsi said around 8:50 p.m. she saw a bright yellow lighted object in the western skies, with an intermittent flashing red light on top of it. The red light did not flash regularly, nor were there red or green lights similar to the ones on a plane, according to Mrs. Corsi. The object moved off in a northwesterly direction, gradually disappearing, said Mrs. Corsi.

There was also an identifiable plane near the object that also disappeared in the same direction, according to Mrs. Corsi.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett said they saw a bright yellowish flare that was not white that disappeared in a northwesterly direction over the hill northwest of town. Mrs. Bartlett said she saw a red light over the object and several silver lines flowing down from the object similar to power-rays.

Mrs. Bartlett said she and at least 10 other people in the trailer court watched the object until around 9:35 p.m. when the object seemed to be moving off in a northwesterly direction and disappeared behind the hill northwest of Rawlins. She said that at one point, the object seemed to have separated into two parts, and that it seemed to have a circle of light surrounding

it. At least three people observed the object through field glasses. The object held too steady to be a plane or helicopter, according to Mrs. Bartlett.

"It stood steady in one spot for at least 10 minutes," said Mrs. Bartlett. Her husband Jess Bartlett concurred.

Mrs. Bartlett said she could see a plane with red and green lights near the object and that the plane was headed toward it and disappeared in the same direction as the object.

Mrs. Bartlett said she had seen a similar object last year when she and her husband were driving from west of Wamsutter to Rawlins. She said that the object she saw then was similar and that she observed it from near Wamsutter all the way to Rawlins in the southern sky.

Indiana Looking Up After UFO Reports

Chicago Tribune

LOWELL, Ind. — A series of unidentified-flying-object (UFO) sightings this summer has residents of the Lowell, Ind., area scanning the skies, particularly on Sundays and Tuesdays.

That's when the strange apparitions seem most likely to appear.

Some people who have seen them say they are bright lights that hang in the sky or dart about. Others say they have watched them land in fields. And two teenagers claim a UFO resembling a white mist passed over their car and temporarily paralyzed them.

Among the people who have reported UFOs are two police officers — Don Dow-

ling and Sam Oliverio — and a correspondent for the Gary Post-Tribune, Anna Wheeler.

Dowling and Oliverio described what they saw as "peculiar, flashing lights in the sky that they watched for 40 to 45 minutes" two weeks ago. Police Sgt. John Crisan said.

"They saw an object of some sort," he said. "It wasn't an aircraft. There were no storms in the area, so it wasn't lightning. The lights were in a pattern."

"We have no logical explanation."

Mrs. Wheeler, a former teacher, said that on Sunday, July 16, she was returning home in a station wagon with her three children and six others, when she

saw the UFO.

She called it "a large white light that had pinkish and bluish lights jumping from it, like sparks."

"The light appeared to hang about 30 degrees above the horizon. I watched it for a long time — maybe 45 minutes. I saw it go from 30 degrees down to about 20 degrees in the sky and it appeared to land."

"Then, suddenly, it went up — it didn't fly away, it just went up and poof, it disappeared. The light went out."

She said all nine children in the station wagon saw it, too, and some admitted they were "a little afraid."

She wrote a story about what she'd

in Evanston, Ill., is skeptical.

He thinks Mitchell's sighting may have been an aircraft with a lighted advertising device. And he suggested that one of the Lowell residents who described a stationary UFO in the sky may have been looking at the planet Venus.

He said the woman described the UFO as a bright light "right above the moon" one evening — a position that coincided with that of Venus at that time.

He also said the "white mist" report is in line with the whirling, electrically charged "dust devils" some investigators have suggested account for many close-to-the-ground UFO sightings.

seen. After it appeared, she said, "I received 45 calls from people who claimed they had seen something similar. One was from as far away as Hobart, Ind., about 30 miles northeast of Lowell."

Among the people who contacted her was the mother of a teenage girl who said she and a boy had encountered "a white mist" that passed over their car and "temporarily paralyzed" them. The mother insisted her daughter does not make up stories.

Another caller, who identified himself as Doug Mitchell, said he saw a glowing football-shaped object in the sky.

Allan Hendry, chief investigator for Dr. Allen Hynek's Center for UFO Studies

JOURNAL-OPINION, Woodsville, NH - Aug. 17, 1978
CR: L. Coleman & B. Greenwood

UFO's sighted in Bradford

BRADFORD—Unidentified flying objects were reportedly seen over Bradford Monday evening (August 14) about 11 PM. The objects were described more as a light source than a shape with physical dimensions.

The UFO's were sighted by Jeff Thurston, Cindy Thurston and Rowan Thurston, all of Bradford, while they were traveling north on I-91. The Thurston's continued to watch the objects from a vantage point in the parking lot of the Bradford Mini-Mart.

After observing the objects for about a half an hour, the Thurston's summoned Richard and Gloria Fox, owners of the Bradford Mini-Mart.

According to Richard Fox, the objects appeared in the northeast sky at a considerable distance. Actually three objects were sighted but only two showed movement. The third object was thought to be a star or planet.

Richard Fox continued, "I looked up and there were the objects, fairly high in the sky, well above the mountain ranges. They were about a 35 degree angle above the horizon," he said. "The objects were fairly bright," Fox said.

Fox continued to tell how they appeared to group together and move toward them from the northeast. As they came closer, they became more brilliant. Only two of the three objects showed any motion. As they came closer, the objects changed position several times, one object going in front of the other and changing from left to right.

As the UFO's continued overhead, they became very bright. In describing its size, Richard Fox said it was bigger than a nickel but smaller than a quarter as you see it in the sky.

The UFO's then turned east and seemed to accelerate very rapidly, becoming dimmer as it got farther away. According to Fox, "I never saw anything like it before." Richard Fox, who has an engineering

background was a member of the U. S. Air Force and had flown in jets, said "these objects were definitely not jet planes."

According to the Foxes', the night was very clear and silent with a lot of stars in the sky. There were some unexplained noises which the Foxes' could not readily describe.

The group of five continued to watch the skies and a short time later the UFO's reappeared from the northeast again. They followed the same course and again disappeared in the east. This was the last time the group saw the objects.

Several weeks ago, four youngsters from Fairlee reported seeing strange objects in the sky. The incident took place at the home of Nancy Larson, age 12 of Fairlee. The sighting was also seen by Lisa Culbertson, age 13, of Bradford, Karen Clatlin, age 10, of Fairlee and Bobby Vetal, age 12 of Lufrow, Mass. Vetal is spending his vacation at the Clatlin home.

All four youngsters were planning on sleeping outside at the Larson home when they spotted the UFO's. They described two separate sightings that night. The first sighting looked the size of a large star with changing colors around the outer edges. About fifteen minutes later, they reportedly sighted an additional object in the sky. This one much larger, about the size of a nickel. It appeared and zoomed away immediately according to the sighters.

The Journal-Opinion contacted Dartmouth College, Physics Department, Astronomy section to determine if the college keeps records of UFO sightings for the area and Professor Mook of that department replied that they do not keep such records. Professor Mook said, "Somebody saw a light in the sky and what can you say... the information is too sketchy." He continued, "A nationwide set-up for this type of activity is located in Illinois."

REPORTER, Fond du Lac, WI - Sept. 12, 1978 Couple now 'believe in UFOs . . .'

Mr. and Mrs. Harland Olsen of Route 2, Timber Trails Road have become believers in unidentified flying objects.

Mrs. Olsen said she had just returned from a bingo game and her husband was watching television in the family room about 11:45 p.m. Sunday when bright lights glaring on the backyard swimming pool at-

tracted their attention. She said they observed a "fiery orange-red colored circular-shaped object with little flashing red lights" hovering above the telephone lines.

"We watched it for about 10 or 15 minutes, and thought maybe it would land," she continued, "but it went up slowly into the southwest and then completely disappeared. I've never seen anything like it before. I definitely believe in UFOs now," Mrs. Olsen added.

CR: R. Heiden

Millville Policeman, Residents Report Sighting UFO

By ROBERT CASTON

A Millville police officer said he and some 20 Wade East Apartment residents saw two unidentified flying objects northwest of Millville at about 9 p.m. last night.

Off. Samuel Rivera reported he was dispatched to the apartment complex at 8:55 p.m. after receiving a call from Mrs. Neida Berrios, 118 Wade East Apartments, about a UFO she apparently observed while driving home with her daughter from Vineland.

The woman reportedly told Rivera she was two large bright objects in the sky join together and

become one light while she was traveling south on Main Road.

Rivera said the woman pointed out the direction where she saw the UFOs and the officer reported he was able to see an unidentified object standing motionless in the sky.

"I could see what it was and it wasn't a star," Rivera told the Daily this morning. "It wasn't a jet or a plane, otherwise we could have heard it."

The officer said he then turned to ask Mrs. Berrios her full name and address and when he looked in the sky again, the object was gone.

Rivera said he and the woman

moved to another area in the complex where their view would not be obstructed by the buildings and they found the UFO again, hovering somewhere over Shiloh or Salem.

Before leaving the complex, Rivera said he parked near Wade Boulevard where he had a better view of the object. He said some 20 residents, many who were "all riled up," were now staring at the object in the western skies.

He said that at this time, a second UFO appeared beneath the first UFO and started to circle around the bright light in a clockwise direction and then flew

in an easterly direction towards the Holly City.

Rivera said that when the object came towards the bystanders, it resembled a "car with two headlights." When the UFO was overhead, the officer said, the lights went out and a red flashing light came on.

Rivera said the object then continued on and disappeared somewhere in the direction of Atlantic City.

The patrolman said he turned to look at the other UFO, and after about eight minutes, that object vanished also.

Rivera said one person came up

to him after the incident and said, "I want to tell you something, that wasn't a star and I can promise you that."

The officer said the 20 persons on the scene reportedly told him they will be witnesses to the incident.

Rivera said another officer, Robert Lacaille, also saw the object. The police reportedly contacted the Flight Service Station at the Millville Airport and they reported there were no airplanes or anything in the air last night that resembled the UFO.

However, a spokesman for the FAA said the station did not have

any official report on the matter.

Police from Vineland, Bridgeton and the State Police barracks in Port Norris said they did not receive any local reports on UFOs last night.

When asked what he thought the object was, Rivera replied, "I don't have the slightest idea, but I know it's not a star."

"It was interesting and fun to watch," he added.

The officer said he saw a similar object in the same location a month ago when he was driving near Dorchester but he said, "I didn't think anything about it."

were no aircraft or meteorological equipment in the area at that time. According to the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center, which monitors high-altitude jets and weather balloons, there were no such vehicles in the sky.

Jagodzynski said unconfirmed reports of such sightings have been coming into the Stockton Police Department for about two weeks. The sightings have occurred to the west and to the north of Stockton, according to the reports, he said.

saying any more information would have to come from his superiors. Sheriff Mario Specht could not be reached for comment Wednesday night.

When contacted by phone Wednesday night, an officer on duty at the department read a news release stating the two officers had seen the object and other area law enforcement agencies had been contacted to see if other reports had been filed. A spokesman at the Greater Rockford Airport control tower said there

to the left for about 25 minutes then made small circles in the sky and finally slowly drifted up "and as far as I know it went out of sight."

Jagodzynski called another officer to verify what he observed.

Steve Allendorf, a Jo Davies County sheriff's deputy, accompanied Jagodzynski and confirmed his description.

"I saw the same thing," he said Wednesday night. Allendorf declined to answer any further questions.

observed the object in the sky for about 45 minutes.

He described it as round with a red pulsating light in the middle. Around the disc were blue, green, yellowish-orange and white lights. He said that when the red light dimmed, the other lights would go on, one at a time.

"I know it was something solid, not a star and not an aircraft. I was in the Air Force for four years and I never saw anything like it."

According to Jagodzynski, the object moved laterally to the right and then

By PEGGY HOWE

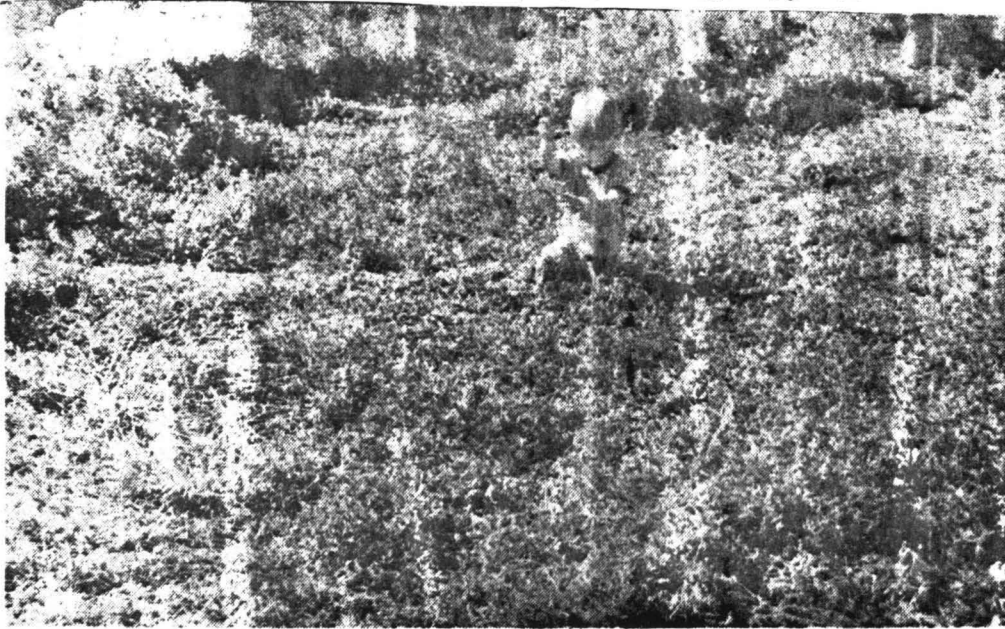
STOCKTON — Stockton Policeman Dennis Jagodzynski described it as "a close encounter of the first kind" when he saw the large disc-like object with blinking lights in the sky near Stockton late Tuesday night.

About 11:30 p.m. Tuesday, several calls came into the Stockton Police Department, all on the same subject — an unidentified flying object.

Jagodzynski said.

Jagodzynski said Wednesday he drove to U.S. 20 and Illinois 78 and

Officers watch UFO in Stockton night sky



Taking hay samples?

MUD LAKE — Patiently waiting for the possible UFOs return three-year-old Aaron Staley blissfully plays with his toy. The grain field was the site where a Mud Lake farmer believes an unidentified flying ob-

ject landed and later left this imprint. Jefferson County Sheriff's Department said there is no way to prove or disprove the possibility.

Possible UFO landing pad in Mud Lake field

MUD LAKE — While no one has reported seeing or hearing anything unusual, Nile Wilding, a Mud Lake farmer, believes an unidentified flying object landed in his hay field recently.

When he went out to cut the opening swath around a field of hay on his farm north of the Mud Lake store he noticed a large flattened area about 20 feet from the edge of the field.

Checking it more closely he found a 24 by 234 foot oval-shaped place where a heavy object had evidently rested. There were four circular indentations at the edges which appeared to have been made by legs or landing gear. There were no trails leading up, or away, from the flattened area although the hay was at a stage

of growth to show plainly any disturbance.

There was no indication of any burning, but the object was heavy enough to cut off much of the hay against the ground although there seemed to be no marks on the soil. The hay was all pressed in a northeasterly direction.

Jefferson County Deputy Sheriff Terrall Hanson investigated the scene and took samples of the hay and soil to the Department of Energy site, but was told they do not perform those types of tests.

Hanson said while it is mysterious, there is no way to prove what object might have caused the strange flattened place. He said there is no proof

it was a UFO.

Wilding and his neighbors are still convinced it was caused by a very quiet and unspectacular UFO and would like to know more about it.

Sept. 1, 1978

CR: B. Greenwood

Youngsters Report UFO Sighting

A "glob of light" sighted about 8 p.m. Wednesday near the Wingate Apartments on Blueberry Lane has two Laconia youngsters convinced an unidentified flying object was making a brief visit to the Lakes Region.

Danny Wylie and Jeff Hawkins tell this story of the unusual sighting:

Hawkins was pulled from his house by Wylie who insisted a UFO was visible. Skeptical at first, Hawkins followed Wylie out of doors and saw "... a light, a glob of white light, going up in the air."

The two boys estimate the light was about 500 feet up and also insist that a plane was trying to follow it.

They say other youngsters in the neighborhood also saw the glob of light but ran into their homes.

Wylie and Hawkins say they tried to chase the strange light on foot and say "... it started coming toward us in back of the Wingate Apartments."

They saw it for about five minutes, they said, and then it disappeared.

Both boys also say a plane seemed to be following the light, and they speculate that the disappearance of what they saw is associated with the snoopiness of the plane.

Wylie and Hawkins searched the pavement behind the Wingate Thursday morning for some evidence that what they saw was not imaginary. In the asphalt pavement they found one depression they had never noticed before and they speculate that it may have been caused by whatever it was they saw.

UFO Sighting Report By Norton Woman 27th

A "close encounter" with an unidentified flying object (UFO) was reported seen early August 27 by Abbie Davenport of Norton.

"It was wierd, the wierdest thing I ever saw," Mrs. Davenport told the Norton Daily Telegram.

Mrs. Davenport did not report her sighting for three days because she said she thought everyone would think her crazy, but she was prompted to talk after reading about a UFO sighting in Coffeyville the previous week. She says her eyesight is perfect and she is certain what she saw at about

1:30 a.m. can not be explained as a street light or star.

She says she usually reads until late on Saturday night and had done so the night of the 26th. As she looked out her window to check the weather before going to sleep, she saw a large lighted object "either in or behind a large tree in a neighbor's yard," says the Telegram. The object had ragged edges and

was not perfectly round and would move slowing down to about five feet off the ground, then shoot up to a point near the top of the tree.

She said she watched the phenomenon for about 20 minutes, and too frightened to call anyone, eventually went to sleep.

TELESCOPE, Belleville, KS - Sept. 7, 1978

Charlotte Residents Describe Strange Occurrence In The Sky

By LINDA GROTKE
Herald-Tribune Reporter

PORT CHARLOTTE — A Port Charlotte family and a neighbor aren't sure what they saw in the sky Monday night, but they didn't think it was a star or plane or the likes of anything they had seen before.

They can describe the glowing object and its activities in the northwestern sky about 9 p.m.

A check with various police authorities, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) tower at Fort Myers, Bishop Planetarium in Bradenton and a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) research center in the State of Washington failed to produce evidence of what the bright object, seen by the Stanley Gomiela family was in the vicinity of Midway Boulevard and U.S. 41.

As they described it, they were driving west on Edgewater Boulevard near Midway and saw the object on the left side of the road.

Wondering what it was, they stopped the car. When they reached their home, they saw it again. It appeared to be next to another star, and the illumination lit up the clouds, the family said. The object appeared to be about as bright and large as a streetlight, Gomiela said.

While motionless for a while, the object began descending, "fast once" then moved in a pattern of loops (Gomiela demonstrated the

motion by waving his arm like a conductor directing the slow movement of a symphony).

He said then the object began to get dimmer and disappeared slowly in the trees.

While still visible at treetop level about 9:30 p.m., so were several small planes or helicopters, which appeared to be following the object.

The Gomeila's spoke with a friend, Mike Clement, on Port Charlotte Boulevard, several blocks away, and he said, he could see the light. However, he observed no motion.

The family said the second star had also disappeared. "It was not an airplane," said Gomiela, "and too big for a star." Their daughter, Kathy 12, said the shape appeared to her like an M with a circle around it.

The family said they are not science fiction readers and only Kathy had seen "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," a movie about UFOs. They seemed baffled and curious by the experience and looked for explanations.

Mrs. Kathleen Gomeila said at first she thought her eyes were playing tricks on her, but was glad to have Kathy (with youthful vision) along to verify the sighting.

A check with Punta Gorda police, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Department and the Florida Highway Patrol revealed no one had called in any reports of sightings

Monday evening. Police said calls of this sort are infrequent in this area, a fact confirmed by other groups. None of the local airports had any reports of UFOs, though the smaller airports said they close operations at dusk, though planes go up and down through the night.

Representatives of the United States Coast Guard in Fort Myers and at the base in Clearwater said they had received no UFO reports. Lt. Dan Scherer, in public affairs for the coast guard at the Clearwater airport said even if his agency received reports, they probably would not check them out.

Capt. James Papizan, at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa said Air Force planes would not chase something down low at night.

He said the military is no longer involved with UFO reports, and sightings are referred to a Washington (state) center for UFO study. He said the Air Force urges people who think their life and property are in danger to check with local police agencies.

Scherer said they get a few calls at night about UFOs. But calls in this part of the country are the exception, not the rule, said Robert Gribble, on the staff of the UFO research center in Washington. His agency, which he said is part of a phenomena research study funded by a staff of scientists follows up on such reports.

Gribble said there are few reports of UFOs in the North American continent in the summer months. Florida is one state which has very few reports ever.

The "biggest sightings occur in Southern California and Pennsylvania," he said. The UFO center, in operation for 23 years, has observed no marked pattern of specific times of the year for sightings.

Two persons on the west coast of Florida, who are professional sky watchers, had no answers for the Gomiela's, but offered some theories for what the object might have been.

Ron Vargo, director of the Bishop Planetarium said as described, the object could not have been a satellite because they are dim, and generally visible in the sky for only a few seconds.

He said the planet Venus is low in the western sky now, in the early evening. He said sometimes the heat off the water and earth can create a mirage effect and make the planets appear to move, as the light passes through the heat in the atmosphere.

George Baranski, F A A supervisor in the tower at the Lee County Airport, said while no one in the tower observed anything matching the object seen by the Gomeila's he wasn't going to say there was nothing out there.

SOUTHWEST TIMES RECORD, Ft. Smith, AR - Aug. 30, 1978

Experts believe UFO tales

TORONTO (UPI) — Psychologists who hypnotized persons claiming to have been kidnapped by space ships say they believe the victims were telling the truth. They're just not sure the stories were "real."

The psychologists, in reports to the American Psychological Association's annual convention, also said the popular notion that only "kooks" see UFOs was wrong.

Dr. W.C. McCall of Anaheim, Calif., said he used hypnosis to make 35 people relive their alleged abductions by space beings and the emotions many of them showed "seems to lend credence to the story that they are telling."

But McCall and Alvin Lawson of California State University at Long Beach both cautioned there is a fine line between memories of a real event and fantasies so real the person believes them even under hypnosis.

"The greatest danger (in using hypnosis for UFO investigations) ... may be that witnesses subtly merge fantasy and reality in close encounter reports — without witness or hypnotist being aware of what is happening," Lawson said.

But Lawson stressed, "If any part of UFO abductees' narratives can be considered true, they will have to be taken seriously by traditional science and scientists in the future."

Dr. Leo Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming, had another theory on how the stories of people who claim to have been kidnapped by alien beings can be "real" yet false.

Sprinkle said he has tested some 150 people of all ages and walks of life who claimed to have seen UFOs, and about 25 of them claimed to have been abducted or studied by alien beings during their experience.

"I have concluded, tentatively, there is little evidence to support the psychosis hypothesis that only kooks see flying saucers," said Sprinkle, who added the two UFOs he saw spurred his interest in the field.

"My personal and professional bias is to accept, tentatively, the claims of UFO abductions as 'real,'" Sprinkle reported to the convention.

"However, I do not know if these 'abductees' have experienced physical abduction or whether they have experienced 'out of body' events. In either case, the experiences seem real to the abductee."

"Out of body" experiences are little-known events in which persons say their "souls" leave their bodies and travel around independently, floating across solid walls and visiting far off places in a matter of seconds.

Norton residents report close encounter with UFO

A second sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) in Norton early Sunday morning, Aug. 27 has been reported to the Daily Telegram following the publication of the first sighting in yesterday's edition.

John Rojas, 19, and Sylvia Rojas, 22, children of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Rojas who live at 504 E. Lincoln in Norton, sighted what was probably the same UFO seen by Mrs. Abbie Davenport who lives at 501 E. Lincoln.

She had reported seeing a brilliantly illuminated object move up and down in the sky across the street northwest from her at about 1:30 a.m. on Sunday. John and Sylvia Rojas saw something similar in their front yard which is just across the street south. Their sighting was shortly after 1:30 a.m. on the same day.

Unlike Abbie Davenport who did not go outside to investigate, John Rojas went out into the yard and made an

effort to observe the UFO.

The incident began when John, who was sleeping upstairs in the two story home, woke up suddenly shortly after 1:30. He said it was so light outside his window that at first he thought it was morning and time to get up. He also heard a constant, loud screeching noise which he says had a real high pitch to it. He looked at the clock and noticed that it was shortly after 1:30 so he hurried down the stairs and outside to see what was causing the commotion.

As he came out onto the porch he saw that an extremely bright light was illuminating an area about 30 feet in diameter. He said it seemed to be focusing on the family dog which was up on its hind legs, barking as loudly as it could and straining at the end of its chain.

He then went back in and woke up sister Sylvia. She came out for a moment, looked and ran back into the house. By this time the noise

had stopped and it was quiet except for the dog's barking.

John says he could see an oval shape which was glowing with an orange-yellow light. He couldn't make out the outline of any object because a bright yellow light, like a spotlight would make, was shining out of the center of the oval.

"It was really bright, like someone shining a large flashlight in your eyes," said John. "I walked around in the circle of light trying to get a better angle on it but the light followed me around the yard and I could never get a good look at it."

At one point John says he was able to get outside the circle of light into the darkness momentarily but that before he could distinguish the nature of the object the light was shining in his eyes again.

Whatever it was seemed to be about 20 feet in length and about 100 feet in the air, hovering above a large tree in the front yard. After what

John estimates was about 15 to 20 minutes, the object suddenly raised up into the air a short way, then silently and quickly moved northward, disappearing over the house in which Abbie Davenport lives. John said the bright light shone on the ground below the object until it was over Lincoln Street, then it suddenly went out. He said that when it left, it was traveling at a high rate of speed.

"John said he was more amazed than scared by his close encounter. At one point he thought of climbing the tree for a better look but whatever it was was gone before he had the chance to do so.

After the UFO had disappeared, he spent some time calming down the dog then went inside and visited with sister Sylvia about what they'd seen.

In the morning they told their parents about their experience but decided not to say anything to anyone else for fear they'd "think we'd gone bananas." When they

saw the story of Abbie Davenport's sighting just across the street and at approximately the same time, they decided to call the Telegram and tell what they'd seen.

Yet another sighting

Sylvia, her father Raymond and a friend Kelvin Wright also spotted a UFO Monday evening, August 28 when they were fishing at the Norton Lake.

It was about 11:30 p.m. and they were on the south side of the Lake. They saw a large, round orange light appear in the sky at the far west end of the lake.

"As we watched it, it suddenly dropped below the horizon, then all of a sudden came up again, moved north a ways and dropped out of sight again," said Raymond. He commented that it looked like the moon does when it is full and first comes up in the east when it is big and orange-colored before it gets high in the sky.

As members of the family

talked last night about these two experiences, a third sighting was revealed. It occurred about seven or eight years ago when they lived in a different house about a block from their present location.

Raymond and Sylvia and Carolyn Annon were coming home one evening after dark when they spotted a saucer-shaped object hovering over their garage. Raymond says it looked just like you'd think a flying saucer would look. It was illuminated and had small lights all around it. The object moved down toward the ground, then glided silently up and away. Again, Raymond says nothing was said by anyone because they just didn't think anyone would believe them.

He said they probably would not have said anything outside the immediate family and friends about the two recent sightings except that Abbie revealed her sighting just across the street and they felt they could no longer keep quiet.

FILLSPACE FIDDLINGS

Researcher George Fawcett (602 Battleground Road - Lincolnton, NC 28092) requests data for a research project on "Human Reactions to UFOs." All donations of material are welcome.

Laird noted that there typically has been a rash of sighting reports after nuclear tests.

"Perhaps they're keeping an eye on us to see we do not mess up the whole thing. After all, if we blow up the Earth, it could affect them too," he said.

GAZETTE TELEGRAPH, Colorado Springs, CO - Oct. 13, 1978 CR: K. Pflock

Officials Report UFOs

Knight News Wire
LUDINGTON, Mich. — Local law enforcement and Coast Guard officials have reported seeing five brightly lighted, fast moving unidentified flying objects over Lake Michigan in the last 10 days.

"You don't want to get too excited about this because people think you're goofy, but I saw it and it made a definite believer out of me," said Oceana County Sheriff's Deputy Dave Waller.

Waller, 36, and his partner, Deputy Frank Steiger watched a strange object for about 30 minutes Oct. 1 as it flashed dazzling green, white and red lights and hovered in the darkened sky about a mile offshore from Ludington, about 150 miles north of Chicago.

"The lights were tremendously bright. They made you dizzy to look at them," said Waller. "From now on, my partner and I are going to carry a telescope with us in the squad car."

Waller reported his 10 p.m. sighting to the Ludington Coast Guard Station which confirmed seeing the object — plus three in the same area about the same time.

When Waller told his boss, Oceana County Sheriff John Simmons about the object, Simmons admitted that he too had seen UFOs, but hadn't mentioned them.

A spokesman with the Coast Guard public information division in Cleveland knew nothing of the most recent sightings, but he said the Coast Guard did have reports of July 28 sightings near Benton Harbor, Ludington and Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

According to the report, the cylindrical shaped object with strong red and white lights hovered 30 minutes then shot noiselessly westward across Lake Michigan at about 1,200 miles an hour, said Seaman David Laird.

A Coast Guard officer took a picture of the object and sent the film to Cleveland for processing, but the developed print only showed a row of six colored lights, Laird said.

Laird said the Coast Guard has investigated the July 28 sighting and turned up nothing to account for it. He said it probably will remain unexplained.

The Coast Guard has records of some 12,618 sightings since 1947 with all but 701 of them explained away by the government, he said.



MERCURY, Bridgwater, England - Aug. 1, 1978



Mrs Marchella Gentile holding some of the material which covered her back garden at her Bridgwater home the day after the strange encounter with a "bright, fiery object".

Young wife's UFO terror

THE JOURNAL, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England - Aug. 28, 1978

A YOUNG housewife has told of a terrifying drive home early yesterday morning.

For she believes her car was being trailed by a blue and green ball of light.

Marjorie Stainthorpe, aged 22, was travelling from Gateshead to her home in Silverdale Drive, Winton, at three o'clock yesterday morning. She had been working at a hotel function as a waitress.

She said she saw the UFO by Shipton Bank. Her husband, Malcolm, said: "When she got home she was shaking. At first she thought it was a helicopter but it was blue and green."

Newcastle airport were baffled yesterday. They said no flights would pass over the Blythdon area, although a flight to Malta did take off at that time.

Tynemouth coastguards did have an answer to the mystery. A blue green flash of light was sighted over Marsden Rock on Saturday night. A coast-guard said: "It was a very clear sky and with the atmospheric conditions it was probably a shooting star."

The remaining puzzle is the sighting at Marsden lasted only a few seconds. Mrs. Stainthorpe said the UFO stayed with her for more than a quarter of a mile.

Bright object descended into my garden, says housewife

By David Wilson

LATE one night, Italian-born Mrs Marchella Gentile was taking down the washing from her clothes line at her home in Bridgwater's Camden Road. She had almost finished when suddenly the quiet was shattered by a "terrible" overhead noise.

Instinctively, she dropped what she was carrying and placed her hands to her ears.

When she looked up, she saw a bright object slowly descending into her back garden.

"You just cannot imagine how scared I was. I ran indoors, and went upstairs to fetch my son, Marco.

He was asleep, but when I looked out of the bedroom window, the

object had disappeared."

Mrs Gentile's experience on that recent, clear night followed a spate of UFO sightings around the town two weeks ago when three different people saw a silver, quarter-moon shape, an array of inexplicable lights and a "plumped-up cigar thing" moving in the sky.

Last week, two other sightings of similar objects were reported.

Mrs Gentile herself has never in the past believed in UFO's, but she was baffled by her encounter.

"It was a very large, bright object with flames coming out from underneath. At first I thought it was a helicopter which was going to crash on the house.

"But what was really terrifying was the noise I heard.

"The only way to describe it is to say that it was similar to the sound you get from a radio when you are trying to tune into the right station, but much louder. It was a terrible, horrible noise."

She was also mystified by what she and her son discovered the following day.

They found pieces of a black, hard substance covering part of the garden.

"I know it seems incredible, but the pieces we took inside actually changed appearance over night.

"At first it had a healthy look about it. The following day it had withered and contracted in size."

They are both at a loss to say where the material came from.

Mrs Gentile kept her experience a secret for a

few days because she felt that if she talked openly about it she would be made to "look foolish."

It was only after she heard about the other reports of strange sightings, that Mrs Gentile was willing to discuss the events of that night.

"Looking back, it was a frightening experience. It just came out of nowhere, and it was something which I just could not explain."

Mrs Gentile's encounter was not shared by other people I spoke to in the vicinity although one woman, who wished to remain anonymous, said she did hear a rather odd sound at about that time, but that it passed quickly and she thought nothing more of it.

Debris from a nearby chimney or factory fire was one possible explanation for the object, although not for the

sound, but a spokesman for the Bridgwater Fire Brigade said there were no blazes in the area of Camden Road that night.

The only fire was a bonfire at Old Taunton Road, but since there was little or no wind that night it is thought unlikely that material could have travelled all the way to Mrs Gentile's house.

Specimens of the debris found in the garden were sent to the analyst's department at County Hall in Taunton for tests.

A spokesman said that the material was charred peat or compost.

"It could have come from a chimney or a bonfire," he said.

But when asked if it was possible the peat or compost had been burnt by some other heat source, possibly a UFO, he replied: "Well, it's always possible."

All eyes to the sky...

EVENING POST, Bristol, England - Aug. 11, 1978

There is no more avid scanner of the night sky than Mr Ian Vinten, regional investigations co-ordinator of the British UFO Research Association at Weston-super-Mare.

Tonight he is off on an all night skywatch on top of Langford Crest — a high point in the Mendips where there have been recent mysterious sightings.

"We are taking a geiger counter along with us to see if there are any gamma rays up there left behind by UFO's which have landed.

"I was with my deputy, Mr Brian Milner and a friend, Mr Stephen Moor when we made a sighting at Langford last Sunday.

The object appeared to us as about the size of a two pence piece. It was very sharply defined and appeared to give out rays of white light into the air.

"It was visible for two or three minutes. Then it descended behind the crest but the rays were still visible radiating into the sky for about 20 or 25 minutes."

He will be accompanied on tonight's sky watch by members of the West Country Research Association of BUFOA, which he is president.

NATAL MERCURY,
Durban, South
Africa - Sept.
16, 1978 CR:
J. Brill
More UFOs

ROME - Unidentified flying objects were sighted over Italy for the second day running yesterday.

A man in Florence reported a cigar shaped metallic object with red lights at front and back, and railway workers in Bolzano said they saw a triangular-shaped object flying low and emitting two beams of light.

SUNDAY TRIBUNE,
Pretoria, South
Africa - Sept.
17, 1978 CR:
J. Brill

UFO pays third call

ROME: A "flying saucer" visited the city for the third successive day yesterday.

Police were bombarded with calls from their own patrols as well as alarmed citizens as the bright, triangular object floated over the city beaming green and yellow lights.

The unidentified flying object, already spotted in Sardinia, Sicily and Tuscany, put in a half-hour appearance.

UFO experts believe it might be a satellite re-entering the hemisphere.

OLDHAM EVENING CHRONICLE, Lancs., England
Aug. 23, 1978

UFO sighting

I WISH to confirm the UFO sighting which was reported in the Sport Final on Saturday. I was travelling as a passenger along the M62 towards the Oldham/Royton turn-off at about 2.10 a.m. on Saturday morning, when I saw a white light travelling across the sky. There were two red lights flashing on the object and at first I thought it was an aeroplane.

The light did not, however, disappear into the distance and I watched it for about five minutes. The object then began to dart about in the sky, changing direction rapidly, moving up and down and from side to side. After a further minute or so the light disappeared from my view but it was, when I last saw it, over Royton.

Although the driver of the car in which I was travelling did not see the object, he can confirm my comments at the time of the sighting.

I hope that this information will be useful to the UFO group in Manchester who are investigating this matter.

C. NORTON,
Newark Park Way,
Royton.

I WAS very interested to read that a young man walking along Shaw Road, Royton, saw a strange flying object in the sky and that he has asked the Manchester UFO Research

Association to investigate the sighting.

On Tuesday, August 15, at about 8.15 p.m., I too, saw a round silver object in the sky. I was so interested I went into the garden to look more closely at this silver circle of light. As I gazed in amazement, I realised it was quickly but silently disappearing into the darkening sky.

It was circular in shape and, as the young man said, there were needle-shaped spikes on the top and bottom. It hovered in the sky for a few minutes and then, glowed fiercely bright before it started to recede quickly.

If I had not had a similar experience in Torquay a few years ago (which was reported in the local evening paper, and seen by many prominent local residents) I would have come to the conclusion that my eyes deceived me.

After this, my second encounter, I am convinced that there is something in the theory of UFOs.

I wonder if these visitations are from our own world or if they will still remain an unsolved mystery of the immensity of creation.

SEEING IS BELIEVING.

HERALD, Salisbury,
Rhodesia - Sept.
13, 1978 CR: J.
Brill

UFO reported

A WOMAN last night reported sighting an unidentified flying object over Salisbury. Mrs F. Hewitt of Drew Road, Highlands, said she saw a "very bright object with a light underneath" hovering above the sky in a north-westerly direction.

ECHO, Liverpool, England - Aug. 29, 1978

Girl tells of her close encounter

DRAWINGS of a pink-eyed spaceman and his silver cigar-shaped craft are no figments of imagination for an 11-years-old North Wales girl. To her, they are what she actually saw in a field near her home.

And because she is sticking to her story, Merseyside UFO spotters are probing what they believe may be one of the most detailed "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" ever described.

There are, says Wirral UFO Society Secretary, Terry Bellis, good reasons for serious investigations:

The little girl, from Flint—who fears ridicule from schoolmates if she is named—waited 18 months before daring to tell her mother what she had seen.

Remarkably, her 10-year-old brother independently went to his mother with his version of separate, but rather different sighting

traced to within two weeks of his sister's encounter

It was along a deserted lane she spotted a "silver object" with red glowing light in a field. Leaving her bike she crawled behind a hedge to watch. After five minutes, she says, the silver-suited

spaceman appeared

"After a few steps I saw his face and I knew he

The girl's mother admits that it is all highly unlikely, but the pictures drawn by both children are very similar

BATH & WEST CHRONICLE,
England - Aug. 29, 1978

PC STEPHEN Taylor was on duty in Cleveland Row, Bath, yesterday morning when he saw a 'large oval shaped object' passing over Sydney Gardens. The object was emitting a pink light. He watched as it disappeared towards the city. The UFO sighting was the second over the weekend. On Saturday morning a woman in Wells Road, Bath reported seeing a bright yellow light moving across the sky.

KENT & SUSSEX COURIER, England

'Close encounter' stuns teenagers

TWO TENTERDEN teenagers are this week stunned after spotting what they have described as a mysterious object surrounded by a shimmering blue aura hurtling across the sky.

Nineteen-year-old Richard West, of 15 Golden Square, and his 15-year-old friend Saul Towers, of 24 Southgate Road, saw the object soaring in the air while they were standing in Recreation Ground Road last week.

Richard glanced up at the sky when he saw something the shape of a clay pigeon, flat and round, coming from the Shrubcote direction towards Liptons supermarket, near where the boys were standing.

Saul took up the story from there. "It was about 9.50pm but I could see that it was travelling very

Aug. 25, 1978

fast. It hovered over Liptons and then turned away towards the Smallhythe direction. We were able to see it for about six seconds before it disappeared.

"It left us both worried and we sat down and talked about what we had seen for 10 minutes or so afterwards before we decided to report it to the police.

"Until this happened I thought UFOs were a load of rubbish but now I am trying to find out more about the subject and to see if there have been any other sightings in the area. The whole thing has left me completely stunned."

At 11.30pm the same night a similar sighting was made at Lydd. The object then was thought to be a meteorite.

TRANSLATIONS — Credit: Jane Thomas

- 1) City and country of incident: Santiago, Chile
- 2) Date of incident: August 13, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, August 15, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

OVOIDAL UFO PHOTOGRAPHED IN CHILE

Santiago, Chile, 14 (EFE) - The graphic reporter from "El Mercurio" of Santiago claimed having photographed a UFO yesterday, which performed motions over the high sector of this city.

The unidentified object was discovered near noon in the Los Condes district, flying towards the NW. Witnesses said that afterwards it came down over the cordillera sector in front of the La Reina area, without being seen again. The photograph published by the paper shows an egg-shaped silver figure which is clearly noticeable in space. (The photograph was not published in Argentine papers--J.T.)

- 1) City and country of incident: Santa Fe province, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: August 10, 1978
- 3) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 4) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, August 13, 1978

A POLICEMAN OF SANTA FE HAD A "CLOSE ENCOUNTER" WITH A UFO

Santa Fe, 13 (From our correspondent) - An employee of the provincial police, Eduardo Daniel Destéfani, was last Thursday night near the General Belgrano Military Lyceum, in the northern part of this province, when he saw at low altitude the flight of "an object the shape of a mushroom and with flashes of light roundabout".

Other local neighbors, living in Gorriti street, confirmed Destéfani's statements and also claimed having seen the strange flying object.

Destéfani, interviewed by the evening paper "El Litoral", enlarged his version reported to his superiors. He said that the UFO "had a circumference of several meters", adding that "it remained in an almost static position for some 10 minutes, and then disappeared".

Meteorological conditions permitted Destéfani and the other witnesses to observe the UFO in detail. The light flashes -they declared- "were faint and intermittent, for which reason at no time were we blinded". They regretted not having had a camera. The surprise and strangeness of the spectacle kept them from telephoning the Police Chieftaincy, until after the curious object disappeared in space.

- 1) City and country of incident: Neuquén, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: August 18, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, August 18, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFO CAUSES DISEASE - THE COMPLAINT ATTACKED A YOUNG WOMAN WHO SAW IT

Neuquén, 18 (From our correspondent) - The presence of a UFO which gave off multicolored lights and moved through the provincial space from east to west, according to the account of a bewildered neighbor of this city who saw it together with his wife and two daughters, caused strange discomforts to one of the girls, which had no logical explanation, according to the doctors to which she was taken.

The news of the appearance of the flying saucer, which coincide with the presence of these debated objects in several places of the pre-cordilleran region in these latitudes, has caused great commotion and a generalized psychosis which affected almost all the local community.

The UFO was seen for a long time by Pablo Burgos, his wife and the girls, 15 and 11, who were driving a car near the Bouquet Roldán district, some 15 blocks from the center of this capital.

According to what was learned from the qualified witness, who was accompanied in his statements to the authorities by his wife and daughters, corroborating and enlarging the information on the event, the UFO was seen for "quite a while". "It travelled from east to west at a great rate of speed and at a good altitude -stated Burgos, still moved-, and it had a shape similar to that of a tire".

He added that "the weirdest about this phenomenon was the multicolored light it gave off. At times -he added- it was metallic orange, then blue, then white, yellow and even violet". At the time of the saucer's appearance the couple and the daughters stopped their car to watch with more attention. Thus they could notice that the silence in the city was complete. It was approx. 23.30 and strangely there were almost no cars around.

The Burgos first commented this event with some friends and some time later with the authorities, the news leaking to the news media, obviously interested in the occurrence.

But the most extraordinary thing about this strange phenomenon was the experience of one of the daughters. She is fifteen, and her name has not been given; a short while after the incident with the saucer, she started feeling strange symptoms of physical discomfort without any explanation. (These symptoms were not disclosed in any paper-J.T.).

Attended by a doctor who is a friend of the family, as was learned, he could not make any precise diagnosis about the etiology of the discomfort, although her state improved almost at once, the symptoms of the "space disease" disappearing within a few hours, without recurring.

- 1) City and country of incident: Neuquén and Río Negro provinces, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: August 22, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, August 25, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

THERE'S A UFO INVASION IN THE SOUTH

The appearance of UFOs in Río Negro and Neuquén has unleashed an unprecedented expectancy in the region. Tens of people camped outside to observe the strange unidentified engines. The wave of coincident testimonies from different places about the presence of luminous objects created a collective psychosis in the population. Several reporters saw a flying saucer in the Cutral-Có cemetery. The craft seemed to hover and gave off green, red and blue flashes. White lights that seemed messages appeared intermittently. Then a second UFO was sighted. On the other hand, a gigantic UFO was seen in Neuquén. When the craft approached a car the latter stopped and could not be restarted. Also in Neuquén several people saw a leaden oval object. The accounts, including those of security forces, indicated that a luminous cloud was seen in the sky.

General Roca, Río Negro - Multiple testimonies on the appearance of UFOs in the Río Negro and Neuquén provinces have unleashed an unprecedented expectancy in the region, to such an extent that tens of people camped outside last night to observe the strange engines. The interest in the UFOs increased when coincidental versions were obtained in different places about the presence -last Tuesday night- of luminous objects which crossed the skies of both provinces causing quite a collective psychosis in the population. The wave of tes-

timonies from different places was virtually unleashed last Friday when after 2300 a boy came running to the branch of the "Río Negro" paper in Cutral-Có, 90 km to the West of Neuquén, and stated that he had sighted a flying saucer behind the local cemetery. Immediately reporters of the morning paper went to the spot and saw that "a luminous object was apparently flying away, spinning, and at the same time ascending from an altitude over the cemetery's portal and at a distance we could not exactly establish". They added they followed the object's path and stopped approx. a kilometer further on, at a very dark spot, while they noticed that the craft seemed to be hovering, at times giving off green, blue and red flashes". "At that time we tried to photograph the phenomenon -they stated- but only big blobs of light came out!"

The following day the reporters again went to the spot after midnight, accompanied by two operators from Superama TV Channel 3, Cutral-Co's closed circuit. After stating that no traces at all were found, after some minutes they saw that the object could again be seen to the left, considerably displaced from its position of the previous day. "We again decided to follow it, always through a dark area, until we reached route #17 towards El Sauce. There we stopped with the car pointing to the object, which at that time seemed to hover and was always emitting the flashes with the previously indicated colors, while white flashes appeared intermittently, which seemed messages addressed to another object. It was at that moment when in a straight line and in the opposite direction we sighted a second object identical to the first", he added. This capital had several UFO witnesses, among them Jorge de Macedo, a known local resident who stated that he was in the area of the Air Club on Tuesday night, where he went "spurred on by curiosity since he had heard several remarks on the passage of UFOs over that place". De Macedo said that around 21.30 he sighted from his car a luminous, very bright object, which stopped overhead for approx. 10 minutes: "it was a perfectly definable object, it was not a flash of light or a luminotechnical wonder, it was something rather sober, of gigantic size". He then explained that it was something like "three or four cars in tandem", and then said that the object came even closer to the car, which stopped suddenly, without his being able to restart it.

In the city of Neuquén, 45 km from here and a few minutes from the previous event, several people observed a similar phenomenon, among them the members of a family who did not want to identify themselves and some football players who were playing a match in the #1 Sport Center. One of them, called Gueman, stated it was a white-leaden oval object, a testimony which was corroborated by two foodstuff distributors who were returning from San Carlos de Bariloche to the capital of Neuquén. Neighbors of the Garden district, located near that airfield also stated having seen for 20 minutes at a very low altitude and at slow speed, a circular UFO with a hole in the middle and seeming to be transparent. Many people in the temporary village of El Chocón, on the banks of the Limay river's hydroelectric dam, also claimed having seen a UFO last Tuesday night, describing it as white-leaden in color. The phenomenon was witnessed by almost all the population, with very little difference in time with the testimonies from the cities of the High Valley of Río Negro and Neuquén. The accounts included those of the Security Forces who have jurisdiction in the area, and unanimously stated that at 20.30 a kind of luminous cloud of a white-leaden color was seen in the sky, which moved in a NW-SE direction. The collective version states that it was first sighted by one of the neighbors who advised the rest and at once there was a general stampede, including the five provincial policemen of the village and the gendarmes who were on duty at the community's entrance barrier.

It was also learned here that on May 2nd Mrs. Elida Peláez de Corleto, a first grade teacher in the #1 Frontier School at Bariloche, who was returning with her husband from a trip to Puerto Madryn, detected the presence of a strange object shining in the sky in the Dinahuapi district, some 10 km from the city of Bariloche. Mrs. Corleto even took some photographs (see clipping from La Nación dated 8/26, page 13 of these translations), and her husband, employed at the Bariloche casino and who also works as a member of the patrolling ski team of the Cerro Catedral, did the same. The photographs posed some doubts, both to the Chief of meteorology at the Bariloche airport, Roberto Taddeo, and to Roque Coquibut, Aerolíneas Argentinas chief of flight schedules, both agreeing that "it is a cloud". In Fernández Oro, near Cipolletti and 30 km west of here, the owners of the old enterprise Valle Vial were advised by an automobilist of the path of a UFO last Tuesday at 21.40. "It was -said Florencio Blanco, Héctor Blanco and Mabel García de Blanco- an oval object which gave off an incandescent white light and it was seen for 15 minutes". In Colonia Catriel, an oil town bordering with La Pampa province, on the banks of the Colorado river some 80 km to the north of here, several neighbors sighted a UFO on Tuesday at around 2200 hrs.

- 1) City and country of incident: General Roca, Coronel Dorrego, San Juan, Argentina
- 2) Dates of incident: August 22nd the first two, August 23rd the latter
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, August 25, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

A "CRAFT" RUINED THEIR BARBECUE

Bahfa Blanca, 24 (From our correspondent) - José Antonio Virbilio, Ismael Contreras and Norberto Albornoz believe that in order to eat a good barbecue you first have to make sure no flying saucer is around. The day before yesterday they were hunting in a camp in Coronel Dorrego, and at night put the meat on to eat it with a good bread and a good wine. At 21.30 they were about to eat when they heard strange noises from a source they could not define.

They immediately noticed a strong sulphur odor and also verified that the meat took on a suspicious violaceous color and the bread had turned into a sponge. All was lost, without an apparent cause. But they immediately had a hint of the real cause of their troubles. A hundred meters from there, suspended in the air, was a UFO. According to what they said later once they got over their commotion, it had a circular shape, with a black center and white edges, and gave off bluish reflections.

When they could react they climbed into their car with the intention of recounting the incredible incident to the residents of the "estancia" where they had been hunting all day. However, they found themselves suddenly facing into another direction, 50 meters away on an adjacent road which they could not have reached without crossing an extension of plowed land of very difficult passage, in spite of which none of them noticed the car's jolts. "It seemed as if we went through the air", they said astonished. The car stopped suddenly, and the spotlights went out.

- 1) City and country of incidents: El Mirador, Rivadavia, Mendoza Santiago, Chile
- 2) Dates of incidents: August 22, August 24, 1978 respectively
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, August 27, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOS ON THE LOOKOUT

Mendoza: The daims made by people who assured having seen UFOs continue causing vivid comments. The event which originated most of the talk was the appearance of a sharp circular shape the size of the full moon but without lights, with the interior also circular but black, which hovered for several minutes, being observed by those participating in a procession led by the image of the Virgin. Similar descriptions are made by residents of different rural areas. The object disappeared at a great rate of speed.

Santiago de Chile: What do they want and where do they operate? is the question being asked by the Chileans in view of the repeated UFO appearances. In La Serena, a young man has been hospitalized since last Thursday, with a nervous breakdown after seeing -as he claims- two extraterrestrials who descended from a spaceship: They had human features and were tremendously tall. Two drivers also saw figures with helmets similar to those used by miners.

Mendoza - People participating in a procession in the eastern part of the province claimed having seen UFOs, a claim which was also supported by the residents of the rural zones. The local morning paper "Los Andes" through its correspondents in the east, refers to the most remarkable of the events which occurred in the locality of El Mirador, of the Rivadavia department, 69 km from this capital, where last Tuesday, a considerable number of people who participated in a procession around 2100 hrs, which was led by the image of the Virgin and the parish priest, saw "a clear circular shape the size of the full moon, white but without lights, with its interior also circular but black, which was motionless without giving off neither light nor sound, in a cloudless, completely starry night". All agreed that the UFO "remained hovering for several minutes and then -the residents of El Mirador district explained- they felt a strong and cold breeze and the object disappeared as suddenly as it had arrived". Forty kilometers from the El Mirador district, also in the Rivadavia Dept., in the El Carrizal zone, several families saw something similar at the same time and agreed with the above descriptions.

Finally, that same night, between 21.30 and 22.30 in the La Paz Dept., 160 km from this city towards the frontier with San Luis province, several people of the Cabecera village and the Alpatocal district -states the paper- "noticed the presence at an undetermined altitude of an intense luminosity coming from an object in the shape of a disc with a dark center, which gave off an intense whitish light and this in turn projected clear shadows on the ground, while the object went from the SW to the NE" of said department. In that same direction which communicates with the Lavalle Dept., Arturo Serralta, also a local resident, sighted the UFO, recounting together with other residents of the San Miguel district, also of Lavalle Dept., that "the luminosity it gave off projected clear shadows of animals and trees"; the same happened with the residents of the village El Tapón who saw the object, which finally disappeared at a great rate of speed.

- Cases In Chile

Santiago, Chile (EFE) - UFOs south and north of the territory are once again arousing the imagination of the Chileans, who ask themselves. What are they looking for and from where do they operate? The fact is that appearances are being registered from one end to the other, it being stated that everything suggests a "deliberate action by extra-terrestrial visitors". In the last days there were several testimonies, some of them surprising, which are added to several other cases. From La Serena, 480 km north of this capital, it was reported that a young man of 25 had been hospitalized since last Thursday, his name being kept secret. Affected by a nervous breakdown, he claims having seen two extraterrestrial beings that day at night in the El Arrayán ravine. He was found on the Panamerican Highway by an interprovincial bus. He told the Chilean police that when he was in the El Arrayán ravine he saw descending from a big very luminous spaceship, two tall beings of human shape. At first he felt paralyzed and then ran away until he fainted in the highway.

Eight pilots from the Air Club of Temuco, 750 km from this capital, claimed having seen from the air base of Maquehua several UFOs which maneuvered in the area. A similar event occurred in the city of Pitrufquen, and the same thing happened in Valdivia and further south in Chile. The most surprising event is the one told by the occupants of a launch which was navigating in the Corral bay between the small ports of Amargo and Corral. The baggage it carried included a dozen used and useless fluorescent tubes, which the pilot's wife intended to use as ornaments. At the appearance of the UFOs, the crew saw how the tubes lighted up, the boat being turned into a luminous spot in the sea. In spite of their panic, the crew could see how one of the UFOs climbed and disappeared at a great rate of speed, darkness returning to the boat. In the north, 400 and 600 km from here, UFOs were also reported. Last Wednesday some drivers claimed having seen a UFO between the cities of La Serena and Coquimbo, with two figures inside wearing a kind of helmet similar to those used by miners. The helmets gave off a strange fosforescence.

- 1) City and country of incident: Nicanor Olivera, Necochea, Bs.As. province, Argentina
- 2) Date of incident: August 31, 1978
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept.8, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Necochea: "Two small lights descended from strange craft" FASCINATING UFO FLIGHT

Necochea, 7 (From our correspondent) - The local morning paper "Ecos Diarios" publishes today extensive information on the alleged appearance of UFOs in the region.

In a first page - 6 column note under the title "Close Encounter with a UFO in La Dulce"-, the paper refers to an alleged succession of UFO appearances registered by residents of this city and of the towns of San Cayetano and La Dulce.

"The latter is the one with the most relevant features, says the paper, while adding that "a family living in a camp establishment in Nicanor Olivera (La Dulce Station) claimed having lived through a fascinating experience". "The couple formed by Mr. Manuel Arias and his wife, Mrs. Beatriz Turiella de Arias, reported that there was a blackout the night of August 31st last, at 0950 pm". "They immediately were attracted by an extraordinary luminosity coming from a certain sector of the establishment through which passes a high voltage conductor", says the paper.

"Always according to Mrs. Arias' statement, "the light came from a very big object, similar to a silo, stationary or hovering in the air at a distance of some 300 meters from the house. At times the luminosity increased and decreased until they could determine that apparently two smaller lights descended from the strange craft and reached a shed where machinery and cars are kept".

"There we could see the movement of the small lights until they disappeared to reappear as two silhouettes or shapes difficult to describe which at times moved very slowly", the Arias explained.

"They seemed to be suspended in the air, and it was as if they avoided obstacles such as palisades and wire fencing", they added. The experience lasted approx. one tense hour and the following day Mrs. Arias decided to consult a physician and also a cardiologist as a consequence of her distressing experience, according to the paper.

"The Arias expressed that the following day -it says- they found no traces in the area but they thought it was strange that in the course of the appearance they heard no dogs barking as they usually do whenever something unusual happens".

The Arias are not science fiction readers but are very cultured and confessed not having seen any films on the subject, which leaves out any influence of that kind", explains "Ecos Diarios". "On the other hand, a distinguished neighbor of San Cayetano, Mr. Lorenzo Parrachini, saw an intensely luminous object hovering above some trees -he says- at a time when the town was darkened as a consequence of a blackout. He then tried to find other witnesses of the unusual event and, not being successful, returned to the spot to see the UFO moving away, giving off an intense greenish light. It was 23.15".

"Finally, neighbors of Necochea's park district Nueve de Julio reported having seen the motion of a strange object which was also seen by the passengers of cars moving along provincial route 86", ends the paper.

- 1) City and country of incident: Tacuarembó, Uruguay
- 2) Date of incident: ?
- 3) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 4) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept.11, 1978

UFO IS PERSECUTED IN URUGUAY FOR ALMOST TWO HOURS

Montevideo, 10 (UPI) - Maybe inspired in the "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" movie which caused furore in Uruguay, some 200 people chased a presumed UFO for more than an hour and a half, and vainly tried to communicate with its supposed occupants. The adventure, which happened in the mediterranean city of Tacuarembó, 300 km north of Montevideo, is commented today by the local press, which reproduces statements from some witnesses.

"It was a thrilling experience. It had (the UFO) an oval shape, somewhat diffuse and was full of small rings of lights. It gave off such an intense luminosity that it could not be looked at continuously, and irritated the eyes. From the craft came out lights of different colors: red, white, blue and yellow, which always interchanged in an unusual level of intensity", said Mayol Cobas, in charge of a bus station.

Witnesses stated that they followed the UFO's trajectory in their cars and tried to establish some kind of contact using the cars' horns and lights, but with no success.

- 1) City and country of incident: Saldungaray(Bahía Blanca) and Necochea, Bs.As. Province, Argentina
- 2) Dates of incidents: around Aug. 22, and Sept.8, 1978, resp.
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: Crónica, Sept.11, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UNKNOWN TRACES COULD BE UFO'S

Bahía Blanca, 10 (From our correspondent) - In an open area near the locality of Saldungaray, some 80 km from this city, an adolescent and a farm laborer discovered a strange trace presumably left by an extra-terrestrial ship which landed on the spot. The strange traces -which have caused commotion in all the local residents on account of the possible visit of beings from another planet- have the shape of an irregular star and near each of its upper points two rectangular quite deep traces remained impressed on the ground.

The discovery was made approximately 20 days ago by the son of the owner of the field where the strange event occurred, Juan Carlos Galduroz, 14, and laborer Domingo Alonso, and in spite of the time elapsed and the rains that fell in the region, the strange trace -which doesn't seem to have been made with known mechanical elements- remains unchanged.

* Star Shape

The strange mark presumably left by a "flying saucer" or UFO, according to the name given it by experts and which has caused a great stir among the local residents, has the shape of an irregular four-point star, from which issues a rectangle approx. 5 cm wide and 6m long.

On the other hand, almost a meter from each of the star's upper points, are marked on the terrain -a hillock of stony ground far away from the houses- two rectangles approx. 20 cm deep. These marks, in spite of the twenty days elapsed after their discovery, maintain an almost perfect cutting edge.

One of these strange traces is located amidst a shrub called "Viscacha's straw", which shows evident signs of having been crushed by a heavy weight.

- Another Strange Luminous Case

Necochea, 10 (From our correspondent) - Agriculturist Nicolás Iturralde, a neighbor of this city, declared he witnessed a strange luminous phenomenon which adds to others recently reported in the region.

The phenomenon described by Iturralde occurred on Friday, the same as that observed by Manuel Arias, his wife and 3 1/2 year old son, who saw two indefinite shapes descending from a UFO, who walked around the chalet they live in.

* Strong Light

In the Iturralde case, Friday at 2015, he was at one end of his camp on Kilometer 21 of Route 86 -which links this seaside resort with Juárez- when he suddenly saw at a distance of 400 meters a strong vivid red light which illuminated a nearby hill and its intense brightness reached a shed.

- 1) City and country of incident: Florence; near Bolzano; and Northern Italy
- 2) Dates of incidents: Sept. 14, 15 and 14, 1978, resp.
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: La Razón, Sept. 14, 1978
- 4) City and country of paper: Buenos Aires, Argentina

UFOS EVERYWHERE IN ITALY

Rome (AFP) - For the second consecutive day Italians sighted UFOs today. In the early hours of the morning, an employee saw for ten minutes "a kind of lighted cigar, flaming red bow, brick-colored, getting darker towards the stern". According to his calculations, the object flew at an altitude of some 800 meters over the nearby Fiesole hill.

In the Alps, not far from Bolzano, rail workers saw an apparently different UFO: it was triangular with two powerful beams, and it disappeared after a few minutes at vertiginous speed". On Thursday, italians in the north claimed having sighted a UFO. According to certain experts, it could have been satellite Pegasus, which should have re-entered the atmosphere next Sunday, after 13 years of orbiting Earth.



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Local Youths See 'Bigfoot'

Ronnie Loonie and Stanley Estep (from left above) point to a "Bigfoot" footprint they found along the banks of the Blue Hole, a swimming and fishing creek located in the western portion of the county. David Conley (right) shows his rendition of the creature. The local Athens youths claim to have seen the "big, hairy, growling creature with long drooping arms" Sunday night while on a catfish expedition at the Blue Hole. (News Courier photos)



Fishing trip results in sighting of 'Big Foot'?

By DAVID SUTTON

Three Athens youths have reported seeing a creature Sunday night they call another "Big-foot." The youths claim to have seen a creature they described as being "big, hairy and smelly with long drooping arms and pink eyes." The creature was reportedly seen at the "Blue Hole" fishing and swimming creek located off Townsend Ford Rd. in the western portion of Limestone County.

David Conley, age 17, Lavert Ave., Stanley Eastep, age 16, 1207 7th Ave., and Ronnie Loonie, age 15, Second Ave., were fishing for catfish in Blue Hole on Sunday night when the incident allegedly occurred.

David, Stanley and Ronnie were fishing in Blue Hole at about 9:30 p.m. Sunday night. The campfire the boys had built was beginning to die down so Stanley asked David to take his car and drive a bit further down the backwoods dirt road to pick up some additional fire wood.

David was a bit reluctant at first but decided to get the firewood anyway. As he drove further into the woods the headlights on the car flashed on something in the distance. "I saw these pink eyes," David said, "and drove further into the woods "and I heard something growl. At first I thought it was just a deer or something. I got the headlights on it and it started to come towards the car. I threw the car in reverse and got out of there." David said.

Stanley and Ronnie were back at the fishing site when they said David came charging back shouting, "Come on. There's something up here and it's really big."

Stanley and Ronnie said they thought David was just kidding at first and went back to their business of fishing. After David continued to insist, however, the other boys got into the car to go investigate what was going on.

After the other two boys got into the car, they proceeded back into the woods to investigate. When they got to the point where David had initially seen the creature they stopped and shown the car lights once again down the creek embankment towards the water where David had seen the thing.

"I was revving the engine up on my car so the lights would be better," Stanley said. "My battery is kinda low so I was doing this to get the lights up." The boys said that even though the engine was loud at the time, they could hear something trampling through the woods. "Suddenly, the creature broke out of the brush on my side of the car," Stanley said. "It was about eight feet from the car. I shoved it in reverse and headed back to town 90 to nothing," Stanley said.

The boys described the creature

as being very big, eight or nine feet tall, blackish-brown in color with glowing pink eyes; with long hanging arms; making a breathing kind of growl and possessing a peculiar smell. They said they had noticed the same smell earlier but had not paid any attention to it.

All three agreed they had never seen anything like it before. "I've never seen a man this big before," David said, "and I don't think it was a man dressed up in a suit." David said he didn't think it could have been a bear either because bears did not stand on their hind legs for such a long period of time. David said the fur on the creature was very coarse and looked like steel wool in the car light.

Stanley Eastep described the creature as being man-looking but bigger and hairier. "I'll tell you right now, it was not a bear," Stanley said.

Potomac's 'Monster' Stays Hidden, But Some Recall Earlier Sightings

By Wilson Morris
Washington Post Staff Writer

The Monster of the Potomac—or Chesapeake Chesse, depending on who claims to have seen what, and where—shows little sign of being verifiable scientifically, although it may become viable commercially.

Despite wide coverage last week of reports that a 25- to 30-foot serpentine creature was seen in the lower Potomac River, no new sightings have been reported. For many people enchanted at the idea of a real monster in the river, that was bad news.

John Merriner, head of the ichthyology di-

vision of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, said, "We would be delighted to find out what this thing is, if it is a new animal. But in view of the amount of activity on the bay, historically and presently, it is unlikely that there would be something undescribed or unknown."

He asked that anyone sighting a creature attempt to photograph it and take careful notes on such data as time, distance, size, movement, color, depth and location of the sun.

And, he said, don't shoot at it, as did one witness at an earlier sighting. "If it is a

giant animal, it might be injured, get mad and attack someone," Merriner said. "And June and July. No one has seen the beast if it is unique, it is less valuable to science more than once."

A spokesman for the Fund for Animals, an animal protection organization, gave another reason not to shoot. If the monster turns out to be a dolphin, porpoise or whale, the maximum penalty for killing it is a \$20,000 fine and one year in jail.

New accounts of sightings prompted calls and letters about previous sightings, but most did not resemble descriptions given by groups of people in Northumberland County

There was one report of huge "reptilian" footprints on a beach near Leonardtown, Md., and some accounts soon said the creature looked exactly like the Loch Ness Monster.

Bruce Hickman of Mitchellville, Md., reported a May sighting at Calvert Cliffs. His "Chesapeake Chesse" was chasing a school of fish at high speed, kicking up a large wake but not showing above water.

Craig Phillips, one of several marine life authorities who have taken an interest in the reports, suggested that the creature might have been several bottle-nosed dolphins swimming in line, a large snake let loose from a collection or a log.

Phillips, director of the National Aquarium, said a snake would travel at night and hug the bank. Any large animal such as a shark, whale or otter could create a wake that appears to be undulation, he said.

Waves washing over a pole or log also could create the illusion of a creature undulating through the water, he said.

DAILY NEWS, Rogers, AR - Aug. 18, 1978

UFOs responsible for animal mutilations?

BENTONVILLE—Have visitors from outer-space come to Benton County to mutilate livestock and then fly back to their own planets? That's what Dr. Jacques Vallee wanted to know when he came to Benton County in May to investigate the mutilations reported to the sheriff's office.

Vallee, who is said to be one of the foremost authorities on UFO's and coiner of the phrase "close encounters of the third kind", came to the area from San Francisco to look into the mutilations. Sgt. Don Rystrom, livestock investigator for the sheriff's office, said he has been keeping in touch with Vallee since his visit. Vallee apparently hasn't been able to come to any conclusions about the mutilations Rystrom said.

Similar cattle mutilations have happened in other areas, Rystrom said, but they have never been solved. "We don't have anything to go on. No footprints, no tire tracks, nothing," he said. "I wish we could put a stop to it. We don't know who it is or why they're doing it."

Rystrom said he doesn't know what the missing parts are being used for. He said whoever is mutilating the livestock knows what they are doing and is highly skilled. "A layman would not be capable of doing it," he said.

Rystrom said he did not think the mutilations are connected with the recent findings of apparent "witch" alters in Bentonville because it would be a different sect using the alters.

EVENING EXPRESS, Aberdeen, Scotland
Aug. 30, 1978

Expert back on the Nessie trail

SONAR

Last year on Loch Morar his sonar gave a brief trace of something else moving underwater, this time with a length of about 40 feet.

"We are instrumentation engineers as distinct from biologists or geologists or photographers," said Mr. Parker, "but we are believers."

His scientific background, however, means that belief is not enough. Hence the out-of-season expedition this year to seek proof.

TARGETS

Mr. Parker said the first part of the expedition would involve calibrating their instruments on a variety of targets.

Thereafter there would be monitoring of the sediment behaviour at the bottom of the loch. They would also take core and sediment samples from the bed of the loch.

"People think the bottom of the loch is silt but we have discovered large areas of hard white clay," he said.

The expedition will operate from Fort-Augustus and Temple Pier and will be equipped with sonar, ultra sensitive hydrophones and a battery of expensive cameras.

Mr. Parker and Adrian Shine will share diving duties from the two small boats they will use. They hope to spend 10 days on the loch.

THE boss of a world-renowned firm specialising in the investigation of river and seabeds, is coming north in November to search for the Loch Ness monster.

He is Mr. Roger Parker, whose firm is based at St Austell in Cornwall.

Mr. Parker is due on the loch about November 15 with his student son David and biologist Adrian Shine, who has previously worked on monster investigations on Loch Morar.

Mr. Parker is no stranger to the lochs. Two years ago on Loch Ness he picked up a very long sonar trace of something moving underwater. Examination of the trace showed the object to have been about 48 feet long.

CORRECTION: The article, "McCurtain County Has a 'Manbeast,'" (pp. 16-17, September UFONS) is from the SUNDAY GAZETTE published at Idabel, OK, rather than McCurtain, OK.

Calf mutilation found on Benton County farm

By DEAN CHEATHAM
Staff Writer

"It don't make sense. It's one of those things you hear about, but I never thought I'd be the one it would happen to," Bill Philpot said Thursday.

Philpot was victimized in the most recent strike in an apparent series of Benton County animal mutilations. Philpot found one of his 225-pound white-faced Angus calves mutilated Wednesday evening on his ranch west of Cave Springs.

The calf had been drained of blood, and its right eye, tongue, and sex organs had been cut out, Philpot said. And there was no sign of struggle, no footprints, not anything to indicate who had committed the crime or how it had been done, according to Sgt. John Green of the Benton County Sheriff's office.

The last reported cases of animal mutilation in Benton County occurred in April. During that month, eight animals were mutilated in Bella Vista, Pea Ridge and Little Flock. The Midwest has experienced most of the cases of animal mutilation which are occurring across North America. Some cases have even occurred on other continents, according to a newsletter about the subject.

The death of the calf in Cave Springs fits closely the description of many of the mutilations: little blood, no signs of

struggle, and no reported suspects. Theories as to the reason behind the acts have placed the blame on everything from witchcraft to unidentified flying objects.

"I never heard or saw a thing, not even a dog bark," Philpot said. He said his neighbors, who have dogs, didn't hear anything, nor did a renter on his property. Philpot added that whoever did the mutilation would have had to walk to the site, a pond within view of his house.

Philpot usually checks his 45 head of cattle twice a day, but it had been about 24 hours between the last time he checked and the discovery Wednesday.

"I'll tell you one thing, if it happens again, the sheriffs won't need no handcuffs when they come out here," Philpot declared. "They claim the mutilators never hit the same place twice, but you never know."

"I think they would have had to use a poison dart because you can't walk up to a calf in the field and catch him."

The Benton County Sheriff's Office is continuing its investigation into the matter.

The sheriff's office at one time consulted the Anthropology Department at the University of Arkansas on the mutilation cases.

Dr. Jerome Rose, assistant professor of anthropology at the university, called the cases "witchcraft in the European

tradition." Northwest Arkansas is known as a center of witchcraft activity, and altars have been found recently in the county, although the sheriff's office has recently downplayed the altars, saying they may be the work of pranksters. Sgt. Green also said there is no reason to believe the altars are connected to the mutilations, as no fresh animal parts have been found on them.

Rose, however, said "witchcraft is a belief in the supernatural...based on the worship of nature...Since one of the major aspects of nature is reproduction, the ceremonies involve reproduction in a simulated form. So consequently the organs taken (in the mutilations) are compatible with that system of religion. Exactly what they would do with them would depend on which particular cult we are dealing with."

Rose speculated that the animals mutilations, if they followed the established cycle of witchcraft, should have ended early in May, because that was the time of the major ceremonies.

Rose was puzzled that animals are being mutilated to obtain organs which are available from a companies like one in Chicago that sells everything from cow's blood to bat whiskers.

"Why would someone want to run the risk of mutilating an animal?" Rose asked. "They don't want to be discovered. It doesn't make sense to me."

POST, Palm Beach, FL - Sept. 12, 1978

Ice Shower

Hard Raindrops Are Falling On Their Heads — But Why?

By JEFFERY KAHN
Post Staff Writer

Cocktail-size ice cubes are falling on the home of Edward and Helen Goddard at 711 N. Lakeside Drive in Lake Worth.

"It's really sort of weird," said Mrs. Goddard. "Ice cubes keep dropping out of a clear blue sky onto our aluminum porch roof."

The Goddards first noticed that something was falling on their roof the middle of last week. Mrs. Goddard said she heard the same noises three or four days since but only yesterday did she discover what was responsible for the noise.

"I was sitting on the porch about 8 in the morning, reading the paper and having some coffee," she said. "I heard something hit our roof with a real loud retort. Something caught my eye and I looked under my flower bed and found two pieces of ice. Ice!"

"They're small cubes, about an inch or an inch-and-a-half long and three-quarters of an inch deep. It looks exactly like an ice cube from an extremely small tray, not your ordinary household tray."

At noon yesterday, there was another thump and another ice cube in the flowers, she said. At 2 p.m., there was a thump but nothing in the flowers. Goddard broke out his ladder, climbed the roof and sure enough . . . an ice cube.

Pelted with puzzlement, Mrs. Goddard called the National Weather Service.

"I was assured this couldn't be associated with any weather phenomena in the area. I know what hail looks like," said Mrs. Goddard.

The neighbors were next. No, they hadn't noticed any falling ice cubes at their homes, thank you, Mrs. Goddard learned.

Neighborhood children seem like possible culprits, Mrs. Goddard says. But, she says, it's very unlikely the falling ice cubes come from children's hands.

"The porch is on the back of the house, away from the street," she said. "You wouldn't think a kid could throw ice so far. There is an alley behind the house but I have a German shepherd so we don't have much traffic in the alley."

It's not hail, it's not children and it's not falling anywhere else. So, what is it, asks Mrs. Goddard. Dismissing her husband's theory — that a high flying plane and a remarkable series of direct hits of dumped ice cubes is responsible — Mrs. Goddard is preserving the evidence in her freezer, planning to have it analyzed.

"I've got to know what's going on here," she said. "You wouldn't believe the sound that ice makes when it hits that aluminum roof. I'm not living in fear of ice cubes falling on me but it does get to bother you."

Mysterious U.P. Light Interests Seismologists

By DIXIE FRANKLIN
Press-Gazette Correspondent

PAULDING, Mich. — The strange light that appears almost nightly above this Upper Peninsula village has attracted the interest of two New Jersey seismologists.

They plan an on-the-spot investigation in about two months.

The first documented sighting was by four teen-agers 12 years ago when they parked along a swampy section of the old Military Road, called Dog Meadow.

Rick Chiochios, the driver, reported that a sudden brilliance illuminated the interior of the car. It seemed to hang suspended along the power line that parallels the road leading to Paulding.

The teen-agers became frightened and ran for the sheriff.

Cars full of people have been traveling that stretch of road just off Highway 45 ever since then. The spot is halfway between Paulding in Ontonagon County and Watersmeet in Gogebic County, less than 20 miles north of the Michigan-Wisconsin line.

The light appears on almost any clear night, usually about the size of a weather balloon on the northwest horizon. Depending on the perspective, which has been difficult to establish, it seems to move slowly to the northeast.

The light remains in view — its intensity seeming to remain constant — for varying lengths of time, from a few seconds to about eight minutes.

Some sightseers have become frightened as the legends of the light multiply.

Stories circulate about a mail carrier and his team of sled dogs, all killed at Dog Meadow 100 years ago. Or about an engineer who was murdered along the old railroad grade where the light appears.

Other people have reported

strange powers or the light.

Brian Maki, at the Ewen Texaco Station about 15 miles north, said he first saw the light about 10 years ago.

"It made a believer out of me," he said.

When motorists told him their cars stalled as the light hovered above the hoods, he believed them, he said.

Some people scoff when they talk about the light.

On July 21, a group of sightseers from Iron Mountain led by businessman Al Antonini decided to try to solve the mystery. Using telescopes, binoculars and citizen's band radios, they came up with the solution that the lights were reflections from cars topping a hill almost eight miles away. They said the apparent movement of the red lights was a distortion caused by heatwaves rising from the blacktop pavement of the highway on the hot day.

This, however, left no explanation as to the same distortion seen during the winter nights when temperatures drop below zero.

While still maintaining that the mysterious lights were from automobiles, they said their citizen's band radio and four batteries in a movie camera went dead when they tried to approach a light that was seen in the valley.

The seismologists believed that further research on the light is worth pursuing.

William Wagner and Ronald Hulse of Earthlight Research contacted a local reporter and requested color movies of the light. Following examination of the film, they have given it top priority in their research of phenomena ranging from earthlights to earthquakes.

Wagner, an electrical engineer who lives in Dover, N.J., said such lights occasionally occurred over regions where earthquakes have occurred or were likely to occur

He said Wisconsin and Upper Michigan have been the targets of seismological studies because it was believed that the weight of glacial ice over a certain north central region of the country at one time set the stage for earthquakes.

He said the ice pressed down the crust of the earth, and there appeared reason to believe the earth now was trying to expand back to its original contour, giving off luminous gases in the process.

The luminosity is largely unexplained, he said, but it could be caused by gases squeezed from a fault in the earth's crust.

Lights that citizens in numerous spots around the United States have attributed to UFOs, Wagner said, since have been linked to earthquakes.

Wagner said some seismologists believed that there might be an underlying fault in the Paulding-Watersmeet area and that St. Croix, Wis., and Ann Arbor, Mich., had similar characteristics.

"Light formations do not mean there will be an earthquake in the area," Wagner said. "We are studying them in an attempt to predict earthquakes in hard-hit areas, like California and New Jersey."

According to Hulse, interest in the Paulding light increased when characteristics were found that normally were found only in East Coast sightings.

"Maybe this one holds the key to the rest," he said.

University scientists contacted in the Upper Peninsula, although aware of research into earthquake lights, were only vaguely aware of the Paulding light.

When told that the New Jersey team suspected the presence of radon, a radioactive gas in rock that usually is associated with a fault in the earth, one professor disagreed.

Donald Davitello, associate professor of physics at Michigan Technological University, said, "Perhaps it could be methane, but radon would never appear luminous."

Although scientists appear far apart in the accumulation of information about earthquakes, the phenomenon of lights might be awakening a wider interest than suspected.

The television program, "In Search Of," is considering making a film on earthquake lights, which would include the Paulding sighting, Wagner said.

Meanwhile, the vigil on Highway 45 between Paulding and Watersmeet continues. And so do the haunting myths.

CR: R. Spanbauer

PRESS-GAZETTE, Green Bay, WI - Aug. 21, 1978

'Lost city' found in Mendoza

Mendoza

A "LOST city" has been discovered at the summit of a hill near the Chilean frontier, according to the local newspaper "Mendoza."

It says the city sprawls across the snow-capped mountain top, and has number of wide avenues crisscrossing it in several directions.

The newspaper fails to say when the city was discovered, although it adds that when weather conditions improve during the next few months, an expedition will set out to make a thorough investigation of what might be an important archaeological discovery.

The report adds that news of the lost city has coincided with information supplied by people living in the area saying that during the past weeks numerous unidentified flying objects have been seen overflying the hills where the lost city is located.

HERALD, Buenos Aires, Argentina - Sept. 18, 1978 CR: J. Thomas

HERALD, Durango, CO - Sept. 1, 1978

Office investigates calf mutilation

A La Plata County Sheriff's Office investigator and a local veterinarian investigated the mutilation of a steer calf Friday found dead Thursday in Mancos with its tongue, left eye, rectal and genital areas surgically removed, according to Sheriff Don Gates.

Reports state Roland Bartel, 61, Route 1, Mancos, reported he found the six-month-old hereford calf on a feed range five miles northeast of U.S. Highway 160 along a U.S. Forest Service road at 4 p.m. He reported the calf was last seen alive in the late evening Tuesday.

Deputy Michael Snyder discovered two small puncture wounds on the left side of the calf's neck, side by side, according to reports. His reports states, "It was apparent that the person(s) or whatever that removed the parts has a vast knowledge of surgical procedures."

The report also states that no signs of blood were found either on the animal or the area surrounding it. No signs of other injuries, a struggle or tracks were found around the calf.

The initial investigation of the mutilation showed the calf's hide was unusually clean for the area in which it was found.

The cause of death has not been determined.

The steer calf was valued at \$300.

CR: T. Adams

WILSON COUNTY CITIZEN,
Fredonia, KS - Sept.
25, 1978 CR: S. Hicks

Report Mutilated Cow

Sheriff Hubert Harris confirmed today that he had received a report of a cow mutilation to an animal belonging to Carl Worrell, New Albany, last week, but the Sheriff could not verify whether the mutilation was done by animals or humans as the carcass had been picked up by the dead animal disposal service by the time he arrived to investigate. Reports were that the cow had lost part of the face and the udders.

Four Mutilated Cows Found Near Dulce

Journal Special

DULCE — The largest number of mutilated cows ever found at one time has been discovered near Dulce.

State Police Officer Gabe Valdez said four cows were found Friday about 18 miles southwest of Dulce on the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.

In the past, only one or two mutilated animals have been found at a single location.

Valdez said the animals were found within a one-mile radius by Anna Baltazar, who owned three of the cows.

The fourth animal was owned by Raleigh Tafoya, Jicarilla Tribal Police chief. This is the second cow belonging to Tafoya to be mutilated this year, Valdez said.

The skin of the animal "looked as if it had been burned in 18-inch patches,"

Valdez said, adding that the mutilations were identical to others in that the animals' rectums had been cored, their sexual organs severed and their tongues cut out.

Also, as in other mutilation cases, Valdez said "evidence of a hovering aircraft of some type was found."

He said that the four cows discovered Saturday brought to 11 the number of cattle found mutilated in the Dulce area since April.

'Bigfoot' sighted in Kansas

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — A reported sighting of a "Bigfoot" creature near the Kansas Turnpike over the weekend had five law enforcement officials and a couple of hunters out thrashing the bushes.

The reported sighting was the second in less than three weeks in the area.

Two Lawrence men, squirrel hunting just after sunrise Saturday near a Kansas Power and Light generating plant northwest of Lawrence, spotted what

they at first thought was a man, 200 to 300 yards away.

After a more careful look the two reported that the creature was 8 feet tall with black hair.

Both Fred Hadl and Jim Swager, the hunters, agreed the creature, standing on its hind legs, was not a bear. They also agreed it was not a good day for squirrel hunting, left, and notified the Douglas County Sheriff's Department. "I'll be damned if I was seeing things," Hadl said. "Two of us saw it."

CR: N. Short



UNUSUAL FOOTPRINT in a yard on Walnut Street has been the subject of much discussion among residents of that neighborhood. Benton police officers have investigated the print, which is shown here in approximately two-thirds of its actual size. Some residents have reported seeing something that looks like a bear or a gorilla in the area but the reports have not been confirmed.

It isn't Big Foot, but what can it be?

The Benton Police Department has answered several calls recently from a Walnut Street resident who has claimed that she has seen a gorilla.

Each time police have responded to the calls, but up until now it was assumed by the investigating officers that the sightings have been caused by a case of vivid imagination, or as a neighbor stated, "I always thought before that she just had bubbles in her beer."

However, after an unexplained occurrence on Walnut Street Tuesday night, some doubt has been thrown on the previously accepted imagination theory.

Mrs. Mildred Wilton, who also lives on Walnut Street, reported to police Wednesday that she heard "a terrible racket" in her back yard at 11:50 Tuesday night and heard something rattling her chain link fence. She said that she thought someone was climbing over the fence and let out her dogs which had been sleeping on her back porch. She said the dogs ran to the end of the fence and that "something that looked like a bear or a gorilla" was shaking her fence. She said that

whatever it was was about a foot higher than the four-foot fence and it was either black or dark brown.

Police investigated the incident and located an unusual footprint on the other side of the fence, at the residence of Kathryn Gosvenor, in exactly the area where Mrs. Wilton said she had seen the creature. A local veterinarian who was called to examine the object said that he really could not tell what could have made the print, but that it was "unusual." He said that he did not think it was a bear track but he couldn't be certain.

Officer Joe Henning said he and Officer Doug Clay, who had investigated the latest call from Mrs. Ernest Vandegriff, the neighbor who made the original claim, admitted hearing a thud and an unusual grunting sound outside when he and Clay were inside the house talking to the woman. Up until that moment, Henning said that he had not felt that there was anything to substantiate the story. He says he's not quite so sure now.