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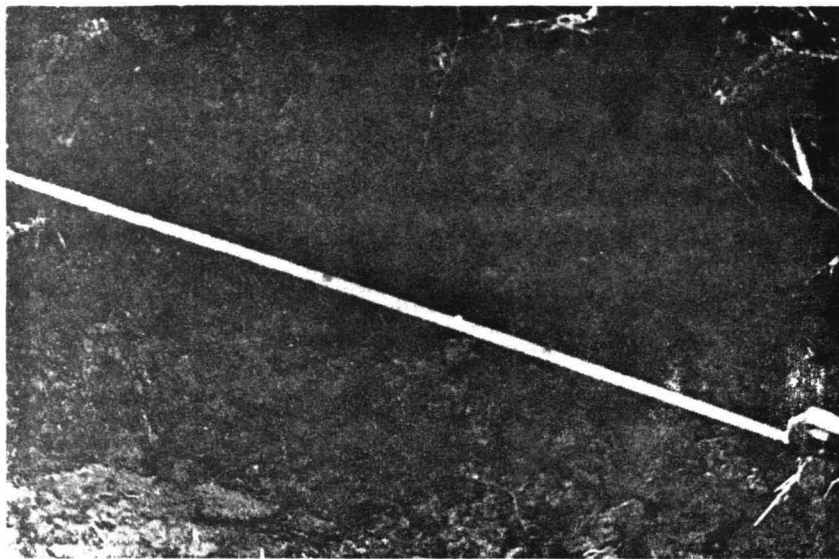
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UFO Landing In Thibodo Field?



Cameron Thibodo has a peculiar impression in his field west of Stephen. Thibodo was working his summer fallow when he sighted a hole in the ground that gave him the impression that a mouse had been digging in the fallow. Upon examining the area he found no tracks leading to or from the area. The indentation in the ground is about 15 inches deep and about 3 feet across. In Thibodo's words, he stated "it looks like a

UFO landed and took soil samples." In the area there are a number of holes that are perfectly round and protrude into the ground ranging in depth from 6 to 13 inches. The holes are white around each hole which gives the appearance that there may have been extreme heat.

Greg Winkowski, Stephen Chief of Police, is investigating and has sent in the dirt for examination.

BULLETIN, Buffalo, WY - Oct. 2, 1980 CR: P. Guttilla

UFO sighted near Buffalo



The sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) in the Buffalo area was reported to local officials and to the Bulletin this week. Geraldine Songer and her daughter, Bonnie Turk, had eaten supper at The Pines Tuesday evening and were headed back to town shortly after 7:00 p.m. when they viewed a strange object slowly gliding from the southeast to the northwest,

traveling at a low altitude.

Mrs. Songer said, "It appeared to be about 25 feet long and in the shape of flat cigar. The object was lime green in color and emanated very pale green rays about 25 feet out in all directions."

She said she and her daughter watched the UFO for 60 to 90 seconds before it disappeared behind a cloud bank in the general vicinity of Lake DeSmet.

Mrs. Songer said they would not have thought anything about it if it had been orange or red in color as it might have been a weather balloon or meteor, but the lime green color really caught their attention.

She said she will report the sighting to the UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, but would also like to know if the object was seen by any other residents of the area.

RECORDER, Porterville, CA - Oct. 31, 1980

East Porterville Resident Reports UFOs

By TERRY WINCKLER
Recorder News Editor

Again, eyes in East Porterville have seen mysterious, multi-colored, rotating, unidentified flying objects rise from the eastern foothills.

Reports of oddball sightings have been coming into The Recorder for nearly two years, and the latest person to call in — who wishes, like the objects, to be unidentified — said he has viewed one consistently for 18 months.

But, Wednesday night when eight of them popped up over Black Mountain, he couldn't contain himself.

"Just after dark they rose maybe 4,000 feet above the hills and seemed to hover, rotating

and changing colors from red, white, green, blue and orange," he said.

One of them was larger than the others — "a mother ship?" he wondered.

They moved around, but mostly they were stationary. As with other sightings he has made, they sometimes would disappear but then would reappear. They still were visible to him, his family and neighbors when he retired at 11:30 p.m., he said.

In his opinion, "there is no way they could be helicopters or other aircraft."

The sightings duplicate those of an East Porterville man who was fishing about 3:30 a.m. on

Lake Success about six weeks ago. Instead of catfish, he received the scare of his life when a similar object silently emerged from the hills of the Tule River Indian Reservation.

As the fisherman dashed home to security, the object still was visible.

Wednesday's viewer said he has been curious in the past about "those things in the sky." But not until Wednesday night's multiple appearance was he motivated to tell someone like a reporter.

The sheriff's office, he said, didn't appear interested when he called them.

There was reluctance in his

voice as he described something else he has seen and never reported — sightings made sometime ago over Pyramid Lake on the Interstate 5 Grapevine.

He thought the first object was "one of them Highway Patrol airplanes." When four suddenly materialized he thought differently. They exhibited the exact appearance of those he saw in Wednesday night's skies.

"I kept my mouth shut because people might think I was an eccentric," he said. And because he fears people still may think that he's going to keep his name secret.

DAILY OLYMPIAN, Olympia, WA

Oct. 9, 1980

Thurston County Logs Some Mysterious Night Sights

Three UFO sightings have been reported from Thurston County within the last few days, according to Phenomena Research, a private scientific agency in Seattle.

Robert Gribble, a Phenomena Research staff member, today told The Daily Olympian that people in a vehicle four miles northwest of Yelm Tuesday reported seeing a "huge object shaped like a triangle in front with red and green lights" at about 11:30 p.m. Gribble said the people said the object was about 1,000 feet from

them and passed over them. The unidentified flying object spotters called Thurston County Communications dispatchers who gave the spotter Phenomena Research's telephone number. The Yelm report was the only one that county communications personnel say they have received, but Gribble said he has received two other reports from Thurston County.

He said one was from the Tenino area the same night of the Yelm sighting. The Teninoans told Gribble that the object they saw was triangular in front, was dark with a white glow around it and was traveling fairly fast and low.

Gribble said the third report came from people riding in a car near Offutt Lake. They said they observed a diamond-shaped object, gold in color, for about three minutes from their car. Gribble would not release the names of the callers, saying that most UFO spotters are afraid of too much publicity and ridicule. Gribble said periodically certain areas have a rash of UFO

sightings. He said the most recent reports, prior to the present series in Thurston County, were last fall from the Centralia-Chehalis area. He said those sightings kept occurring until last spring. Tenino Police Chief Bill Steele, the Yelm marshal's office and Thurston County Sheriff's office all say they have received no reports of UFOs.

The only explanation for the UFO sightings Woods could offer involving the fort was that possibly U.S. Army or Air Force aircraft or helicopters were mistaken for UFOs.

Second UFO Sighted In Fairfield Skies

Fairfield — For the second time during a nine-day period last month an Unidentified Flying Object (U.F.O.) was reported in township skies.

And, like the first sighting, this report is not easily explained away.

In last week's *Chronicle* we reported that a group of Fairfield teenagers had spotted a group of U.F.O.s in the West Drive area at about 10 p.m. on Friday, September 12. One of the objects was said to have descended to low altitudes, perhaps 100-200 feet above ground. All were reported "dull orange" in color.

Our story had an immediate effect on at least two township residents. Laura and Robert Barton of Fairfield Road. "I was quite surprised to read that article," Robert later told us.

The reason: the Bartons had also seen something inexplicable in the sky, eight days after the West Drive sighting... and four days before our story on the U.F.O.s saw print.

On Saturday, September 20th at about 12 midnight the Bartons were returning to Fairfield from a babysitting chore. Robert was driving. They were approaching the Passaic Avenue exit on Route 46 West when he saw a dark object moving at low altitudes above Route 46, clearly visible despite a

complete absence of running lights. Moving slightly faster than their car, the object was cylindrical in shape and about the size of an orange held at arm's length.

Then, the object lit up. "It was just like someone opening and closing a door," Robert said of the light, which lasted only a few seconds, blurring the outlines of the object. Then the light went out and the dark cylinder shape was visible again.

Robert alerted Laura to the object, which was pulling away from their car, still paralleling Route 46. The object lit up again, this time a greater distance away. Laura got the impression of "an oval or disc shape" illuminated by "a yellowish light." Robert, who had trouble keeping the object in sight while negotiating traffic, described the light as orange in color, a similarity with the West Drive sighting a week earlier.

Robert and Laura agree that the lights were "non-descript", not individual lights or a beam, but a general illumination. "It was fascinating to watch," Robert said. "And very strange."

The couple lost sight of the object somewhere past the Hollywood Avenue exit. The entire sighting took place within a period of ten minutes. "I didn't call the police," Robert added

"because what can they do?"

Although the Bartons told *The Chronicle* that the object was a completely unfamiliar craft, the possibility remained that a blimp might have been responsible for the sighting even though a blimp flying over Fairfield at midnight with no running lights while flashing intermittent bursts of orange light is an unlikely proposition.

The tower at the Essex County Airport was closed at the time of the sighting; staff there had no reports of U.F.O.s or blimps. A check with Teterboro Airport revealed that the Goodyear blimp had indeed been moored there recently — but had left the airport on September 3rd, seventeen days before the sighting. Destination? Atlanta, Georgia.

At this time there is no explanation available for the sightings. Laura Barton doesn't have an explanation for the object she saw on September 20th either.

"I've always been very skeptical about U.F.O.s," she said. "But what we saw was unlike anything we know of."

Anyone with information about aerial phenomena, especially on the evenings of September 12 and 20, is asked to call Garry Herzog at *The Chronicle*, 227-1428. Names will be withheld upon request.

Fairfield UFOs Seen In August, September

Fairfield — It's in our nature as human beings, when we gaze up into a clear night sky at a tapestry of countless stars, to wonder: "What's out there?"

For some Fairfield residents, however, the months of August and September 1980 have brought experiences which lead to an even more intriguing question: "Who's out there?" Because in recent weeks *The Chronicle* has been informed of at least three Unidentified Flying Object (U.F.O.) sightings by 14 witnesses — not counting others who were reluctant to be quoted in this report.

The sightings may be attracting attention outside Fairfield as well. Last week *The Chronicle* was contacted by a representative of Vestigia, Inc., an independent research group based in Dover, N.J., expressing interest in investigating the sightings. Two years ago, we reported that Vestigia was conducting tests at the nearby Wanaque Reservoir in an attempt to find natural explanations for a series of spectacular U.F.O. sightings there. That attempt, like earlier government efforts, was not successful.

Two weeks ago we reported that seven Fairfield teenagers had spotted a group of U.F.O.s in the West Drive area on Friday, September 12 between 9:30-10 p.m. One of the objects was said to have descended to an altitude of 100-200 feet, spinning on its axis. All were reported "dull orange" in color.

Last week we reported a second sighting by residents Laura and Robert Barton in the vicinity of Route 46 on Saturday, September 20 at about 12 midnight. The Bartons saw a dark, cylindrical object illuminated at regular intervals by a "yellowish" or "dull orange" light, flying at low altitude. "What we saw was unlike anything we know of," Laura Barton said.

Now *The Chronicle* has received additional reports of U.F.O.s on the evenings of September 12 and 20 — at precisely the same hours as our first published accounts.

16-year-old Evette Abate and John Levy were riding a moped on Club Road on September 12 at about 9:30 p.m. when they were mesmerized by a strange object hovering high in the sky between Sand Road and Route 80. They stopped to watch the object for perhaps 5 minutes, joined for a time by another neighborhood resident.

John Levy described the object as "soundless" and "about the size of a lemon" held at arm's length. Remarkably, the object was rotating: a fact discernable by the motion of several rows of white lights in the lower portion of the object and one red light at the top, all of which were spinning as the object hovered. The lights did not blink but remained on for the duration of the sighting.

Evette Abate also saw the rotating lights and had an impression of the object itself: "sort of a cylinder" in shape and colored "a dark, metallic grey."

John and Evette left the third witness and headed for a second vantage point on Lebeda Drive, where they watched the object for an

additional time of perhaps five minutes. Toward the end of the sighting the U.F.O. receded into the distance, still rotating slowly. Then the couple turned their heads for a moment to look at a passing car. When they returned their attention to the skies, the object was gone.

They did not notify the police because, Evette said, "we didn't think they'd believe us."

Eight days later at midnight on Saturday, September 20 — just about the time of the Bartons' sighting near Route 46 — Orlando Drive resident Lillian Kramer was in bed, drifting off into sleep when she became aware of a strange object hanging motionless in the clear night skies beyond her window.

The object, described as shaped like a half-moon turned on its side (or an inverted bowl) hovered at a low altitude, perhaps 200 feet. Lillian compared its relative size to an orange held at arm's length. As in the West Drive sighting on September 12 and the Bartons' sighting that very night, the object was illuminated by "a fairly bright orange" glow.

Lillian watched the object for perhaps 10 minutes before putting aside her fascination and turning again toward sleep. The rest of her family was "downstairs watching T.V. at the time", and she did not disturb them.

At *The Chronicle* we must sometimes ask embarrassing questions. We asked Lillian if this soundless, motionless, orange-colored object — appearing flat at the top and rounded toward the bottom — might nevertheless be the moon viewed under unusual circumstances. She replied without hesitation that the moon was indeed visible at that time — in the opposite horizon.

In addition to the September 12 and 20 sightings, we have also received reports from two sources concerning strange objects in the sky in late August — both seen at about the same hour in the evening. Because the witnesses could not recall the actual dates of the sightings, it is not impossible that both took place on the same night.

14-year-old Mary Ellen Levy is the younger sister of John Levy, previously mentioned as one of the witnesses to a September 12 sighting. On a late August night at about 10:30 p.m. she was outside near her home on Coleridge Terrace with a friend, Barbara Longo, also 14, when they observed a strange object performing unusual maneuvers in the sky. There were at least six other witnesses to this sighting; their names are being withheld at this time. The object was unusual enough to cause one motorist to stop his car and join a group of witnesses standing on a street corner.

Mary Ellen described the object as shaped somewhat like an inverted bowl, flat at the bottom, rounded at the sides and tapering off to a level top. The object was rotating, observable by rows of spinning orange and white lights. Its relative size at a low altitude was "a little smaller than an orange" held at arm's length.

Perhaps the most

remarkable aspect of the sighting was the motion of the U.F.O., zig-zagging to the left, then to the right, lowering vertically towards the earth, then straight up skyward again. These maneuvers were described as being totally dissimilar to the maneuvering and gradual banking of an airplane. Again, throughout a relatively long sighting of perhaps 15-20 minutes before the U.F.O. receded from sight at high speed, witnesses heard no sound, despite an impression that the object was hovering at low altitude and not a great distance away.

A tantalizing postscript to this report is the story of 13-year-old Mark Cediellnik, a neighbor of Lillian Kramer on Orlando Drive, who also saw a strange object in the skies sometime in late August.

Mark was dressing for sleep "at about 9:30 or so" one evening when he had a fleeting glimpse of "an orange thing in the sky" — strangely enough, at a perspective from which the object was visible beyond the rooftop of Lillian Kramer's home.

Mark had an impression of a shape "like a squashed bell" — flat at the bottom, rounded at the sides, tapering upward to a level top. Its relative size would be that of an object one inch wide and a half-inch tall held at arm's length.

The object was illuminated by a "pumpkin-colored orange light", with a shadow extending across its lower edge. Mark watched the object for "only a few seconds" when the glow simply went out, "like someone turning off a light." The night was clear with few clouds, but Mark did not catch sight of the object again.

Mark informed his parents of his experience that night; weeks later, when he learned that Lillian Kramer had seen an unusual, orange-colored object in the sky, shaped like an inverted bowl, he relayed his sighting to her as well.

All of these sightings took place before the first report was published in this newspaper on September 24. At this time there is no satisfactory explanation for what these residents saw.

The sightings are notable for their similarity in dates, times, and certain recurring observations by the witnesses: same relative size, same relative altitude, cylindrical or inverted bowl shapes, flashes of light or rotating lights, an absence of sound, a "dull orange" glow.

The number of sightings and witnesses so far would not have come to light if one group of witnesses had not contacted the police after the West Drive sighting, which led *The Chronicle* to follow up the story. Our published report encouraged other residents who had also seen inexplicable objects in the sky to contact this newspaper.

Anyone who has information about aerial phenomena, especially during the aforementioned time period, or who has an informed opinion about a possible cause of the sightings, is asked to call Garry Herzog at *The Chronicle*, 227-1428. Names will be withheld upon request.

Bright object 8 officers report spotting a UFO

By PETER R. LOCHMILLER
News Staff Writer

Reports of unidentified flying objects rarely arouse law enforcement officers in the Detroit area — they've heard that story before from excited citizens and nothing unusual ever showed up.

But shortly after 9 o'clock last night, it was some law enforcement officers themselves — eight sheriff's deputies — who saw something bright and startling in the sky, in the area of western Wayne County and eastern Washtenaw County.

"We've never had anything like this," said Deputy Robert Barackman, veteran dispatcher for the Wayne County Road Patrol.

"We've never had a sighting this good — eight officers telling the same story."

THE STORY WAS of a large, white stationary object in the sky on a cloudy night, with no noise and no advertisements on the object such as might be found on a promotional balloon or helicopter, reported Barackman.

Early this morning, Howard Wright called *The News* and claimed that it was an advertising sign on the bottom of his airplane that people saw.

Wright — who owns the Aero Ad firm at Detroit City Airport — said the sign is 45 feet long, from wingtip to wingtip on the bottom of his aircraft.

Wright said he was flying in the area where UFOs were reported.

"You're not going to believe this,

but it just took off at a high rate of speed into the clouds and disappeared," Deputy Charles Wiggins, an eight-year veteran, told Barackman.

"We got nine citizen calls on this," Barackman said. "After the seventh call, I sent a car to the area of Ann Arbor Road and Sheldon, in Plymouth Township, where the calls were coming from."

The deputy got there and radioed back, "I don't see anything."

Barackman was about to assume that nothing unusual was going on when Wiggins radioed in from a car at Northville Road and Six Mile.

"I can see a large, white stationary object in the sky in the northwest," Wiggins reported.

The first deputy then radioed Barackman back. "I see something up there," he said. His partner in the car saw it, too.

MEANWHILE, the Washtenaw County sheriff's office was busy with the same type of reports.

"Five of our deputies radioed in," said George McAllister, the deputy on duty at the desk. "It was a real bright object and there was no noise like an airplane. It seemed to be west of Ypsilanti, moving from the east to northeast."

Barackman said that at his request the operations tower at Detroit Metropolitan Airport tried to get a radar fix on the object. But it couldn't, "perhaps because of the terrain."

Contributing to this story was Staff Writer Chris Singer.

Did UFO Visit Valle Crucis Community?

BY SANDRA SMOOK

Mysterious lights sighted in the Valle Crucis area have one resident of the community completely baffled.

She has not only seen the strange lights once, but twice, the second time in the accompaniment of her husband.

"It was weird seeing something flying this slow," says Uldeene Potter, who resides atop Ayer Castle Mountain.

"There is something to this, but I don't know what it is," she said.

The first of last week about 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Potter says she first spotted the strange light moving from her kitchen window. Later she watched it from her outdoor porch travel along Watauga River, crossover, and travel to a dark field near Rocky Face Mountain and land.

She, and her husband this time, spotted it again Monday night, about the same time, moving in the same direction, adding to her bewilderment and amazing her husband.

"I watched that night (last week) until it flew toward a light that was flickering red, a clear amber or something," she said. "It flew straight to this thing and then I didn't see it anymore."

"It looked like it was on the ground."

Mrs. Potter said there was no sound at all

from the light, but it was clearly moving above the trees, but below the mountain.

She estimated that the light she saw was more than three miles from her home, which has a view overlooking Hound Ears, Valle Crucis, and Beech Mountain.

"The one that was flying," Mrs. Potter said, "was just a light, just a clear light. It looked round..."

"I just couldn't believe it," she said. "The main thing was it was moving so slow."

"It just puzzled us that it was just a round object flying, moving slowly like it was following the river or the road, and then it just crossed over and went over to where these lights were at the foot of Rocky Face Mountain."

Mrs. Potter said that both sightings took place for about 45 minutes each and each instance was about identical to the other.

When she first told her husband about the sighting she had seen, she says he didn't pay too much attention. But when he saw it, the second time, Mrs. Potter said: "He just didn't have any idea what it was. He said, 'Could it be a UFO?'"

Mrs. Potter says she has never really been interested in UFOs and is sorry she felt that way. "Because after seeing this I would know

more about what I was seeing," she said, if she had known more.

Mrs. Potter, 68, whose husband is retired from Bristol Myers said that she has contacted others in the community to see if they had seen any of the unusual lights, but none had.

The Watauga County Sheriff's Department says there has been no reports of unusual lights from the Valle Crucis area, although recent reports have come in about a bright white light in the sky around dusk.

A spokesman for the department said they had checked with Appalachian State University personnel and found the object reported was the planet Venus.

Since the sightings she, her husband, and several friends kept vigil from the porch of the Potter home to see if the mysterious lights might be seen twice. They saw nothing unusual Tuesday night.

"I'm going to continue looking," Mrs. Potter said, adding that she is even going to try to find the location where the light landed.

An easy answer to what she saw, she says she doesn't have.

A UFO?

"I guess it would have to be," Mrs. Potter said. "I wish I knew."

Local family reports UFO stopped van near Albion

By RICK BURNHAM
Staff Writer

A fluorescent light hanging in the night sky has made Star Shive a believer.

Mrs. Shive, of 75 High St., had been told by her husband, Donald, that on a few other occasions he saw strange things in the night sky that he could only describe as unidentified flying objects.

She has never seen one — that is, not until last night — and she believes in UFOs now.

"The Shives and their two children — Renay, 9, and Scott, 4 — were returning home about 7:50 p.m. Sunday after visiting Mrs. Shive's mother near Albion when they saw what Mrs. Shive describes as a large fluorescent light.

According to Mrs. Shive, the family was in its van and had turned down a country road off B Drive South near Albion. As they approached a stop sign, her husband noticed the object.

"It was almost like it was fluorescent... a white fluorescent light. This thing just hung in the sky," Mrs. Shive said. She described it as being oval in shape.

Mrs. Shive also said there were green and a red light on the object, but just before the object began to move, the lights went off.

She said the object hovered for about 1½ minutes or two minutes, then began to move over the Shives' van.

"As it went over, all the power stopped in the van. My husband and I rolled down our windows and stuck our heads out to see if there was a sound, like from an airplane or a helicopter. But there was no sound," Mrs. Shive said.

The object remained another 15 to 20 seconds, Mrs. Shive said, then "took off really fast. In a matter of seconds, it was gone," she said.

Her experience is what UFO researchers describe as a close encounter of the second kind, because the object reportedly had a physical effect on the van's engine.

Close encounter of the first kind involve simple reports of nearby UFOs, and close encounters of the third kind involve reports of UFO occupants.

More than 100 persons in the Plymouth Township area in western Wayne County reported seeing UFOs about 9:30 p.m. Sunday.

However, that object turned out to be a special lighting system under the wings of an airplane owned by Aero-Advertising of Dearborn.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department was flooded with phone calls from persons reporting the UFO. But after Detroit radio station WJR began receiving the calls on the air, radio station employee Kendal Smith said he received a call from Howard Wright of Aero-Ad-

vertising, who said he was doing an advertising flight at the time in western Wayne County using the lighting system under the wings of his plane.

Wright said today that his flight last night was only in the western Wayne County area, and not anywhere near the Battle Creek area.

Mrs. Shive said she is sure the object she saw was not a plane or a helicopter, because there was no sound.

Mrs. Shive said she could not tell how high the object was in the sky, but she said, "It had to be very large."

She said her husband has seen UFOs in the same general area a few times before.

"For such a long time, my husband would come home and say he saw something, and I'd say, 'OK, you saw something.' I never really believed in UFOs.



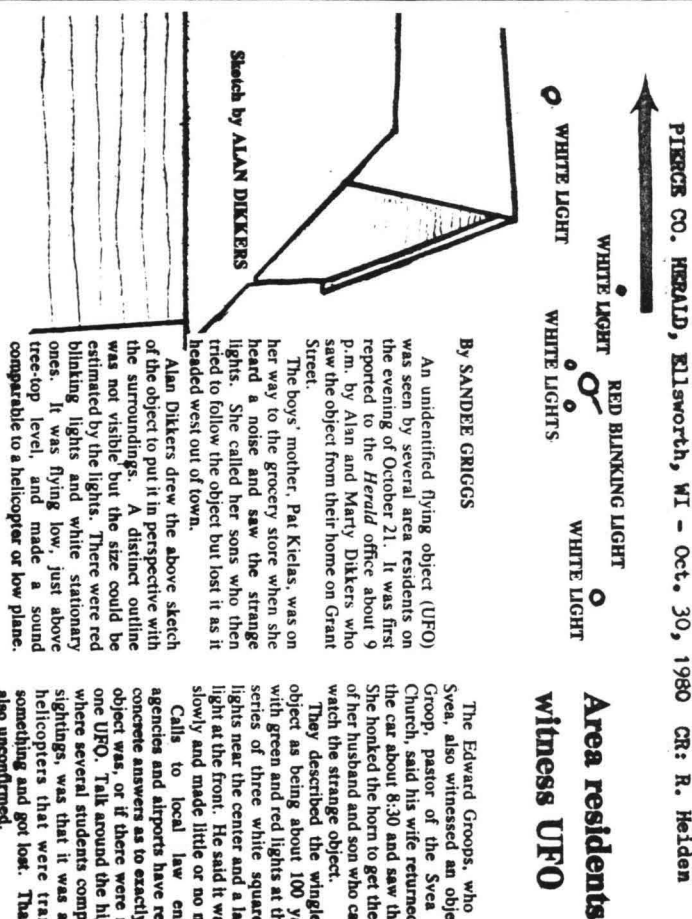
Mrs. Donald Shive describes how the object hovered over the van.

though, until last night. Now I'm a believer," she said.

Mrs. Shive said she called Michigan State Police at the Battle Creek post this morning and told them to listen to radio station WBCK, which told of the Shive family's sighting after she had telephoned the radio station.

But Mrs. Shive said she did not report the sighting to State Police or any other local law-enforcement agency.

Area police agencies said they received no other reports of UFO sightings in the area Sunday.



Sketch by ALAN DICKERS

Area residents witness UFO

DAILY CALIFORNIAN, El Cajon, CA
Oct. 30, 1980 CR: P. Guttilla

UFO REPORT/ Are the local mountains being visited by unidentified flying objects? Yes, according to four or five people who summoned a sheriff's deputy Tuesday to the 10400 block of Woodland Vista Drive in Santee. "They said they were watching these four or five objects that were in a pattern over the mountains just north of the north end of Magnolia Avenue," said detective Wayne Simmons of the Santee Sheriff's Station. "The deputy didn't see anything." Simmons said the residents reported the sighting at 11:36 a.m. The deputy arrived 20 minutes later. There weren't any objects in sight, but the deputy said the people told him they had flashing blue lights. The sighting has been duly logged at the sheriff's department.

Several New Sightings Of Mysterious Lights In Watauga Are Reported

grandparents' home.

Nearly two weeks ago it was reported that a Valle Crucis couple had seen a strange light move slowly down the valley as if following the Valle Crucis Road or the Watauga River.

The sighting peaked the Valle Crucis resident's curiosity and others who had seen similar strange lights. Telephone contact was made between several of the groups.

Uldeen Potter of Valle Crucis first reported a sighting of strange lights and since then has had numerous telephone inquiries from friends and the curious.

Friends have talked with the Potters trying to explain the oddity they saw, with some suggesting that it was low-level night flying exercises.

But the Potters still say they don't know what they saw, nor can they ex-

plain it.

In a separate incident, on Friday night, Oct. 17, a 29-year-old mother, her 9-year-old daughter and her daughter's 11-year-old friend saw a light that left both the children awed and the mother shaken.

The mother, who asked not to be identified, said they were driving home on Baird's Creek Road after having seen a movie when they saw a very odd light.

"It was an uneventful ride home until we got to the Baird's Creek Road," the mother recalled.

She said they saw a very large gold ball of light which flew over the car in front of them. It was about 200 or 300 feet above the road, she said.

She described the ball of light as having a tail. "It then erupted, or changed, into a bluish light," she said. "It frightened me to death . . . I've never seen anything like it in my life."

This alleged sighting took place about 9:30 p.m., just beyond Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church.

She described the ball of light as very large, pulsating and having a bluish beam behind it. There was no sound. The time lapse was some 20 to 30 seconds from the time they saw it until it disappeared over the trees, beyond their sight.

"It happened so suddenly I was scared . . . I don't want to see it again, unless I'm with someone," she said. "I'm not going to predict what I saw . . ."

The 11-year-old described it thusly: "It was just a light. It was yellow. It just zoomed away."

"It didn't really bother me because I didn't know what it was," she said.

The mother's 9-year-old daughter

said it was big and round—first a yellow light then turning blue.

The mother reported the incident to the Boone Police Department.

On the other side of the county, a 16-year-old baby-sitter with two children at the home of Carl Tuttle, director of the district health department, in Fleetwood saw another oddity.

"They saw something, but they don't know what it was," Tuttle said.

This sighting took place Wednesday night, Oct. 15, about 9:30 p.m.

Tuttle's daughter, Marta, 12, recalls the evening. She said her younger brother was looking out over the balcony, when he called her and the baby-sitter over to "look at a star on the side of the mountain."

"It looked like a real big star sitting up on the mountain," Marta said, adding that both she and the baby-sitter, Connie Leak, were frightened at first seeing it.

"It lifted off the top of the mountain and started coming toward the house," Marta said, it was moving fast.

She said that as the strange light approached the house it changed angles. The three could see lights on the bottom of the object, apparently amber and red.

"All I saw," she said, "was looking up at the saucer was that it had a yellowish glow and there were lights in the middle. It looked big."

The three youths saw the light from inside the home, but said there was no sound. Marta explained that if it had been a plane or a helicopter, that as close as it was, they would have heard something.

"I was on the verge of bawling and tears," Marta said. "It scared me and

Connie, too."

Tuttle said that the mountain the light was sighted on was about a mile away. After the youngsters had told he and his wife about what they saw they had contacted the sheriff's department to see if there had been any weather balloons in the area. They were told there were not.

"We knew they saw something, we didn't know what," he said.

Two incidents were also reported in the Baird's Creek area, as recently as Sunday night, similar to yet another sighting.

Mrs. N.T. Ward Jr. saw a strange light two weeks ago that was red and amber flying at a high altitude. She had been traveling home in her car when she first spotted it.

But she says in her opinion it wasn't an airplane. There was no sound and it was moving smoothly, she said.

Her husband saw a similar light the next night, but this light was clear.

Mrs. Ward described the lights she saw as red, like fire, and flashing.

"My husband doesn't believe it's UFOs," she said. " . . . I don't believe in UFOs. I believe it's something with the military, or something illegal."

This past Sunday night, Randy Baird, 16, and his younger brothers Michael and Kevin saw some strange lights fly over their grandparents' home. They had contacted Mrs. Ward about it.

Kevin said the strange object had one red light and two blue lights and there was no sound. "We couldn't see the shape because of the light," he said.

"It was fast," 16-year-old Randy said. "It just went straight across the mountains."

UFO's

BY SANDRA SHOOK

Sightings of mysterious lights in the Watauga area apparently are continuing, with separate incidents being reported from the Fleetwood community and the Baird's Creek Road area.

One occurrence involved a young mother and two young children returning home after seeing a movie in Boone.

Another sighting of strange lights was from a Fleetwood home, viewed by a 16-year-old youth and the two younger children she was baby-sitting.

Yet another alleged "fly by" mysterious lights occurred in the Baird's Creek area, seen by a woman on one night and by her husband the next.

And on Sunday evening, a Baird's Creek youth and his brothers saw odd lights when the lights flew over their

Prof Says Sightings Are Not From Space

ASU NEWS BUREAU

It's very unlikely that those flashing multicolored lights people see and call UFO's (unidentified flying objects) are from outer space. In fact, most likely, they're not even unidentified.

Dr. Tom Rokoske, a professor of physics at Appalachian State University, believes there are no UFO's.

"I feel like all these types of things can be explained given enough evidence," Rokoske said. "What makes them interesting is trying to dig up the evidence to prove what they really are."

Rokoske is usually the first person people in Boone call when they see objects they believe to be flying saucers because he has a knowledge of astronomy and can, at least, tell them what is supposed to be floating around in the sky on a given night.

"Most often what people see are planets or stars that are luminous

Just in case, though, Rokoske says if someone sees an object in the sky that looks strange, it should be reported to the Boone Police Department. They participate with Northwestern University in recording and investigating UFO sightings.

Trooper says UFO probably a plane

MACON, Mo. (AP) — Strange sights were reported in the skies over northern Missouri Tuesday night, but a state trooper who saw the same thing believes there was nothing mysterious in the air.

North-central Missouri residents from Ridgeway in Harrison County to Kirksville in Adair County reported sightings of unusual objects during the night.

THEIR DESCRIPTIONS of the object varied from triangular to cigar shaped. Some said there was a single flying object, while others reported there was one object that split in half or that there was one large flying object followed by up to a half dozen smaller ones.

Trooper C.L. Harlan of the State Highway Patrol headquarters at Macon said his office received a number of calls about unidentified flying objects but he said he believes they were seeing an airplane.

Harlan said he saw it himself and believes there was nothing to be alarmed about.

Scientific evidence indicates that forms of life far more intelligent than man may have visited the Earth from another planet. That is what we call unidentified flying objects. That belief is expressed by Robert Jastrow, professor of earth science at Dartmouth College and professor of astronomy at the Columbia University in the premiere issue of the new Science Digest. "One hundred billion stars like the Sun surround us in our galaxy alone, according to solid astronomical evidence," Jastrow says. "Many have planets made of the same

Noting that Dr. Allen Hynek has made a study of reported UFO sightings and concluded that several were unmistakably UFOs, Jastrow goes on: "Such extraterrestrial contacts are more probable today than ever before in the history of our planet. Since about 1960, television stations scattered across the Earth have been spraying their signals into space. The shell of signals, moving away from Earth at the speed of light, has now swept past more than 40 stars in the neighborhood of the Sun. "If any of those stars harbor intelligent beings, our presence

Scientist has eye on UFOs

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is now known to them. As it took 20 years for our signals to reach these stars, it must take 20 years for their reply. Unless man is alone in the cosmos, we can expect a message — or a visit — by the end of this century."

And, asks Science Digest: "Would these superior beings bother to talk to us?" In their eyes, "one observer notes, Einstein would qualify as a busybody." Jastrow thinks they would. "Where else in the galaxy have they seen a creature like a man?"

Woman Spots UFO

An unidentified flying object was reportedly seen over the East Lincoln Street area of town, about 11:21 p.m. yesterday, according to patrolman David Houston of the Lincolnton Police Department.

Key Corrigan of 1025 E. Lincoln St. reported to police that she and her mother spied a "strange light" in the sky and called the police department. Patrolman Houston went to the scene and reported he also saw the "strange light" which was then reported to Lincolnton's UFO investigator George Fawcett who went to the Corrigan residence and saw the object and said he would do further investigation.

Houston said the Corrigan woman said it was not the first time she had seen a "strange light" in the area.

Two U.F.O.s Solved, New Sighting Reported

Fairfield — Even as this newspaper received the latest in a series of Unidentified Flying Object (U.F.O.) reports this week, The Chronicle believes it has found the explanation for at least two of the previously reported sightings, one in late August and the other on September 12.

First, our account of the latest sighting.

On Saturday, October 19 at about 9:35 p.m., Jean O'Donnell of Totowa was driving on Route 46 East from the Parsippany area into Fairfield on her way to work.

She was surprised to see "a round white glow" in the east, "almost as large as the moon."

As she watched the glow, a beam of white light shone from the glow towards the earth at a wide angle, and then entered the glow again. Then the glow became smaller and smaller, and finally disappeared.

The entire sighting, Jean estimated, took "less than two minutes." When she arrived at her destination she told her co-workers about her experience.

"They told me I needed more sleep," Jean recalls.

Later, however, when describing "the glow" to her friends, she discovered that a similar sighting by Rosalee and Ralph Inocencio on the morning of Monday, October 13 had been reported in The Chronicle.

Reading that account she exclaimed, "I saw that!" and contacted this newspaper.

Jean insists that the beam of light she saw emanated from "the glow" and was not directed skyward from the ground. "It was not a searchlight beam," she maintains. "I've seen those in the area recently. This was amazing."

Jean notes, "I was glad to read a similar account in your newspaper." She adds that she felt "good" about her sighting.

But she also notes, "whatever I saw should not

have been there."

Also this week, The Chronicle talked with several Fairfield residents who verified a U.F.O. sighting which took place sometime in late August and was previously reported in our October 8th edition.

The sighting, at some time between 9:50 and 10:30 p.m., involved a row of white lights and one red light, blinking and revolving at low altitude somewhere in the area of Route 80 and Route 46.

The object was remarkable for "zig-zagging" motions which did not resemble ordinary aircraft maneuvers. The lights also appeared to be "quite a bit larger than airplane lights." The most skeptical of the observers admitted that the U.F.O. was "very unusual."

Because two of the residents seemed to remember the lights as "strangely colored," perhaps orange and green, we contacted Route 46 shopping plazas to find out whether a carnival ferris wheel might be at the bottom of the sighting.

This hunch did not pay off. The last carnival left the area on July 2nd, more than a month before the sighting.

However, we had also heard about a small aircraft with an electronic billboard mounted beneath the wings used for advertising promotions, which had been known to fly over this area.

After contacting several airports and commercial hangars, we finally located Mr. Arnold Meyers of "Star Flite Aerial Advertising." Mr. Meyers recalled that he had indeed flown over this area, Willowbrook Mall to be specific, on the evening of Monday, August 18th at "about 9 o'clock" for some 20 minutes.

Seen from a distance, Mr. Meyers explained, the white lights of his aerial billboard "look like blobs of light, blinking, revolving and moving sideways." As with all aircraft, his plane also

shows a revolving red light on the tail, and one green and one red light on each wingtip.

Mr. Meyers noted that these lights can create illusions of movement that would seem impossible for any conventional aircraft.

"Very often U.F.O.s are reported after my flights," he chuckled. "During one flight in Long Island years ago, a man ran out of his shower naked into the streets to alert his neighborhood!"

Because the date, time and description of Mr. Meyers' flight coincides so completely with the late August sighting, The Chronicle has no doubt that his airplane is the source of that U.F.O. report.

Also, a very similar U.F.O. sighting had been reported in the same area on September 12, so we asked Mr. Meyers if his airplane might again be responsible.

No, he replied, he was not in our air space on that date. But he did refer us to a Mr. Lloyd Silverman, who operates a similar aerial billboard under the name of "Night Flight Advertising."

Yes, Mr. Silverman replied, his plane flew over this area many times in September and early October, promoting various fairs and air shows. "I generate a lot of U.F.O. calls wherever I go," he said merrily. "The police switchboards just light up."

Once again, because so many factors of date, time and description coincide, The Chronicle believes Mr. Silverman is the September 12th U.F.O.

To date The Chronicle has received reports of a dozen U.F.O. sightings from area residents. To our own satisfaction we have found explanations for three of those sightings. Anyone who has witnessed aerial phenomena is asked to call Garry Herzog at 227-1428, in care of this newspaper. Names will be withheld upon request.

UFO Said Sighted In Quitman

By Times Staff Writer
QUITMAN — Several members of the Quitman Police Department and several local businessmen working as nightwatchmen reported sighting an unidentified flying object in the South Georgia skies about 5 a.m. Saturday.

Patrolman Steve Taylor said he and Robert Hunsnewell drove to the south end of town after receiving radio reports of the object from the Tallahassee police department and the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

"We were joking with the dispatcher about it when we looked up and saw an object with white and red lights flashing and blinking on and off directly south of us towards Madison, Fla., at a

10-degree angle above the horizon," Taylor said. The object made loops, circled, hovered and darted across the sky toward Tallahassee, he said.

The two patrolmen called Sgt. L. T. Boxx to the scene and three businessmen joined the group to watch the object, Taylor said.

"It was definitely not a plane," he said. "I have a pilot's license and I'm pretty familiar with planes. I don't know of a plane that could do all that."

Taylor said he did not know what the object could have been, but "it made my night. I work the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift and I wasn't a bit sleepy after that," he said.

A spokesman from the Valdosta Flight Service said they had no reports of weather balloons or strange aircraft in the area and had no idea of what the object could have been.

Federal Aviation Administration officials at Moody Air Force Base could not be reached for comment.

CR: T. Deuley

What are strange red-and-white lights of Murl?

By Jay Hamburg
Are alien space vehicles gliding across the night sky of Wayne County, perhaps keeping tabs on us fellow earthlings? Or are the mysterious lights reported by the residents of Murl merely some unusual, but totally explainable, natural phenomena?

Those questions cannot be decided for sure yet, but Ann Stephenson of Murl is certain that she has seen the puzzling lights that seem to change from red to white, shrink and grow and drift together and apart. And the other witnesses, which include her husband, her two sons, her sister and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bell, are just as certain.

Mrs. Stephenson described the lights as white with a yellow tint - about the same size as the lamp of a street light. In fact, that's what she thought they were when she first spotted them about three years ago above the Jim Cross farm.

"We were coming home from church," Mrs. Stephenson recalled, "when I noticed them and said to my husband, 'Oh, look, Willard, Jim Cross must have gotten some outside lights.'"

However, when she and her husband got closer, it became obvious that the lights were too high for that. And when the circular white lights began to move... well, you can imagine.

Both Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Bell laugh a little self-consciously when they talk about the circles of light, knowing that most people don't believe things like that, and that they themselves wouldn't believe it either, if they hadn't seen them with their own eyes and in front of witnesses.

And it does seem important to round up all the witnesses in order to present a clear case to the people who investigate these sorts of things. For instance, the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. has a bureau that looks into unusual short-lived phenomena like the lights of Murl.

If you talk with Mrs. Bell or Mrs. Stephenson and her son, Wallace, you feel like they are level-headed, clear-minded people. They don't go around saying space invaders took them out on any regular schedule.

Mrs. Stephenson said that there are two circular lights which seem to hover a little above the tree line. Sometimes only one is visible, but usually there are two.

The lights move slowly and silently, sometimes drifting far apart and sometimes coming close enough together to appear as one, then moving apart again until one drifts out of sight behind a mountain.

However, the lights sometimes appear stationary. Mrs. Stephenson said that she and her family have watched them for over an hour at times, although the twin white spots do not seem to come out on any regular schedule.

Another interesting feature of the unusual, nighttime lights is that they apparently turn red. Mrs. Stephenson said they glow a bright, blood red. And sometimes they shrink gradually from sight, then reappear just as gradually. The lights were last visible about two weeks ago, according to Mrs. Stephenson.

Another witness, Donna Bell, who works at the Wayne Health Clinic, had heard about the lights but had never seen any until about two months ago during a thunderstorm very early in the morning.

NOTICE: The majority of the subscribers favor the change to printing on both sides of each page, as recently proposed. The only alternative would have been an increase in subscription rates. Therefore, we will switch to this new format, beginning with the January 1981 issue. Thank you for your cooperation in making your preferences known.....LP

Dear Sir:

We saw the UFO very clearly. We live 12 miles southwest of Kirksville. When my wife got home from work about 9 p.m., she saw a strange aircraft coming from the direction of Millard. As we both watched, it seemed to be standing still for some time. It then began to move west toward our house. We stood outside until it came over us. It seemed to be shaped like a big kite, and had two big head lights and 6 lights underneath. This was about 9:15.

At about 10:15, I noticed the same aircraft or whatever it was, coming from the same direction as before. I looked at it through binoculars, and it had five white lights underneath and one red light in the middle, two big head lights which seemed to be 100 feet apart. It seemed to be flying low when it was coming, but seemed higher when I looked at it through the glasses.

There was a humming noise both times we saw it.

Yours truly,
Edison Cooley,
Rt. 1,
Kirksville

CR: J. Brill

Several Report Sighting UFOs

By DEBBY BAKER
Globe Staff Writer

UFOs? Who knows?

But, whatever it was, something caught the eye of several Joplin star gazers, including a policeman, who reported erratic activity in Tuesday's clear, night sky.

A police department dispatcher said "10 to 12 or more" callers reported seeing moving, lighted objects — objects unlike any they had seen before — flying the skies.

He said most of the calls came in between 6 and 7:30 p.m. from residents in the southwest part of town.

Patrolman Ken Steele said that at about 8:30 p.m. he observed a phenomena that he described as "weird looking."

Steele said he was standing outside his patrol car as a back-up officer on a call in the 900 block of Ohio Avenue when he saw a bright red light shoot up in the sky.

He said the light was small and was "way high when I saw it. Then it flashed and spread out in all directions. It was going up at an angle. That's why I knew it couldn't have been a falling star."

He said he tried to get the attention of the other officers at the scene, "but they were across the street with their backs turned." Steele said he contacted the dispatcher who had told some of the officers that sightings were being reported.

When he saw it, Steele said, "I thought, Oh, no!"

Then he got on the radio and told the dispatcher, "You know what you told me about earlier. I just saw one."

The dispatcher said one of the earliest reports came shortly after 6 p.m. from some people who said they stood in a grocery store parking lot at 20th Street and Maiden Lane and watched an object resembling a "fireball" rotate in the sky. At 7:10 p.m., he said a caller informed him that she was watching a similar happening when her house lights and television went off. He said that was the only house where a blackout was reported.

Four Joplin men gave a more descriptive account of what they saw Tuesday night.

Ron Butler, 24, said he and a friend, David Lee, 25, also of Joplin, were leaving Butler's house at Fifth Street and Empire Avenue about 6 p.m. when they saw four reddish-lighted objects traveling "evenly spaced in a single-file line" at a slow rate of speed.

Upon arriving at another friend's home in the 200 block of North Gray Avenue, Butler said he and Lee "alerted" two friends there and the four of them watched the objects.

"They were heading east to west, and about the time we got to house and got the other guys outside they stopped and formed a square and then went into an arrowhead shape," Butler said.

He and his friends said the objects were visible for about 15 minutes.

"Then one on the east side began to fade. It was a ball of light that split. Then the rest of them similarly flared up and disappeared," Butler said.

Another Joplinite, Rhonda Wright, 20, a resident of the 1100 block of Monroe Ave. said she was awakened about 3 a.m. Wednesday by a flash of light outside her bedroom window.

"I had a feeling there was something outside the window and the dog next door was going nuts. So, I sprang up out of bed and looked out the window. Something was hovering straight above over a telephone pole. The light was so bright I couldn't hardly see a shape."

She said the intense, yellowish light continued to pause overhead for about 15 minutes "like seeing the sun real close." Then it appeared to move off, becoming smaller, and disappeared.

Phillip Knoppe, an employee of the Federal Aviation Administration at the Joplin Municipal Airport, said he received a report of lights in the sky at about 7 p.m.

"I went outside, but I never could see anything myself. But I heard that plenty enough people saw some lights."

He said he did not know of any commercial air traffic passing over Joplin at that time.

But sightings were not limited to the Joplin area.

Strange sights were reported in the skies over northern Missouri during the night.

North-Central Missouri resi-

dents from Ridgeway in Harrison County to Kirksville in Adair County reported sightings of unusual objects, according to a report by the Associated Press.

Their descriptions of the objects varied from triangular to cigar shaped. Some said there was a single flying object and others reported there was one object that split in half or that there was one large flying object followed by up to a half dozen smaller ones.

Trooper C.L. Harlan of the Highway Patrol headquarters at Macon said his office received a number of calls about unidentified flying objects, but he said he believes they were seeing only an airplane. Harlan said he saw it himself and believes there was nothing to be alarmed about.

"It had revolving lights underneath and wing-tip lights. It had its landing lights on," he said of the flying object. "They were picking it up on radar."

Harlan said he believes the plane was a military craft on night maneuvers, but noted that many commercial planes fly over the area. "This is quite an airway. There are a lot of planes flying through here," he said.

An FAA official in Joplin said he was checking Wednesday night with military bases in the area to see if any maneuvers were going on Tuesday, but he said he did not believe there had been.

small planes in the area also reported sighting some type of lights and undetermined object. Few of the citizens that reported sighting the lights could identify any type of shape to the craft, although several persons thought it to be cigar-shaped, or long and thin. FAA officials and law enforcement personnel said no sightings were reported more than 20 miles east of Kirksville.

from area residents that expressed the sighting of some type of object 15 miles west of Trenton. He said that he received dozens of more calls from people that sighted some type of flying object west of Trenton, and he stepped outside at 9 p.m. to check for himself.

He saw nothing and was re-entering the building when he spotted the lights traveling from the west at a slow speed and low elevation. As he observed for several minutes, he viewed the object flying at a steady rate of speed and the lights appeared to be similar to those of an automobile, spaced approximately 10 feet apart.

Persons between Trenton and Kirksville reported similar sightings, and many Kirksville area residents then reported seeing the lights traveling from the west.

The KITT employee said he called Strategic Air Command (SAC) bases in Omaha, Neb., and Belleville, Ill. and was told no aircraft were scheduled to fly in the north Missouri area at any time Tuesday night.

Many of the calls told police that the lights appeared to split apart and go in separate directions from time to time. The FAA in Columbia said several pilots of

passenger took some pictures with his pocket camera. He aimed it at a flying saucer only he could see. When the film was developed, a large UFO was clearly visible.

A while back, I got a letter from a family who had been driving through Cajon Pass. Half the family members saw UFOs ahead. The other half could see nothing. What happened to you is another one of the mysterious phenomena which seem to come with UFOs.

Please tell your wife that I do not doubt your sanity. I suggest she try to accept the fact that you are telling the truth. She need not be afraid of you.

Others have reported watching UFOs which those around them could not see. Several years ago, a plane

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YOU AND YOUR PROBLEMS

By
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CR: D. Clements



DR. BARBOUR

A man writes, "Will you tell my wife I am not crazy? We were on a plane coming into Detroit, back in October. I looked out the window. I saw a large flying saucer very clearly. I told my wife to look at it. She could see nothing. I stopped a stewardess and asked her to look. She did not see anything. I inquired around the plane. Nobody else had noticed the saucer."

"My wife decided that I was having a hallucination. When we got back home she made me go to a shrink. The doctor said I was sane."

"My wife does not accept his diagnosis. She is afraid of me and thinks I may flip at any moment. I have noticed that she takes seriously everything you say, Dr. Barbour. Will you tell her for me that I am sane? And will you explain that UFO to me?"

ANSWER. I cannot explain that UFO. Why you could see it when your wife couldn't is inexplicable. However, the experience does not indicate that you are insane, or even that you had a hallucination.

Others have reported watching UFOs which those around them could not see. Several years ago, a plane

UFOs reportedly buzz county on election night

The government's reports on UFOs passing over Crook County on election night still have local citizens puzzled.

Dozens of people reported sighting two white light moving slowly from south to north at a very low altitude about 7 p.m. Nov. 4.

Most said the flight of the soundless lights took what the government called both a "missile" and a "satellite" over the Grimes Flat area and Grizzly Mountain.

One light was brighter than the other, although they appeared to be flying in tandem, said Lonnie Koroush, who was driving into town when he saw the "whitish-yellow" objects.

Larry Knutz, who lives on Lower Crooked River Road, likened the glows to the color of a light bulb.

He also said they had a faint tail to them as they passed directly overhead.

One caller to THE Newspaper said the objects were as low to the ground as a crop-dusting plane.

"But there was no sound. I never saw anything like it before," she added.

Prineville resident Norv Cruzen was elk hunting near La Grande when he spied the lights.

One light was wider and flatter than the other, and had what Cruzen estimated to be a six-mile long fiery tail. "like something was giving it propulsion,"

Cruzen watched the lighted objects for about seven seconds as it followed a path parallel to the ground. He estimated its flight path would have allowed it to land between Spokane and the Canadian border.

"No way," Cruzen said, could the lights have been debris falling from space.

Pat Porter, who lives in Tumalo, also told THE Newspaper she saw the lights, agreeing that from her perspective they had "incredible" tails.

The lights she saw were orangish-red, she said.

The sightings apparently were made by people as far south as Klamath Falls and as far north as Seattle.

News reports first quoted the Western Air Defense Command as saying the lights were, in fact, a radio-controlled missile.

A later report, from NASA, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, said they were a satellite reentering the Earth's atmosphere.

Any other information, NASA said, was "classified."

Local Group To Take Up UFO Lawsuit

By Lee Michael Katz
Journal Staff Writer

An Arlington group has received a \$2,500 grant from the Washington-area Fund for UFO Research to continue a court battle to force the release of secret CIA documents pertaining to UFO sightings.

Citizens Against UFO Secrecy (CAUSE), located in Arlington, was awarded the grant by the fledgling UFO research group to appeal a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit against the CIA.

Through the suit, the groups hope to force the clandestine agency to release 200 documents about UFOs.

The existence of those documents was revealed by the almost 1,000 pages of CIA-collected UFO information already released under court order, according to Fund for UFO Research press secretary Fred Whiting.

The Arlington CAUSE group has taken over the case from the Arizona-based Ground Saucer Watch Inc., the organization that filed the original suit in U.S. District Court in Washington, Whiting said.

In a May 30 motion for summary judgment, the CIA succeeded in keeping the additional 200 documents out of the hands of the UFO researchers.

The UFO research fund is helping to finance an appeal of that decision, Whiting announced. "They won the case, but they didn't get everything they wanted."

"The problem is," Whiting said, "since Project Bluebook, which was the Air Force's official investigation of the subject (ending in the early 1970s), the government has said officially it's not in the UFO business anymore."

"However, there is a great deal of evidence that this is not the case," he said. "The Air Force, National Security Agency, CIA, as well as other intelligence organizations within the government have been involved in UFO research for quite some time."

Whiting said the UFO fund has raised \$8,000 from the public, and the CAUSE grant is the first project funded by the year-old organization.

He said the Fund for UFO Research's directors include an assistant curator at the National Air and Space Museum, a Navy physicist and a University of Maryland zoologist: "a broad array of disciplines."

Whiting was the press secretary to a downstate Virginia congressman who was not re-elected this month.

"The people involved in this effort don't want to breach national security," Whiting emphasized. "We want to know whether or not a judge knows whether (releasing) this material would breach national security."

"Lessons from Watergate are inevitable," he said. "We learned we can't always trust the government when it says something is true."

A New York City attorney has been retained to pursue the litigation, the UFO research fund spokesman said.

CIA spokeswoman Kathy Therson said the secret agency "would not have anything to say about any cases that are under litigation."

"The basis for which most of the documents in this are (classified) is to protect (intelligence) sources and methods," Therson said.

She said the CIA wouldn't be interested in a UFO report unless it indicated potentially hostile action by a foreign power. "If something that looks like a UFO might be a foreign weapon instead," the CIA would investigate the case with interest, "but not in the UFOs themselves."

"We get a lot of people calling and asking about the agency position on UFO's," Therson said. "Basically, there's been no organized agency effort to conduct research on UFOs or unidentified phenomena since the 1950s."

Whiting said that "nine out of 10 UFO reports turn out to be identifiable objects or explainable aerial phenomena."

"But it's the 10 percent of the reports that are really puzzling, and make people involved in this kind of research really wonder."

UFOs

The public may still see them, but the USAF, FAA just shrug

By MARK HAGAN

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. — It seems only a curious public and press maintain an interest in unidentified flying objects these days.

Last Tuesday, as many as 250 northern Missouri residents reported sighting an unknown object skitting across the night sky. Their reports poured in to the Kirksville Police Department, the Adair County Sheriff's Department and the Missouri Highway Patrol. Even a Trenton-based radio station, KTTN, found itself swamped with calls.

As many as 250 residents reported sighting the object, said Alvin Johnson, a Kirksville police dispatcher who handled about 30 calls that night. Witnesses included another Kirksville policeman and two state troopers. Descriptions received by Johnson were of a large, rectangular-shaped object with a diamond shape or pointed front and rounded at the back end. Other descriptions added headlights to the object. It moved erratically.

The unknown object was seen in such widespread areas as Edina, Coatsville, Kirksville and Ridgeway.

Visual sightings apparently weren't the only means of lending credence to the reports. But workers at the Federal Aviation Administration long-range radar tracking base between Greentop and Kirksville now refuse to talk about the incident.

The object apparently showed up on the base radar screen.

Johnson said a worker at the FAA radar base, later identified as Frank West, first told the Kirksville Police Department that the object was a plane. That was about 9 p.m.,

Kirksville Daily Express reporter Hank Janson said. Janson said the sightings began around 7:30 p.m. approximately 110 miles east of Kirksville. The sightings ended around 8:45 p.m.

At about 10:40 p.m., however, the radar base, which has a 250-mile circular sweep, continued to track the object. By that time, West apparently called Johnson and told him that the object was not a plane because it was maneuvering beyond a plane's capabilities. West said it "definitely was a UFO," Johnson said.

West, contacted by telephone Tuesday afternoon, refused to comment on the radar tracking. He stressed that he and four others at the radar base are only maintenance men and that the data is monitored by FAA officials in Kansas City, Mo., Chicago, Ill., and Minneapolis, Minn.

"We don't monitor it," West said of the radar.

However, the base includes both beacon and "raw radar" capabilities, West said. A beacon radar system is dependent upon an airplane carrying an electronic device which, when activated by a radar beam directed from the ground, responds to the beacon. That system is incapable of detecting a UFO since it would not be equipped with the device.

Raw radar is not dependent upon such a device aboard an object. Under normal conditions, it will pick up any object reflecting the radar beam. A UFO could thus be detected by the raw radar system and apparently was picked up on the night of the sightings.

The problem is getting someone of authority to admit the UFO or unknown object appeared on anyone's screen.

An FAA official in Olathe, Kan., Rex McQueen, said there was "no report of anything unusual in the Kirksville area" that Tuesday night.

McQueen, of the FAA's air route traffic control center in Olathe, was contacted before West. He had said the Kirksville area base was equipped only with a beacon radar system. That would mean the system was incapable of tracking the unknown flying object.

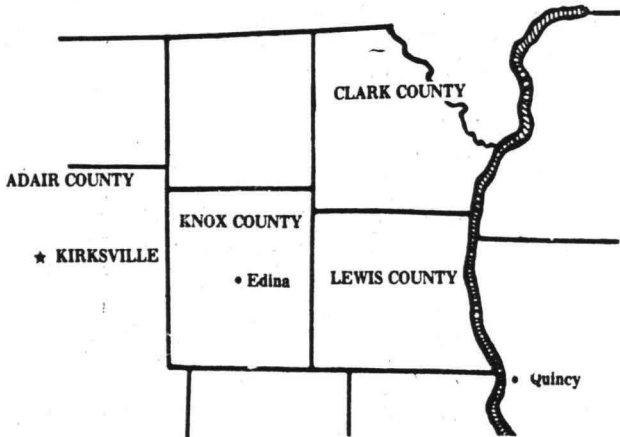
Regardless if the object was detected, it probably would have been ignored by the FAA, the United States Air Force and, apparently, even most groups at one time expressing an interest in such phenomena, real or imagined, officials agreed.

McQueen said the FAA's latest directive, dated Oct. 1, 1979, is to refer the observer of the unidentified craft to any scientific organization or institution of higher education which has expressed an interest in studying the phenomena. At this time, McQueen said, there is no such organization expressing such an interest.

If the unknown object appears to threaten life or property, the FAA should contact the local law enforcement agencies, McQueen said. There is no mention of contacting the USAF.

The Kirksville Police Department contacted the FAA installation on the night of the sightings.

West put it more simply. "We don't say they exist or they don't exist. We don't have a policy one way or another."



Woman sees three UFOs

DARWEN woman Susan Hunt could not believe her eyes last night when she saw three UFOs over Great Harwood.

Susan, 28, of Essex Street, Darwen, was with her husband, Alan, and brother-in-law Derek in Great Harwood where they had gone to collect a car about 7.30.

Susan said: "It was a clear night and we were waiting for the garage door to be opened. I was looking up at the stars and saw two very pronounced orange lights."

"There was a third one hovering over the gasometer. The second one waited for it and then disappeared after picking up speed. The first one was doing a U-turn and came very low."

Mrs Hunt, a drawing office assistant at Blackburn's Telephone House, is convinced she was not seeing things and that the lights could not have been anything other than UFO's.

She said: "All three of us saw them. The one that came low was like a Formula One racing car with a fin at the back with two lights on."

After the lights disappeared, Mrs Hunt and her husband returned home and later had another look into the night sky and again saw the orange lights "very high over the Bolton area."

She added: "We did not report them to anyone. There isn't much point."

OAP's close encounter of the first kind

TWO strange spinning-top shaped objects were spotted flying over Black Fan Road, WGC, last week by a Panshanger pensioner.

Now Joseph Jones, 69, of Aldbury Grove, WGC, wants to know if anybody else saw the UFOs — unidentified flying objects — flying above the town.

Mr Jones was walking home from his part-time job at printers Duolith Ltd when he saw the UFOs about 4.15 last Friday afternoon.

He said: "They seemed to be about five feet across, and a darkish colour. I thought they were balloons at first, but they were shaped like spinning tops, and they had something that looked like an iron bar hanging below them."

"They were hovering, and then they slowly began to go down, disappearing behind the trees. I never saw them after that."

Mr Jones said he saw a police panda car at the time, which seemed to spot the UFOs, and race off in their direction.

However, a police spokesman said that no reports of anything unusual had been received.

FOREIGN NEWS

GIPPSLAND TIMES, Sale, Victoria, Australia - Oct. 1, 1980 CR: P. Norman

KILMANY MAN

SEES UFO

STANDARD, Warrnambool, Victoria, Australia Sept. 18, 1980 CR: P. Norman

UFO may have been a foreign plane

The mystery object which passed across south western Victoria on July 24 may have been a foreign plane.

An analysis of photographs taken by Standard photographer Steve Hynes indicates that it was a solid metal object.

Australian civilian and military officials have said there were no scheduled flights or aircraft detected on radar at the time.

The sighting is being checked by a member of the Victorian UFO Research Society.

Vice president of the organisation, Mr Paul Norman, said yesterday it further tests indicated that the object was an aircraft the case would be turned over to the RAAF.

"It could have been a foreign aircraft," he said.

"However we still haven't discounted the possibility that it was a UFO. We are checking it further."

He said it was a similar case to a sighting near Cairns last month when the crew of a Darwin bound passenger jet sighted an object which sped quickly away from them.

There were no known other aircraft in the area at the time.

The Standard's photograph was tested by the Ground Saucer Watch laboratory in Arizona at a cost of \$50 paid by the research society.

Mr Norman, a retired SEC engineer, is living temporarily in Timboon to gather information on UFO's.

He said he knew of five south western district people who had photographed the object in July and wanted to see the photographs.

Mr Norman can be contacted on 950348.

UFO sighted

Two Maldon residents say they saw a UFO while travelling from Maldon to Castlemaine last Saturday night.

They sighted it in the sky to the South when having left Maldon as a white light, but by the time they had reached Nevilles Straight it changed to five lights.

They did not know the direction of the travel of the lights, but as they appeared to be coming towards them, they decided to turn back to Maldon.

By the time they had reached Maldon the lights had disappeared, but both wished they had now stopped and looked, and made note of the direction and height etc.

Some years ago another couple made a similar claim, and at that time the lights followed them into Maldon, where they were seen by others.

CR: P. Norman

GAINSBOROUGH NEWS, Lincolnshire,
England - Nov. 14, 1980

Riddle of lights

STRANGE lights in the night sky near Gainsborough in the early hours of Saturday morning were seen by a number of people and the mystery still awaits a clear explanation.

Lights, described to The News by one observer as spherical, slightly orange in colour and with a short hazy trail, were seen from the Loughton Common area at about half past midnight on Friday.

This sighting was by a man and wife travelling in a car towards Gainsborough and the man said the light appeared to be travelling fairly slowly from east to west, complete a 90 degree right turn and then descend.

"It was a clear night but it was difficult to estimate distances and we drove along Carr Lane to Stockwith and back to Morton to see if we could find

where it had dropped but found nothing," he added.

At more or less the same time Gainsborough police received a call from a man at Haxey who said he had seen what appeared to be the same light and thought it had dropped somewhere near the river Trent. He suggested it might have been a parachute flare.

Police from Gainsborough, Scunthorpe and Nottinghamshire check one object being to see if any boats were in distress but found nothing and a similar negative results came when calls were made to RAF stations in the district.

Yet another report of a similar object being seen came in this week, on Monday when a bus driver reported having sighted a light, again in the area north of Morton, late in the afternoon.

An unidentified flying object shaped like a huge top landed at "Whiteacres", a cattle property on the Princes Highway west of Sale early yesterday.

Veteran farm hand George Blackwell got within 150 metres of the aircraft before it took off with a "whoosh."

Later, the property owner Mr Ralph Anderson and Mr Blackwell found a large burnt circle on the ground "and cow pats overturned by the air rush."

Mr Blackwell said yesterday what he saw was almost "unbelievable."

The Hereford cattle in the adjacent paddock woke him at 1 am.

"I then heard a whistling sound, and got up to see what was worrying the cattle. They were running across the paddock."

"Then I saw this thing, about 10 to 15 feet high, with a row of lights, like portholes. It was white with a black-brown band."

I actually saw it land on the ground just a little way off the highway.

"I got on my motorcycle and started to ride across but when I got within 150 yards, there was a terrific rush of air."

MISSED SHED

"The thing lifted off, just narrowly missing a shed and water tank. It went between them."

Mr Blackwell said that the area was well lit "like moonlight."

"I knew what I was seeing, it was all so clear."

He then found a burnt circle about six metres across.

"It's like a char patch."

Mr Anderson said that after seeing the burn marks, he firmly believed an aircraft of some sort had landed.

"I didn't believe in this sort of thing but I'm convinced now."

BURNT RING

He said cow pats embedded in the ground had been lifted and



Mr Ralph Anderson and Mr George Blackwell examining the burnt circle.

blown four to five metres away from the circle.

The grass was bruised, and the ground had a ring of burnt circles.

"It appears that something protected parts of the circle from burning."

Mr Anderson said that cape weed flowers had been torn from their stalks around the circle.

Mr Blackwell said he, too, had doubted UFO's.

"I tell you," he said, "if anyone wants convincing now, they should come and see where this thing landed."

Close encounters

...in Hull?

friday focus

— DAVID BLOWS

Down to earth

NOT ALL the letters sent in reported close encounters with UFOs, but they did reveal how seriously some groups and individuals take the subject.

Mr A. Marshall, of Sacred Garth, Hedon, claims to have an authentic cine film of a UFO and Mr Stephen Spriggs, of Belvedere Street, First Lane, Hesse, says he is collecting stories and pictures for a book on the subject—although he has never seen a UFO himself.

Not surprisingly, some folk try to explain why the UFO phenomenon as something belonging to man's fertile subconscious.

Mrs Josephine Elissah, of The Parkway, Kingston Road, Willerby, says she is compiling a booklet of short articles because of a reported encounter with aliens at Descine near Lyons in France.

DAYS LATER

She wrote: "The case in France involved a young salesman Frank Fontaine who mysteriously disappeared for eight days after a UFO sighting. At 4 am on November 26, 1979, he was loading up his car along with two other reps, when the others suddenly realised Frank had disappeared. They reported the matter to the police but it wasn't until eight days later he was found and apparently remembered nothing. He was questioned by the police and later taken to the Institute of Advanced Science in Marseille where under hypnosis it was revealed he had been kidnapped by aliens who had promised to return on 15 of August 1980 at a place called Cergy-Pontoise, which is just outside Paris.

"News of the visitation drew a large crowd who waited in hope of being witness to a martian landing. Unfortunately nothing happened, except for a freak storm. But doesn't it go to prove that people actually believe there is 'life' on other worlds and that possibly they are capable of tapping our minds?"

Mr Joe Kerman, of Cheverton Avenue, Witherssea, has

never seen a UFO, but reckons there is more than a grain of truth behind the arguments of people who believe the phenomenon is connected with the spirit world.

He quotes a book by Ruth Montgomery which was written, it is claimed, with the help of American medium Arthur Ford—from beyond the grave.

TOO NEAR

The late Mr Ford apparently told the author: "Yes, there are flying saucers and they do originate in the thoughts of those on other planets, but the physical manifestations which earth people seem to think they have touched or visited do not exist."

"They are not solid in the earthly sense, but transmissions of light and sound which appear as real as if they were made of steel. They are visible under certain conditions and have sometimes scorched the earth when venturing too near."

But while the theories and

reports swamp the cosmos, there is always someone out there to offer a touch of sanity to an unreal and unproved subject.

Mr Robert Burrell, of Cadoxan Avenue, Hull, has this to say:

"Last winter, at around midnight, I was driving with two friends between Bridlington and Flamborough, when we all saw what appeared to look like an amber light moving across the rooftops of Flamborough. I stopped the car at the top of an incline in the road and we decided to try and find out more about our "sighting." After driving around for a short while, we discovered our UFO—a gritting lorry preparing the roads for the oncoming frost.

"If a gritting lorry can convince three people (and who knows—maybe more), it makes me wonder how many people who are quite sincere in their claims have mistaken a perfectly normal happening for something more sinister."

Black flying saucer

MRS E. MORRISON, of Belvoir Street, Princes Avenue, Hull:

"On August 13 of this year, at about 7pm in Belvoir Street, my son and I stood watching a moving object in the sky for about one-and-a-half minutes until it disappeared.

"It was heading north, was black in colour, and was identical to the one on the bottom of the article on UFOs in the Hull Daily Mail. The only other people around at the time were a few children who also saw it.

"We have never seen anything like it before and we are fully convinced that it was a flying saucer."

Flying 'golf balls'

MR A. M. WALKER, of Eastmount Avenue, Hull:

"My wife and I were lying on the lawn after a few hours of gardening. I was looking straight up into an almost clear blue sky, it was a bit windy and it was the afternoon of July 5, 1969.

"I saw two white objects, stationary, (like golf balls, would be the best description).

"I told my wife, who replied that she had been watching them for over five minutes. After five minutes more they started moving off slowly, one ahead of the other. After a short trip, they again stopped.

"The left-hand side one started to move slightly, then, in a second, moved off at tremendous speed. The other one then did precisely the same, but in the opposite direction.

"Up to that time, I didn't believe in strange sightings. Now I keep an open mind. We lived on Longhill Estate at the time."

Many UFOs In China?

PEKING (Kyodo)—What is commonly known in other countries as an unidentified flying objects (UFO) have been observed by the Chinese people on more than 100 occasions, according to a Shanghai magazine.

The Nature Magazine said people, in 15 provinces, cities and autonomous regions have sighted the UFOs, most of them round-shaped pans or balls emitting silver glare in the daytime and orange light at night.

MAINICHI DAILY NEWS, Tokyo, Japan
Nov. 12, 1980 CR: Y. Matsumura

THE unearthly humming pulsed round the small room and bright lights flashed with alien intensity.

Was this strange phenomenon a warning from some far-distant galaxy? Did it herald an invasion from outer space and the end of Mankind as we know it?

Or has someone got their time warped in a twist? Believe it or not, there are a lot of people — many of them very down to earth — who believe in UFOs, both peaceful and threatening.

On the face of it, though, the prospect of being over-run by hordes of little green men armed with death rays is somewhat more hilarious than frightening.

Yet surely that is the next step, the final giant leap forward from all these sightings of so-called Unidentified Flying Objects?

They are seen everywhere, like stars in the sky. And the Hull and North Humberside area is no exception.

In fact, there are some people who claim ours is a prime area for a close-enough encounter with UFOs.

UFOs, it seems, like following certain lines of force that encircle the globe, and there are plenty of them round here.

It is still the minority who believe in flying saucers, airborne cigars and dome-topped dishes — yet it remains a fact that many local folk have been baffled by strange objects seen in the skies — and on the ground in some cases. None has yet been conclusively proved, or disproved.

Bright coloured lights

MRS C. HUTCHINSON, Skillings Lane, Brough:

"It was New Year's Eve, 1978, at about 7.30pm. It was a clear night with frost and much snow on the ground. I saw what I thought was a plane coming in to land. It was very low but making no noise at all. It had very bright lights, some coloured. It seemed to just float along like the small airships in the first war.

"As it changed its direction it went into one whole mass of bright white light but behind it were two long oblong shapes of dark grey. It was so low that by the time it went over the next row of houses, it was out of my sight.

"The next day I heard that it had been on the news late that night and that there had been some other sightings.

"Seeing a UFO leaves you with a very weird feeling!"

Light in the sky

MR G. J. HOWLETT, Brentwood Avenue, Hardwich Street, Hull:

"My first sighting was on the night of July 24, 1977, coincidentally my birthday. The time was approximately 11pm. I stood outside 168, Clumber Street, Hull. Suddenly, a small light, not bright, caught my attention as it travelled across the sky at great speed.

"The sighting lasted for only a few seconds but my girl-friend confirmed that she had also seen the light. There was no sound.

"The following day's edition of the Hull Daily Mail contained a small report saying that 'several people had reported strange lights in the sky. Police said that the UFO's were probably caused by freak conditions.

"In August 1977, came my second sighting. This occurred once again in Clumber Street, and lasted for only two or three seconds. The object seemed to be shaped like a ball of fire with a tail, and although I was told other people had seen it, I heard no other reports.

"Sighting number three was on September 13, 1978, after a football training session at the Princess Elizabeth playing fields in Hull. As I got changed, a light moved across the sky and it had a pulsating, rotating light underneath."

Badly burned grass

MRS J. RICHES, of Medina Road, Longhill Estate:

"At around 11am in September, 1971, while living on Bransholme Estate when most of the estate was open country, I noticed a round object with different coloured lights descending slowly.

"It came down and stayed for about 10 minutes. It landed on spare ground.

"As I was watching, police cars arrived with dogs. They walked slowly through the fields, but as they got closer, the object ascended. The exact spot where it landed is now Axminster Close.

"The following morning I went to the site and found a round hole in the ground ... and badly burnt grass."

Faster than a plane

MR G. OPENSHAW, of Summergangs Drive, Thern-rumbald:

"It all started on Friday night, September 5. My son and I went into the rear garden at about 9.00pm. It was very clear and there were a lot of stars.

"We were looking up when I noticed a triangle of start towards the west.

"As we were both looking, the top one started to move to the left. As near as I could tell it moved in a diagonal path towards the south. Looking through 10x50 binoculars, it was a very bright light which appeared to have a dull glow on the outer edge. My son could see it quite clearly without binoculars.

"I could not estimate the speed but at the distance of the UFO it certainly flew faster than any aircraft could fly."

Cigar shaped object

PETER WILSON, of Dover Street, Hull:

"In Chestnut Avenue, on a cloudless summer evening four years ago, a fast-moving object caught my eye. I looked up and saw a large cigar-shaped object shooting across the sky at the speed of a shooting star.

"My friend and I witnessed this for about two seconds. It was flying at very high altitude. If this object was seen on the ground, at a guess it would have been roughly the size of a very large warehouse.

"It would not have been an airplane because of its speed, size and shape. There were no lights on it, and it was dark in colour. It could be seen very clearly.

"There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that this was some sort of spacecraft."

Silent silver craft

MICHAEL COOPER, of Lingdale Road, Bilton Grange, Hull:

"As a youth I witnessed an unusual sighting together with two friends. We were playing football in the back garden of my home. It was quite a hot day. I went to head the ball but failed to do so as I saw a large low flying silver airplane.

"But what was so unusual about this plane was the fact that it clearly did not have any wings and although it was flying at two o'clock, we heard no sound.

"We observed it for about 60 seconds before it slowly disappeared into a cloud. We waited for it to reappear, but to our dismay it never did.

"We all agreed to what we saw, but it was soon forgotten as in those days, unidentified sightings were not much publicised or talked about."

Mystery holes



TWO depressions containing a series of circular holes found in a fallowed paddock have a Lake Meran farmer baffled.

Lightning or UFO landing?

A university physics lecturer yesterday rejected the farmer's theory that lightning could have caused the unusual markings.

John Chamberlain, pictured, was ploughing the paddock when he discovered what he thought were two fox holes, but closer inspection revealed the two depressions.

He now believes that lightning struck the ground during a storm three weeks ago.

However, Professor Cummings, a lecturer in physics at the University of Melbourne, said yesterday that the force of lightning could not cause the series of holes.

Clay from the holes has been hurled up to 20 metres away from the depression. In the one undisturbed depression, there are nine holes, ranging from three to eight

centimetres across, placed in an irregular pattern and sloping at angles into the soil.

Mr Chamberlain said that he and a friend dug up the other depression and discovered holes up to 90 centimetres in depth and containing burnt surface.

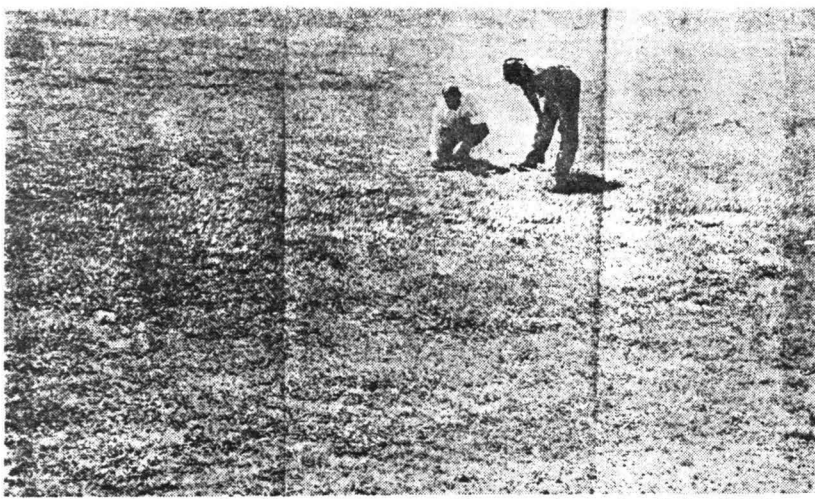
UFO RESEARCH COMMENT

Victorian UFO Research Society president, Judy Magee, said yesterday that a description of the depression matched similar discoveries in England.

"We have had the markings here, but not the holes; but many have been found in England.

"There has been evidence of radioactivity with those markings and the holes which are apparently caused by the object sucking up soil as it takes off".

The research group was interested in analysing the Lake Meran find, Judy Magee said.



'UFO' FARM HUB FOR SIGHTSEERS

"WHITEACRES", the Kilmany grazing property where an unidentified flying object landed last week, has become a tourist attraction.

Many car loads of people have converged on the property to inspect a circle of burn marks where farm hand Mr George Blackwell saw an "object shaped like a top" land and take off.

The circle has become more distinct as damaged grass has died.

Mr Blackwell said today that while many people interested in UFO's, and others just curious, had seen the burnt ground, he had not heard from the RAAF unit at East Sale which investigates unidentified flying object reports.

A Transport Department spokesman in Melbourne said that it did not directly inquire into UFO reports but left this work to the RAAF.

"TOP-SHAPED"

Last week, Mr Blackwell, asleep in a bungalow at the rear of "Whiteacres" home-stead, was awakened by disturbed cattle.

He went outside and saw a top-shaped object about three to four metres high land in a paddock near the house and Princes Highway.

He got within 150 metres of it before "it took off with a rush of air."

Mr Blackwell said it took two days for frightened cattle to calm down.

He had since spoken with a woman and her daughter who had seen flashing lights in the sky near the time.

clover and cape weed. The mark is a big brown ring, about 20 paces across.

In places the ground is slightly scorched, the clover squashed and bruised and the cape weed flowers singed.

In six distinct spots, the grass and flowers are unharmed.

Cow pats around the circle have been uprooted and flung many metres away.



Mr GEORGE BLACKWELL

by HEATHER MACKINNON

Within hours of the landing, I inspected the burnt circle with Mr Blackwell and property owner Mr Ralph Anderson.

The paddock is large and fairly flat, covered mainly in

GIPPSLAND TIMES, Sale, Victoria, Australia - Oct. 6, 1980
CR: P. Norman

Aussie Radar Tracks UFO

PERTH, Australia (UPI) — Unidentified flying objects have been tracked on radar at Perth International Airport, authorities reported Friday.

Air Traffic Controllers made three observations between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Thursday, they said.

Danielle Russell, 12, said she saw four objects moving quickly across the sky from north to south about 11 a.m.

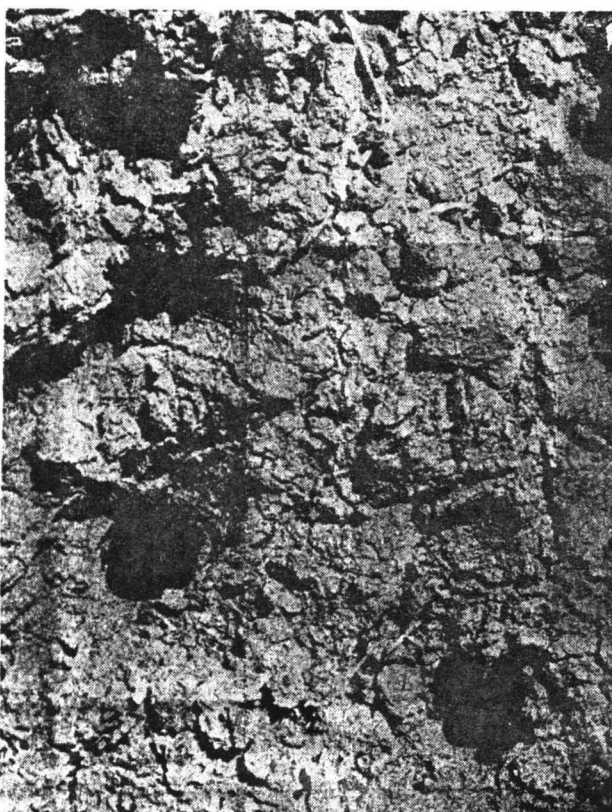
Danielle, whose home is in the suburb of Lockbridge near the airport said, "when I first saw them through the lounge room window I thought they were birds or a plane.

"They were changing color from red, blue and green."

The regional director of transport, Ellis Keil, said the UFOs were tracked on radar at a height of more than 24,000 feet until they disappeared at more than 60,000 feet.

He said there were no aircraft or weather balloons in the area to explain the sightings.

A spokesman at the Royal Australian Air Force Base at Pearce, Wing-CMDR Ian Lindsay, said a Macchi jet trainer was sent up following the Perth Airport report but had sighted nothing.



UFO TALLIES WITH OTHERS



MR PAT Gildea and Mr Paul Norman examine the spot where Mr Blackwell, foreground, saw a UFO land. At right, they look at a model made by Mr Blackwell.



Researchers check site

A Kilmany farmhand's description of an unidentified flying object tallied with sightings described throughout the world, according to the Victorian UFO Research Society.

Mr George Blackwell's description of the orange top-shaped object he observed on September 30 was identical to that reported by a Willow Grove man near Traralgon in 1963.

Society members Mr Paul Norman and Mr Pat Gildea interviewed Mr Blackwell on the weekend and inspected marks left by the UFO on the grazing property "Whiteacres" between Sale and Rosedale.

Mr Gildea, using a Geiger counter to check the area for radiation, said there appeared to be only normal radiation in the ground.

"However, recent rain would have affected this level", he said.

Mr Gildea placed compasses at different points on the burnt ring of grass, checking each one for any deviation in magnetic degrees but could see no change.

A metal detector registered a reading around the mark.

Mr Norman took several soil samples from the ring for thermoluminescence testing in Melbourne. This test determines whether or not the soil has been heated by something unnatural.

The men were interested to note the reactions of the farm animals to the sound and mark made by the object.

Mr Blackwell, who lives at "Whiteacres" owned by Mr Ralph Anderson, said that Hereford cattle frightened on the night by the UFO, still refused to walk over the charred ring it left behind after landing and taking off.

WATER?

Mr Norman said the object may have been looking for water. A 10,000 gallon tank on the property had a low water level after the sighting.

On the weekend the men met another witness. On the same night 14-year-old Kelly Postle of Kilmany saw what she thought was a meteorite in the sky over her parent's store.

Mr Gildea reported their findings to the East Sale RAAF base on Monday. He said he was surprised that the base hadn't investigated the sighting.

"ONE OF BEST"

Mr Gildea said it was one of the best sightings he had studied for some time because of the eyewitness accounts and the physical evidence of the object on the ground.

Anyone with any more information on the September 30 sighting, or with an interest in the society, should phone Mr Norman on (055) 95 0348 or Mr Gildea on (054) 28 2297.

GIPPSLAND TIMES, Sale, Victoria, Australia

Oct. 15, 1980 CR: P. Norman

It is reported UPI teletype # (ZCZC HTA224 XH242 NX 1 oo HUP NRS R1) which reached in Tokyo from Peking as follows:

Peking, Nov. 5 (UPI) -- Two campers near the great wall saw a bright unidentified flying object and took a photograph of it, the first ever made in China of a UFO, a Peking newspaper reported Wednesday.

The two campers sleeping out in the open near the great wall and the historic Ming Tombs said they saw an UFO over the north of Peking at 4:08 A.M. on Aug. 23.

In a letter to the Peking Evening News, they said they saw an object, possibly ringed, that emitted white light.

The object appeared to have a darker core, and was apparently revolving an axis, they said.

The campers, Xin Seng and Bi Jiang, said the object moved farther away and then closer for half an hour, but they heard no noise.

The newspaper printed a photograph showing a moon-like object, with what appeared to be protrusions around the middle. It hovered just above the side of slope.

The newspaper's editor said the films was received undeveloped. The newspaper processed the film and made the print of the first photograph of an UFO in China.

Although Chinese scientists have expressed an interest in the study of UFO, they have always based their discussions on overseas reports.

UFO sightings, if they ever occurred, had until now gone unreported in the mass media.

MAINICHI DAILY NEWS, Tokyo, Japan - Nov. 23, 1980

UFO Sighted Again

MADRID (UPI) — On Nov. 11 last year, a Spanish charter jet made a dramatic, unscheduled landing at Valencia airport in eastern Spain after its crew claimed an unidentified flying object had chased them above the Mediterranean.

On the first anniversary this year of the UFO sighting, the best-documented in Spain, the crews of no fewer than seven planes have apparently reported seeing another UFO over the Mediterranean.

According to Juan Jose Benitez, author of a book on the 1979 episode and collector of the latest data, one of the planes, a Spanish commercial flight from Oviedo to Barcelona, had to

dive 400 feet (123 meters) to avoid the apparent UFO.

Eyewitnesses quoted by Benitez agreed the UFO was round, greenish in color and extremely large.

The pilot and crew of the Spanish Caravelle that landed at Valencia last year described the object that "pursued" and "buzzed" them as being as large as a jumbo jet with intense red lights.

On that occasion, pilot Francisco Lerdo de Tejada put his plane and 109 passengers into a semi-emergency 14,000-foot (4,267 meters) dive to avoid a collision, he said.

The Spanish government ordered an unprecedented official investigation into the affair after the director of Valencia airport said he saw the UFO hovering above Manises airport after Lerdo's Caravelle landed.

The results of the investigation have not yet been made public.

CR: Y. Matsumura

GAZETTE, Schenectady, NY - Dec. 5, 1980

China UFO Sightings Lead to Investigation

PEKING, Dec. 4 (UPI) — UFO fever has finally hit China. The official Xinhua News Agency said Thursday that people in all walks of life have been gripped by curiosity toward unidentified flying objects.

"Sightings of these intriguing phenomena are reported in the Chinese press from time to time," it said.

"UFOS have long captured the imagination of the West, and they are arousing the interest of increasing numbers of people in China as well," it said.

The agency said some 300 "UFOlogists" have organized themselves into China's first academic society investigating the strange blips of lights dashing across the sky.

The society, whose members include workers, students, teachers, journalists, doctors and researchers, is headquartered in Wuhan in central China.

It has branches in Peking, Shanghai, and the provinces of Guangdong, Sichuan, Shanxi,

Shaanxi, Hubei and Guangxi, the agency said.

The society has even come out with a journal called "UFO Exploration," which reports on sightings in China and abroad.

The head of the organization is a 26-year-old student in astrophysics.

Research and discussions on UFOs from the points of view of physics, astronomy, technology, philosophy and psychology have been conducted, Xinhua said.

There has been an outburst of UFO reports in the Chinese press in the past few months after years of silence on the subject.

The popular Peking Evening News last month carried a photograph, reputedly the first taken in China of a UFO.

Three campers sleeping out near the Great Wall of China took the photo. Their accounts said the object looked like a triple star in an inverted T-shaped configuration, surrounded by a halo light.

Newspapers in Tianjin have also reported sightings of UFOs off the coast.

TRANSLATIONS

Italy

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- 1) City and country of incident: Torre Del Lago (Lucca), Italy
- 2) Date of incident: May 21, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: ROMA, May 23, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Rome, Italy

SIGHTED A U.F.O. BY A WOMAN IN VERSILIA

Viareggio - A UFO was sighted Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. in the sky of Versilia by Mrs. Anna Lopez, 35 years old, who lives on Oberdan Street in Torre del Lago. The woman was smoking a cigarette on the balcony when, at the height of the pines of Torre del Lago's park, she saw a cylindrical red object leaving a blue trail. It crossed the horizon in a southwesterly direction, from Pisa to Viareggio. The woman called her husband, who saw the object disappear on the horizon. It seems that the UFO has been sighted by other witnesses in other localities of Versilia.

- 1) City and country of incident: San Paolo, Brazil
- 2) Date of incident: August 3, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: IL RESTO DEL CARLINO, August 18, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Bologna, Italy

FLYING SAUCER SIGHTED IN BRAZIL

San Paolo - The officers of the Brazilian rocketry base of "Barreira do Inferno," near the city of Natal, have opened an inquiry into the sighting of a flying saucer which occurred on August 3, reported by the crew of the towboat *Caioba Seahorse*.

According to information printed yesterday by the press agency "Estado," the towboat was sailing toward Macau's coast, in the Rio Grande do Norte, at 275 kilometers from Natal, when the engines stopped suddenly. Almost in the same moment, an Unidentified Flying Object, saucer shaped, with a diameter of about 100 meters, hovered over the boat, creating scenes of panic aboard it. The engines remained out for one hour.

The captain sent an S.O.S. Some sailors of the *Caioba Seahorse* -- states the agency "Estado" -- were admitted to a hospital, suffering from shock.

- 1) City and country of incident: Paris, France
- 2) Date of incident: August 19, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: GIORNALE DI BRESCIA, August 21, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Brescia, Italy

GIANT "UFO" SIGHTED IN FRANCE

Paris - About ten persons have testified at the Police Station of Honfleur (Normandie) that they sighted, last night, a giant bright "UFO" in the sky of the zone. They said: "We saw a white oval-shaped object that moved in the sky, with a light inside it. Suddenly it appeared surrounded with flames. After a while, it opened a sort of door."

The object remained motionless for some seconds and then disappeared towards the south.

CREDIT: Joe Brill

- 1) City and country of incident: Italy (various cities)
- 2) Date of incident: November 11, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: LA STAMPA, November 13, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Turin, Italy

HALF OF EUROPE OBSERVED THE UFO OVER ROME

The mysterious object (also sighted by two pilots) was observed flying over Fiumicino (Rome airport) for one minute.

Rome - "Mysterious object. Certainly a meteorite. Time 18:32 hrs." With that brief notation, Alberto Donati, a technician at the Air Traffic Control Center of Fiumicino, on the evening of Tuesday, dismissed an event to which he had been an eyewitness.

A luminous ball with a long incandescent tail broke the dark of night, with a trajectory from Northeast to Southwest, before disappearing towards the sea where it appeared to break up into pieces which quickly lost their luminosity. A loud drum-roll like thunder was heard by observers. The event lasted for one minute.

The strange object was also reported by two pilots of private aircraft who said it travelled on a vertical line at a high altitude from the city of Ciampino to Lazio on the coast. Several thousand people, especially those in the suburbs of Rome, observed the mysterious object, following it for more than a minute. All who saw it agreed on the description of the object, which appeared to be a luminous ball with a long light trail.

The color is where a disagreement arises. Some say it was bluish, others say the color was somewhere between green and yellow, and still others reported a red-bluish white color.

During the evening, other reports of the appearance helped to chart the trajectory of the object in question. At 18:25 it was over Venice, at 18:28 it was over Bologna, at 18:30 it was between Perugia and Orvieto, and at 18:32 it was over Rome. Additional reports showed that at approximately the same time period, a luminous ball, with a wavy-like trajectory from Northwest to Southeast was observed over Pyrenees (France), then over Marseille (France) and finally over Sardinia. On the Italian island, many people sighted the object in different towns (Sassari, Alghero, Porto Torres, Olbia, Oristano and other locations), and they reported various forms and colors during a period from 18:00 to 20:00 hrs. These reports were gathered by the police command stations in those cities.

The sheer number and the distribution of the eyewitnesses rule out the possibility of mass hallucination. Were they really meteorites as some pilots, air traffic controllers and some newspapers of Rome have reported?

Anyone who observed "lacrime di San Lorenzo" around the 10th of August, knows that because of their extreme velocity, they disintegrate in a matter of only a few seconds once they enter the atmosphere of Earth.

In this case, we have a body that was observed in the sky from Venice to Rome and took seven minutes to cover this distance. It is certain that this is much too long a time span for a meteorite and if it had been a meteorite, surely it would have been so heavy that it would have even more quickly been grabbed by Earth's gravitational pull and therefore would have been pulled to Earth much faster. Also, the luminosity of a meteorite generally appears almost always to be white and/or with shades (because of a frequent presence of iron minerals) of red color. All this taken into account and considering the witnesses' testimonies, the meteorite theory does not seem to fit in this case.

Moreover, how does one explain the thunderous drum-roll-like sound over Sardinia and over the south of France, where the trajectory crossed with respect to the Venice to Rome trajectory. Were these all meteorites? As you can see, the mystery goes on. - Bruno Ghibaudi.



Hunter found evidence of Bigfoot in woods

By JIM THOMAS
Citizen-Journal Staff Writer

McARTHUR — A Columbus man who claims he has devoted most of his adult life to trying to find and photograph the elusive creature known as "Bigfoot" said Monday he has found new evidence that several of the creatures may be living in Vinton County.

Robert Gardiner and other hunters went into the Wayne National Forest off U.S. 50 west of McArthur, where several sightings have been reported in recent weeks. Gardiner said he found footprints measuring 17 1/2

inches long and 9 inches wide and said that at one time, the creatures surrounded his hunting party.

"We had been to this deserted A-frame early (Saturday) morning, and we were looking in this ravine for tracks and didn't find anything. Later on, toward 5 o'clock, we came back to the A-Frame and there were big tracks . . . These had to be made within an hour before we got there," Gardiner said.

He said the hunters went into the ravine, where the visibility is limited

because of dense woods, brush and brambles.

"We were looking at a specific sign on a tree. We found something on a tree; I'm not going to divulge what it is, but we were checking it out and we heard one bark," Gardiner said.

"They have a barking-type growl like a chimpanzee or like a gorilla. We listened, and then we heard one behind us, and what these two things were doing was communicating back and forth. They couldn't have been

over 25 or 30 yards away from us," he said.

"One was between us and the A-frame, and the other was on the other side of us."

Gardiner said he feels the creatures are only passing through the area heading for mountains in the Southern part of the country. He said he thinks one may be injured, and that's why they're staying in Vinton County for so long.

He said one resident of the area fired at the creatures with a shotgun several weeks ago and may have wounded one. Gardiner cautioned people not to shoot the animals, saying they are only curious and have not been known to attack humans.

One thing Gardiner said puzzles him is why the animals keep returning to a house near Route 50. He said the creatures have been spotted near the home of Rodney Peoples on several occasions.

Peoples confirmed that Monday and said he moved his family out one night because his daughter was very upset about having them so close to the house. The family later returned home.

Peoples reported several around his house Thursday, with one about 50 yards from the home.

Peoples told the Citizen-Journal he has seen Bigfootlike creatures at the edge of the woods near his home and in the clearing near the house, and he has seen their eyes after dark, reflecting light like a cat's eyes. He also has heard their sounds, which he described as "a piercing, weird scream."

Peoples' description of the creatures he has seen echoes other reports in Ohio earlier this year: 9 to 10 feet tall, broad shoulders, hairy like a gorilla and nasty-smelling.

Gardiner said the creatures are "very shy. I've told everybody to quit shooting at these things," he said. "If you come across one, he won't bother you. He's just curious," he said.

"I want to photograph one. I want to take movies," he said, but he has no plans to try to capture one.

JOURNAL, Milwaukee, WI - Oct. 7, 1980 CR: R. Heiden

Sea monsters or myths?

'Strange beasts' have been seen in many lakes in Wisconsin

By Michael H. Klinever
Special to The Journal

For centuries legends concerning the existence of huge monsters living beneath some of the world's larger lakes have tantalized men's minds. Reports abound from all parts of the world.

Until recently, science has treated these stories with great skepticism. However, recent sonar readings, combined with photos taken at Scotland's Loch Ness by expeditions sponsored by the Academy of Applied Science, have established the existence of one or more large water creatures.

Numerous sightings of similar beasts have occurred throughout the United States including Lake Champlain, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario. Payette Lake in Idaho, Bear Lake in Utah, Hollow Rock Lake in Oregon, and Lake Folsom in California. Monsters have also been reported in several Wisconsin lakes. Does more than just legend really lurk beneath these waters?

Lake Champlain is a 120-mile long waterway between New York and Vermont. It covers a total of 435 square miles, with an average depth of 64 feet — but some areas are as deep as 400 feet. The lake, like so many others, is alleged to harbor lake monsters, is glacially cut, now landlocked, but once a part of a greater sea. It possesses a fresh water outlet and has an average temperature of 40 degrees. Its tradition of never giving up its dead is based on water pressure and could be one reason no monster's body has ever been washed ashore.

The first white man to report the monster was the lake's namesake, French explorer Samuel de Champlain. In his journal for the year 1609, a July notation reports sighting the creature, which Indians living around the lake called Chouasrou.

In 1819 pioneers reported seeing the monster around the waters of Bulwagga Bay. During the 1870s, sightings became so common that a "monster scare" broke out. A group of New Yorkers on a steamboat excursion reported the monster near the Vermont shore. Chapman P. L. Barnum offered \$30,000 for the serpent's hide.

More than 70 sightings of the Lake Champlain monster provide some common characteristics. It is up to 40 feet long, has two catlike humps protruding from a horse-shaped head, has a neck approximately one foot thick and five feet long, and has a fibrous mane. Its color has been described as elephant gray or rust. Some sightings have reported up to three humps, which appear to move in coordination as the beast glides swiftly through the water.

From all reports, the monster (or monsters) is still very much alive. In October 1978, Janet Taylor, a deputy sheriff in Westport, N.Y., reported seeing a dark creature in the water — whose head was about three to

four feet above the water's surface. Luis Viley, a marina owner in Port Henry, and some friends chased the creature by boat in 1973, but it disappeared from sight before they could close in on it.

Recently, the Shermen-Zarynski expedition began an investigation of the Lake Champlain monster. Using many of the more advanced types of sonar equipment utilized at Loch Ness, they hope to discover what the beast is.

When the Mormons traveled west to Utah in the 1840s, they came across a series of Indian legends of lake monsters. One of the more prominent involves Bear Lake, a freshwater lake located south of Salt Lake City.

Shoshone tribesmen were the first to report the monster. They described it as a serpent, but having legs 18 inches long which enabled it to crawl out of the water. It was also said to spout water upward from its mouth.

More than one account

Beginning in 1860, the Desert News, a Mormon paper, published numerous accounts of its sightings by white settlers. Various accounts describe it as between 40 and 90 feet long, possessing an eared head about the size of a "pint cup" and capable of swimming quite fast. Many sightings have reported two or more creatures — one as many as seven.

The Bear Lake Monster has been seen numerous times since 1860. All accounts include large wakes, great speed, color and sudden, sharp changes of direction — the same factors present in accounts of the Loch Ness monster, a creature unknown to Bear Lake witnesses.

Lake Payette in Idaho is a seven-mile body of water fed by a mountain river. The lake is circled by pine-covered ridges sprinkled with weekend cottages.

The 1930s produced occasional reports of a sea-serpent-like animal in the lake, but it was not until the summer of 1941 that widespread sightings occurred. Over the two months starting with July 2, more than 30 persons reported sighting the creature.

A close encounter

Thomas L. Rogers, an auditor for a respectable Boise firm, described the beast after a close encounter: "The serpent was about 50 feet long and going 5 miles an hour with a sort of undulating movement . . . His head, which resembles that of a snub-nosed crocodile, was 8 inches above the water."

Flathead Lake in Montana has had numerous sightings of a creature living beneath its depths. A 1963 account indicates "something about 25 feet long and with enough substance to it that as it moved near the surface, it threw up a two-foot head wave. It was perfectly black and it didn't have any signs of a fin on its back."

Wisconsin waters seem to teem with lake monsters, according to Peter Costello's book, "In Search of Lake Monsters." Sightings have been recorded in the Madison Four Lakes, Red Cedar Lake, Pewaukee Lake and Elkhart Lake.

The Lake Mills Spike of Aug. 31, 1882, advises that the lake monster was first witnessed by a Mr. Hanson in 1867. Many other lakeside residents, said the paper, had seen it frequently since.

Thought it was log

During August 1882, men rowing on the lake saw what appeared to be a floating log until it reared its huge head out of the water.

The Red Cedar Lake monster made its first recorded appearance in 1881. It is generally described as having an undulating form like a large snake or fish, with a huge head and a row of protuberances on its back resembling a saw-tooth.

An account of the creature(s) reportedly dwelling in Lake Monona appears in The (Madison) Wisconsin State Journal of June 12, 1897.

The article describes the monster (beast), witnessed by several people, "as at least 20 feet long."

It travelled east on the lake's surface, the paper said, until Eugene Heath, an agent of Garr-Scott Company, fired several shots into it — after which it turned and disappeared.

Witness said it was real

The article continues: "Mr. Schott and others who saw the 'thing,' whatever it may be, insist that it is a reality and not a joke or a creature of their combined imaginations. Its appearance is not that of a serpent. Mr. Schott says, however, that he saw it plainly in the bright moonlight, and its shape was like the bottom of a boat, but it was twice as long. (That is, 30 feet or so). Mr. Schott's two sons saw it and were so firmly convinced that it was a dangerous animal that neither of the Schotts, who had spent a large part of their lives on the lake, would venture out on it."

Those who believe in the existence of huge lake monsters include such scientific giants as George Zug, curator, Division of Reptiles and Amphibians at the Smithsonian Institution; A. W. Crompton, professor of biology and director of the Museum of Comparative Biology at Harvard University, and Christopher McGowan, curator, Department of Vertebrate Paleontology, Royal Ontario Museum.

Howard Curtins, executive vice president of the Academy of Applied Science puts it simply: "It's just a matter of time, money and renewed efforts."

If correct, we may be on the eve of one of the greatest zoological discoveries ever.

Mutilations unsolved

The Don Stickle beef cattle operation, rural Anamosa, was again the scene of a bizarre cattle mutilation-killing sometime last week.

On Oct. 9 workers discovered the carcass of a 1,000 pound steer, valued at \$700, whose sex organs had been removed. Authorities believe the animal may have been dead two days before being discovered. Mike Marlin of the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) said investigators currently have no leads in solving the case.

In 1975 over 25 head of cattle were found similarly mutilated on the 1,400 acre Stickle farm near Anamosa and on another Stickle operation near Viola. The DCI was unable to solve these killings.

Marlin said the method in which the steer was killed last week is unknown to authorities. "The animal has been sent to the state lab in Ames for analysis, and we hope to obtain some leads from their findings," he said.

Marlin said similar mutilation-killings occur periodically around the country. "The last one I've heard of was about two to three months ago," he said. Marlin refused to reveal the location of this killing or to speculate on the motives involved in the killings.

Stickle said in response to the recent killing: "We will go back to our tightest security system possible. We have round-the-clock shifts of armed men and several Doberman guard dogs that tour the whole farm at night."

Stickle said that farm insurance will not cover the loss of his livestock due to such killings. "There's no insurance to cover this. Definitely not!" Stickle exclaimed.

According to Stickle, mutilations of farm animals are not new, nor are they isolated to his stock. "They happen all the time, all over the country," he stated. He speculated that the killings may be the work of a religious cult.

JOURNAL-EUREKA, Anamosa, IA - Oct. 15, 1980 CR: T. Adams

Fishermen Report Seeing Chessie

By Albert Oetgen

Times-Dispatch State Staff

REEDVILLE — Chessie, the wandering sea monster, has been spotted again — this time by fishing parties on four charter boats off Smith Point in the Chesapeake Bay.

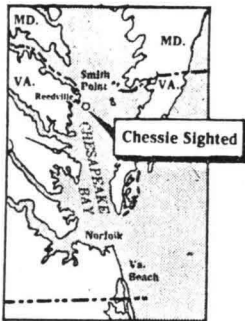
About 25 people in the boats were fishing off the east end of Northumberland County when the creature first was seen, shortly after noon Sept. 28. Accounts of the sighting were not widely circulated until this week.

It is the first reported sighting of the large serpentlike creature since early September, when two Maryland residents reported seeing a similar creature about 80 miles north of Smith Point near Stevensville, Md., in Eastern Bay, off the Chesapeake.

Bill Jenkins, captain of the Miss Cathy II of Reedville, said three of his six passengers reported seeing the creature.

"It was a serpentlike thing," he said. "It was swimming with its head out and then it started toward my boat."

Like other witnesses to Chessie's occasional flir-



tations with pleasure boats, Jenkins said he thought at first it was a turtle. "I've been a charter boat captain for 35 years," he said. "I've seen a lot of porpoises and turtles. This was different."

"Another boat called my attention to it," Jenkins said. "We started kidding one another that it was about to eat Don Kuykendall's boat, then it began heading for my boat and we made out like we were going to gaff it, but you couldn't have done that. It was too big."

Kuykendall's wife said four of the seven people on her husband's boat — including her — saw the creature also. Kuykendall got the best look at it, she said, and he also described the head as being turtlelike.

There was no camera on any of the four boats. "It came pretty close to our boat," Mrs. Kuykendall said. "I was in the stern. When they saw it, they were in the bow."

"There's really not all that much to say," she said. "It was just a thing out there. It turned up a whole lot of water."

According to several people who heard Kuykendall's description, the creature's head weighed about

50 pounds and the serpent had a tail as large as a human thigh. Its head and back were spiked and it rolled over to look at the boat captain before diving, witnesses said.

Donald Markwith, captain of the Midnight Sun, had eight passengers but thinks he was the only member of his party to see Chessie. "Its head was larger than a football but not larger than a basketball," Markwith said. "It resembled a turtle, but I only saw it momentarily."

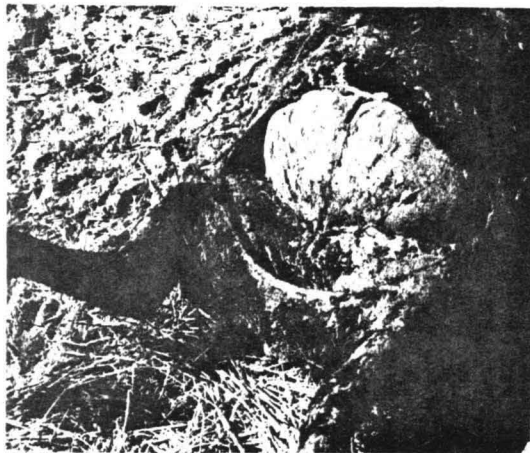
Markwith said he was skeptical of reports that a strange creature was roaming the Chesapeake and its estuaries, until Westmoreland County farmer Goodwin Muse said he saw it off Coles Point earlier this summer.

Jenkins, who is Muse's brother-in-law, said the creature he saw that Sunday fit the description of a serpentlike animal given by Muse several months ago.

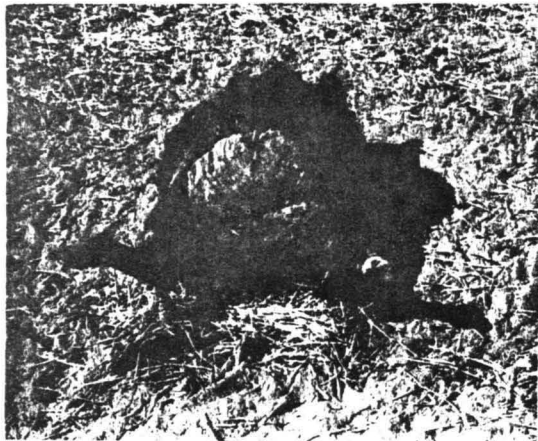
Sightings of Chessie were reported in 1978, but the creature apparently was absent from the waters in 1979.

However, there have been several reports of people seeing the monster and not wanting to talk publicly about it.

BENNETT CO. BOOSTER, Martin, SD - Oct. 9, 1980 CR: P. Guttilla & T. Adams



500-lb. steer found Thursday morning.



450-lb. heifer found Friday morning.

Livestock Mutilations Are Probed

Two instances of livestock mutilation occurred in Bennett county the latter part of last week in the Al Riggs pasture east of Allen.

A 500-lb. Angus steer was found by Riggs Thursday morning, October 2, on its back, dead and with the sex organs removed. Riggs says he checked the pasture late Wednesday and saw no indication of any problem with any of the stock.

When he found the steer, Riggs advises, it was evident the mutilation had taken place some time during the night. There were, however, no human foot prints, no horse tracks and no vehicle marks in or out of the pasture or around the scene.

The meat of the animal was not taken or disturbed. Upon closer examination, Riggs found only a neck injury on the steer that he surmises might have paralyzed the animal.

The next morning (Friday, October 3) Riggs found a 450-lb. Angus heifer in the same pasture that had been mutilated in a manner so identical that it is difficult to determine any differences. It is unknown what kind of instrument could have been used, but it must have been very sharp and must have been handled in a professional manner in order to get exactly the same result on both animals.

In order to get to the Riggs

pasture from any direction it is necessary to cross several other pastures all of which are occupied by herds of cattle.

Special investigators have been called in and are working on the case.

Riggs is also offering a \$250 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the guilty party or parties. Such information may be given to County Sheriff Dane Claussen or to Riggs.

FLEMING CO. GAZETTE, Flemingsburg, KY - Oct. 15, 1980

BIGFOOT?

Citizens in surrounding areas have reported seeing "Bigfoot" and he may have been in this area Friday evening on Kentucky 68.

Sheriff G. W. White and deputies Jerel Purcell, Tommy Hughes and Gary Conley were called to a trailer around 9:45 p.m. October 10 when the owner reported a "prowler around the back porch," who ransacked the deep freeze taking several food items.

An official from the Sheriff's office said, "The man said he heard a growling noise and what he saw

looked about seven feet tall." The law officials tracked "the prowler's path" through the woods and down to a creek where they found some of the missing items.

The case is presently under investigation.

STAR, Indianapolis, IN - Oct. 14, 1980 CR: C. Jones

Ohio Bigfoot Sightings Attributed To Weirdos

Athens, Ohio (UPI) — A zoologist said Monday that reported sightings of Bigfoot can be attributed to "some weirdo psychology" and claimed signs of the creature in the hills of Southern Ohio were "totally fake."

Gerald Svendsen, a zoologist at Ohio University, spent several weeks checking reports of sightings and purported evidence of the creature in the hills near McArthur.

Several trackers and hunters have claimed they have seen signs of Bigfoot in the McArthur area and some said they have seen the creatures and others said they have heard them.

A family at Maysville, Ky., across the Ohio River from the Buckeye State, also reported seeing a large hairy creature resembling Bigfoot.

Svendsen said all the evidence he has seen in Ohio has been man-made and is "totally fake."

All the footprints he has been shown were dug out by hand, Svendsen said. "You can see the sand that was dug out alongside the track," he said. He said there are also "so many

things wrong with the footprints that anybody with any experience in functional anatomy or zoology would know that. "What we have is a small-footed Bigfoot with variable toes" from five to six at different sites, he said.

Svendsen said he was shown one site where the creature supposedly leaned down to drink from a stream. He said he could see the hind prints in the sand where the creature supposedly stood. From locations of the prints, Svendsen said the creature "had to be 18 feet tall."

He was also shown scratches on trees that "were not done by any primate." He said they were probably made with 16 or 20 pennynails.

Vinton County Game Protector James Jamison also said he has been in the woods near McArthur, checking reported evidence.

"I'm not saying there is no such thing as a Bigfoot, but I don't think we have a Bigfoot here," said Jamison.

"A lot of people believe it. Maybe some are seeing something," he said. "A person would be foolish to call them liars."

NEWS, Middlesex, MA - Oct. 12, 1980 CR: L. Coleman

Bigfoot may have kin

United Press International

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The head of Project Bigfoot in Seattle, Wash., says there are Bigfoot families in other areas of the nation besides the Pacific Northwest.

Jon Beckjord, told the Columbus Dispatch, that Bigfoot has existed in many other parts of the country.

Hunters say the creature has left signs in southern Ohio and one Bigfoot type creature was reported in Maysville, Ky., across the Ohio River from Ohio.

"There are families of Sasquatches (Bigfoot) spread all over the country," said Beckjord. "Just because one was seen in Ohio doesn't mean they migrated from Mount St. Helens."

"These families spread out for breeding purposes," he said.

He said an employee of the U.S. Forest Service discovered a large print in the wet ash around Mount St. Helen's.

"The point I'm making is that Bigfoot is everywhere and it's silly to

assume that there is only a couple," he said. "They'd die out because of a lack of breeding stock. It's just like it's silly to assume there's only one Loch Ness Monster."

Beckjord said there are several reasons why the creature has never been found or why a good photograph has never been taken.

"We've never found a dead one and we'll never be able to kill one," he said. "People have claimed they've killed one before, but they've never been able to find them."

"They seem to be a different type of life form, operating on a different type of chemical, physical and biological order than ordinary animals," he said. "They're a type of earthly alien."

"It looks like an animal, but I don't think it is," he said. "I don't feel it's an ape, or man, or an ape man. It's something completely different."

"But we'll never know for sure until we find one," he said.

Big Foot rumors sweeping Maysville

By JACK BRAMMER
Leader staff writer

Stories about "Big Foot" and UFOs are swirling faster than autumn winds these days in Mason County.

"Everybody's talking about these strange tales of cows' throats being slit and chickens missing and a Big Foot being responsible. That's all you're hearing around here," says *The Mirror* newspaper reporter Frances Stahl.

"It's wild. And I think there's going to be a lot more stories between now and Halloween," she added.

The rumor mill about a "Big Foot" creature started cranking last week in Maysville and rural Mason County after it was reported that a local farmer had seen a 7-foot-tall, hairy, white beast at his door.

Charles Fulton told Maysville radio station WFTM that he looked outside his house the night of Oct. 4 and saw a large creature holding one of his roosters.

The 39-year-old Fulton said he, his wife, his mother-in-law and four children were watching television when they were disturbed by a loud noise in front of the house.

He opened the front door of his small house on rural KY 596 (also known as Happy Ridge) and saw the creature. He said it had pink, animal-like eyes and appeared to weigh about 400 pounds.

He said he chased the creature, fired two shots at it and lost track of it behind his house.

Last Saturday, *The Mirror* published a story about a woman who said a "Big Foot" chased her around her car at the Central Shopping Center on U.S. 68, about two miles south of Maysville.

"The woman told us she was at the shopping center about 7 a.m. Friday to go to the laundromat," said Ms. Stahl. "She said the creature was similar to the one Fulton had described. She, too, said it was big and made a strange noise."

The newspaper did not publish the woman's name. "We told her we would not identify her. She was so upset," said Ms. Stahl.

Last Saturday night, rumors circulated on Maysville's West Second Street that police were investigating reports of unexplainable lights shining out of the sky on the Ohio River.

But Maysville Police Chief Doug Culp has dismissed those rumors.

"I haven't heard that story," said Culp. "I know it's getting crazy around here but that story is really strange."

A variety of explanations — none proven — has arisen for the strange stories.

Some people believe "Big Foot" is a man dressed up to scare bowhunters from trespassing on farmers' property this deer season.

Some people think "Big Foot" is a young, dressed-up friend of the boy who married Fulton's daughter on Oct. 3 and showed up the following night incorrectly thinking the new-laws were at the Fulton residence.

Another theory has "Big Foot" to be a family of creatures that has migrated south to escape a fierce winter.

LEADER, Lexington, KY - Oct. 14, 1980

POST, West Palm Beach, FL - Oct. 10, 1980 CR: N. Josephsen

A Real 'Bigfoot'

7-Foot Creature Unwelcome Sight to Kentuckians

MAYSVILLE, Ky. (UPI) — Anna Mae Saunders, still awed by the sight of "Bigfoot," said yesterday she doesn't want another look at the 7-foot creature covered with long, white hair she is certain she saw last week-end outside the home of her son-in-law in rural Mason County.

"I just hope that thing doesn't come back," said Mrs. Saunders, 60.

"I never saw anything like it in my life. It just looked like a big white, fuzzy thing standing there on the porch. I never saw its face; it was above the 7-foot-high door," she said.

Mrs. Saunders' son-in-law, Charles Fulton, said the creature had one of his roosters when he opened the door, but either dropped or threw it as it jumped off the porch.

He described the so-called "Bigfoot" as having long, white hair with "glowing animal-like eyes." Fulton, 39, went outside and saw it standing between the house and an outbuilding. He fired two shots with a .22-caliber pistol at the creature, but they seemed to have no effect.

"It loped off at a 'slow-motion kind of gallop,'" he said.

Fulton and his family were at their rural home in a heavily wooded area watching television Saturday night when one of the children came into the living room and said someone was turning the back door knob. Thinking the child was joking, Fulton made him sit and watch TV.

"A few minutes later, something liked to have torn my front door off," Fulton said.

He said he did not tell authorities about the sighting, because he feared no one would believe him. Mrs. Saunders and the three children said they also saw the creature from inside the house.

Fulton discounted the possibility the creature was a bear because of its upright position and said it definitely was not a man in costume.

Mrs. Saunders, who lives in a mobile home near the Fulton home, said, "I'm scared to death to stay by myself now. Whenever I go back to the trailer, I look in all directions."

She said there had been similar sightings recently in Aberdeen, Ohio, just across the Ohio River from Mason County.

Robert Gardiner, 40, a big game hunter for 20 years, is convinced he has found the lair of Bigfoot in the hills of southern Ohio near McArthur. He urged hunters to hold their fire if they see him.

Gardiner, a native of Lexington, Ky., and now a resident of Columbus, Ohio, is president of the North American Sasquatch (Bigfoot) Research Team and has been searching in the hills for more than a week.

Gardiner said an analyst, who examined blood samples taken from a tree in Wayne National Forest in Vinton County, described the samples as "ape-like humanoid blood."

Gardiner said he will have the blood analyzed again for a second opinion.

TIMES-JOURNAL, Olivia, MN - Oct. 16, 1980 CR: P. Guttilla Death of Holstein bull investigated

by Dean S. Acheson

The mutilation of a Holstein bull that may have died of a heavy dose of poison or chemical on a Troy Township farm is being investigated by the Renville County sheriff's department.

The discovery of the dead bull, whose reproductive organs had been mutilated, and whose right ear was cut off along with a cut left ear, was reported by the owner, Joe Jansen, to sheriff's deputies Oct. 7.

It was believed at first that the mutilation had been caused by an animal, but other reports point to a deliberate act by someone using a sharp knife, sources said.

A Renville veterinarian was called to the scene.

Blood samples from the two-year-old animal were sent to the state veterinarian lab at the University of Minnesota.

The dead animal was discovered in a pasture that's located about one mile south and five miles west of Olivia.

Value of the loss was placed at about \$1,000, according to the sheriff's department which is investigating the incident. No similar incidents have occurred in the county for the past half-dozen years, according to a veteran sheriff's deputy.

Sheriff Mike Zaske requested owners of livestock to check regularly their animals, especially those in the pasture. He also noted those farmers whose property are being used by illegal deer shiners to notify his office immediately so that game wardens can be sent to the scene.

Monster tale of one that got away

By DAVID LOVE

A PETERHEAD fishing crew have a monster tale to tell when they arrive home tomorrow morning.

They picked up Nessie on their sonar scanner — or did they?

The Budding Rose, an 80ft. dual-purpose fishing vessel, was on Loch Ness and switched on their scan to see if they could find anything.

They were eight miles past Fort Augustus, near Urquhart Castle, when they picked up a huge object on the screen, 720ft. down on the loch bed.

SKIPPER Jim Bruce, of 14 Waterside Way, Peterhead, amplified the reading and the sketchy shape showed something 80ft. to 100ft. long, reaching a height of 60ft.

Skipper Bruce said today: "We had heard that another vessel had picked something up. We switched on to see if we located the same thing, and there it was."

"It definitely isn't rocks or an inanimate object, it is fresh. I am not saying what I saw was the monster — I think it could be a huge shoal of fish, big enough to fill my boat and more."

Mate Andrew Summers, of 4 Rathen Road, Cairnbulg, said: "I think it could be a shoal of fish, but you never know."

"We have never had a mark like that in fresh water and have never picked up anything like that in Loch Ness. I wouldn't like to say it was the monster. It's something to tell the folks at home," Mr Summers said.

But they received a storm warning and decided to cut through the Caledonian Canal and Loch Ness to avoid the bad weather.

An expert at the Fresh Water Fisheries Laboratory in Pitlochry, said this morning: "To my knowledge there are no fish in Loch Ness which would congregate in a shoal big enough to produce a picture of those dimensions and at that depth."

"However, my knowledge of how accurate these scanners are and what they can pick up is limited and I could not venture an opinion on what the sonar has located."

EVENING EXPRESS, Aberdeen, Scotland - Oct. 9, 1980

Starr Has Case Of Mutilation

MONITOR, McAllen, TX - Nov. 2, 1980 CR: T. Adams

RIO GRANDE CITY —

The second recurrence in the past week of bizarre mutilation of cattle in the Valley, which plagued farmers and ranchers of the area in large numbers two years ago, was reported this weekend.

Lauro Lopez, of Triple L Ranch, five miles north of Rio Grande City on FM 755, reported he found one of his cows in the pasture mutilated. The tongue, udders and rear end had been carved out. He estimated the animal had been dead about two days. None of the remainder of his herd was harmed.

The first such incident of this season happened at the opposite end of the Valley in eastern Cameron County recently.

Lopez noted that two years ago, mutilation reports became widespread during and after cool, rainy weather, suggesting some similarity now, although he said he was able to find no logic in it.

He said he has reported the incident to the state tick inspector.

One story has "Big Foot" emerging from the bowels of the earth when an earthquake struck Maysville this summer.

And another story has circulated that "Big Foot" is an outer space creature. A woman called the Maysville police last Sunday and said three UFOs hovered over her house. An old man said the lights on the river Saturday night were UFOs bringing the creatures to earth.

"There have been all kinds of stories," said chief Culp, "but we have no evidence that any of them are true. I personally think some people are letting their imaginations get the best of them."

"It really makes for a bad situation because people are getting edgy and may start shooting at any strange noise they might hear."

Paul Fearis, manager of Maysville Sport Shop, said local people have not started arming themselves "because of the monsters."

"Most people I've talked to consider all this a joke," he said. "Maybe one out of 20 believe it. I sure don't."

Couple's TV look at monster mystery

By ANNE O'BRIEN

'Champ' May Be Primitive Whale, Opines Zoologist

BURLINGTON, Vt. (UPI) — "Champ," Lake Champlain's answer to the Loch Ness monster, may turn out to be a primitive whale thought to be extinct, according to a University of Chicago zoologist.

Dr. Roy Mackal said Sunday he is convinced that a 1977 photograph of the Lake Champlain monster is not a fake; he said the creature in the picture resembles a Zeuglodon, an ancient whale.

Mackal, who specializes in rare and extinct animals, said the dark gray, long-necked animal pictured in the photograph resembles a creature spotted in Okanagan Lake in British Columbia.

The photograph, which surfaced last week, was taken in July 1977 by Sandra and Anthony Mansi of New Haven, Conn., who have allowed it to be examined, but not reproduced.

"The leaves in the foreground, the perspective and the horizon on the far side — all that makes that picture a very difficult one to produce a fraud of," Mackal said.

"It's my personal opinion the picture is absolutely genuine in every respect," he said.

The picture is now undergoing laboratory analysis at the University of Arizona, Mackal said.

He dismissed theories that the Lake Champlain and Loch Ness monsters are both extinct reptiles known as plesiosaurs, saying he thinks it more likely the creatures are zeuglodon.

He said Lake Champlain, Lake Okanagan and Loch Ness all share a common characteristic — they are inland lakes connected to the ocean by rivers.

He said the zeuglodon, if they exist, may follow salmon runs upriver from the ocean.

THE incredible adventure of a Houghton couple who believe they filmed Nessie was told to millions of TV viewers this week.

Accountant Mr Peter Smith and his wife, Gwen, made national news last year with their 8mm film of what could be the elusive tenant of the murky Scottish loch.

And on Tuesday they appeared in an ITV mysteries programme to tell their incredible story. The couple, of Hinton Walk, Houghton Park, were visiting Loch Ness three years ago when they suddenly spotted a "black pillar" rising out of the waters.

"We were incredibly lucky to actually see something," said 34-year-old Peter.

"The thing just came up and my wife filmed it. It was very thick and it looked a bit like a horse's head."

"RAF experts measured it on the film and they say there was about two and a half feet of neck, but in fact at one point I'm sure it came out to about five or six feet."

The couple, who have two children, were interviewed about their experience for this week's programme in the Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World series.

Their film was shown on BBC-TV news last February after a lengthy investigation by RAF photographic experts.

Gwen, aged 29, was disappointed with the final product because son Gary, now aged four, jogged her arm during filming.

But Peter said: "It's amazing that Gwen had the presence of mind to film it at all."

The couple have not given up their search for the famous "monster" of the lonely loch.

"We will be going back there — but I don't suppose we'll ever see it again," said Peter.



● Gwen Smith pictured last year after snapping the monster.

DAILY OLYMPIAN, Olympia, WA - Oct. 21, 1980

CR: P. Guttilla

BUT THEY'RE ELUSIVE

Biggest Bigfoot Tracks Reported

YACOLT, Wash. (AP) — Daryl Cahoon says he thought Bigfoot was only a myth, until he went hunting and found several footprints he believes were made by the legendary creature.

But now, he says, he can't find the 30-inch-long, foot-wide prints.

The 30-year-old shake mill worker tried Monday, shadowed by curious reporters in a heavily wooded area 12 miles east of Yacolt.

"I know they were there," Cahoon said. "I don't just run around and taking off work and dragging my boss up there just to make up stories."

Cahoon said he and his cousin, Gary Cahoon, 39, found the prints while hunting Sunday near Weyerhaeuser Camp No. 6, about 30 miles northeast of Vancouver.

"We were just hunting deer and I was walking up this deer trail with my cousin," Cahoon said. "I just happened to look down and spotted this footprint." With the help of his cousin, two more prints were found, he added.

"I didn't believe in Bigfoot or nothing like that before, but when I saw them (the prints) I thought an awfully big man had to make these," Cahoon related.

Jon Beckjord, director of Project Bigfoot in Seattle, said he's "a little embarrassed" Cahoon was unable to locate the tracks, but still convinced "Bigfoot is alive and well at Mount St. Helens."

Cahoon said the tracks were found 20 miles south of the volcano.

It is the second report of tracks near St. Helens in two months, Beckjord said. A Forest Service employee reported finding an 18-inch track near Packwood Lake last month, he said.

"If the tracks are really as large as he says they are, they would be the largest reported in history," Beckjord added, noting the current Bigfoot print record is 25 inches in length.

Beckjord said he has encouraged Cahoon to try again to find the tracks. Cahoon said he'd be back on the Bigfoot trail Tuesday.

"I'll find the tracks, either that or I'll wander around up there until the snow falls," Cahoon promised.

LIGHT, San Antonio, TX - Nov. 12, 1980 CR: T. Adams

Death, Mutilation Of Pig Mystery

By DON HEATH and DANNY GARCIA
Light Staff Writers

Sheriff's investigators are baffled over the death and mutilation of a pig on the Southeast Bexar County farm of a San Antonio attorney.

But the perplexed investigators are not ready to attribute the animal's death to UFOs or witches.

The 50-pound shoat was found with its heart and reproductive organs removed with what investigators described as "surgical precision."

Investigators are comparing it with a series of deaths in the past few years of animals whose organs were removed after they were killed on lonely farm pastures during the night. Cultists and "space aliens" have been among those suspected for the unexplainable and bizarre executions.

Attorney Willie B. Snell told The Light he recently was checking his stock on his 11-acre farm near U.S. 87 and Loop 1604 in East Bexar

County when he discovered the shoat lying on its side in a weedy pasture.

The white Yorkshire's heart had been removed. A 24-inch incision beginning at the throat was discovered.

"The odd thing is that there was no blood around the wound," Snell said. "The hole was smooth and you couldn't see any bones or vital organs through the opening where the heart was removed."

Snell said vultures circled over but didn't touch the carcass. They usually pick clean any animals that die on his farm, he said.

He said none of the gates leading to the pig pen was opened, and no vehicle tracks were visible.

The animal had been cleaned, as if for an operation.

"I think it was more like a laser cut," Snell said, comparing the pig's fate to that of a steer whose heart was removed on a Rio Grande Valley ranch last week.

Sounds peculiar — crew trace Nessie

By GORDON FYFE and JOHN ROSS

A "MONSTER" sonar tracing picked up by a Peterhead fishing boat on passage through Loch Ness yesterday was still mystifying the experts last night.

After examining a picture of the tracing, Marconi International Marine's Aberdeen-based area sales manager Mr. David Anderson said:

"That could well be the monster lying on the bed of the loch... but, then again, it could be a lot of other things..."

Mr. Anderson, who has a long experience in interpreting sonar readings says that the topmost broad line on the fish-finder screen is the surface of the loch.

The next broad band represents the bed of the loch, topped by an elongated "bump" — the cause of all the excitement and speculation on board the Peterhead boat Budding Rose when skipper Jim Bruce switched on the fish-finding scanner as the vessel passed Urquhart Castle, near Drumnadrochit.

The third broad white band is a rebounded image of the loch bed, giving an even clearer view of the "bump". In the lower part of the screen, split by a dark horizontal line, the tapered shape shows a section of the object from a different angle and enlarged.

The snow effect at the top of the screen represents other smaller objects in the loch.

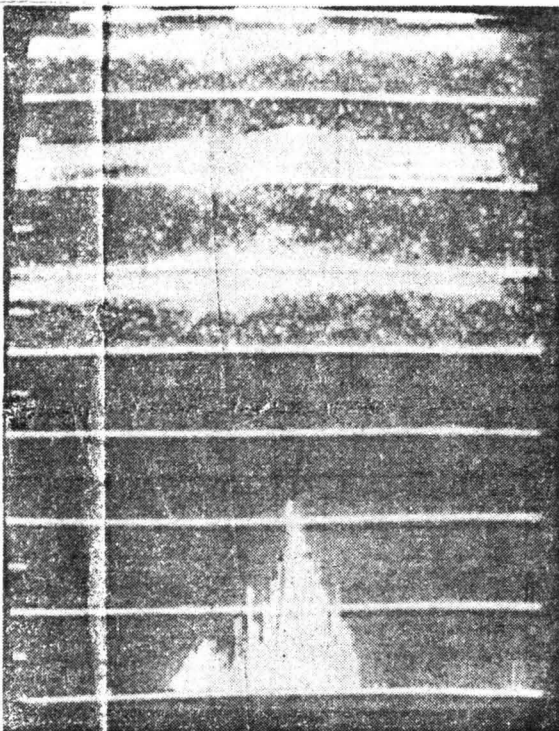
Like some other experts, Mr. Anderson does not believe a shoal of fish could have caused the tracing.

"There are plenty of salmon and other fish in the loch — some weighing 30lb. or more — but they never group together."

The 80ft. Budding Rose was crossing one of the deepest parts of the loch when Skipper Bruce, 14 Waterside Way, Peterhead, picked up the echo tracing of a remarkably large object at 700ft. It was 100ft. long and 60ft. high.

And he is certain the tracing was caused by something living.

He said: "I am not saying what I saw on the screen was the Loch Ness monster or monsters, but it must have been a huge shoal of fish, big enough to fill my boat and more."



"NESSIE" — as seen through the eyes of the sonar scanner.



SONAR expert Mr David Anderson with the graph taken at Loch Ness.



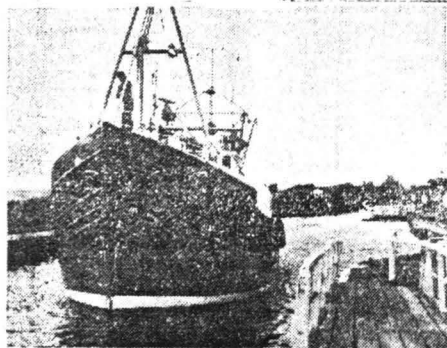
SKIPPER JIM BRUCE and mate Mr ANDREW SUMMERS.

"We switched on the scanner at about 6.30 a.m. after hearing that another vessel had picked up something large on their screen."

"The reading was something I would have expected to find in the open sea, but not in a fresh-water loch. It certainly was not a rock or the bottom of the loch."

The Budding Rose had just completed a spell of fishing on the West Coast after a visit to the Isle of Man.

It was only by chance that the vessel was making her way through Loch Ness and the Caledonian Canal. Bad weather forced them to cancel the tracing.



THE Budding Rose arrives at the locks at the head of the Caledonian Canal after her encounter with "Nessie".

their plans to return home via the Pentland Firth.

The possibility that a large shoal of fish caused the tracing was discounted by Dr. Harry Egglislaw, principal scientific officer with the Freshwater Fisheries Laboratory at Pitlochry.

He said: "I know of no occasion on which you could find such a large number of fish in fresh waters."

But Mr. Tony Harmsworth, curator of the Loch Ness exhibition at Drumnadrochit, reckons the object could have been created by a shoal of Arctic char. "If this can be ruled out, then there must have been several animals involved to create such a large echo."

He added: "I feel this evidence does not help identify the animals and just adds to the many pieces of data that something unusual is happening in Loch Ness."

Mr. Harmsworth said this was the first reported Nessie evidence by a fishing crew since 1954.

He recalled: "The last trace was also reported by a Peterhead vessel, called Rival III."

"The evidence seemed to be genuine at the time, but is now in dispute. We are making every effort to establish whether it is genuine or fake."

Since 1933 there have been an average of 100 to 200 reported sightings of the monster — this year only 14.

"The weather has been very poor this summer and I can recall very few days when the loch was calm. This could explain the dramatic drop in



Now I don't even need to surface to make a splash!

sightings," said Mr. Harmsworth.

Incidentally, Mr. Anderson, who interpreted the sonar tracing for "The Press and Journal", has previous experience of monster hunting.

In 1960, he spent two weeks on the loch with a BBC film crew making the programme "The Mystery of the Loch".

And, while there, he believes he had a close encounter with Nessie.

"We had been steaming up and down the loch for a while," he said, "and then just about 20 minutes before we went on the air we picked up this really big target on the scanner."

"It was similar in shape to a submarine but it dived away from our ship before we got a chance to get any closer."

"I certainly believe there is a monster there but it will remain a mystery for a while."

BY GARY SULLIVAN
Assistant Suburban/Bureau Editor

BLUE ASH — The huge hairy beast sighted this month in Vinton County, Ohio, probably isn't one of those things that were tossed up from its murky subterranean home by the July earthquake.

Now, wait a minute. Let's try that again.

The Para-Homnoid Research Group of Cincinnati is satisfied that the Bigfoot-type creature seen roaming around the southern Ohio county is probably not a Bigfoot, which is generally described as a hairy, man-like creature of undetermined origin.

But that's not to say the Bigfoots, or Bigfeet, reported recently in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana aren't the same creatures, theory holds, that were released from caverns when an earthquake shook the Tri-state area July 27.

RON SCHAFFNER, the 30-year-old re-

search director of the Para-Homnoid Research Group, is accustomed to some good-natured ribbing, so he doesn't take umbrage at the snickers bound to surface on the heels of his Bigfoot theories.

For several weeks, the Deer Park native has been checking out a flurry of Bigfoot sightings. The beast, which has never been proven to exist, has been reported in such places as Maysville, Ky., and McArthur, Ohio.

"The first major report was in April at Big Bone, (Ky.) then out of Mansfield (Ohio)," Schaffner said. "Then the earthquake came and sightings were reported in McArthur, Maysville and Fleming County."

"We have a theory that the mode of traveling for these people might be through underground caverns as opposed to streams or something like that. The United States is full of cavern systems," he said.

It may be no accident that sightings centered around Maysville — which was near the

epicenter of the earthquake, he said. And the earthquake may have sent the Bigfoot creatures running for safety.

SCHAFFNER CALLED *The Enquirer* Friday to report that the McArthur sighting produced a plaster cast of a foot, but the cast didn't fit descriptions of the creature seen at that site. And Schaffner's week in the Vinton County woods with trip-lines and special cameras produced — nothing.

Still, Schaffner is undaunted.

"We are a skeptical group," Schaffner said. "We are a very skeptical group. But we believe they really saw something."

He talks about infrared photography and special lights and plaster casts and half analysis. He's convinced that one day some solid evidence of a Bigfoot will turn up.

Right now his job is complicated by the all of the false sightings that are turning up,

In part, he says, because of some publicity-seeking troublemakers who don't take the subject seriously. The reports, in turn, send amateur Bigfoot hunters into the fields.

"We call this the vigilante factor, when local hunters come out with the guns, drink beer and get a little loopy. I'm surprised nobody's gotten killed yet. This thing happens all the time."

THE MAGE of drunken hunters shooting up the forests for a creature that might not exist doesn't amuse Schaffner at all, though his own experience with Bigfoots isn't direct. He's never seen one.

It's his guess that Bigfoot creatures are actually Neanderthal men who never got round to extinction. Or perhaps they are mixtures of men and apes, he suggested.

Para-Homnoid Research Group of Cincinnati meets each third Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Norwood.

Mutilations are called natural death

The laboratory tests of the steer found dead with its sex organs removed on the Don Stickle farm, rural Anamosa, Oct. 9, show that the animal died of natural causes.

According to Joe Mottisinger, Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) special agent investigating cattle mutilations, the 1,000-pound steer died from intestinal poisoning caused by the toxins of bacteria. Mottisinger said death from intestinal poisoning is fairly common for cattle.

The laboratory analysis also showed that the animal's sexual organs had been chewed away, and not cut. Mottisinger speculated that a small animal ate portions of the steer shortly after it died.

The last documented cattle mutilation in Iowa occurred May 12 in Washington County. Mottisinger said that the case was definitely a mutilation.

Mottisinger said evidence in the cases has led the DCI to believe the mutilations are the work of satanic cults.

TIMES UNION, Albany, NY - Nov. 23, 1980 CR: R. Girard

Camera catches Champlain 'monster'

Associated Press

BURLINGTON, Vt. — Champ, the elusive monster said to live in the murky waters of Lake Champlain, has been captured in living color on film, according to a New York man who has long

pursued proof of Champ's existence.

Joseph Zarzynski of Wilton, Saratoga County, has displayed the photograph, taken three years ago by a Connecticut couple, along with

statements from experts saying they're baffled by the pictures.

"I must say that the photo appeared real," said Charles Johnson, Vermont's state naturalist.

Sightings of Champ

have been reported more than 100 times in past years but the photograph of the monster is the closest sighting ever recorded on film.

The picture was taken three years ago by Anthony and Sandra Mansi,

who say they won't allow its publication until they meet with a business agent.

The photo, taken with a close-up lens at an estimated range of 150 feet, shows a dark animal with a long neck surfacing from underwater.

SHOTS FIRED AT INTRUDER IN FAIRVIEW

Bigfoot Tales Alarm, Amuse County

By DEAN MUSE

Has Bigfoot invaded Fleming County? Well, something definitely broke into J.L. Tumey's back porch last Friday night in Fairview. Tumey had just sat down to watch the baseball game on TV at about 8:15 when he heard a noise on the back porch of the trailer.

"At first I just thought that a dog had gotten in to the porch, but then it knocked something over," said Tumey. "That's when I grabbed my pistol. I ran out the front door and ran around to the back.

"That's when I saw what looked like a big man running towards the woods. I emptied my pistol at it as it ran."

TUMEY SAID that he then ran back into the trailer to get more bullets. When he ap-

proached an old stable behind the trailer, the creature ran out and started towards the woods. He fired two more times at it, but didn't hit it.

"It was very dark, so I really couldn't tell exactly what it was," said Tumey. "It stood up like a man and it was big, but it was so dark, about all I could see was a big shadow. It made a thumping noise as it ran."

Just after this, Mrs. Tumey came home. When her husband told her what had happened, she called Sheriff G.W. White. He and some of his deputies soon arrived, along with a crowd of people who had heard about it on their police scanners.

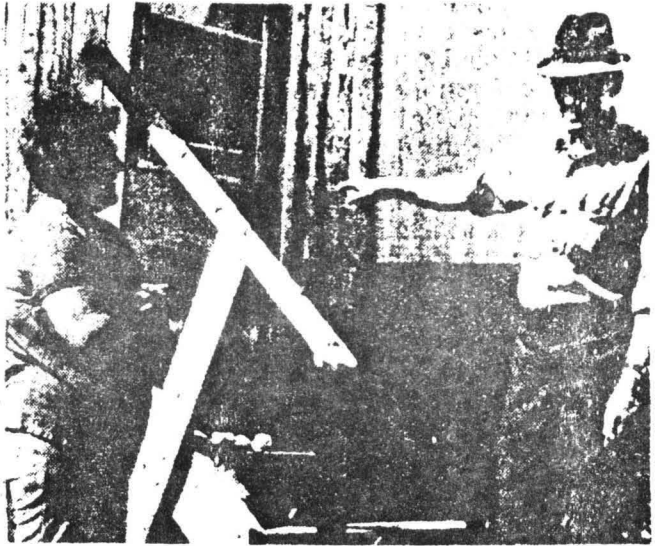
According to Mrs. Tumey, "About half of Ewing and

Fairview showed up with their guns to hunt the creature. It's a wonder somebody didn't get hurt."

PEOPLE STAYED on the scene until about 3 a.m., scouring the woods for clues. There was a freezer on the back porch, and pieces of frozen meat were found lying around the porch and in the back yard. Sheriff White found a package near the stable.

"I don't know if it was any Bigfoot or not," Tumey said. "It looked like a big man. It was dark and I couldn't see very well."

No clues were found that night, but the next day, Johnny Burke and Estill Helphensine found some unusual



ENTRY POINT- Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Tumey point to where the intruder entered their trailer home Friday night.



BIG FOOTPRINT- Whether it was Bigfoot or not, the person or think that left this footprint had a big foot. The print was found near the J.L. Tumey residence in Fairview.

TIMES-DEMOCRAT, Flemingsburg, KY

Oct. 15, 1980

tracks. They found some tracks where something had slid down a bank, and some more going up the side of another bank. The followed the prints along a gully deep into the woods.

That's when the found some clear prints in the wet sand. The tracks were described as being about 14 inches long and about six inches wide. They still were not clear enough to tell whether they were human or animal tracks, although the pair said the tracks weren't made by a boot or shoe, but were more like a track left by someone barefoot.

WHEN THE TUMEY family started straightening up their back porch, they found another clue, some long white hairs left on the door, knob and the freezer. They were sent off by the sheriff's department for analysis.

Nobody seems to know what it was. Some think it was a man, other say it was an animal, while still others said it was Bigfoot.

There was a similar sighting in Mason County the previous week. Charles Fulton opened his door and looked out on what he described as a large, white, hairy creature holding a chicken. Fulton fired two shots, but the creature ran off into the night. The incident occurred Oct. 4.

A SIMILAR SIGHTING took place in Vinton County, Ohio, the week before. A hunter apparently saw a creature in the woods and fired a number of shots at it.

Is it for real? Something or somebody did enter Tumey's back porch. Two loaves of bread, a frozen chicken and a package of hotdogs are missing from his freezer. But was the thief man or beast?

"If it was a man, he must have been awfully hungry to break in while I was in the house," Tumey said. "A regular animal, like a bear or a dog, couldn't have opened up the freezer and carried those packages."

Some people have said that Bigfoot is nothing more than a product of imagination and fears. A teen-age girl said she thought it was just something made up by parents to keep their kids from going parking. Others have taken it seriously.

Mysterious Animal May Be Dinosaur

CHICAGO (UPI) — A mysterious elephant-sized animal with claws, a long neck and tail seen in the swampy jungles of western Africa may be a dinosaur, an expert on "hidden animals" said Tuesday.

Scientist Roy Mackal of the University of Chicago said inhabitants of a remote section of the Congo call the swamp-dwelling beast "Mokele-Mbembe" and describe it as 15- to 30-foot long with large, clawed feet and lengthy neck and tail. "We don't know exactly what it is we're talking about," Mackal said. "A small dinosaur fits the picture. But we hesitate to claim that. You can make an equally good case for a large monitor lizard."

Mackal wrote a book of "hidden animals" and has been searching for Scotland's legendary Loch Ness monster for more than a decade.

He and James Powell, a herpetologist living in Plainview, Texas, spent February traveling through swampy jungles in a largely unmapped area, asking the inhabitants about Mokele-Mbembe. They plan to return next August.

Mackal and Powell did not see any of the creatures, but the natives told them the animals have smooth, brownish-gray skin, a long flexible neck, a very long tail and three-clawed feet as big as frying pans.

"We would show them picture books of normal animals — buffalo, elephants — and they would identify them. We would also show them pictures of reconstructions of extinct animals. When they saw a picture of the Brontosaurus, or of any of the sauropods, they pointed at it and called it Mokele-Mbembe."

"The response cut across all ethnic, geographic, cultural and educational lines. We admit we're biased by the consistency of the description — we think it's a real animal rather than a bogeyman type of thing." The brontosaurus and other

er dinosaurs are believed to have died out 70 million years ago.

Science 80 magazine, published by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said in an article printed Tuesday that the creatures reportedly feed on the nutlike fruit of a riverbank plant and keep to deep pools and submerged caves in the area.

Mackal said there have been reports on the creatures for two centuries. The best came in 1959, when Pygmies allegedly killed one that was disturbing their

fishing on Lake Tele. He and Powell have offered a reward for any bones from that animal.

The two researchers hope to return to the Congo on Aug. 1, 1981 at the start of the rainy season — and take their equipment into the remote area in dugout vessels to set up a base camp for the search.

"We believe now we're to the place where the animals are located if they are still around," Mackal said. "We're anxious to get back and see if the anecdotal ev-

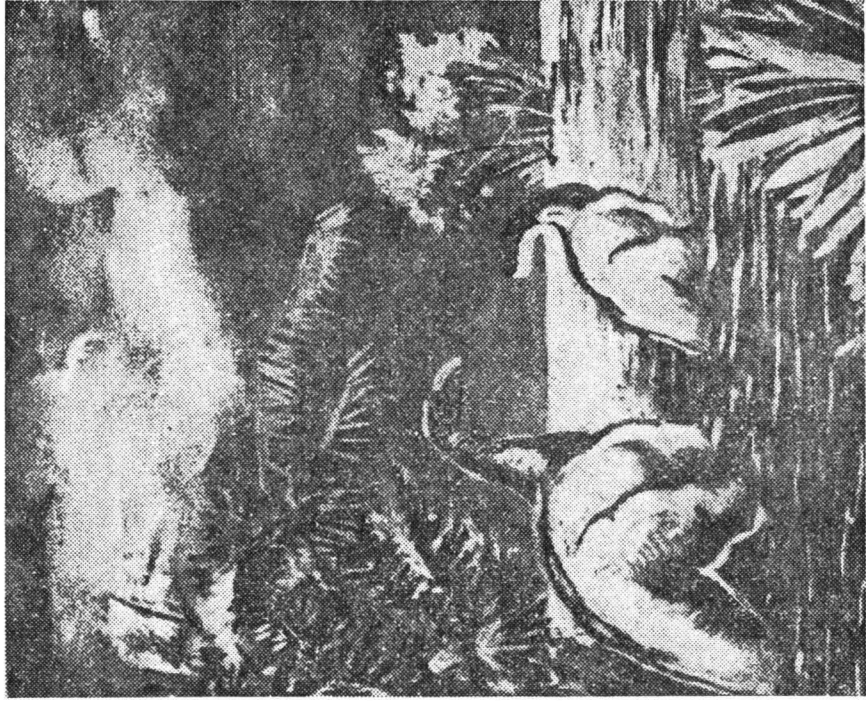
idence will turn into something."

The journey depends on the success of his recently published book entitled "Searching for Hidden Animals," said Mackal. The book describes "the 20 best bets for a follow-up among the thousands of reported unidentified animals," he said.

"All have some basis in fact, but they may be fantastic or trivial," he said, noting several discoveries in recent years of species believed to be extinct.

UPI Telephoto

Sketch of Brontosaurus Matched Africans' Description



Ranchers baffled by new wave of livestock mutilations

HEREFORD (AP) — West Texas Rancher Gary Lemons still is scratching his head over what — or who — killed a heifer he found neatly slit open, with its entrails removed and placed in a tidy pile beside the body.

Other ranchers in the Western United States and Canada, are baffled by incidents of livestock mutilation over the past five years. The FBI and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police have investigations under way.

Some officials attribute the deaths to predators, but Lemons and many other ranchers, don't believe animals killed their cattle.

"The hide was laid back after it was cut straight down two ribs — a perfect incision," Lemons said. "The meat was intact, but the heart was removed. The entrails lay in a neat little pile right beside the cow. It was just as clean a cut as I ever saw."

The 700-pound animal, found Friday 300 yards from Lemons' home, was taken to a rendering plant, where owner Garth Merrick examined the carcass.

"There is no animal that exists that could have done what was done to that cow," he said. "It was done with a knife or surgical tool. The cuts were

definitely not done by an animal."

Some cattlemen theorize that the cattle were killed by members of a religious cult that uses animal blood in its rituals, a possibility acknowledged by RCMP investigators.

"Texas has been quiet since 1975, except for a small wave of mutilations in Deaf Smith County a couple of years ago," said Tom Adams, a researcher who keeps extensive files on mutilations throughout the country.

"I don't accept much of any kind of theory in this field. I just gather information," he said. "It's all possibilities."

Sheriff's deputy Bill Henderson also examined Lemons' cow. He said predators usually do not attack a downed animal where the hide is thick. Coyotes usually eat the anus and abdomen of a carcass, he said.

Henderson said it appeared that two of the cow's four teats "may have been cut" by a sharp instrument.

"I hate to think that people did this, but I've run into weirder things," he added.

In South Texas last week, ranchers Bill Heath of Harlingen and Lauro Lopez of Rio Grande City lost cattle in similar ways. The hearts were re-

moved from the carcasses of both animals in the same way the heart was taken from Lemons' heifer.

"It looked like someone had heated up a 6-inch pipe red hot and then bored it into the shoulder all the way to the chest cavity," said Heath, who has a degree in animal science. "I wish someone would explain it to me. It's the strangest thing."

Heath also had cattle mutilated in 1975 and 1978. He says after the cattle were killed, buzzards and coyotes would not touch the carcasses, making the killings even more bizarre.

In Colorado, 30 cases of animal mu-

tilations have been documented by a Denver television station.

The problem became so widespread in New Mexico last year that a public hearing was called by U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmidt. At the hearing in Albuquerque, U.S. Attorney R.E. Thompson said the mutilations were "a bizarre series of crimes that seem to be organized in a pattern."

"I would not discount the idea of some cult group doing this," Thompson said Friday. "I think most were done by predators, but not all. I certainly believe some were done by humans."

Laser beam suspected in mysterious bull death

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LAGUNA VISTA, Texas (UPI) — Vultures wheeling in the south Texas sky won't go near the thing, and rancher Bill Heath's dogs become agitated when they accompany him to the decaying carcass of a bull killed by what Heath says was a laser beam.

It is no Halloween story. Heath, who has a degree in animal science from Texas A&M, said he discovered the 1,100-pound Charolais bull lying on its side at his ranch near Laguna Vista earlier this week. A clean hole had been cut in the animal's side and its heart had been removed.

The mutilation was the third to occur on the Heath ranch in a two-year period. He can't explain the reason for the livestock deaths, and he has ruled out rustlers.

"If it had been rustlers, they would have cut away the whole hindquarter," he said. "I'd say this bull was killed for research," hinting that the animal's death may have other-world implications.

"Why won't the buzzards touch the carcass? Even my dogs won't get up close; they'll get about 10 feet away, then turn tail and run back to the truck," the ranchers said Thursday.

He recalled how he discovered the latest mutilation.

"I was checking my cows when I saw one of my best bulls lying on its side. Judging from the tracks, it looked like the bull kicked once with its left hind leg, then flopped over on its left side," Heath said.

"Rigor mortis had already set in on the hindquarters, but the bull was still limber up front where the incision was made. The hole was perfectly round and about 6 inches wide," he continued.

"The incision looked like one continuous cut, and the tissue inside the wound looked like it had been seared. You could see the trachea and esophagus."

Heath, who has dissected cattle in the labora-

tory, said the cut could not have been made with a scalpel, insisting that evidence points more toward the use of a laser beam.

"The angle of the incision was done at a 45-degree angle," the rancher said, and there were no jagged edges like the tissue had been sliced. There was no sign of blood. Everything seemed to have been seared."

Heath said there were no unusual tracks left in the muddy pasture by whoever killed the bull.

"That bull was wild. No one could have walked up on him," Heath said. "It would have taken a helicopter to catch him out there."

The rancher said the bizarre death closely resembles the series of cattle mutilations that occurred in south and west Texas in 1975 and again two years ago, when two of Heath's bulls were killed. The value of a bull is anywhere from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

The first bull's tongue, lips, reproductive organs, heart and eyes were removed by what appeared to be clean incisions, he said. The second bull's blood was completely drained from its body.

"Most people just shook their heads," said the rancher. "Cattlemen, the sheriff's department and Texas Rangers didn't know what to say."

"At first, we thought it was a religious cult (mutilating the animals as part of rituals). After the first mutilation, we staked out the ranch, but no one showed up. The night we left was the night the second bull was killed."

Texas Ranger Bruce Casteel of Harlingen was one of several state and local officers who investigated the outbreak of mutilations in 1978.

"Most of the cattle I looked at, I would say had been mutilated, if that's what you want to call it, by varmints — like coyotes," the Texas Ranger said Thursday. "I didn't go out and look at all of them, and I didn't see the ones Heath is talking about."

Mutilation pattern puzzles ranchers

By BILL DEENER
and SCOTT PARKS

The third baffling mutilation of a Texas ranch animal in the last 10 days — a 700-pound heifer with her heart, tongue, one eyelid and other body parts removed — was reported Friday morning by the Deaf Smith County Sheriff's Department.

The mutilation in the Panhandle town of Hereford occurred 600 miles from the previous two cases in South Texas last week, but the mutilations of all three animals were similar. All three ranchers involved believe the removal of the animals' organs was not done by animals or birds.

Within the last five years, hundreds of head of livestock have been mutilated on ranches in Western and Southwestern states and in Canada. But no one has been able to determine who or what mutilated the livestock.

Only sporadic reports of animal mutilations have been reported in Texas in the last three or four years.

But every time a mutilation comes to light, speculation immediately focuses on the possibility they are the work of an underground religious cult that uses animal blood in rituals.

The cult theory is believed by investigators of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

"Texas has been quiet since 1975, except for a small wave of mutilations in Deaf Smith County a couple of years ago," said Tom Adams, a Paris, Lamar County, researcher who keeps extensive files on mutilations throughout the country. "I don't accept much of any kind of theory in this field. I just gather information. It's all just possibilities."

The heifer was found early Friday about 300 yards from the house of rancher Gary Lemons.

"The hide was laid back after it was cut straight down two ribs — a perfect incision," Lemons said. "The meat was intact, but the heart was removed. The entrails lay in a neat little pile right beside the cow. It was just as clean a cut as I ever saw."

The carcass was removed from the scene before sheriff's deputies arrived and was taken to a rendering plant that makes dog food. It was examined by plant owner Garth Merrick, whose business handles hundreds of dead cattle daily.

"There is no animal that exists that could have done what was done to that cow," Merrick said. "It was done with a knife or some surgical tool. The cuts definitely were not done by an animal."

The heart of the animal was removed through an 8-inch circular hole in the shoulder, Merrick said.

Sheriff's Deputy Bill Henderson also examined the animal, and he acknowledged coyotes and other predators do not usually attack a downed animal where the hide is thick. Coyotes usually eat the anus and belly from a carcass, he said.

Henderson, while contending some of the damage to the carcass was done by predators, said two of the cow's four nipples "may have been cut" by a sharp instrument.

"I'd have to say an animal did it, though," Henderson said. "I just look at it and try to explain it in a rational way. I hate to think people did this, but I've run into weirder things than this."

In South Texas last week, the hearts were removed from the carcass of a bull owned by Bill Heath of Harlingen, Cameron County, and from a heifer owned by Lauro Lopez of Rio Grande City, Starr County.

The incisions in both cases were similar.

"It looked like someone had heated up a 6-inch pipe red hot and then bored it into the shoulder all the way to the chest cavity," said Heath, who has a degree in animal science. "I wish someone would explain it to me. It's the strangest thing."

Heath, who also lost cattle to mutilations in 1975 and 1978, said buzzards and coyotes have shied away from the animal since he found it Oct. 26, making the case even stranger.

Lopez saw no sign of a struggle around the area where he found his prize Brahma heifer, which had its anus, tongue, testis and heart cut out. When asked if predators could have been responsible, he said, "But it was so neatly done. There was no blood left."

None of the three dead animals were examined by a veterinarian, but some of the most inexplicable cases in other parts of the country have been investigated by veterinarians.

One of the most unusual cases occurred in late 1978 on the Durango, Colo., ranch of Roland Bartel. According to the veterinarian's report, the calf was mutilated in the following manner: It was tranquilized then completely washed and dried. The animal's blood was removed — while

the animal was standing — with a large-gauge needle inserted into the jugular vein.

In this anesthetized state, the report says, "the animal's own heart will continue to function and act as a pump until nearly all its blood has been drained."

Then the animal's left eye, anus and sex organs were severed with a sharp cutting instrument "in a practiced fashion."

The veterinarian, Dr. William J. Fitzgerald of Durango, concluded it would have taken a minimum of two persons one to two hours to accomplish the task.

The necropsy report said the removal of the blood in this fashion is only practiced by persons familiar with the teaching of anatomy.

Linda Howe, a special projects reporter for a Denver television station, said she has documented 30 cases of animal mutilation in Colorado so far this year and said there probably are many more.

"I spent a year working on this exclusively since September 1979, and the only thing I can tell you is that there is no generalization you can make," she said. "Some were predators, but others most certainly were not. It is the most confusing thing I've ever looked at."

The mutilation problem became so severe in New Mexico last year that U.S. Sen. Harrison Schmidt held a public hearing in Albuquerque.

At the hearing, U.S. Atty. R.E. Thompson called the mutilations "a bizarre series of crimes that appear to be organized into a pattern of events and people that bring us here today."

As a result of the hearing, the FBI began an investigation into the mutilations. The investigation has not been completed.

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Deputies looking for satanic cult

ST. JOSEPH (AP) — Two recent reports of animal mutilation have prompted an investigation by the Buchanan County sheriff's office of the possibility of a satanic cult operating in the county.

The incidents occurred at the Van-Hoozer Feed Lot south of St. Joseph. They were reported by Bill and Gene Van-Hoozer, who operate the lot. The most recent instance was Thursday; the other occurred in late November.

The latest reported mutilation in-

involved cutting off an ear of a 350-pound heifer and an apparent attempt to cut off the other ear. Police Lt. Dale Lemmon said the animal survived.

On Nov. 24, a calf at the feedlot was killed with a knife and another was mutilated, Lemmon said.

About two months ago, a resident reported seeing a group of people dressed in dirty sheets conducting what appeared to be some kind of religious ceremony in a cave north of St. Joseph.

Sheriff's deputies checked the cave and found white crosses painted inside. There also was a sign, made with black paint, that read "Sabbath."

Arrows marking the way toward another opening were painted along the sides of the cave. About that time, an open grave was found in an abandoned cemetery nearby. No remains were in the grave, although there was a headstone. There have been no complaints to officials of any graves being disturbed.

LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT, Conway, AR - Nov. 14, 1980

New cattle mutilations are reported

By LYLE HAMMONS

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The first report of mutilated cattle in Faulkner County in over five months and the second since a rash of the incidents were reported over a year ago was made recently.

Sheriff Charles Castleberry said that his brother-in-law, W. L. Harrington, reported that he found two of his Herefords dead early this month. An 800-pound cow had its tongue missing (apparently cut out) and a 400-pound calf was found with its left eye missing and its tongue also apparently cut out. The animals were found in a field on Harrington's farm about two miles west of Greenbrier.

No footprints or vehicle tracks were found in the area, Castleberry said. No wounds were evident on the cattle. The animals appeared to have been killed the night before.

This was the first such report of cattle found dead with body parts missing, apparently carefully cut and removed, since late in June.

Many such incidents were reported in June, July and August of 1979.

Castleberry said that rumors abound as to the cause of these mutilations, though absolutely no evidence is available.

"You know, some say it's one of those religious cults that may be doing this, as a part of their rites," Castleberry said, skeptically. "But I would hate to walk up alone on one of these people who would do something like this. They say they won't be taken alive."

Many reports last year also said the blood was removed from the mutilated cattle. Castleberry said he did not check for this on these cattle.

The reports began in June 1979 in Conway and Van Buren counties and elsewhere in northern Arkansas. By June 24 one was found by a man in the county near the community of Republican.

A total of six cattle were found in the county until Aug. 27, when an 8-month-old heifer was found

by a Pleasant Valley man. No more of the strange incidents were reported until a new-born calf was found, again near Republican, about six months ago with its left eye and tongue and other internal organs missing.

One eye, one ear and the tongue were reported missing in most of the incidents. Other cattle were found to be missing sexual organs, udders, the heart and other organs.

Many people at this time reported "mysterious helicopters" in the areas before the mutilated cattle were found, but no link between the aircraft and the incidents was ever found.

Investigations from the Arkansas State Police and two Morrilton veterinarians revealed that most of the damage was not done with surgical instruments, but with the sharp beaks of buzzards and the implacable work of flies and other scavengers.

Tissue from one cow found near Saffillo was sent to Dr. Fahmy

Malak, the state medical examiner. Castleberry said today that Malak said the blood in the animal had been removed and that the organs removed had apparently been cut with a sharp instrument.

But, one of the veterinarians said the "mass hysteria" about the mutilations was attributable to the fact that such reports were simply "fashionable right now."

The fashion may have leaked into Arkansas from other states about that time, especially from Arizona where a great many of the mutilations had been reported.

Speculation as to cause ran rampant there as well. The most popular cause was flying saucers.

Recent investigations reported in a national magazine have indicated that many of the mutilations were indeed done with sharp instruments and surgical care. But no evidence has indicated the incidents were more than pranks by knife-toting vandals.



—Staff Photos by Larry Miller

SOLOMAN JONES and James Abrams point out strange imprints in the ground.

Strange Footprints Appear at 'Dump'

It has been said that almost anything can be found at the site of a sanitary landfill and this appeared to hold true Wednesday at the landfill near Plumerville.

Soloman Jones and James Abrams found a round imprint in the ground which they could not explain.

The imprints, about nine feet apart, were about 10 inches wide with a raised portion in the center.

Abrams and Soloman first thought that they were

caused by something that had been become caught in the tracks of a bulldozer but then discovered that the imprints continued after the bulldozer tracks had stopped.

The strange imprints could be traced for a distance of more than 60 yards in relatively hard packed dirt, which indicated that considerable force had been used to make them.

Jones said the imprints were made after the landfill was closed Tuesday night.

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