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## UFO 'followed' two women home

MIDDLETOWN — Two Town of Wallkill women said Tuesday they are convinced an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) followed them home and they do not care if no one believes their story.

Andrea Stolfe said she and Margaret Klein first saw the triangular black object hovering over trees near Schutt Road and East Main Street, just outside the Middletown city limits, as she was driving both of them from her home in the Meadows development to Ms. Klein's home in Sootchtown.

She turned east on East Main Street and then onto Dunning Road to get another view, she said. The object then rose in silence, dropped back down and flew back towards the Meadows, Ms. Stolfe said.

After searching for about 15 minutes, they said they saw the 60-foot-long object some distance away out of the rear window of her car, she said. They tracked it awhile and then the "spaceship," as Ms. Stolfe called it, suddenly appeared overhead, with four lights shining beneath and

one huge beam in front that shone down on her car, she said.

"It was brighter than white. Like a blue light," she said. As they sped home, the object followed overhead, and it left with a loud hum after they rushed inside the house, Ms. Stolfe said.

The women reported it to state police, but one officer thought it was a Halloween prank, Ms. Klein said.

"I know what I saw," she and Ms. Stolfe said in unison. They said they believed the UFO was from another planet. After telling her strange tale, Ms. Stolfe said, "I'm convinced that we are not alone, and it's a comforting feeling."

She took the view that another intelligence in the universe could offer some help to our troubled civilization.

"Now when I drive my car, all I do is look at the sky," she said later.

A state trooper sent to investigate their story, reported in the police blotter, "No extra-terrestrials observed."

VALLEY NEWS, Elizabethtown, NY - Nov. 5, 1980

## UFO Reports Increase

Just before press time, there were further developments following up on the earlier sighting of a UFO by Donald Wood of Elizabethtown. The "airing" of the TV 3 news item on Monday evening regarding the UFO sighting, flushed out two other observers of similar phenomena, from Port Henry, who told of still more people in that area who had made many similar sightings in recent months.

Ms. Sylvia Lang and Dorothy Harvey, had read the earlier Valley News report of Wood's experience, and realized it lent credence to what they and others in their area had been sighting. They took no action at the time, lest they be ridiculed as observers often are. But, after the TV 3 report they decided there might be more to this than to be fearful. Acting on it, they came Tuesday morning to see Mr. Wood and compare notes on observations. Though the sightings were at different times and dates, they take on significance enough to make it practical to encourage others who might have made sightings themselves, come forth and enable comparisons, such as Mrs. Stewart reported earlier from Olmsteadville.

An even more significant outcome of the visit to Wood was their mention of the rumblings and shaking of houses windows that people in Port Henry vicinity have experienced more recently. Wood had also heard rumblings, unlike the blasts of nearby mining in North Lewis, which had been unexplained and had not been heavy truck passings or anything such. It seems the Port Henry people tend to associate this rumble phenomena with the abandoned mines in the vicinity, but since this would hardly account for being heard and felt in Elizabethtown, it is wondered whether others are hearing similar sounds and whether they might be traced to earth faults or pretend potential earthquakes in the mountain region.

The Valley News is willing to act as a "reporting center" for any who have had or might have future experiences similar to either of the above phenomena. Reporting of exact place of observation or place of experiencing rumblings, and the exact time, would facilitate coordination of the reports in one place, then their being "checked out" with authorities concerned, seismograph stations, or others, with the hopes of ultimately confirming or dispelling concerns that many people may have and been heretofore unwilling to report. Reports may be mailed to Valley News, Elizabethtown, N.Y. 12932 or phoned to 873-6368 as promptly as possible, particularly immediately after further sightings or rumblings. We will then update our readers when appropriate.

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SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ENTERPRISE, Wytheville, VA

Nov. 18, 1980

## Woman Watches Darting Light

[By DANNY GORDON, Staff Reporter]

In an exclusive interview last night with a young Wytheville woman, details were revealed concerning the sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object over the town of Wytheville nearly three weeks ago. The following is the young woman's account as told to this ENTERPRISE reporter last night: "I was awakened by the cat jumping on my pillow around 2:30 a.m. I got up, and saw a large, bright light hovering over Wytheville. I watched it for several minutes, making sure that I was awake. I called my brother to make sure that he saw it too, which he did. After watching it for another ten minutes I decided to call the Town Police. While I awaited the arrival of the patrol car, the object darted from place to place at a very fast pace. Once the policeman arrived, he admitted that the U.F.O. had also caught his eye prior to my call. The officer watched the U.F.O. for some time with me before it disappeared from view."

A check with the Wytheville Police Department concerning the incident, verified that the call was received and answered at an address on Eleventh Street. The investigating officer was not available for comment.

SIGNAL, Mt. Vernon, KY - Nov. 13, 1980

## UFO's Reported to State Police

State Police received a report Sunday evening, about 7:24 p.m. of UFO sightings near Livingston. State Police reported finding nothing in the area, however, Mrs. Ann Senters of Livingston reported to the Signal that her son first spotted the strange objects and called his father. Mrs. Senters said that by the time she went to look that, still visible to the naked eye, were four cylindrical-shaped objects with lights front and back and one large light in the center.

The objects reportedly were travelling a zig-zag pattern in a south westerly direction. According to Mrs. Senters, neighbors and a friend, that she called, who lives in Brodhead also saw the objects.

## UFO sighted in New Lenox

Two separate sightings of apparent unidentified flying objects were reported by the Will county sheriff's department late Monday and early Tuesday.

In the first incident, reported at 10:50 p.m. Monday, a New Lenox man said he observed an object hovering near his home, on Heatherway lane, in the Country Creek subdivision, for approximately 20 minutes.

He described the object as a green circular light flashing on and off, topped by a smaller, flashing green light.

At approximately 4:30 a.m. Tuesday, three sheriff's deputies reported another sighting at Briggs street and I-80 in Joliet.

The National UFO center in Seattle, Wash., was notified of the sightings, according to the sheriff's department. Officers who observed the second object were Lt. Karl Sicinski, Sgt. Jay Mau and Sgt. Gay Lubowski.

## Driver says she saw UFO shaped like 3 full moons

Police said a woman claimed she observed a UFO (unidentified flying object) that was shaped like three full moons while she was driving a car last night on I-84 near New Britain.

The object was still growing in the sky when sighted by the driver and her mother at about 9 p.m., according to the police report.

The driver said she momentarily tried to follow the object before it disappeared. She other UFO sightings were reported last night.

## Watch two UFOs over Lake Tomahawk

Several persons reported seeing two unidentified flying objects over Lake Tomahawk about 10:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 26, near Kroh's Landing.

One of those who saw the objects told the Times they called the Minocqua Police Department and a squad was sent to the scene.

"The policeman watched it for 10 to 15 minutes, too," said Dale Kroh.

"Mrs. (Ruth) Klippel reported that she had seen several over the past few years," said Kroh. "I was at her house on the 25th when she, in a matter-of-fact way, said 'there's another UFO.' I looked outside and there was."

"It wasn't a star. The object was some three miles away and was reflecting on the lake. We looked at it through binoculars and it looked circular."

"The lights were flickering—red, green and white. Just as they were about to go out, the sequence would start again. And then it appeared to turn on an axis. We could see it was cone shaped. It was moving slowly. It was near the horizon then it moved to some 45 degrees in the sky."

They watched it for some one and a half hours. The object didn't make a sound, according to one witness.

Another object was then sighted at a distance of 10,000 feet. The second object appeared to circle the first one. It, too, featured a light display.

"This one was going about the speed of a plane, but it wasn't, as it circled the other object, changing directions."

Kroh added, "It was a very interesting evening, to say the least."

Mrs. Celeste Nowak also reported seeing the same two unidentified objects on Tuesday, Nov. 25. "They weren't stars," she said.

Mrs. Klippel told the Times on Monday, Dec. 1, that the object, whatever it was, was "cone shaped" with red and green flashing lights. "You could see the colors in the lake. I've never seen one this low before."

"It made no noise and just hovered for an hour and a half or so."

Mrs. Klippel said she has observed several unidentified flying objects within the past "three or four years."

"This is the first one I've seen this year," she said.

STAR, Oak Forest, IL  
Nov. 27, 1980

# North Missourians report strange lights in night sky

By SCOTT GORDON  
C-T Staff

In what was likened by one eyewitness as a replay of Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds", and by another as an episode of Star Trek, a number of north Missourians sighted strange, bright lights flying about in the skies over northern Livingston County and over several other adjacent counties Tuesday night.

The phenomenon has people all across the area buzzing today about the "flying saucers," seen either by themselves, their families or friends.

Close Encounters?

Regardless of how one explains it, "something" definitely was flying around the region, based on statements by dozens of eyewitnesses who reportedly swamped law enforcement and news agencies with telephone calls, telling of their own "close encounters."

Area sheriff's department and Highway Patrol airwaves were active with discussion of varying reports of the "lights in the sky."

Strangely, no reports were received by the Livingston County sheriff's department or the Chillicothe police department in connection with the sightings.

Residents of area towns as near to Chillicothe as Chula and Farmersville, to as distant as Kirksville and Huntsville sighted objects ranging in description from huge, cigar shapes to single, small, kite-like forms with lights at each corner to still others which noted one large object followed by a half-dozen small ones.

Began Around 9:30 P.M.

The first sightings were believed to have occurred between 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, according to a source at radio station KTTN in Trenton, who said he, too, saw one of the craft.

Reports came first from the areas of Ridgeway, Gilman City, Jamesport, Jameson, then Trenton, Laredo and Chula, the KTTN announcer said.

In fact, the calls of sightings came into the Trenton radio station so rapidly that additional help was reportedly needed to handle all of them.

Kite-Like, With Lights

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talked with several persons in the area who said they saw one or more of the flying craft, which were basically similar in description.

The most widely-reported configuration seen Tuesday night was that of a triangular shaped object with lights on each of the four corners, and a red light hanging down from the center on some type of appendage.

Wilda Ireland, who lives near the eastern edge of Chula, had this report when contacted by the C-T:

"My daughter saw it first, when she looked out the window, and she called for me to come and look. When we first saw it, it was coming from the southwest, and looked like two headlights placed close together."

"Then, as it got closer to the house and went over the north side, we went out into the yard and saw the shape of it."

"It looked like a kite, with lights on all points and a red light hanging down from the center."

From there, Mrs. Ireland said, the object disappeared from view.

"Later, my son called and told me to look out to the east, where we saw two very bright lights, like the headlights close together, and other lights. It was going west at that time," Mrs. Ireland said.

The Chula resident said that she was not frightened of the object, which showed steady lights and made a slight humming sound when it went over the town for the second time.

Mrs. Ireland said her son saw the object through binoculars, and that he said there were short, stubby wings on the object's sides.

A resident of the lake area in Trenton, Steve Palmer, reportedly also saw the craft through binoculars, and described the object as a triangle with three lights and a red light in the center.

Palmer was one of the few who saw short, wing-like protrusions on one of the craft.

"It looked like it had two short, stubby wings," Palmer said, "and something with a red light was hanging from the center. There were lights at the front, and they were blinking. It looked like something out of Star Trek."

Other eyewitnesses reported seeing one of the objects jettison another flying

craft while in midair.

Unidentified Flying Objects Robert Gribble, an official with the Phenomenal Research Center, based in Seattle, Washington, said that a large, cylindrical object was spotted over Huntsville, near Moberly, at 10:45 p.m. Tuesday, which ejected several smaller craft.

"Two witnesses said it was similar in shape to a huge cigar with swept wings, and passed overhead with a rumbling sound. Then, about six objects smaller than it flew out of an opening in the rear of the craft and flew off in opposite directions at high rates of speed."

"At this point," Gribble said, "the Missouri sightings would have to be classified as unidentified flying objects."

According to KTTN, officials at Strategic Air Command headquarters in Omaha and at Scott Air Force Base in Belleville, Illinois reported that no military planes were operating in the northern Missouri area Tuesday night, and no flight plans had been logged at the Trenton Municipal Airport.

Some Dismissed The Sightings

Despite the large number of reports, their similarities and the wide area in which sightings were made, some sources discounted the reports of unidentified flying objects.

The Associated Press said that an officer with Troop B of the Highway Patrol in Macon, C.L. Harlan, said his office received a number of calls about unidentified flying objects but that he believed they were seeing only airplanes. Harlan said he saw an object himself, and believed there was nothing to be alarmed about.

Harlan reportedly said that the brightly-lit object was probably a military aircraft on maneuvers.

Regardless of any hypothesis on the type or origin of the craft seen Tuesday night over northern Missouri, one can be certain that the eyewitnesses and others will be watching the nighttime sky with an increased interest in the coming weeks.

# UFO Investigator Visits Yreka Area

YREKA — UFO Investigator Paul C. Cerny of Mountain View took time out from a fishing trip on the Klamath River last week to check into recent reports of UFO sightings in the Siskiyou County area.

Cerny, a mechanical engineer who has spent 24 years investigating UFO phenomena, is no stranger to the area. He has traveled here before to interview persons in the Mount Shasta and Happy Camp locales who claim to have observed out-of-this-world spacecrafts.

Cerny said, "I know the freeway like the back of my hand I've been up here so many times."

As the Western States director for the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and a special investigator for the Center for UFO Studies, Cerny was particularly interested in reports of two strange lights seen in Northern California, Oregon, Washington and Montana on election night this month.

A spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command in Colorado Springs, Colo., told reporters that a Soviet rocket breaking up during re-entry into the earth's atmosphere was apparently what many persons saw that night.

Pilots also reported seeing the lights to FAA authorities in Oakland. The National Weather Service station in Salt Lake City reportedly attributed the lights to a meteor shower.

Cerny says don't believe what the military tells you.

He states, "Do not bother the military with reports, they are no longer investigating UFO sightings and will only refer you to law enforcement agencies."

Cerny talked with Ken Overman, 21, of Yreka who was among those who saw the two lights streaking across the sky on that clear, Tuesday night. Overman and a friend were walking downtown on Butte Street in Yreka at about 8 p.m. when his companion pointed out the lights.

Overman said, "We watched it gradually cruise along toward Paradise Craggy. One of them disappeared and we watched the other one for 10 or 15 seconds, then it disappeared."

He said the lights were traveling at the same speed of an airplane but were definitely not the running lights of an aircraft. He said it was noiseless at an estimated distance of about 1,000 feet and believes it shifted its path toward the same direction at one point in their approximate four-minute sighting.

Overman and his friend were not the only ones reporting the sighting. The Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office received several calls from persons in the McCloud area who reported seeing a UFO at about 7:15 p.m. Nov. 4.

Jane Freshour, 38, of Beaver Creek also reported seeing two lights traveling in unison in the night sky at about 7:30 p.m. She said she was in her auto waiting to pick her husband up from work about two miles from Horse Creek when the lights appeared.

She said, "I thought to myself there's an airplane." But she discounted her first impression after noticing the lights were too big for a plane.

She said, "It moved a little



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bit back and forth." Freshour added, "I know it wasn't an airplane."

She remembers the bright lights were the color of a light-bulb and heading north-east. "They came straight at me and floated around," she said.

Both Freshour and Overman say they were not drinking that night and were sure of what they saw.

Cerny recounted a sighting he experienced in Feb. 1976 in Happy Camp with another investigator and a local resident. They were on a ridge when they saw an orange glow coming from a rectangular-shaped object. He said, "It was just like looking at the sun."

Cerny can not explain why he and the others did not drive to the object less than a mile away for further investigation. He said if they would have chased it, they could have come within 200 yards from it.

Instead the trio left the area. He said, "We feel to this day we were mind manipulated not to go back."

Cerny saw the unexplained object during the period from Nov. 1975 to April 1976 when there was a rash of almost continuous sightings in the Happy Camp area. He has talked to three persons there who claim they were actually taken aboard an alien craft.

He said the people have a 40-minute memory lapse and cannot precisely account for what happened to them. Cerny said it is typical for people who say they were abducted by aliens to also have their mind wiped clean of the experience. It oftentimes takes hypnosis to discover clues to what happened.

Cerny said there are about 200 documented cases of UFO abductions in the United States. The MUFON Society has compiled a book of approximately 30 cases of crashed saucers since 1947 which are still being investigated. The book details these reports and unfolds the retrieval and examinations of the alien bodies.

On his week's vacation last week, Cerny kept his camera with a telephoto lens and tape recorder close at hand in case he experienced another close encounter. He said, "There are all kinds of weird effects and we're trying to figure out what's going on."

Cerny invites anyone with close photographs of UFO's or any artifacts or residue from an alien ship to contact him at P.O. Box 1072, Mountain View, CA. 94042.

CR: D. Worley

# Evening Chat

Compiled By The  
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REPORTS OF unidentified flying objects have popped up again over in Shelby County.

The Shelbyville News reports that Sheriff's deputies were told by a woman motorist that she was "followed" a week ago tonight by a glowing disc on London Road, south of I-74.

The UFO paralleled her car for a short distance and then sped upward and quickly vanished, the woman told the deputies. The sheriff's office noted that the report is remarkably similar to an incident that happened November 25, 1979 to a Shelby County couple. At that time, the couple told deputies a glowing, egg-shaped object followed their car along Brandwine Road for about six miles, hovered outside their home for a few minutes and then vanished skyward.

The sightings have been in the northwest portion of Shelby County.

NEWS-TRIBUNE, Caldwell, ID - Dec. 9, 1980

# Nampans report UFO to police

A glowing saucer-shaped object was observed in the sky by five Nampa residents Monday night, Nampa police reported.

"I was scared. I hope I don't ever have to go through it again," said Ray Beam, 18, of 1004 Railroad, who reported seeing the revolving object with flashing red lights near his home.

The glowing object also was observed by Edna LaVatta, 53, and her sons, Bill, 18, and Bob LaVatta, 16, all of 1004 Railroad. A neighbor Mike Blackburn, 18, of 1008 Railroad, also reported seeing the object.

"It was moving at about 100 miles per hour and then it suddenly stopped," said Beam, describing when he first saw the object while he was walking to a friend's house. Beam said the object, hovering in the sky at treetop height, followed him home "like it was watching me."

Mrs. LaVatta called the experience "sort of frightening. I've heard and read so many things about what they do to people, so it kind of scared me."

Police Lt. Marshall Briscin, who responded to the UFO sighting, said he did not see the object.

# Charles Fiorita Describes Saucers in the Sky

## Moberlyan Tells About Seeing UFOs

By Charles R. Fiorita

For many years I have been reporting about encounters my wife Maedean and I have had with flying saucers. While no one is forced to believe that flying saucers exist, the following account may cause some persons to change their mind.

Now, let us go back a few years ago. The telephone was ringing. I picked up the receiver. "Hello," I said. A trained female voice, evidently the operator's, inquired: "Is this Charles Fiorita?" "Yes," I answered. "One moment please, Rochester calling." There was a click on the phone connection, followed by the operator's voice: "Here's your party sir, go ahead."

Then a male voice came over the line. "Charles I have been reading your story in the Moberly Monitor-Index newspaper about a flying saucer you saw. I'd like to ask you a few questions about it, please." (The article he was referring to was one we had written concerning a flying saucer we had followed one evening.)

For a couple of moments I made no reply because the words, "Rochester calling"—which the operator had used—stirred my mind. In a flash, I thought, "Rochester?" Rochester, where?...Minnesota?...that'd be a long way off—and it would cost a lot of money for a telephone call. So, in reply, I said, "Well, I'd be glad to talk to you but I don't think that I can afford to pay for this long distance call."

"Charles," the man answered, "you will not have to pay for this call. This is the research department of the Kodak Co. in Rochester, New York, and the Kodak Co. will pay for all of the charges for this telephone call." "Oh, well, all right," I answered. "What would you like to know?"

The man started asking question after question. "When was the flying object first sighted? At what time of the evening? And where was it?" Then he asked details of its appearance, its size, and how far away from us was the object? How fast was it traveling?

As he asked and I gave answers, the man would say, "That's right, That's all right." And when I described the window-like portholes on the object, I remember clearly that the man asked, "What size were the windows? How far away were you from the object when you saw the windows?" My answers were followed by his saying, "That would be right. That would be correct for that distance."

He questioned on and on while I answered and answered. This interrogation lasted for over 25 or 30 minutes.

When he finally had finished questioning me, as he paused, I said, "It may seem strange, after everything I've told you, but I'd like to ask you something."

"That's all right," he answered. "Go ahead and ask me. I'll tell you if I can."

"Well, sir, did I really see what my eyes beheld? Did I

really see a flying saucer? ARE flying saucers real?"

"Yes," he said. "Flying saucers ARE real. We have over 5,000 photographs of flying saucers here at the Research Center in Rochester. Yes, Charles, I believe that you DID see a flying saucer." With this he thanked me for talking to him and our conversation ended.

Later in the day when I told my wife about the telephone call her response was, "Charles, I know what we saw, and I am glad that the man confirmed your account."

The slowly unfolding story of Flying Saucers has been continuous for many years. While our reporting is usually about ourselves only, sometimes other persons are included.

The following incident is absolutely true and I shall tell it as accurately as I can recall it:

I was at home watching TV early one evening when my viewing was suddenly interrupted by a loud and insistent pounding which sounded like it was coming from the back part of our house. Quickly turning off the TV, I hurried to the back door and looked out. It was still daylight enough that I could clearly see a man who was standing on the ground by the side of the porch.

"Charles! Charles!" he called as he rapped on the porch steps. "Charles! Charles!" Again he called. From the tone of his voice and the expression on his face I could see that he was greatly excited. His excitement was so contagious that in an instant I jerked the back door open and almost jumped out on the porch. "What's wrong? What's the matter?" I asked.

"Charles! Charles!" he said. "I never believed in them. But I just saw one!"

"Saw what? What did you see?" I called out.

"Charles, I never believed in them before. But I just saw one!" he said as he gestured with his hands.

"What was it? What did you see?" again I asked in a loud voice. "It was a flying saucer Charles! I never saw one before—But I saw this one!"

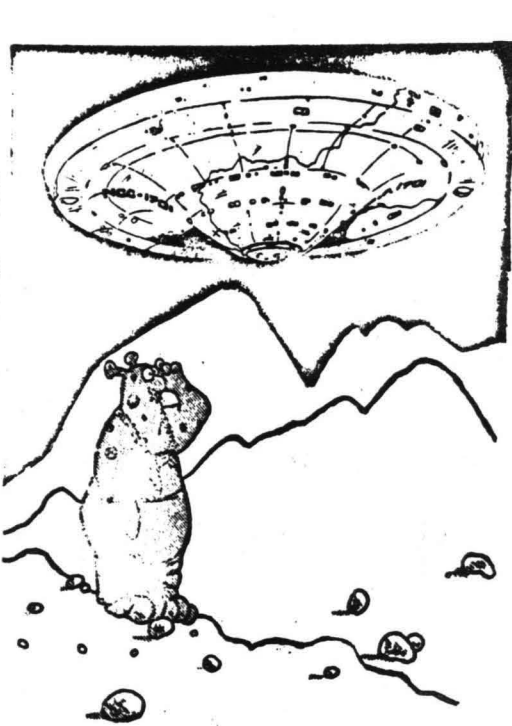
"Where was it? What did it look like?" I called.

In a highly excited manner he quickly answered. "It was a large glowing light and it was moving fast. It came from the east. It was just above the trees on Logan Street as it passed your house, Charles. It slid just like a toboggan. That's it. It just slid through the sky, right along over Logan Street. It was headed west. I watched it until the trees hid it from me and I couldn't see it anymore. I tell you Charles," he said, as he stood there shaking his head, "I never believed in those things, but THAT was a flying saucer. And I saw it!" he repeated.

"I wish I could have seen it," I said as I stood there on the porch looking down at him.

"I wish you had, too," he answered.

Shortly after this he started to leave, and as he did so, he hesitated for a moment and looked up toward me as if he were about to say something



more. Instead he turned and slowly walked away.

As I watched him go I knew how he felt because there have been times when Maedean and I, too, have stared in utter disbelief at strange lights and yet stranger objects have performed in the skies before us. I knew what that man had left unsaid as he walked away. "Had he, or had he not seen a flying saucer?" He just couldn't believe what his eyes had seen.

I was downtown the next morning when a friend stopped me saying "Charles, did you see that big light in the sky as it went past your house yesterday evening?"

"No," I answered. "I didn't see it. Tell me about it."

"Well," he said. "I was a short distance away from your house when I saw this big light which was traveling just above the trees. It went right past your house in a straight line as it followed Logan Street toward the west. The trees finally cut off my view of it."

Now here were two persons, each totally unaware that the other had told me anything about that flying object.

Yet each told of seeing apparently the same big lighted object as it traveled westward through the sky over Logan Street. This second telling tends to lend credence to the fact that this was the same glowing object which that man had described last evening as he stood by the back porch of our house and declared that he had just seen a flying saucer.

As I said at the beginning of these narratives, "No one is forced to believe that UFOs exist." But we do.

And furthermore, we find it absolutely incomprehensible to say that these two reports, made by different persons, were purely imaginative.

In conclusion of this Logan Street incident—

We believe that our planet, Earth, has been under surveillance by some type of beings who live on another world in outer space. We call these beings "Spacepeople."

It is entirely possible that that large glowing object, which two persons had seen as it traveled through the sky over Logan Street, may have been an unmanned interplanetary spaceship which had been sent here by Spacepeople.

Perhaps the purpose and mission of this flying object was to collect information about our planet, Earth, which it would

then transmit back to its senders. Those Spacepeople whose home base must be on another world located somewhere in the vastness of outer space.

**WE NEVER KNOW WHERE A UFO IS LIKELY TO BE SEEN.....**

Here is a classic example:

I was downtown chatting with a friend one day. During the conversation we started talking about UFOs.

"Yes," I told him, "We've seen many UFOs. Sometimes they are in very unusual places."

"Well I'd sure like to see one," he ventured, "but I'm never where those things are."

Then, in an inquiring tone, he continued: "If you could only call me when you see one?"

Almost instantly his face broke into a smile and he started laughing as he added, "Oh, I know, you'd probably be a long way off out there someplace, and it'd probably be a long way off from here, and then, of course, there wouldn't be any telephone out there so you couldn't call me."

"Well," I said, "if it were possible that I could call you, some of the things which we see happen so quickly that they are visible for only a very short time. Actually it is only a matter of seconds, sometimes, before a UFO is out of sight."

"Well, I'd still like to see one," he concluded.

While his parting words had been that he wanted to see a UFO, the impression he left with me was that it would be very unlikely he'd ever be in a place where he might possibly see one.

Now, isn't it odd how things have a way of happening?

If only I could have called my friend on the telephone one evening and told him about it then he could have just stepped outside his house and viewed a most spectacular UFO as it came dropping down through the western sky.

Usually the letters UFO, stand for Unidentified FLYING Object, however, in the following account, "UFO" means Unidentified FALLING object.

Now I am going to tell you about this incident and I hope it conveys to you a picture of what we saw, and how this experience fits into our continuing story of flying saucers and UFOs. Here is what happened:

Maedean and I were riding in our automobile one evening at

the south edge of Moberly. We were headed westward on Urbandale Drive and were just passing the Central Christian College of the Bible when suddenly, through the windshield of our car, we beheld an amazing sight.

At an angle slightly north of us, high up in the western sky, was a large, rectangular-shaped, sheet of fire which was dropping slowly down from the skies above. Almost simultaneously, we both called out, "Look! Look! Look up there!"

The whole face of the thing was burning.

We stared wide-eyed in wonder at the large, blazing, fiery sheet which must have been 35 or 45 feet across and fully 10 or 12 feet high.

The fiery sheet was facing us in a flat, upright, position and was dropping slowly down in a sort of zigzag, stair-step-like manner. It reminded me somewhat of a falling leaf as it kept coming steadily downward.

Directly above the huge burning object, three furiously burning fragment-like pieces were following it downward. Suddenly, I noticed that there were three black places on the burning sheet. Evidently these black places were places where the three blazing fragments had been torn out of it. In our wildest imagination we had never seen anything like this before.

There was no traffic on the road so I was able to keep our car moving and yet watch the burning object in the sky at the same time.

The falling, burning sheet was smooth across its top edge or rim, and it was smooth along the bottom edge of it, but both ends of the fiery sheet were jagged, just as if it had been torn away from something.

What was this thing? This sheet of fire? Where had it come from? Was this burning fiery sheet some type of insulating heat shield which had been torn away from an alien interplanetary spaceship as that visitor from outer space

entered the earth's atmosphere? This and other questions flashed through my mind.

What was going to happen when this fiery sheet landed or struck the earth? Surely there would be a tremendous bursting flash of fire which would light up the whole sky. It might even cause a huge conflagration if it scattered flaming debris over a wide area. This thing might even set the whole countryside on fire.

From where we were in our car, it appeared that the burning object would crash land on the railroad tracks or in that area in front of the Christian farm home place.

In the next second, houses and building along highway Business 63 South, cut off our view of the falling burning object. It was going to crash. And we wouldn't see it hit the earth.

I stepped on the gas and our car leaped forward. There was still no traffic on the road, no automobile headlights could be seen in any direction! We crossed highway Business 63 and then the railroad tracks.

I trod on the brakes and almost stopped the car. All of the time we had been watching the area to the north and west of us. We had seen NO flash of light in the sky, NO light at all!

At Urbandale, we turned north on Williams street and as we rode along, we scanned the area thoroughly from east to west to north. There was not a glimmer of light to be seen. No, not seven a spark!

What had happened? Only for an instant had our view of the falling object been obscured.

Undoubtedly, the object had crashed, yet there was no evidence of that impact to be seen.

Impossible? No there must be an answer.

We know what we saw. It was a large, burning, sheet of fire which was dropping slowly down from the skies above. It was a UFO—an unidentified FALLING Object, which has left us bewildered and puzzled.

MESSAGE, Moberly, MO - Nov. 27, 1980

CR: J. Brill

**NOTICE:** While domestic postage rates will probably not increase until about March 1st, international rates have increased sharply. Therefore, we are going ahead with our plan to print the UFONS issues on both sides of each page, beginning with this issue.....LF

# More Strange Lights Seen

BY SANDRA SHOOK

"I hesitate to say anything, a lot of people think you are crazy when you start talking about things flying in the sky..."

An ASTU faculty member and his wife, a teacher, have been seeing some strange lights at night that they aren't exactly sure what they are.

The couple asked not to be identified, but talked about what they had seen on several different occasions.

The first time the husband saw something strange was near the end of October from their home in the Deep Gap area. It was about 8:30 p.m. and he was alerted by the family's dog barking outside.

"It was a light coming across the sky," he said, moving in an east to west direction from the direction of Wilkesboro.

The light was a bright yellow, he said, and appeared to be rocking and zigzagging across the sky.

"It was a wobbly path," the faculty member said. "It tended to wobble as it moved across the sky."

The Watauga resident said it seemed to take a long time as it flew, there was no sound associated with it, and that it was some distance from their home.

"It did stir up the dogs three or four nights," he said.

Both his wife and children saw it and were fascinated by it. "They were calling it a UFO, it was so strange," he said.

"I wouldn't think it was a plane," he said, "but it could have been..."

The family saw the odd lights on several nights moving in different directions, especially when the nights were clear, into the first week of November.

His wife, on the otherhand, saw

something even stranger, on two occasions.

"Yes, I guess I would have to call it a cylinder-shaped object flying low," she said. "I thought at first it was a plane... but there was no sound at all... It appeared to clip the top of the Deep Gap ridge."

She had awakened about 12:30 a.m. some 10 days ago to their dog barking outside and through a window she saw an object, or light. Her husband was sick, and asleep in the bed.

It was a clear night, and the light was some 1,000 to 2,000 feet in altitude. "I was really so surprised," she said. "It did seem to have a shape to it. It was kind of long, had blinking lights at one end and another light at the other..."

"I really thought it was a low flying airplane."

She said that it went straight over the house, moving from south to north in a straight pattern, but there was no sound associated with it.

She said it didn't frighten her.

Another light she saw about 9 p.m. one night was a clear, bright light just over the top of the trees in the vicinity of the home.

"I thought at first it was hunters," she said, explaining that she thought maybe they had been shining a light into the top of the trees.

It was a ball of light, a clear round light that would blink some, and it just went over the top of the trees, stopped a few minutes, and then went on.

"Most of the things we have seen have hugged the mountains..." she said.

For the past three or four weeks she says they have seen odd lights in their area.

"It's been fun to watch," she said. "I'm making a point to stick my head out and look..."

Another couple living on Rich Mountain also saw some strange lights near the end of October.

Herb and Irene Brannen came home about 6 or 6:30 one evening and looking across from Howard's Knob to

the northeast and saw what they described as a large forest fire some 15 miles away.

"We thought it was a fire, but it went out," he said.

About 2:30 a.m. Brannen was up and saw a large glow apparently to the south of Blowing Rock, but it, too, immediately went out, but in the sky he said he saw a bright light streaking across the horizon.

It took some 15 seconds to cover the horizon, but the light, he said, took a right-hand turn and then was gone.

"It didn't fit the pattern of any flying vehicle I know of," he said.

The light was too far away to determine if there was any sound to it, and it appeared to be bluish white, and blinked some.

"It was travelling at a tremendous speed," he said.

"I've seen these things several times, but never have said anything about them," Brannen said.

DAILY RECORD, Hickory, NC - Dec. 18, 1980 CR: G. Fawcett

## Objects In Sky Upset Burke Residents

By WAKE BRIDGES  
Record Associate Editor

MORGANTON — Things have been popping in Burke County of late — unusual things like a full moon vanishing almost instantly and a large UFO anchor ship flanked by smaller unidentified flying objects.

Between 7:38 and 8 a.m. today, three different people in the Pax Hill section off N.C. 18 north of Morganton reported UFOs.

A woman who gave her name told Albert Suttle, a deputy on duty at the Burke County Sheriff's Department, she had seen a bright orange UFO hovering at tree-top level three different times within three or four minutes.

"I'm not drunk, because I don't drink, but I've just been seeing the damndest thing — a great big bright orange thing with smaller UFOs on each side of it."

"The great big one stops and the smaller things come up on each side. Then the smaller ones take off."

"The big thing follows, but comes back, repeating the same pattern," the woman said.

"I'll send a deputy," Suttle said. "Call back if you see the things again."

Once the woman called back, saying she had seen the apparitions again, but reported in a third call she had not seen them again.

The vanishing full moon incident occurred during a test being made by the

U.S. Department of Defense, but this morning's phenomenon so far has not been plausibly explained.

In recent weeks, eastern Burke County youth en route home were looking at a full moon, when suddenly the moon was not there.

Their mother called a veteran newsman of the Uniforum: "What happened to our moon? The kids were looking at it when it disappeared."

"Has somebody done something to our moon?"

The test by the Department of Defense was seen as the cause of the full moon suddenly not being there, but so far the incidents in the Pax Hill community have authorities scratching their heads.

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CR: G. Fawcett

## UFO Sightings Up In 1980 — Report

LINCOLNTON — Sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects above North Carolina during 1980 increased in comparison with 1979, a report from a state unit of the worldwide Mutual UFO Network Inc., says.

Reports checked by Tar Heel investigators came from more than 50 towns and cities during 1980, MUFON state director George Fawcett of Lincolnton said recently.

Two reports investigated during 1980 were first reported in April 1979.

The incidents involved a possible abduction and physical examination of a Raleigh housewife by UFO occupants and a reported UFO landing on Little Mount Pisgah that left a 12-foot circle, which Fawcett believes is a landing mark.

Recent UFO encounters were reported from Balls Creek on Dec. 1 and Morganton on Dec. 18. Possible UFO sightings came from Lake Norman, Boone, Concord and Deep Gap, Fawcett said.

Other reported incidents included two photographs taken of five hovering UFOs over Gastonia last January and a March 8 encounter with a UFO that caused severe animal reactions near Wilmington, Fawcett said.

In April, a large, round UFO was seen by two workers doing a "loop the loop" maneuver near the Marshall Steam Station at Lake Norman, Fawcett said.

Another object flew circles around a motorist near the Propriet Crossroads community.

There was a report that a beam of light was given off, as if the occupants were searching for something. The incident startled a Lincolnton businessman, Fawcett said.

On May 4, a daylight encounter with a domed UFO knocked out a car radio and frightened a Valdese X-ray technician, Fawcett reported.

Fragments and burned ground markings were found after a farmer's wife in Whitefield encountered a UFO on May 17, Fawcett said.

On July 15, a Mint Hill family was amazed when their patio lights flashed off and on simultaneously with a hovering, oval-shaped UFO which later circled the housing development.

Three witnesses in the Pax Hill section off N.C. 18 north of Morganton watched a large, orange UFO with smaller UFOs maneuvering on each side of it on Dec. 18, Fawcett said.

STANDARD PRESS, St. Croix Falls, WI - Dec. 11, 1980

## Two Men Sight Possible UFO

Rodney Wycoff and Terry Enney, had a strange experience while driving home from work last Thursday evening.

Both men, employed by Johnsons Feed in St. Croix Falls, claim they sighted unusual flying objects at about 6 p.m. that evening.

Wycoff, who lives in Deronda, explained that he was giving Terry a ride to his home in Ocoola. They were headed south on Hwy. 35 and as they passed Green Implement and reached the top of the hill, Wycoff said he sighted two large balls of white light that seemed to cross the road from east to west.

"I looked over at Terry and asked him if he had seen anything," Wycoff said. "He said yes and told me to stop, the truck 'right now'. We couldn't figure out what in the world the lights would be."

Wycoff said that he then pulled his truck over to the side of the road about 1/4 mile north of Ocoola and they both stepped out of the vehicle to get a better look.

"The lights were constant and seemed to be circling from east to west at a very high speed. The two lights were very bright and totally white, they never blinked or dimmed. I've never seen anything like it," he said.

The men observed the objects from the highway and then decided to travel on to Wycoff's home on Chieftain Street, about two

blocks north of Ocoola High School.

"When we got to Terrys we stood in the front of his door, and they still were up there, it was incredible," Wycoff said. "We could see them over the treetops still circling. After just a few minutes a third ball of light appeared and my mouth dropped open."

"All three were circling when the third one accelerated very rapidly, and passed the other two. As it passed, it turned to its side and we could see that it was a circular shape, like a saucer," Wycoff said.

"It seemed like they were playing tag up there or something. We stood there astonished watching them. We didn't even think to call the police until they disappeared," he added.

"We weren't really scared. I think I might have been if they would have been flying closer though," he said. "I was more amazed than anything."

At first the men thought they were seeing lights from the airport, but after arriving at Terrys home, they could see the airport lights, and the balls of light, Wycoff explained.

All three objects were the same size, though the last one sighted by the men seemed to have more acceleration power.

Wycoff estimated that the objects were flying about 3-4 miles south of Ocoola, but didn't guess the altitude.

The men sighted the objects for a little more than one-half hour, before the third object seemed to lead the first two away.

No information was available from local police to verify the incident.

## Hull girl has 'close encounter'

A 15-year-old town of Hull had a "close encounter of the first kind" Friday night.

Geraldine R. Shields, 703 W. Granite Ridge Road, town of Hull, told Portage County Sheriff's Department deputies that a circular or disc-shaped object hovered over her residence between 9 and 9:30 p.m. Friday.

She said the object was about 25 to 30 feet in diameter with a low crown, made a high-pitched sound and had red, yellow and white lights.

The sound woke up a baby in the house, she said, and she had to cover the baby's ears because of the noise.

She told deputies the object appeared three times and at one point pictures fell from the wall and the house vibrated.

Deputies said another girl in the house also observed the object and Geraldine was visibly shaken from the incident.

Deputies said they did not sight the object.

A "close encounter of the first kind" is referred to as a sighting of an unidentified flying object, a "close encounter of the second kind" is physical evidence and a "close encounter of the third kind" is contact.

DAILY JOURNAL, Stevens Point, WI, Dec. 13, 1980 CR: R. Heiden

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By Arthur S. Brisbane

## Enquirer hot on X's UFO trail

I was sitting at home Wednesday night watching "The Millionaire" on television when who should call but the *National Enquirer*. Never having been interviewed by the *Enquirer*, I was understandably thrilled. The *Enquirer* reporter, Bob Pratt, wanted to know the identity of the mysterious "X" whom I had quoted Wednesday as having observed a cigar-shaped UFO somewhere near Sedalia.

X, I had written, was a "gentleman with considerable credibility, a former high-government official, a respected lawyer and now a UFO-spotter."

The *Enquirer* wanted the story — bad. Pratt had just arrived in Kirksville, Mo., to investigate reports of UFOs being sighted the night of Nov. 18 over several Missouri towns and cities.

Pratt wanted to know: Who was this X, and what had he really seen? Had X's cigar-shaped UFO been the same as that spotted by hundreds of Missourians Nov. 18?

I was skeptical. First of all, X had never mentioned the exact date of his sighting. He implied that it had occurred only recently. Second of all, I hadn't even heard of the UFO-sightings a month before. And besides, surely X would decline to talk with the *Enquirer*.

But the *Enquirer* reporter was insistent and exuded genuine enthusiasm for his subject. From his motel room in Kirksville, he told me that he had interviewed 1,000 UFO-spotters in his six-year quest to write the perfect UFO story. But for Pratt, it seemed, the UFO beat was a frustrating one. He had never seen a saucer himself.

"I've talked to about 1,000 people who've seen them," he said with considerable passion, "and I can't believe they're all lying to me."

Would I be able to bring X and the *Enquirer* together? I was shaking with excitement as I dialed X's number. The phone rang four times. X answered. We talked. NO, he didn't want to be interviewed by the *Enquirer*, but he would check his notes to see which day he had spotted the big cigar over Sedalia.

Later, X called back. His sighting, his notes revealed, had been at sunrise Nov. 19 — just hours after the UFO sightings in the towns of Ridgeway, Galt, Laredo, Chula, Gilman City, Huntsville and Kirksville in northern and central Missouri.

I was startled. Perhaps there was something to this after all. . . . Perhaps X truly had seen what the others had seen. But what had the others seen? I placed a few phone calls, hustling now in the wake of the *National Enquirer*.

Hank Janssen, a reporter for the *Kirksville Daily Express*, related that several people had observed a "set of headlights cruising in the sky" over Kirksville the night of Nov. 18. Furthermore, Janssen said, a nearby Federal Aviation Administration flight service station had told the Kirksville police dispatcher that the lights and maneuvers were definitely not those of any airplane.

Miles away that same night, Dave Counsell was playing records at radio station KTTN in Trenton when the switchboard lit up with callers asking about lights in the sky. Counsell ran outside to take a look for himself and saw "a couple of headlights in the sky" flying low and quietly toward town.

According to the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, two men near Huntsville were driving east that night when they saw two bright lights

## Sam Thompson Saw 'Em — Saucer People

By ELMER J. OLSON  
Managing Editor  
The Daily Chronicle

The next time you're driving in eastern Lewis County and between Morton and Mineral, take a look to the right, if you're going north.

Along there somewhere is the spot that on March 28, 1950, Centralian Samuel Eaton Thompson took a look to his right and clamped on his car's brakes. And so began one of the first detailed accounts of not only a flying saucer but of saucer people.

Thompson, who was a Northern Pacific Railway Co. porter at the Union depot in Centralia, returned home with his story. He said nobody would believe his strange adventure, which is always guaranteed to get people to listen.

This was his story:

"While motoring between Morton and Mineral Tuesday I saw in a clearing to the right of the highway (going north) a huge object. I guessed it to be a so-called flying saucer. It appeared to be of a glowing, sun-colored substance similar to plastic. It was shaped like two saucers fused together.

"I judged it was about 80 feet horizontally and 32 feet vertically. I hiked over to the object.

"I first noticed children playing near the steps to the ship and soon adults, 10 men and 10 women, discovered me and invited me into the ship. There were 25 children between the ages of 6 and 15 years. The adults were slight in build with tanned skins, long dark blond hair and fine features. None wore any clothing.

"I spent about 40 hours in their company and they were pleasant. The ship was built of a lightweight substance, with seats completely around the interior made of a softer substance, as was the floor. There was no other furniture or cooking equipment. Their food consisted of fruit and herbs brought from their native planet. I ate some of the food.

"I could not discover how the ship was controlled but there were four controls. The people told me the ship had great speed and could travel sideways or up and down and could be stopped while in flight.

"The people claimed they were from Venus and sent to establish goodwill among the earth people. They spoke English, although their vocabulary was not as large as ours and they used some words strange to me. They said I was the first person ever contacted on this planet."

There was more from Thompson. He said he took photographs of the space ship, as the Venusians called it, but its brilliance made the print totally white and the negative black. He threw both away as they were useless, he said.

The Centralian said the space ship inhabitants were afraid of the people of earth because several of their ships had been destroyed. He said he wanted to take someone else to the ship but the Venusians would not allow it. They were that afraid.

That was that. It was all in, a Daily Chronicle feature story four days after it happened — April 1, 1950 — which was either intentional or just a happenstance. Nobody remembers, but just the same for years afterwards, when the term Unidentified Flying Object was brand new, Thompson's story cropped up in UFO stories and today is still a part of the official investigation made on UFOs.

## UFO Group Faces Earthly Woes

By Suzanne Bilello  
Washington Star Staff Writer

The "crazies" are giving serious students of UFOs a bad name, says an Arlington group searching for signs of extraterrestrial life.

But that's not their only problem. The federal government is giving them a hard time, by hiding "spectacular" evidence of life beyond Earth.

Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, CAUS, is seeking documents on unidentified flying objects from the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency under the federal Freedom of Information Act. They have lost one round in U.S. District Court in Washington for those documents, but are appealing the decision.

The battle is being waged out of the South Arlington home of one of its members and is being funded by a UFO research group.

"It's a real David and Goliath thing," is how Richard Hall, a member of CAUS,

characterized the suit. "It's a battle to eke out this information.

"For one thing, I think the CIA has hard data such as films that would be much more convincing than someone's report of a light in the sky," Hall said. "Obviously the CIA has the technology and resources to help determine if extraterrestrial life exists. I'm strongly inclined to believe they have spectacular material they are withholding."

CAUS is "a loosely formed umbrella group," members said, that is waging the legal fight on behalf of thousands of members of UFO interest groups throughout the country. It took over a freedom of information lawsuit begun by an Arizona-based group called Ground Saucer Watch, Inc.

CAUS has received a \$2,500 grant from the Washington-area Fund for UFO Research to finance the appeal. The fund is a non-profit group formed a year ago by scientists, engineers and

UFO writers in the Washington area. It is based in Mount Rainier, Md., and was formed to fund "high quality scientific research" on UFOs.

It disassociates itself from "unscrupulous persons who have flooded the popular press with distorted and inaccurate information" that has "confused the public."

"What we are hoping to get out of this lawsuit are some 200 documents the CIA has," Hall said. A reference to these documents was made in some 1,000 pages of UFO related material the CIA has released to CAUS under the Freedom of Information Act.

Hall has written extensively on UFOs and is editor of the *Journal for Mutual UFO Network*, a newsletter that deals with UFO data and information. He said he was a consultant for the U.S. Air Force office of scientific research on UFOs from 1966 to 1968.

Hall characterizes CAUS as a "serious" UFO group and disowned the "sensational" school of UFO literature that is widely circulated.

"There are numerous newstand magazines that are a scandal and are grossly misinforming the public and just confusing the entire issue," He said his journal, in contrast, is "a reliable publication."

A CIA spokesman said the organization would not comment on the pending litigation. He did say that the CIA does not release information that is classified and would either reveal a source or method of information gathering.

"Our position is that we do not collect information or do any kind of research on unidentified flying objects," said Dale Peterson. "We do have research to maintain a close watch on objects that could pose a national security problem. Consequently we do get information that could relate to UFOs. What has happened over the years is that many documents on UFOs have come to us."

Dr. Bruce S. Maccabee, a physicist for the U.S. Navy Department who is chairman of the Fund for UFO research, obtained documents on UFO sightings from the Federal Bureau of Investigation four years ago under the Freedom of Information Act. In that case the FBI deleted the names of sources and special agents before releasing the data. "If they (CIA) don't want to tell us how they got the information that's fine," Maccabee said. "But they should tell us what they have."

Some members of the Arlington group were reluctant to be interviewed. They are government employees and do not want to flaunt a lawsuit they are waging against the government. One member described the UFO lawsuit as "controversial."

Members of the Fund for UFO Research were asked if the group is taken seriously.

"I think the stigma of UFOs is over," said Fred Whiting, an aide for a Long Island Congressman who is publicity director for the Fund for UFO Research. "People are interested in what there is to know. I'm never laughed at or scorned because I spend a lot of my spare time on UFO matters."

Not every member of CAUS or the research group is convinced that extraterrestrial life exists. And that is one reason the lawsuits are being brought.

"The popular theory is that there is some extraterrestrial life," Hall said. "The more objective of us are trying to find out if that is the case."

"We don't take any stand on the outcome of our research," Whiting said. But, as Maccabee pointed out, "If we didn't think something was going on we wouldn't be wasting our time."

coming toward them from the east. The men stopped their pickup and watched as a huge cigar-shaped vehicle with stubby wings extending the length of the fuselage rumbled by at low altitude, flashing multicolored lights.

Across a large part of Missouri that night, it seems, hundreds of people reported seeing all manner of UFOs. It was a clear moonlit night. There were cigarlike craft, diamond-shaped craft, delta-shaped craft, triangular ships, headlights, multicolored vehicles maneuvering oddly in the night sky.

No wonder the *National Enquirer* was investigating Missouri.

Of course, some folks were poo-pooing the whole thing. One clever news reporter said: "I think people around here now are leaning toward the unidentified flying airplane theory." The Highway Patrol wrote it all off as U.S. military maneuvers of some sort, although nearby military officials denied any such activity.

These were strange affairs indeed.

Had Missouri been under surveillance by alien forces on Nov. 18 and 19? Did the mysterious "X" observe the sunrise maneuvers of some monstrous interstellar spacecraft? Will the *National Enquirer* get the story?

I quivered as I pondered these questions. Gradually, I stopped quivering.

# 'Close Encounter' Brings Fame To Andersonian

By Tony Kiss  
Staff Writer

It all started just about two months ago: Sept. 11, at 4:20 a.m.

The Anderson County Sheriff's Department received a strange phone call; a man said a flying saucer was hovering over his back yard.

Four county deputies, dispatched to the scene, confirmed that "something" was out there.

And Jerry McAlister, who had first reported the "saucer," became a local celebrity.

"I never thought about the publicity when I called the sheriff's department," McAlister, of Broadway Lake, said this week. "I never thought any of this would be in the papers."

But McAlister, a mill electrician, has been in the papers, on radio and on television.

In the 10 weeks since he first saw the UFO:

- Two national tabloids have done stories on McAlister. A splashy feature in *The National Enquirer* is due on the streets within two weeks.

- Nearly every newspaper in South Carolina carried a story on McAlister's "saucer," and they were relayed around the world by *The Associated Press* and *United Press International*.

- All local television stations and most radio stations have interviewed McAlister.

- He has been invited (and declined) to appear on television talk shows in Columbia and Myrtle Beach.

- A Japanese television crew arrived in Anderson to film a documentary on McAlister.

"And the phone has kept ringing and ringing," McAlister said. "People have called from all

over the country and even Australia, wanting to know about the flying saucer."

His story has been told and retold:

Early that Thursday morning, McAlister heard a noise in his back yard.

He looked out a window and saw a strange blinding object, 70 feet long, two stories high, and only 20 feet above the ground.

McAlister has relished the attention he has received.

He started a scrapbook, which now is stuffed with newspaper clippings about the UFO.

"I got this letter from Paraguay, in South America," McAlister said. "There was even a story about me down there."

The letter, from Carlos Abaurre, of Asuncion, Paraguay said:

"Under the stamp, find a clipping with your name and so I am free to ask you please send me from a private or so university a small copy of an Arabian language text book, as it is impossible to get such a study help."

It was addressed: "Jerry McAlister, electrician, Anderson, South, Carolina. Postmaster please find exact address."

He feels he may have been chosen for a visit by the "saucer."

"I think they might have had us picked out, probably watched us for years," he said. "And you know, I have been having this feeling that it might come back again. That's what people have said."

"If it does come back, and people come out and invite me inside, I'll go."

"I'm going out to get a new suit so I'll be ready when they come."

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CR: P. Huyghe

## 'Never Seen Anything Like It'

# Strange Craft Sighted in Culpeper

By RICHARD PRIOR  
of The Progress Staff

RACCOON FORD — Though they can't say which kind, several inhabitants of this community in southern Culpeper County are sure they had a close encounter Tuesday night.

Well, maybe.

"There was just a bunch of damn lights that flooded down," said Ronnie Norman. "I've never seen anything like it."

"They were like big, red glowing torches," said Wanda Deese. "They glowed out there for a while, then everything went black for about 45 minutes or an hour when they came back on again."

"Then it went up, came back down once and went up again and disappeared."

"They looked like balls of floating fire," said Robert Lane. "There was no real pattern to them, but they stayed in one area as it glided down."

"You could see all the trees lighting up over there, and when it left, it didn't really take off. It just sort of disappeared."

Around 6:30 p.m. last Tuesday, as Lane was leaving the E.V. Baker Store on Rt. 522 about three-quarters of a mile from his home, he first saw the formation of lights approaching.

After he arrived at the house, he called Norman to the kitchen window and phoned his neighbor, Mrs. Deese, telling her to look out on the sprawling alfalfa field about a quarter mile away.

Although it was too dark for them to make out a definite shape, all three adamantly assert that what they saw was a spaceship.

There is some debate, however, on whether the craft left any trace when it dropped into the neighborhood.

Pointing to a symmetrical, circular patch of field that appears to have been burned, John DeVivi maintains that the 14-foot-in-diameter section of "clover" is the spot where the craft touched down.

DeVivi, a photographer from Orange, had been taken to the scene Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Deese. He also called out a representative from the Civil Air Patrol, who he said felt there was enough evidence to warrant a more complete investigation.

"He's trying to contact his superiors, so it's up in the air right now and I don't know what they're going to do," DeVivi said.

Although Lane, who said he has worked in horticulture for five years, firmly believes what he saw was a spaceship, he said the parcel of land DeVivi pointed out was not clover, but instead a stand of black-eyed susans, and the discoloration "is just the way they die."

Each of the witnesses, which also included Mrs. Deese's husband, Wayne, are not only positive they saw a spaceship touch down and take off, but the incident made a definite impact on them all.

"Wayne wanted to walk up there and see what it was, but I wouldn't let him," said Mrs. Deese. "I was scared to let him do it. Plus I was scared to stay in the house by myself."

# LOOKING BACK

(ALL CLIPPINGS FROM THE FILES OF THE LATE GEORGE F. HAAS; ALL FROM CALIFORNIA PAPERS)

RICHMOND INDEPENDENT  
2—Wed., June 21, 1950

## 3 Observers At Hamilton See Saucer

A supersonic disc-shaped object zoomed over the Hamilton Air Force Base, in Marin County, at least five times early today at speeds estimated to be between 1000 and 1500 miles an hour.

Three trained Air Force men were the observers. An Air Force spokesman said they will be questioned by intelligence officers and a report sent to the Air Materiel Command, which investigates flying saucers, if their "evaluation" warrants.

Some months ago, the Air Force officially announced it had investigated and found no truth in flying saucer reports.

### SHOOTs BLUE FLAME

The unidentified object which flew near Hamilton Field today was first seen at 1:35 a.m. by Corp. Roger Pryor, a control tower operator, who said he saw a blue flame shooting out as the object flashed from southwest to northeast.

"I thought it was a falling star, but it didn't fall—it just kept on going," he said.

Pryor watched it speed out of sight. It returned from the same direction in which it disappeared, roaring like thunder, but Pryor said it was going so fast he failed to see it.

His report was verified, however, by Staff Sgt. Ellis R. Lorimer, another control tower operator, and Staff Sgt. Virgil Capparo, of the Airways Communications staff, who saw the strange disc on its subsequent passes over the field.

The three men said it was flying between 2000 and 5000 feet altitude. They said the object appeared circular, thick in the center and tapering to the edges, similar to a cone or fan.

### CONTROLLED FLIGHT

The airmen used binoculars to watch it and said that it definitely was in controlled flight.

Three times it appeared to pass over the Hamilton Field radio beacon, which is just north of the field, they said.

The blue flame looked like an acetylene torch. Its maneuvers in the area lasted about 25 minutes, Pryor said.

The Marin County Sheriff's office said it had no reports of unidentified craft in the area.

### SKY WAS CLEAR

The sky was clear, though fog prevailed elsewhere in the Bay area.

A Hamilton Field spokesman said it was not likely that any statements by the three airmen would be released, and insistently referred to the Air Force's published report that there are no flying saucers.

The Air Force report was made last December after two years of investigation.

Reports from persons who claim to have seen saucers, in the Bay area particularly, have been frequent ever since, however.

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Wednesday, June 28 FN 1950

## Flying Saucers Held Real Expert Sees Planetary Link

WASHINGTON, June 28 (AP).—A scientist believes the flying saucers we've been hearing about may be from another planet, Mars, maybe.

The scientist, John Matthews, a serious young Alabamian, knows a thing or two about the saucer business; he has invented one of his own. More about that later.

The 38-year-old Matthews is sales manager of the Hydraulic Division of the A. O. Smith outfit. He has quite a theory.

### MAY BE AHEAD OF US

He looks at the saucer business this way:

"It may sound fantastic," he says, "but it is possible that the people on one of the planets are far ahead of us. People have seen what they thought were flying saucers in the sky, but none has ever landed. My theory is that they are brought down from one of the planets and dropped from a mother plane.

"The up-pressure is so great that, instead of falling where we can look at them, they go back to the mother ship. Sounds silly, but that is what I think. The pilots can't make it to earth, because possibly they can't breathe here. We don't know whether they live on mud pies or ether, or what."

Matthews believes that in the next half century we may find out.

### LIFE SPAN IN DOUBT

"Our life span is around 70 years or so," he said. "How do we know that it might not be 500 years on Mars or Jupiter? They say it would take us 14 years to make it to Mars and back since man cannot travel faster than light. It probably would be worth it to find out.

"I'll bet that if we had a ship we claimed could make it, you would find a line of volunteers stretching from Rolling Field to Washington."

Matthews is sure his little flying saucer model will never make the grade.

### EXHIBITION AT SHOW

The first one he made stayed up only 10 seconds. He built a bigger one in his Silver Spring (Md.) home and exhibited it at the National Capital Model Air Show at Andrews Air Force Base last week end.

The new one is 18 inches in diameter and two inches thick. It's circular and is powered by a Foster 29 gas engine. Mostly it's made of balsa wood, which comes from Ecuador, and has a propeller. The model soared to 50 feet, went 80 miles an hour for about 1/16th of a mile.

Inside there is a bell crank, which is connected to the elevator, or tail control. Two steel wires come down to earth and the guy guiding things has a firm hand on both. He twists his wrist, much as the operators of model planes do, to keep the saucer from going afloat.

### PROUD OF CREATIONS

Matthews is proud of his latest creation, which he put together in two nights. But he is even prouder of the first one he built—the little job that would stay in the air only 10 seconds.

That one cost him about \$5 in balsa wood, plus the glue and paint, plus \$2 for a motor which he rebuilt, plus a lot of work. But Uncle Sam put the thing on tour and picked up over \$1,000,000 in war bonds.

"We wore the darn thing out," he said.

3 Oakland Post-Enquirer  
FN Monday, Oct. 31, 1949

## Sees Flaming Object Pilot Spots Mystery Ship

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 31 (AP).—A weird, comet-like aircraft trailing a blue-flame exhaust at times a mile long was reported today by a private pilot.

Bob Hanley, pilot for Tommy Lee, son of the late radio chain head Don Lee, reported the strange object to control towers at Burbank, Palmdale, Long Beach and Oakland Airports.

He said he saw the huge object at 12:15 a. m. today as he passed over near-by Mint Canyon en route to the Lee Ranch at Palmdale. The strange craft was traveling at 50,000 feet and trailed a blue flame a quarter of a mile long in normal flight, he said.

"As I watched there was a sudden burst of flame that seemed a mile long," the tower radio operators quoted him. "Then it circled to the north, veered off its course and disappeared."

Hanley said he had a passenger

and a nurse with him and that they saw the same object. He did not identify the passenger or the nurse.

Hanley could not be reached by telephone at the ranch. There was no indication in his radioed message of the size or design of the object, except that it was very large.

Oakland Post-Enquirer  
FN Thursday, Feb. 2, 1950

## Mystery Object in Sky Arizona Sees Flying Device

TUCSON, Ariz., Feb. 2 (INS).—Mystery today surrounded identity of an object which streaked through the sky and left a heavy trail of black smoke in its wake while hundreds of residents gaped in awe.

A pilot from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base attempted to intercept the object, but later radioed the Civil Aeronautics Authority "it was going too fast" to catch.

The heavy smoke which hung in the sky attracted attention as the object zoomed from East to West, vanishing behind the mountains late yesterday.

Andy Ross of the CAA said he saw it streak through a cloud formation, later found to be 30,000 feet above the ground, would not commit himself as going on record it was a plane.

The Air Force pilot who chased it said he believed at first it was a plane with smoke pouring from the engine and that he wanted to warn the pilot, but he, too, was uncertain it was a plane.

In intensive CAA check of air-

ports failed to provide any clue, but a law enforcement officer more than 100 miles west of Tucson reported he saw a mysterious object zoom through the sky over Ajo and disappear.

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At the time, the Air Force interpreted the persistent reports to "misrepresentation of various conventional objects, a mild form of mass hysteria, or hoaxes."

But stories of strange objects soaring through space, often at fantastic speeds, keep cropping up.

Radio commentator Henry J. Taylor and US News and World Report, a weekly news magazine published here, gave the latest versions yesterday. Both stated flatly that flying saucers do exist, but neither quoted any authority for their statements.

In a broadcast over the American Broadcasting System, Taylor said that there are two types of "flying saucers" which the military has classified as secret.

One, he said, is a harmless, pilotless disk which usually disintegrates in the air. Its purpose, he said, is a top military secret.

### 'FLYING PHANTOM'

He said the other is the Navy's so-called "Flying Phantom" or jet-propelled XF-5-U-1. The Navy, he said, is experimenting with the radical plane at its Patuxent, Md., test center.

US News said simply that the saucers are revolutionary new planes, probably developed by the Navy as part of its guided missile experiments.

The Air Force issued its denial promptly. A spokesman said:

"The Armed Services are not doing anything that could be traced to being the basis of reports of flying saucers."

A Navy spokesman said after conferring with top naval research officers that "the Navy is not experimenting with, or doing research on, any type of plane or guided missile that resembles in any way a flying saucer."

As for the XF-5-U-1, he said it was built two years ago, but proved a failure. The only model made, known as the "flying pancake," he said, now is in storage at Langley Field, Va.

He said the "Flying Phantom" actually is the Navy's first jet fighter, the McDonnell FM. It has been in use for some time aboard carriers, he said, and in no way resembles a flying saucer.

Oakland Post-Enquirer  
FN Friday, March 24, 1950

## Flying Saucers 'Seen' in Luzon

MANILA, March 24 (INS).—The Manila Bulletin reported today that a flying saucer was visible for more than 40 minutes over Tuguegarao on the northern tip of Luzon.

Oakland Post-Enquirer  
Monday, March 13 1950

## They're Seeing 'Em In Mexico, Too

MEXICO CITY, March 13 (INS).—Personnel and passengers at the Mexico City Airport reported today they saw a "flying saucer" at an altitude of 30 thousand feet and insisted it was neither a balloon nor a planet or its reflection.

Today's reports were the latest of a series that have had "flying saucers" extremely active in Mexico's skies.

Oakland Post-Enquirer  
Tuesday, June 27 1950

## Plane Passengers See Calif. 'Saucer'

LOS ANGELES, June 27 (INS).—A United Air Lines flight officer reported today the crew and 50 passengers of a westbound plane saw a huge orange and blue "flying saucer" above Southern California last Saturday.

The officer, David Stewart of Redondo Beach, said he saw the mysteriously lighted object shortly after sundown while on a flight from Denver to Los Angeles.

2 Oakland Post-Enquirer  
Wed., April 26, 1950

## Photos No Clues to Flying Saucers

ALAMOSA, Colo., April 26 (INS).—Existence of "flying saucers" remained in doubt today despite exhibition in Alamosa of motion pictures of unidentified aerial objects.

The pictures, taken by Grant Edwards of Center, Colo., were viewed yesterday by Alamosa newsmen.

They showed two objects which observers said "could have been convention jet planes."

Oakland Post-Enquirer  
FN Friday, March 24, 1950

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WEEKLY ARGUS, (City Unknown), England - Sept. 25, 1980 CR: B. Taylor

## UFO sighted on top of mountain

MORE than twenty workers at a Rogerstone factory last week saw a UFO rest on Twm Barlwm mountain and glow a brilliant white.

The object was spotted first by Mr. Arthur Moore, 63, of Park Avenue, Ty-Isaf, Ponty-mister, who was on the roof for fresh air at the Avana factory, where he works as a mixer.

"A black cloud came over Twyn Barlwm, and when it cleared there was a massive, white, oblong object resting on the ground. It was like a double-decker bus," he said.

### Prominent

He saw the object at 7.15 a.m., and it was positioned just to the right of the ancient encampment which forms a prominent hump on the mountain.

It glowed a vivid white, blended into the background, then got bigger again, he said.

Mr. Moore told his work-mates, who disbelieved him at first. But they saw it too.

Mr. Les Brown, another employee, described the object as a silver, oval dome made of aluminium.

The object disappeared completely at 10.45 a.m. Twyn Barlwm is steeped in folk-lore. Ghostly organ music is supposed to float down the mountainside in certain weather conditions. Legend has it that one child who followed the music was never seen again.

CR: B. Taylor

## More UFOs spotted

MARTIAN madness has continued to spread in Worcestershire with reports of UFOs over the Vale of Evesham.

Vale UFO spotter, Mr. Gordon Gregory, told the *Evening News* he had heard of reports of strange flying objects in the district over the last five weeks.

"Judging from people's descriptions, they seem to be quite like the UFOs spotted recently in other parts of the county," he said.

Mr. Gregory, who lives in Elmley Castle, said the circular silver objects had been seen hovering at between 200 and 300 feet above the ground.

"They seem to stay in one position for a while and then shoot off very fast," he said.

CR: B. Taylor  
EVENING NEWS, Worcester, England - Nov. 15, 1980

## UFO 'lands' on Parys Mountain

A UFO sighted by two Amlwch schoolboys has still to be explained, and the sighting has been confirmed by other people who claim to have seen something odd in the Anglesey sky.

David Prytherch and his friend Gerald Kellaher, both aged 12 and pupils of Syr Thomas Jones School, Amlwch, saw a brightly lit saucer-shaped object, which looked like a crab underneath, had passed directly above their heads around 8 in the evening. The UFO then went on towards Parys Mountain.

David said the object hovered near the mountain for five minutes before a bigger object appeared in the distance and the first one seemed to enter it.

David's father, Mr. Ken Prytherch, Postmaster at Penysarn, said this week that David rushed into the house feeling "quite shaky" shortly after seeing the object. Mr. Prytherch asked him to draw what he had seen and his picture was similar to one drawn by Gerald the next day.

David described the object as saucers shaped from the side, and full of coloured lights. It also, made a swishing noise as it passed over their heads, which frightened

Gerald, and he hid while David continued watching. The larger object which appeared was like a bigger version of the first one," said Mr. Prytherch.

The next day Mr. Prytherch asked customers at the Post Office if they had seen anything odd on Thursday night, and one man said he had seen something which looked like a rocket shooting through the sky around 8 pm. Some older children had also seen something in the sky which scared them a few nights before.

A spokesman at RAF Valley said that there had been no night flying last week, although a helicopter had been in the vicinity on the evening the boys reported their UFOs.

The same night that David and Jim saw their object, their friends Geoffrey, Malcom and Stephen McGuire of Ty'n Ffynnon, Amlwch, also claimed to have seen lights over Parys Mountain, which seemed to land on the mountain.

Their mother, Mrs. T. McGuire told the *Chronicle* that they had all seen lights in the vicinity of the mountain in the past. "Sometimes I think they're helicopters but when they start darting about it's hard to think what they might be," she said.

BOURNEMOUTH TIMES, Dorset, England - Oct. 17, 1980

## Bleep alerts

SECONDS after the referee had blown his whistle at the end of Saturday night's TV soccer match Paul Smith, 35, heard another bleeping.

And it was after he turned off his TV set.

Rushing outside his home in Alumhurst Road, Westbourne he found the sound, then fading, was coming from a bright starlike object hovering in the sky.

"As I watched, it streaked off sideways out to sea at an incredible speed," explained insurance broker Paul.

"The noise stopped as it flew away. It accelerated like nothing on earth and had gone in a couple of seconds."

Paul has never seen a UFO before and says he has "an open mind." "Certainly I can't explain in conventional terms what I saw," he said.

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England  
Nov. 28, 1980 CR: B. Taylor

## Mystery lights

More UFOs have been sighted over Gedling, where earlier this week five people claimed to have seen "spinning top" objects hovering.

Last night two people saw what they described as very bright flashing lights moving soundlessly from over the colliery and travelling in a half-circle.

A police spokesman said they had received no reports of the sightings and knew of nothing that would explain them.

NORTH WALES CHRONICLE, (City Unknown), U.K.  
Oct. 16, 1980 CR: B. Taylor

## Dog vanishes after UFO sighting

Reading Peter Brooksmith's letter gave me the strength to tell of my experience of the unknown.

While I was fishing with my dog in a river near my home during the early hours of Sunday, July 27, I was given a shock when suddenly I saw approaching from the distance a bright pulsating light coming closer and closer.

It hovered for a while over where I was fishing and then landed in a nearby field. Recalling my Territorial Army training, I crept stealthily closer to it and to my amazement there standing before me was what can only be described as a cylinder shaped craft about 5 ft high and 6 ft

long, standing on a tripod. The light stopped.

A hitherto unseen door opened and a metal ladder fell to the ground. Suddenly a grey-suited figure descended, followed by two more. To my sheer horror I realised they must have been at least 7 ft tall with antennae, and seemed to be carrying a bucket and spade each. They then proceeded to dig nearby. By this time I was frightened to move. But then my dog began to bark and ran out towards the craft.

That is the last thing I remember for I must have lost consciousness. When I woke it was daylight and my dog Arthur had disappeared. Upon investigating the area, I came across slight scorch marks on the turf where the craft had been. I have not seen Arthur since.

I intend writing to Mr Brooksmith and I would encourage any others with similar experiences to do as I have done and let people know.

ALAN MORRIS  
31 Bryn Tirlon, Bethesda.

SOUTH WALES ARGUS, Newport, U.K.  
Oct. 30, 1980

## Another UFO sighting?

ANOTHER UFO sighting has been reported in the Blackwood area - this time over Aberbargoed.

Police said aircraft enthusiast, Mr. K. Hayter, saw a triangular mass of white light travelling slowly above the village at about 7 o'clock last night.

Mr. Hayter, of Shannon Close, T-Bryn, Pontllanfraith, described two bright lights at the bottom corner and a blue/green light slowly turning red at the apex.

The object disappeared from view quite slowly. "Mr. Hayter is a keen aviation enthusiast and is convinced it was not a form of aircraft," said a police spokesman.

Other UFOs have recently been sighted in the Croespenmaen area.

## STRANGE LIGHTS IN THE NIGHT

STRANGE lights spotted in the night sky above the borough have sparked off a wave of UFO reports.

And experts admit they are baffled by the objects which "hang in the air and shoot off at great speed".

The first UFO - unidentified flying object - was reported last month in Earlswood. Miss Albana Bastin of St John's Road said:

"It was about 3 am. As I looked out of the window I could see this large triangular shaped object just above the houses. It was very bright and just hung there moving up and down. I watched it for about 20 minutes when it suddenly shot off."

On Sunday night a group of 30 people who had been to local youth clubs reported seeing a mysterious light as it passed over south Reigate.

Gatwick Airport, the Ministry of Defence, the Met office in Bracknell and Bristol's Helicopters, Redhill, all admit they do not know what the sighting could be.

EVENING ECHO, Bournemouth, England - Nov. 14, 1980

## Did soccer boys see a real UFO?

PLAYING football with his pals, nine-year-old Anthony Rayment ran to fetch the ball - and found himself staring at a bizarre flying object, changing colour.

And he and his friends are anxious to know if they had a close encounter with a real UFO.

Anthony, of Denmark Road, Poole, said he and five friends were playing a game of soccer on The Salter shortly before tea-time yesterday when they sighted the flying object.

"It was round with lumps on it and had a black ring round it," he said. "It was red, yellow and blue, changing colour, and what looked like a black pole with a light on the end, came out from it."

"It was only about 10 feet from me, in the air," he added.

Anthony's friends confirmed that they had seen the strange object too.

NORTH WALES CHRONICLE, (City Unknown), U.K. - Oct. 16, 1980 CR: B. Taylor

ADVERTISER, Crawley, England - Oct. 24, 1980 CR: B. Taylor



## Space invaders over Barnsley

Martin Oxley checks up

We are not alone... Unidentified Flying Objects have been buzzing Barnsley for years. Local folk have spotted numerous strange objects and lights floating above the Barnsley skyline. A UFO is even alleged to have landed on the fairway of Barnsley Golf Club. Trouble is though, the flying-saucer rush-hour tends to be around midnight. And that's just when us Earthlings are winding our way home from pubs and clubs. This makes alcohol and its Pink Elephant effect the stock excuse trundled out to explain lights in the sky.

This one-over-the-eight theory was used when four local men had a close encounter at the golf club 15 years ago.

Four men turned out of a local pub and were walking by the course at around 11.30 p.m. They saw an object about 20 to 30 feet across come out of the sky and gently land on the course.

On closer observation, it turned out to be of the dome-shaped variety beloved of cartoonists, and after lingering for a while took off and headed for the heavens. The men went to the police, but the bemused sergeant told them they had drunk too much in the pub and said he was not going to fill in a report sheet for anything so "stupid".

Yet the men claim to have been later visited by a group of people whose identity they still don't know. They were interviewed individually and can only presume the police passed on the tip-off.

More recent sightings include:

\*October 1977, Wortley. A bright light seen from Stockbridge heading over Wortley towards Barnsley.

\*January 1, 1979, Wath. New Year's Eve revellers out in early hours of morning spot luminous silver cigar-shaped starship hovering over Barnsley Road, Wath. The ship was a little bigger than a hand at arms length (the approved method for gauging size) and was surrounded by a battery of coloured laser lights. After a while it picked up the lights and moved off.

\*April 1980, 4 a.m., Dorton. A bright red light is stationary in the clear night sky for five minutes before describing a circle of two to three miles diameter.

\*August 28, 1980, 3 a.m., Kendray. A man taking his alsatian for an early morning stroll to a cigarette machine is confronted by a large dusty red saucer-shaped object hovering 50 feet above houses. His alsatian, normally a fearless beast, bolted and cowered in the distance.

Local sightings are logged by the Aetherius Society whose local H.Q. is in the old police station at Birdwell.

"We believe that some of the things which are seen are in fact craft intelligently-guided which are here to try and help us," said branch organiser Paul White.

"We believe, with quite good evidence, that there has been an official sitting-on of the subject in this country — a cover-up.

Some of the aerospace experts explanations for flying saucers have included:

—Earth's own satellites beaming in sunlight above the Earth after the terrestrial dusk; the landing lights of jets; escaped weather balloons; car headlights on low clouds and flocks of geese reflecting the sunlight.

"One of the classic put-downs," says Mr. White, "came after a New Zealand sighting a couple of years ago, when a newswriter team captured a bright object on film. It was variously explained as Venus, Jupiter and a flock of mutton birds coming in to mate.

"Yet three independent radar sets tracked them at 10,000 miles an hour. They must have been pretty desperate in their mating!"

Watch out when you're down in the pub tonight playing on the space invaders. Glance over your shoulder now and then. We are not alone.

## U.F.O. encounters that leave me in no doubt

As founder of more than one society and an investigator into the U.F.O. phenomena for the past 30 years, I KNOW they exist—but how they get here and from whence they come is a different matter.

My first sighting was at 8.30 a.m. one Wednesday morning back in 1951, when walking along a country path on the estate which I worked. This "thing" came over at

terrific speed from north-west to south-west. It was very large, much bigger than a house, silver-grey and shimmering at the edges and at tree-top height.

I stood there amazed, closed my eyes and opened them again quickly. It was still there and covered the distance from when I saw it, until it was out of sight, in some five to six seconds. As a spare-

time reporter I rang up the local newspaper only to find that another person had already sent the sighting in. This incident occurred when I lived at Moreton Morrell, near Warwick.

My second sighting was near Bangor two years ago when looking from the train window. I saw a huge cloud, defined, and in the shape of a large cowboy's hat or station. It

stretched for many miles. The dome on top was quite plain and parts of it very dark and foreboding.

At the time I thought it a coincidence, and on returning later that day, saw the same cloud had changed shape to what I would call a shark's mouth, with a blue streak running between the upper and lower jaws but still the same size.

Next morning on the same journey, this time by car, this same cloud was there, even though we had had a gale force wind overnight. I journeyed on for three miles and looked again and to my amazement, this black nimbus-cuculus "cloud" had completely vanished and the sky was clear apart from a few wispy clouds. A cloud of this size could not have possibly vanished without trace within those few minutes.

A. MILLS

CR: B. Taylor

OBSERVER, Wigan, England - Nov. 13, 1980

CR: B. Taylor

## Was this UFO from another world?

Sir — On Wednesday night, October 29/30, at about 12.30 a.m. to 12.40 a.m., I saw from my home what appeared to me to be the lights of a 'plane. What was surprising was that, whatever it was, also appeared to be stationary, bringing me to the conclusion that it was travelling away from me in a straight line. However, the direction — towards St. Helens — is not a regular route.

I watched the object for over half-an-hour, possibly an hour, realising that it was gradually becoming smaller until it looked like a very bright star in the sky. In fact, it occurred to me that had I not seen it at closer range, this is what I should have supposed it was.

The colour of the lights — it seemed that there were two at the bottom and one at the top of the craft — was blue, but the top light kept changing to red, rather as though it were revolving. As I watched it I marvelled at the clearness of the sky and the distance and length of time that a plane could be seen at night.

On speaking of this later, I was made to realise that I could not have seen a plane for over half-an-hour, whatever the time of day, and that it couldn't have risen higher and higher to the sky unless it were taking off from an airport.

It is possible that there is a rational explanation — I don't believe in visitations from other worlds! Nevertheless, it is something for which I should appreciate an explanation and I should also be interested to know if anyone else saw this.

Whilst I was gazing at it a large aircraft passed in front of it. It was well-lit and appeared to be ready for landing, probably at Ringway. Perhaps some of the crew or passengers saw this blue thing in the sky?

Miss A. E. J. Wright  
5 Coppice Drive,  
Billinge.

Dec. 19, 1980

## UFO sighting

TWO SIGHTINGS of an unidentified flying object over Warracknabeal were reported to Horsham radio station, SWM, late Wednesday night last week.

Disc jockey, Rick Ward received one report from a person who lived just outside Warracknabeal who said he saw an object hovering over the east side of town.

The object was described as the shape of a quarter moon, and extremely bright.

A second phone call came from a person who also claimed to have observed the UFO.

The person said the object started "like a little white ball, then took up a star formation and ended up like a quarter moon". The person's family observed the object for some time and "was glad someone else saw the object because they thought they were going funny".

CR: P. Norman

DAILY TELEGRAPH,

London, England

Nov. 29, 1980

## 'FLYING SAUCER' FOLLOWED CAR

Three people claimed yesterday they were followed in their car by a flying saucer as they travelled along an isolated road in Co. Durham.

Mrs Rachel Ainslie, 38, of Corn Close, Startforth, told police the saucer followed the car, in which she was a passenger, for two miles. There were no other reports of sightings.

EVENING POST, Nottingham, England - Nov. 25, 1980

## SPINNING TOPS OVER GEDLING...

FIVE people in Gedling last night claimed to have seen two white, red and green "spinning top" UFOs hovering over the village. One was said to have hung over the parish church spire for half an hour before circling the weather vane cockerel and disappearing.

Both the multi-coloured objects were "twice as big as the biggest star," a caller to the Evening Post added. They had been seen in the area on three previous occasions. Carlton police said they had received a report and passed it to the Nottingham Flying Objects Research and Discussion Association, who said they were investigating.

ECHO, Sunderland, England - Nov. 25, 1980

## FAMILY ENCOUNTER U.F.O. JUST LIKE ECHO FAKE

THE fake picture in yesterday's Echo of a U.F.O. hovering over Pennywell has come to life.

Mrs Margaret Lloyd, of Ambie Square, Gilley Law, told the Echo she saw a U.F.O. at the week-end which looked just like the one rigged up by our photographer.

On Friday night she was watching the late film on television when she heard "a terrific noise."

She said "It was so strong I had to cover my ears. It terrified me."

"I went to wake my son and, as he was getting up, he was just

in time to hear it. It seemed to quieten down at this point.

"We looked out of the window and there was a bright light in the sky."

The light eventually disappeared, and the family returned to the film before going to bed.

Shortly after going to sleep Mrs Lloyd was woken up by the noise. She woke her children

and together they went to the window, where they saw something hovering about in the sky.

"It was moving about from side to side, back and forwards, up and down. Suddenly it just seemed to disappear."

"My next-door neighbour said she saw the

night and early on Sunday morning."

A WASHINGTON civil servant is certain she spotted a U.F.O. above Washington town centre yesterday.

Julie Dawson (18), of Picktree Lodge, Chester-le-Street, works at the Government Child Benefit Centre computer department at

Durham House.

She telephoned the Echo shortly after seeing the mysterious object at 3.35 p.m. above the Sava Centre store.

"I am certain it wasn't a plane. It was an orange colour, round, and kept going up and down the sky. It was quite big, but smaller than an aeroplane," she said.

They got out and continued watching, the U.F.O. was brightest at its centre, it seemed to be only a couple of hundred feet in the air, yet they heard no noise. Its two, blunted ends vibrated about its centre, while the object continued to hover motionless in the sky.

The couple continued to watch for a few minutes more, then as suddenly as it appeared it vanished.

The visibility that evening was excellent, but as yet there have been no reports of similar sightings.



## Signs of UFO found on Seaspray farm?

**BURNT** rings, similar to those apparently made by an unidentified flying object at Kilmany in September, have been discovered at Seaspray.

Coincidentally, the rings were found near a water trough.

Mr Paul Norman, of the Victorian UFO Research Society, believes the Kilmany object could have been looking for water as a 45,460 litre tank on the "Whiteacres" property between Sale and Rosedale had a low water level after the sighting.

This had been the case elsewhere in Australia, he said.

Flashing blue lights were observed in Mount Magnet, West Australia, last year. The following day 59,098 litres of water were missing from a tank on an out-back property.

The plug was still in place and there was no sign of leakage or any tracks to suggest any-

one had been near the tank.

### THREE RINGS

Mr Stan Barker, Nambrook, runs dairy heifers on land at Seaspray owned by Mr Jack Mitchell.

While tending to his animals he found three large burnt rings on the ground, two of them in a lane and one in a paddock within 4.5 metres of a concrete water trough.

The mark in the paddock is more distinct than those in the lane.

The rings are just over six metres across. The actual marks are about .4 of a metre and even.

"It's as if someone gone around with weed killer," Mr Barker said.

Mr Barker said the marked grass had a bleached appearance

and had been squashed flat.

He said the grass in the centre of the circle was cropped as if it had been mown, where the grass on the outside was in head.

Mr Barker said he thought his heifers might be avoiding the marked part of the paddock.

MR STAN BARKER illustrates the width of the rings found on a Seaspray property. The grass on the actual mark had been "burnt" away to expose the soil.



## BOOKS

### Strange forces of the Strait

ANOTHER Bermuda Triangle in Bass Strait? It sounds crazy until the mysterious disappearances of ships and aircraft in the area are catalogued.

Two journalists, Kevin Killey and Gary Lester, have done this in **THE DEVIL'S MERIDIAN** (Lester-Townsend Publishing, \$4.95 rec.)

They were researching the disappearance of Frederick Valentich, a 20-year-old Melbourne pilot who vanished on a routine flight to King Island in October, 1978. Before he lost radio touch with Melbourne he reported he was being shadowed by a mysterious unidentified flying object.

Neither Valentich nor his single-engine Cessna have been found.

Turning up old records, the authors found a 350-ton schooner bound for Hobart had vanished — and a search plane sent to find it was never seen again.

A brand new airliner with its 12 passengers vanishes without trace on a regular flight across the Strait, a light aircraft flies into oblivion, a 12 metre yacht vanishes without trace, the list goes on.

There were too many mysterious events around this comparatively tiny stretch of ocean for it to be ignored.

The authors offer no solutions, but they have come up with a compelling list of mysteries and some intriguing theories.

CR: P. Norman

CHRONICLE, Middlewich, England - Nov. 20, 1980

## UFO SEEN BY SCHOOLBOYS

WINSFORD schoolboy, Brian McGee, claims he had a close encounter of the third kind recently when he and a friend saw a U.F.O. hovering in the evening sky above their homes.

Brian, of 75 Abbots Way, Winsford, says his attention that night was first caught by a bright, round dot in the sky which flashed overhead and then returned after flying full circle. The object then stopped overhead and flashed a blue light.

"I was amazed when I first saw it," said Brian. "It wasn't very big from where I was standing and it didn't make a single noise."

Brian said his friend, Carl Ruxton, aged 15, of 55 Abbots Way, Winsford, also

saw the object. "He too is convinced it was a U.F.O. from outer space and he knows his planes. And I know it wasn't a plane, or a helicopter, or a shooting star," said Brian. "It was a U.F.O. and no joking about it."

Brian, who said he had not been watching too much Star Trek lately, added: "At first I did not want to say anything in case people thought I was stupid, but I am so convinced I felt I had to speak out."

CR: B. Taylor

## A very unsettling fantasy

On the night of Tuesday, Nov. 25, 1980, at precisely 6:20, Tom Wilson was watching "Fantasy Island." Except in this particular episode, in living color, neither Mr. Rourke nor Tattoo made an appearance.

Wilson's Fantasy Island was being screened 10,000 feet in the sky over Wabamun, the tiny hamlet on Highway 16, and that night Tom and his friend, Kevin McKay, became believers in UFOs — Unidentified Flying Objects.

However, Wilson's close encounter of 10,000 feet has been an unsettling experience for he has been bunched in the company of cranks who periodically turn birds into Superman and with those who have extended conversations with pink elephants.

Then, he has been trying to shake off words of authority, such as Capt. Ernie Fedaak of CFB Edmonton, who assured the populace that it was nothing more than a meteorite. "We can't be 100 per cent sure, but we assume that's what it was," explained Fedaak, who added that NORAD defence radar failed to detect the thing.

"I was dumbfounded and so was Kevin, but I'm now a believer in UFOs and so is he. This is the first time that either of us has ever seen such a sight," said Wilson, who flays away at skeptics for he claims he has a working knowledge of radar and McKay is a visiting GEC technician from England, who has been working on the turbines at the Wabamun generating plant.

### CORBETT



"It was a fantasy. It was about 10,000 feet up and it wasn't anything like an airplane, a meteorite or even a falling weather satellite. It didn't vary in altitude. There was no sound, no nothing," said Wilson, still shaking his head about the sighting. "I was in my car along with Kevin and when we saw it, I stopped and parked my car at the top of the hill."

The UFO was going west along Highway 16 and not north as reported by 11-year-old Raylene Wilhelm of St. Albert, who said, "it went north over the horizon and then a shower of orange lights zipped past."

"The object turned every color of the rainbow. It was something like you'd see through a fog. There was every color of the rainbow. First orange, then blue, then..." Wilson's voice trailed off. "I have never seen such a beautiful sight in my life."

Wilson, who drives taxi for Barrell, is convinced that it was something from another planet with technology far superior to what we

have on earth. However, convincing others has left him confused and even his wife, Patsy, said she believed he was carrying it a bit too far.

"When I called The Sun, the woman on the other end of the phone was very skeptical and The Journal people thought I was some kind of crank after I told them I was a cab driver, so I hung up. But I'm 55 years old and what I saw was a UFO from another planet. It was just like Fantasy Island."

Wilson's experience isn't unique. There are too many unexplained sightings and I tend to believe that a superior race has been speeding across our skies in search of lord knows what!

Tom isn't a crank and neither is ABC newsman Robert Le Donne, who discussed his experience with J. Allen Hynek and Jacques Vallee in *The Edge of Reality*. Le Donne saw a UFO on the night of June 4, 1974 in Woodcliff Lake, N.J. and it also made no sound and looked like "a brilliant oval of lights" in the southeastern sky.

Le Donne stopped his car and watched it approach, flying very low, from ¼ mile away. It appeared to have yellow lights revolving from front to rear and a red light in back. It was, he said, "as garish as a Ferris wheel in the sky."

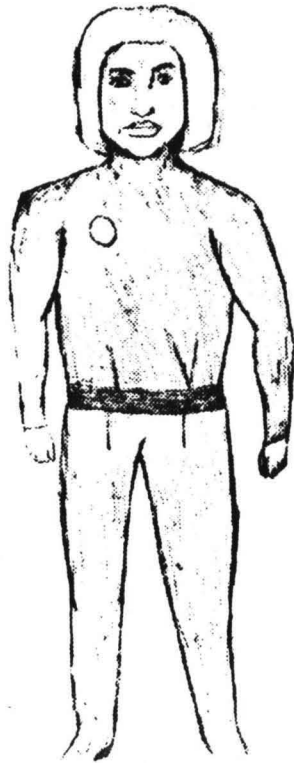
Le Donne unsuccessfully tries to convince himself that the UFO was a helicopter.

Both Wilson and McKay have the same problem. For they believe we are not alone...!

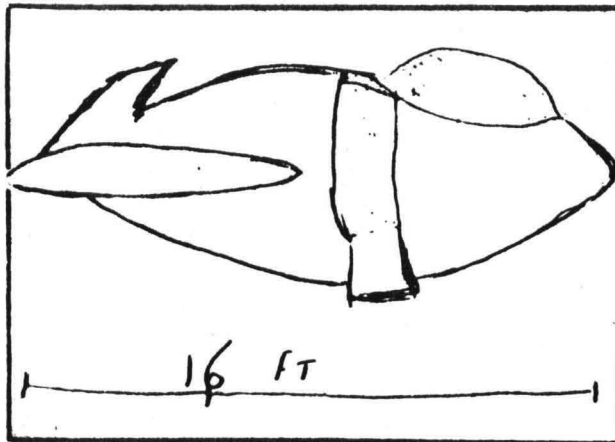
SUN, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada - Dec. 7, 1980

CR: T. Tokaryk

# Mario's close encounter



● Mr Luisi's sketch of the space man.



● The space ship — as seen and sketched by Mr Luisi.

**PAPER** mill worker Mario Luisi claims he's had a close encounter of the spine-chilling kind.

The 36-year-old father-of-three says he met and talked with two beings from another planet.

And he has given detailed descriptions of the aliens and their spacecraft to the "Post".

Mario has also showed us his melted torch — burned, he says, by some kind of ray gun they were carrying.

But he refused to reveal details of markings on their craft and emblems on their clothing, because he was warned against it.

Today, as he relived the amazing meeting that left him riveted to the spot with fear, Mario, of Hall Park, Burneside, Kendal, said: "I know I'll be the laughing stock of the village for this."

"But I'm not bothered because I know what I saw. I'm not looking for any

## Space invaders spoke to me — mill worker

By David Jones

sympathy or anything — before, I might not have believed it myself."

He says he saw the human-like creatures one evening as he walked his dog on the banks of the river, near Croppers' papermill.

"I saw something that I thought must be a cow, at first. I swung round, and shone my torch and a light flashed back, melting it."

### HOVERING

"Then I saw the craft, about 16ft long and 8ft deep and dark-coloured with a blunt nose and sort of glass windows, hovering just off the ground."

"A man and a woman stood next to it. They were the most beautiful people I have ever seen. Their hair was light-coloured, in a helmet style down past their shoulders."

"They wore skin-tight suits, a sort of back wet-look, and she had a cloak over hers. They were about 5ft 6in tall."

"Their features were out of this world and they had very pale skins as though they were ill or something."

"I was with them about two or three minutes. The woman did all the talking in English — she said they

would not harm me but that I must not tell certain things, like the letters on the craft."

"I wanted to run, but I couldn't. I didn't believe it was happening to me but it was. Then they got back into the ship up some fold-down stairs and it shot straight up into the sky in a red glow."

### POLICE

Mario, who has been off work awaiting an operation since June, then ran as fast as he could until he reached home.

He reported the incident to the police and told his wife, Judith, and next door neighbour.

"I knew another woman in the village who says she saw something similar in the same field," he added. "But she doesn't want her name mentioned."

"I always believed in UFOs but never have any experience of them. I know it's far-fetched, but how do you explain the torch?"

Judith added: "He never gets scared but he was that night."

A spokesman for Kendal police said: "Mr Luisi did report this to us and we sent a man out. He found nothing, so that's the end of the matter as far as we are concerned."

"We did have one or two reported sightings in the Crook area about two years ago, but nothing recently."



● Mr Luisi crouches in the hollow of the tree from where he sighted the space ship. He holds his burnt-out torch.

Flying saucer sightings may help solve ancient mystery

# WALTON COULD HOLD CLUE TO UFO RIDDLE

ECHO, Liverpool, England - Nov. 29, 1980  
CR: B. Tayler

Strange sightings over Liverpool's Walton area could play a part in solving the riddle of flying saucers.

By Jack Ashton  
He has also contacted local archaeologists for background information on Walton's ancient past. One theory is that there is a link between UFO sightings and ley lines, the network of landmarks across the country, believed to be the power lines of cosmic energy.

Walton is apparently on a ley line stretching from a church in Formby, through St. Mary's Church at Walton-on-the-Hill to the original site of an ancient tomb at Calderstones and the site of an Iron Age fort at Camp Hill, Woolton.

In one sighting, earlier this year, a 27-year-old woman and her brother saw an object resembling two tin plates held together by a stainless steel band. It started as a flashing light moving quickly out of cloud and then stopped dead.

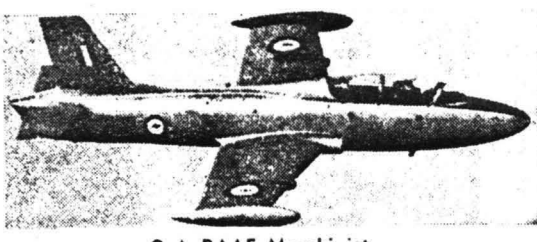
The object displayed lights the colour of an open furnace door.

In the other sighting, also this year, a man practising golf strokes saw a flashing light travelling at great speed. It stopped dead in the late afternoon sky, flashing green and red, and stayed there for about 20 minutes.

"He got a very strange feeling - not of being afraid but of being alone," said Mr. Morris, a 67-year-old retired civil servant.

Both objects were seen over the Walton Triangle area, and Mr. Morris says, because of the descriptions given by the people involved, the lights could not have been aircraft.

# JET HUNT FOR UFOs - MYSTERY



• A RAAF Macchi jet.

PERTH - The RAAF is baffled by four mysterious unidentified flying objects seen over Perth and tracked by radar.

A Macchi jet was "scrambled" by the RAAF after the UFOs were sighted, but the pilot could not find them.

The UFOs were first seen on Thursday by Mr Graham Moyle, an air traffic controller at Perth Airport.

He and other air traffic controllers made two or three visual sightings between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The regional director of transport, Mr Ellis Keil, said that the

"silver tumbling discs" were tracked on radar at a height of more than 8000 metres until they disappeared at more than 20,000 metres.

There were no aircraft or weather balloons in the area to explain the sightings.

Danielle Russell, 12, of Jennings Way, Lockridge, saw four objects moving quickly across the sky from north to south about 11 a.m.

She 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."

However, the UFO mystery may never be solved.

The RAAF, which is handling the investigation, is concerned only with establishing that there were no aircraft or obvious objects such as weather balloons in its air space.

One RAAF spokesman said that the atmospheric conditions were unusual on Thursday and this could have accounted for the sightings.

He said the sudden onset of hot weather could have produced an atmospheric phenomenon.

The last sighting of a UFO was by crew members of a Darwin-bound TAA jet, which reported a shining object at around 15,000 metres.

But authorities did not take the sighting seriously.

That was on August 8. But the biggest query concerns pilot Frederick Valentich who disappeared over Bass Strait in October, 1978, after reporting he was being chased by a UFO.

LANCASHIRE EVENING POST, Preston, England - Nov. 27, 1980

## Now Sue has close encounter

ANOTHER strange UFO sighting has been made in the Lake District.

Farm partner Sue Critchley claims she saw a space-craft hovering above her car as she drove from Shap to Kendal yesterday.

And her description tallies with that given to the "Post" on Tuesday by Mr Mario Luisi.

Miss Critchley, 32, claims she did not see Tuesday's article, and has not spoken to Mr Luisi about his experience.

She says she spotted the UFO in broad daylight while driving on the A6 from Stoney Gill Farm, Shap, to Kendal.

It was about eight miles from Burneside, where Mr Luisi claims he met and talked with beings from space.

"At first there was a bright light about a mile away," said Sue, of Grasmere Road, Kendal. "It darted right; then left."

"We are used to aircraft on the fells, but I stopped because I could see it wasn't anything like that."

"In just a few seconds it

was near the car, hovering. It was squat and sort of greyish, with a bright light at the front and short wings jutting back.

"In a flash it was gone, but I couldn't see where to."

When Sue told her boyfriend, Mike Stephenson, he said there had been an article in the "Post", and she then got in touch with Mr Luisi.

She added: "I don't know if I believe in UFOs - I've never thought about it before - but I know what I saw."

"I would like to talk to someone who knows about these things. I'm not frightened, just puzzled."

Kendal police said today they had had reports from Lancashire police headquarters that their device which raises the alarm when an aircraft crashes had been triggered off.

"The course fixing was 12 miles south-east of Kendal, but it was later thought to be over the border in West Yorkshire. We've heard nothing more," said a spokesman.

## Encounters of a strange kind

PETER McFadden and Paul Richards had an eerie encounter they hadn't bargained for when they decided to put in a spot of overtime at work.

The Classic cinema men came across a peculiar problem as they set about installing a special sound system.

During the wiring operation one of the speakers being set up for a forthcoming film in the big Classic One theatre began crackling - and the reason why has left manager Peter and projectionist Paul wondering.

For when the interference refused to go away they began to check the wiring and their search for a fault led them to the cinema roof.

And that was when they saw - a UFO!

"We went up to have a look at a lead which crosses the roof to connect with equipment on the other side of the theatre," explained Peter.

"When we got there Paul spotted the object in the sky and he quickly ran downstairs to get his camera. Fortunately he had three shots left before the film ran out."

The cinema men say the 9 a.m. sky was an unusual purple colour.

And in addition the unidentified craft appeared from the Church Hill side of town - the exact area where four young schoolboys made the first of a recent spate of UFO sightings in town.

The craft hovered and circled St Stephen's church and disappeared in the direction of Headless Cross - where sightings have also been made lately.

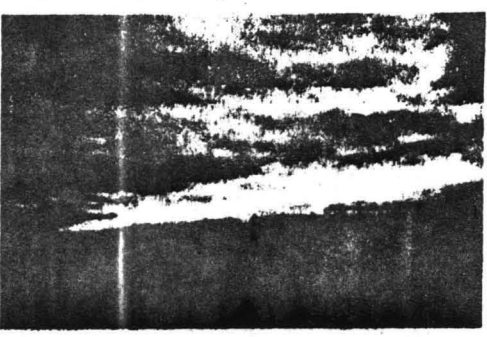
Manager Peter also suggested the alien craft could have visited the town to investigate the development corporation's publicity balloon - which by coincidence was missing from the Redditch skies at the beginning of the week.

But Kingfisher Centre manager Mr Mike Porri assured the Indicator the balloon's absence was due to routine repairs.

"I really couldn't say what the object was," added Peter. "It certainly looked very peculiar and definitely hung around for a few minutes before disappearing again."

But there is one more thing that has the Classic staff worried.

By coincidence the "sound surround" system the pair were setting up was for a film the cinema is showing in ten days time - "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."



INDICATOR, Redditch, England - Nov. 21, 1980 CR: B. Tayler

THE SUN, Melbourne, Australia  
Dec. 6, 1980 CR: P. Norman

Frightened UFO man gives it all up

WESTERN MAIL, Cardiff, Wales, U.K.

Nov. 28, 1980

study books about the phenomena and dangerous influences at work which are harmful to mankind," he said.

Mr Jones Pugh added, "You are dealing with factors which are totally opposite what the Church preaches. It has simply frightened me off. People who hold Christian principles can become a target for these malevolent forces."

Others who had experienced the same frightening effects did not want to talk about their experiences and he now understood why. It was the occult similar to Pandora's Box, and he had seen enough.

Western Mail Reporter

plane of existence on this earth with sightings caused by the occasional overlapping of the other time existence with ours.

"I delved too deeply into the subject and discovered experiences that are too frightening to talk about," he said yesterday.

Mr Jones Pugh refused to reveal details of those unnerving experiences publicly but admitted, "Some of them would make your hair curl. It is what the Bible has been preaching about for 2,000 years."

According to Mr Jones Pugh, many other eminent people involved in ufology have also quit after discovering

THE MAN who was at the centre of the UFO hysteria which rocked West Wales has quit his job of investigating sightings because he has been frightened by what he discovered.

Retired veterinary surgeon Mr Randall Jones Pugh, aged 65, of Roch, near Haverfordwest, revealed yesterday that he had discovered in his investigations into the phenomena that it dealt with the occult with malevolent forces at work.

He warned others who may be thinking of stepping into his shoes, "Don't do it or you will be sorry."



● Randall Jones Pugh... "I delved too deeply."

Missile Is Most Likely Cause of Crash of Italian Airliner That Killed 81, Minister Tells Commission

ROME (UPI) — Italian Transport Minister Rino Formica said Wednesday a missile most probably downed an Itavia airlines DC-9 that crashed off the coast of Italy in June, killing all 81 persons aboard.

Formica, testifying before a parliamentary commission investigating the June 27 accident, said "the theory of a missile remains the strongest of all the others."

Aldo Zavanalli, the airline's president, said Tuesday that he had information to prove the plane, on a regular run from Bologna to Sicily, was hit by a missile.

Both Italian and American teams investigating the crash ruled out the possibility of a structural failure or a collision with another aircraft, Formica said.

Formica's provisional report excludes the cause as an explosion but it remains to be determined if it was external or internal.

Italian military officials said that if the plane was downed by a missile, the projectile had to come from a ship because military radar records in the area show it could not have been launched from the ground or from another plane.

Italy's largest private carrier, canceled all its flights last week because of financial difficulties.

The June 27 accident caused the airline to lose passengers because of press accusations the company's aircraft were not properly maintained.

The Bermuda Triangle syndrome is a common affliction of those who enthuse about unidentified flying objects.

The Bermuda Triangle, if you don't know, is an area bounded by Florida, the Sargasso Sea and Bermuda, in which, as in many other areas of the world, aircraft and boats have mysteriously disappeared.

There is a theory among UFO fans that the Bermuda Triangle is a doorway leading to another dimension, perhaps to outer space; that the missing craft have been claimed by extraterrestrial beings.

One aspect that seldom seems to be pursued by writers on the subject is that at times of carnage such as World War 2 many an aircraft or ship has disappeared into the sea and released no sign of wreckage or survivor.

Perhaps the vast beds of the ocean hold more secrets than can be attributed to UFOs.

Two Australian writers, Kevin Kiley and Gary Lester, have extended the idea to include a Tasman Triangle, a sort of UFO trap that accounts for disappearances in Bass Strait, in a new paperback called *THE DEVIL'S MERIDIAN* (Lester-Townsend Publishing Co., Box 39, Broadway, NSW, 2007, \$4.95).

And of course there have been many disappearances.

Look at a map of Bass Strait shipwrecks. It is like a graveyard strewn with confetti.

Many ships left their bones for all to see. Some, according to the history books, left no trace.

Remember, only a year ago, the sloop Charleston, which vanished in Bass Strait with its crew of five while on the way from Hobart to compete in the Sydney-Hobart yacht race.

There have been aircraft, too.

In September, 1972, a Tiger Moth carrying two conservationists to Canberra to protest against the flooding of Lake Pedder disappeared over North-Eastern Tasmania or Bass Strait.

It was happening way back in 1934, too.

On October 19 that year the *Miss Hobart*, a spank-

NEW BOOKS

by NOEL SHAW

ing new four-engined De Havilland aircraft took off from Western Junction for Melbourne.

On board were Captain Gilbert Jenkins, the co-pilot, Captain V C Holyman, and 10 passengers.

Somewhere over Bass Strait she disappeared. No trace was ever found of her.

The main subject of this book is the disappearance of Frederick Paul Valentich on October 21, 1978, while flying alone from Moorabbin to King Island.

Valentich told Melbourne control by radio that he had encountered a UFO.

Part of the transcript reads: "It seems like it's stationary what I'm doing right now is orbiting and the thing is orbiting on top of me, also it's got a green light and sort of metallic..."

It's another hobby horse of UFO writers that government agencies (the beastly US Air Force in particular) expend much effort in suppressing vital facts about UFOs.

Kiley and Lester carry this through by inferring (page 177) that the Australian Department of Transport has not revealed the full Valentich transcript. "...The tape is supposed to last just over six minutes. Yet if one reads the released transcript, even slowly, it would last no more than two minutes."

Both Valentich and his father were interested in UFOs.

Three days after the disappearance the father said: "In the absence of evidence I believe my son may have been abducted. I am sure they will return him."

Was the encounter real... a hoax... hallucination?

This book takes us no nearer finding out.

But it will be as eagerly read by UFO enthusiasts as a new Asimov by sci-fi addicts, and that won't hurt anybody.

NORTH EAST ENSIGN, Benalla, Victoria, Australia Dec. 9, 1980 CR: P. Norman

## UFOs SIGHTED OVER BENALLA

Mr Merv Sellars spotted UFOs

A retired Benalla man couldn't believe his eyes when he saw five unidentified flying objects shoot through the sky over Benalla on Thursday night.

The flying objects going in a north westerly direction from the southeast were first thought to be aeroplanes or gliders.

Mr Merv Sellars, 84, of *Carrier Street*, Benalla was amazed to see the objects which were flying in formation from the Benalla Aerodrome direction.

He said he was standing on the corner of Benalla and Carrier Streets waiting for his sister when he spotted them all on one level about 8.30 p.m.

Mr Sellars said he was expecting a sound from the objects but heard nothing. He said they were in sight for about half a minute.

Mr Sellars said he was not going to report it until he heard about the UFOs sighted in Perth. Four UFOs were seen by a traffic controller at Perth Airport on Tuesday and a 12-year-old girl sighted them as well on Thursday morning. An RAAF jet was "Scrambled" after the UFOs were sighted but nothing resulted.

Mr Sellars said they had very bright lights, the same as a car.

In Perth, the girl who had sighted them described them to have changed colours from red, blue and green.

Mr Sellars said he had asked a lot of people about the objects but to his knowledge no one else had sighted them.

Benalla police and the Gliding Club reported no sightings.

## Experts say something knocked down DC-9

ROME (AP) — Scientific tests suggest that a bomb, missile or meteorite brought down the DC-9 jet that crashed into the Mediterranean last June, a judge said Friday.

Investigators performed chemical and physical analyses of the jetliner's wreckage. All 81 people aboard were killed.

Judge Giorgio Santacroce said initial results "do not lead us to change our hypotheses about the causes of the disaster, which remain, in order of priority: a bomb on board or explosion of dangerous material, or collision with an unidentified flying object, such as a missile or meteorite."

The private Italian airline Itavia claims a missile shot down its DC-9, and Transportation Minister Salvatore Formica said a missile was the most likely cause of the crash.

Itavia has submitted documents that purport to show radar evidence that a military-type jet flew close to the plane just before it exploded and crashed south of Naples June 27.

Santacroce made his comments after a meeting with his own technical experts, members of a Cabinet committee investigating the crash, and officials from Italian air force laboratories. The group plans to carry out more refined tests, the judge said.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - Jan. 17, 1981

# TRANSLATIONS

## BRAZIL

Credit: Irene Granchi

- 1) City and country of incident: Sorocaba (State of São Paulo), Brazil
- 2) Date of incident: October 31, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: DIÁRIO DE SOROCABA, November 2, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Sorocaba, São Paulo, Brazil

### FLYING SAUCERS REAPPEAR IN IBIUNA AND SOROCABA.

Policemen state having seen UFO. Lights went off as object appeared.

At about 0:10 hrs last Friday, Policeman Paulo Vieira Nunes, on duty at Ibiuna, went out into the yard and suddenly saw a strange light appear standing in the sky. He immediately alerted his colleague, PM Abreu, but the object disappeared, only to reappear a few seconds later at the same spot, this time also observed by PM Abreu. A few seconds later, the UFO started moving slowly and at a low height from South to North, disappearing into space. Later still, PM Vieira Nunes told reporters that what he had seen was "a nearly triangular-shaped object, with yellowish lights outside and emitting a bright red light from the bottom." According to his report: "The object hardly made any sound, and this was like a stifled buzzing; it also appeared that a strange kind of cloud followed the object right below it, traveling at the same velocity."

On the other hand, several citizens who were still awake watching TV, reported that at the same hour at which the UFO was observed by the police and other citizens, the lights in their homes and their TV sets were blacked out.

In view of these events, Delegate (police-officer) Edgar Salles de Souza addressed an official report to a branch of the Air Force for further investigation on the case.

On Friday, according to citizens who live at Alto da Boa Vista and surroundings, the UFO was seen in Sorocaba. The police were advised and several police-cars went to the place called Aparecidinha.

Many people report having noticed strange lights in the sky and can neither explain their origin nor the exact locality of their appearance. Several people have started saying that the famous flying saucers are back again in our region and that "this time they are going to land."

- 1) City and country of incident: Macapá (capital of the State of Amapá), Brazil
- 2) Date of incident: November 2, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: O DIA, December 13, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### FLYING SAUCER RISS UP OUT OF AMAZON WATERS.

Macapá (AGS) - Panicked at first, then curious, seventy people or more, awaiting re-establishment of ferry service to cross Araragi River (150 km from Macapá, half-way to Amapá, route BR-156), watched a strange object rise up from the river, hover at 5 or 6 metres above it and 100 from the river-bank, rise slowly to a height of approximately 200 metres, stop there for four minutes, after which it turned left, and proceeded at a moderate speed towards the ocean. There could be no mistaking what they saw, as it was still daylight enough, allowing for a good amount of clarity, between afternoon and sundown.

Eye-witnesses stated that the object seemed solid, about 5 metres in diameter, shaped like a cloud, no sign of luminosity, but behaving in flight as no law of physics would permit.

On the opposite bank of the river, municipality of Amapá, citizen Francisco Silveira, 68, half an hour after the incident, remarked: "This was nothing compared to what happened to me; I was fishing over at Cascavel, and the object practically landed on my head. It was not farther than thirty metres from me, and came down and stayed there for a long while, staying there as if it was watching me."

On the preceding day, in Amapá, a car with three passengers was followed by a flying object shaped like a plate, its borders lit up, which then stopped still above a sports module facing the local hotel and causing the greatest agitation among the people who watched.

(TRANSLATOR'S NOTES: It is necessary to point out that the State of Amapá, or rather, the Free Territory of Amapá, in the Northeast of Brazil, lies on the delta of the Amazon River, facing the famous Island of Marajó, on the other side of which lies the State of Pará, Capital Belém. Amapá is also a town, and Macapá is the Capital of Amapá Territory, and lies directly on the Equator.)

- 1) City and country of incident: Bragança (Pará), Brazil
- 2) Date of incident: November 2, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: O DIA, December 14, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

### CREW FROM FLYING SAUCER SPEAK TO FARMER AND SAY THEY WILL RETURN.

Belém (AGS) - Petrified, farm-worker Domingos Monteiro Brito, resident of Camaracá Island, in Bragança, watched two beings physically resembling human beings, descend from a strange silent vehicle, brightly-lit, near his home on the beach. They started talking to him, asking countless questions, then returned into their strange vehicle and, once more in complete silence, took off at a vertiginous speed, after informing him that they would return to the same place on the 25th of this month.

Domingos is still scared about the sighting of an object which he believes must have been a flying saucer that appeared in front of his house at dawn on one of the last days of November when he had gone out for some fresh air, for his room was very hot.

First he noticed a luminous dot that approached at an incredible speed to the spot where he stood and that increased in size as he watched it until it came to only a few metres from the beach. The farm-worker watched it stop for a few seconds at only a few metres from the sand, and then descend smoothly until it touched the ground and stood still. From inside it came out two beings with the appearance of normal men, and he does not recollect whether they came through a door or not, but that they approached him. They spoke to Domingos in his own language, asked countless questions, such as if in that neighborhood there were large uninhabited areas and other questions of the same kind.

Domingos became paralysed with fear and cannot even remember how he replied or even if he replied. He only recollects that before entering their vehicle, the beings promised that, at dawn on the 25th, they would reappear at the same spot for another contact with him, Domingos Monteiro Brito. Their vehicle, which lifted off, was a kind of flattened sphere above and below, greyish, very well-lit, but not emitting any kind of heat or smell of gasoline. Domingos went over to the police at Bragança, telling Police Chief Lauro Bastos his story, and he, in turn, informed the Delegate of the Interior, Euclides Vasconcelos, of the event.

NOTE: The correct "date of incident" for the item, "FLYING SAUCER SIGHTED IN BRAZIL," UPONS #137, page 12, should be July 26, 1980.

## CHINA

Credit: Tsien Wenjung via Stanton Friedman

- 1) City and country of incident: China
- 2) Date of incident: Various - 1947 to present
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: TIANJIN DAILY, November 2, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Tianjin, China

### EYEWITNESS CASES OF UFO FLYING OVER CHINA'S MAINLAND (by Gao Yulong & Yu Zhiqiu)

According to incomplete materials we have got so far, the modern "flying discs" (i.e. UFO) have also flown over the Chinese territory.

A telegram sent on July 19, 1947 by the puppet anti-aircraft command to the puppet ministry of defense (of the then Nationalist government), said that a flying disc was certainly discovered over Lanzhou City (Gansu Province in Northwest China), which was 15 meters long and had a rudder and two jet pipes at its backside. It moved forward like a propulsor.

On the same day, the newspaper "Yishi" in Tianjin City (Hebei Province, North China) reported that around 8 p.m. on July 14, a man called Kong Zhaoxin in a county of Gansu Province, sitting in the open air to enjoy the cool, saw a round object flying from northwest to southwest and disappearing after one or two seconds. This object was like a moon, yellowish-reddish, and about several meters in diameter. It was flying very fast. At the same time, a woman, Ms Liu, also saw it.

In the middle of July of the same year, six people in Tianjin saw a strange object flying in the sky. An Italian citizen living in Shanghai, while looking far into the distance through his window at midnight, suddenly saw that a white object was flying over his house as fast as an airplane. It was squat-shaped, grey and luminous. Fifteen minutes later, two more flying discs appeared, but disappeared very quickly.

All the above-mentioned UFO incidents were reported in China before its liberation (1949).

In 1978, some Chinese newspapers carried reports about new discoveries of flying discs abroad, which immediately aroused great interest among the people. In particular, those who were lucky enough to see personally the flying discs have since then sent letters to the departments concerned to report their sightings.

Chen Yufu, a worker of coal-washing factory in Shanxi Province, said that in an autumn afternoon in 1970, there was a luminous round ring in the sky, west of his factory's transformer substation. It seemed to jet gas and sped down to the horizon within two minutes. It looked as big as a washbasin.

Around 6 p.m. on September 9, 1976, when they were listening to radio outside their own houses along the west Huancheng Road of Yichun City, Jiangxi Province (Central South China), Hu Suisheng and some others of the Jiangxi Second Chemical Factory occasionally looked up to the west at an elevation angle of 60 degrees and saw a silver flying object. Its shape was like a pair of copper cymbals put together. It was spinning on its vertical axis under the setting sun, continuously jetting out silver-colored foggy gas and flying at an altitude of about 2,000 meters at rather high speed in a direction from East towards Northwest. Their observation lasted about five minutes with many eyewitnesses on the spot.

At 11 p.m. on July 26, 1977, Zhang Zhousheng, working for the Yunnan Astronomical Observatory, saw an unidentified flying object within the scope, with a visual diameter of about five degrees over Chengdu, capital of Sichuan Province (Southwest China). He made a note and found through his own investigation that many people who were living within an area of 180 kilometers also saw this object.

At 8:40 p.m. on October 23, 1978, a huge rectangular UFO appeared over an airport in Gansu Province. When it was flying over, it shut up almost half the sky. Its estimated altitude was between 6,000 and 8,000 meters and the length was over 1,000 meters.

A report of a certain unit of the People's Liberation Army stationed in Tang County, Hebei Province, said they had seen a round ball like a moon, spraying foggy gas around itself. After staying for a few seconds in the sky, it jetted out a violent gust of black foggy clouds, then flew higher and stayed for a few seconds more, then jetted out foggy gas again, flew higher again, stayed for a while and finally flew away. At that time, an army motorcycle was sent to chase it for more than five kilometers distance, which at last returned because of the difficulties of travel on the mountainous road.

It is understood that about one hundred eyewitness reports of UFO incidents over China's Mainland have been collected. They are divided into three categories: (1) about 80 per cent of the discovered UFOs are round, dish-shaped; (2) very few are huge rectangle-shaped; (3) spiral nebula-shaped with huge body. All these are still uncertain and deserve further investigation and research.

Credit: Joe Brill

- 1) City and country of incident: China
- 2) Date of incident: November 27, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: (Name unknown), November 28, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Canton, China

A newspaper in the southern city of Canton, China, reported on November 28, 1980, that a UFO was seen the night before by more than 2,000 soldiers who were watching a film out in the open. "A strange fiery object that looked about the size of a bowl, appeared about one or two thousand meters above and behind the film screen, flying on a flat trajectory from West to East. The film audience of more than 2,000 were all immediately shocked. The strange object had a fiery tail, colored red, and made no noise at all as it flew. After six or seven seconds, the object disappeared behind the trees, leaving the audience to debate as to whether or not it was a flying saucer."

## EUROPE

Credit: Joe Brill

- 1) City and country of incident: France & Italy (various points)
- 2) Date of incident: November 11, 1980
- 3) Name of paper and date of clip: EL MERCURIO, November 13, 1980
- 4) City and country of newspaper: Santiago, Chile

### STRANGE CELESTIAL PHENOMENON OVER EUROPE

They were detected simultaneously in France and Italy

Nice (France), Nov. 12 (AFP). -- Strange celestial phenomena, as yet unexplained by scientists, were observed last night (Nov. 11) simultaneously at three points in France (Nice, south of Corsica, and Marseille) and in Rome.

In Nice, in the southern part of the country, several persons said they had seen in the sky an enormous ball of white light which then appeared green and yellow.

Professor Millet, of the Nice observatory, said that "it is evident that something occurred in the sky, but it is not likely that it was a phenomenon outside of the earth's atmosphere, since there was a very thick cloud cover which only permitted seeing up to a few kilometers altitude."

Whatever it may have been, the local weather services discarded the hypothesis of a sounding (weather) balloon.



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SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, Sydney, Australia - Aug. 31, 1980 CR: D. Reneke

## NEW LIGHT ON WAR MYSTERY

From GERRI SUTTON in New York

**NEW information has convinced the co-author of a book about a warship that became invisible that it really happened.**

William Moore wrote with Charles Berlitz The Philadelphia Experiment.

It recounts the mysterious events of 1943 when the US Navy conducted what the authors say was a successful experiment in making the USS Eldridge invisible.

Moore said this week that even when his book was published he was not convinced of the disappearing incident, but new information had changed his mind.

"I was contacted by a man who claimed to have been a crewman on the Eldridge," he said.

"We met, and this man had an envelope full of documents to prove his story.

"He had remained in the Navy until 1970, when he retired as a commander.

"The commander told me he had been put in hospital for six months in 1943, having been told by the Navy that he had had a nervous breakdown."

### Two names

Moore said the commander provided him with the names of two men who were involved in an incident mentioned in the book.

One name recently led him to the son of one of the men.

"This man told me his father had been killed in what the Navy described as an accident in 1943," Moore said.

Last month Moore was contacted by a freelance writer, Eric Nelson, who had a copy of the book.

Nelson had been reading the book on a bus when he was approached by a man who said he knew about the incident, and that one of



□ William Moore

his friends had been involved.

"I have found out the name of this man and I believe he is in California," Moore said.

"My commander friend told me the only other survivor of the Eldridge lives in California."

Moore is further convinced the experiment did occur after receiving a letter from a man who said he had seen in 1950 a film made for people in top security defence work.

"He described what sounds like the Philadelphia Experiment being shown at the beginning of a black and white film sequence," Moore said.

"There was a title which read 'Experiment ship cloaking: camouflage'."

"I am now convinced the incident did occur, although I am sure the result was as much a surprise to the Navy as it was to anyone.

"They were working on an experiment in radar camouflage but when death and physical problems began to occur they couldn't control it."

## Monster?

### Bay sightings raise questions, doubts

By Bill Barton  
Evening Sun Outdoor Editor

Now that the weather and waters are cooling, one would think we've heard the last of the sea monster stories. Not so.

Remember a month back when Trudy and Coleman Guthrie saw what they could only describe as a "creature" while sailing between Bennett and Tilghman Points of Eastern Bay.

A description of what they saw is in the accompanying illustration drawn by Trudy in the boat's log shortly after the sighting. Since then no one has come up with a plausible identification of the creature.

And it would stretch the imagination of an old salt to explain what could have been atop a crab pot a couple old-time crabbers encountered the other day between Miller and Pooles Islands.

They stopped in at Set's Sports Shop, in Towson, shortly thereafter to ask if Bill Fitchett had any idea as to what they saw.

As they hauled up the pot the elderly watermen detected it was exceptionally heavy. As neared the surface they saw perched atop it a big and obviously alive being of grayish shade — and with no hair.

Astonished, one shouted to the other and let go of the pot line. They both believe they heard a definite grunt-like sound from the creature, but when they pulled the pot up again it was gone.

Bill didn't get the names of the crabbers, but said they were knowledgeable watermen who stop in the shop occasionally, and were quite

sincere. They said it appeared to be somewhat like they would imagine an octopus.

But we all know there are no octopuses swimming around Chesapeake Bay.

Don't we?

Ah, but five weeks ago the Guthries wouldn't have believed there were any creatures in Eastern Bay. Trudy spent much of her life on the water, a good bit of it in her younger years with her dad, Dr. Reginald V. Truitt, founder of the Chesapeake Biological Laboratory, and a highly respected longtime Bay researcher and scholar.

And there's Steve McKerrow who was sailing on relatively calm water near the mouth of Middle River the same weekend the Guthries saw the Chesapeake's most publicized creature.

Midway between Miller Island and Booby Point, Steve saw what at first appeared to be a weird tidal rip or boat wake moving across the water, but there was nothing in sight to create it.

Steve, an experienced boater and boating columnist for the *Evening Sun*, admits bewilderment.

Trudy says she has since heard of a Virginia report where a family of four saw a "rip" such as that, but quickly saw what created the odd wake down in the lower Chesapeake complex. It appeared to be a sea serpent with three curved humps rising amid the wake as it moved at 3 or 4 knots.

She says that during a lengthy telephone interview with a Richmond newspaper she was informed of other sightings of sea serpents farther down the Bay, all by reputable people. And there

are the reports carried the past several years of huge snake-like creatures seen in both the Patuxent and Potomac, some of as long as 30 feet.

Ridiculous? Well, some pretty credible people were involved in those, also. One fellow even took a pot shot at a serpent, another detected belly tracks from the water to the shoreline of Nanjemoy Creek in Southern Maryland.

Within hours of the Guthrie incident, Catonsville crabber Ray Ratajczak admits to being temporarily frightened by an experience at Tilghman Creek not far from the Guthrie incident.

He was pulling in 40 feet of anchor line when something obviously brushed against it, he said.

"There was a tremendous boil, the water erupted as if a depth charge had been detonated. It was wierd, and whatever it was had to be 10 feet in diameter," said Ray. "I've crabbed an awful lot and have seen frightened schools of fish, huge rays and big fish, but this was different."

He said he didn't see any object, but there was a "tremendous surge and I knew something big and frisky was only 25 feet from my small boat."

In none of the incidents reported have the creatures seemed the least bit aggressive, or even concerned in their encounters with humans.

Several boatmen have suggested harbor seals moved up the Bay after bluefish during the heat of summer, and there are other reports concerning the watermen seeing serpent-like creatures above the Bay Bridge.

So the mystery, or mysteries remain. It's definitely something to mull over this winter.

ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, AR - Jan. 11, 1981

## Chinese professor gripped by monkey man mystery

Times-Peak News Service  
Agence-France Presse

PEKING — Do monkey men, the Chinese version of the Abominable Snowman, really exist?

A growing number of Chinese scientists seem to believe so, judging by press reports here.

Professor Liu Minzhuang of Shanghai seems to be the firmest believer in the existence of monkey men.

In 1956, while he was a teacher of Darwinism, he found an old book mentioning hairy men more than 10 feet tall in the central Chinese area of Hubei. From that moment, the monkey men became the professor's obsession, an obsession that has grown stronger with the years.

After his retirement, Liu did research in the Shanghai libraries, where he found about 30 ancient tomes, some going back as far as 2,000 years, which referred to the monkey men.

Some reports have described the monkey men as more than six feet tall, covered in red or brown hair, moving in an upright position and showing friendliness towards humans.

A local shepherd, Zhou Yongfa, claimed he had fought with a "savage," more than seven feet tall for two hours in May 1979.

A 1977 expedition recorded more than 1,000 giant footprints that, according to Liu, could not have been made by any known animal. The biggest footprint was about 19 by 9 inches and scientists calculated it was that of a "savage" more than seven feet tall and weighing 550 pounds.

But Liu's decisive proof of the monkey men's existence is Tu Yunbao, a child-monkey born in 1939 in Sichuan Province, near Hubei Province.

The mother was normal and the father was unknown. Local rumors at the time said the child was fathered by a monkey.

Tu Yunbao died in 1960. He was 21.

Liu believes it is genetically impossible for monkey and man to mate. But the mother's story always has been confused, although she says she lost herself in the forest one day and was carried off by a monkey. She is vague about what happened after that.

While Chinese scientists never have succeeded in capturing a "savage," a press photograph recently published here showed the hands and feet of a monkey man killed in 1957 in the eastern province of Zhejiang.

ENQUIRER & NEWS, Battle Creek, MI - Nov. 7, 1980

## Youth reports 'Bigfoot' here — 3 of them!

Is Bigfoot stomping around Battle Creek?

Yup, said John Pelfrey of 147 Bansill Drive in Bedford township.

The 16-year-old boy said he saw not one, but three of the alleged mysterious creatures, which have been called abominable snowmen and Sasquatch in various parts of the world.

"I was looking for deer," the boy said. "It was today about 6 a.m., just before it got real light. I was between West Michigan Avenue and the (Kalamazoo) River.

"First I heard and saw one as tall as me — about 5-foot-8 or 5-foot-9," he said. "Then I saw two bigger hairy ones. They stood about seven or eight feet tall.

"When they saw me," John said, "they took off running. I went home and got a camera. I went back and looked all over, but could find nothing."

John said he looked for footprints in the soft mud down at "The Point" where the Waubascon Creek empties into the river.

"All I could see," he said, "was them running off. They made no noise, just a grunting sound when they took off running."

The boy contacted Michigan State Police at the Battle Creek post. A report of his sighting three hairy creatures was made, but no trooper was sent to investigate.

# Maybe It's Not Big Foot . . . But It's Something

GERMANTOWN—Reported sightings of "Big Foot" in the Mason-Bracken counties area have the folks around here chuckling . . . but they're also looking over their shoulders a little bit.

Big Foot, in case there's someone who hasn't heard, is rural America's answer to the Loch Ness Monster. Reasonable facsimiles have been sighted over the years in much of the country, and for the most part the creature has been described as a huge hairy man who resembles an animal, or a huge hairy animal that resembles a man.

Some accounts say Big Foot is half man, half animal. At any rate, he (and who says it has to be a he?) crops up from time to time in places ranging from the Bluegrass to the Rocky Mountains, but nobody ever seems to verify his existence.

THE LATEST weird circumstance locally involves a broken and scoured fence at the Bracken County farm of Nicky Youngman near Germantown. The family returned home one night last week to find a sturdy section of fence by an outbuilding broken to pieces.

Given a tour Tuesday by former Bracken County Sheriff Roy Jett, whose father lives nearby, I can verify that something or somebody left ugly claw marks on the fence boards and the trunk of a walnut tree. Places were also gouged out of the boards, as though something



JACK HICKS

with fierce teeth had taken a bite.

Ron Lovins, game protector for the county, took samples of the boards for an investigation. He declined comment on the incident Tuesday until he talks with his superiors, but asserted, "I can tell you one thing, it's not Big Foot."

Youngman's wife, Glenda, said she was more curious than worried. She conceded she might be worried after the game protector's report comes back.

THE INCIDENT comes on the heels of other reported Big Foot sightings in Mason and Fleming counties. Charles Fulton, who lives near the Slip Up community in southwestern Mason County, told Sheriff Billy Ross earlier this month that a large hairy creature grabbed one of his roosters and threw it against the house.

Fulton described the creature, which appeared in the night while

the family watched television, as 7 feet tall, with long white hair and weighing nearly 400 pounds.

The creature ran into a field at the rear of the house, Fulton said, and he fired two shots at it.

Fulton's daughter, Sandra, 15, said Tuesday that she also saw the creature. A pet raccoon in a cage was found on top of the house, and she speculated the intruder was also responsible for that.

The family is still frightened, Sandra Fulton said, and the children aren't allowed to play outside at night. There wasn't any outside light working on the property when the creature appeared, but there is now, she related.

BETWEEN THE Mason and Bracken incidents, Fleming County Sheriff G. W. White investigated a report that a large hairy creature broke into a residence in the Fairview community and stole meat from a freezer. The resident also fired at the intruder, and meat wrappers were found later in a nearby field.

Although most people are treating the reports as a joke, Sheriff Ross said, elderly people in his area particularly are upset by the tales.

With grins on their faces, some folks in Germantown and Brooksville were speculating that this summer's earthquake may have

unearthed some subterranean creature.

Jett, a rather logical sort, mused that perhaps the intruder could be a bear, perhaps even an albino bear.

Bear have been sighted in Lewis County, and maybe it wouldn't be impossible for them to have come to the area, Jett considered.

"Most people are laughing, but it was something that tore down that fence. You never know these days, do you?" the former sheriff said.

Gayle Platt, the Lewis County game protector, said he personally saw black bear in the hills there as lately as seven years ago. There have been sightings in surrounding counties of late, and a bear was found dead on a Greenup County highway, he said.

WHETHER THE latest Big Foot turns out to be a bear or a will-o'-the-wisp which is never verified, it's got the folks in Mason, Bracken and surrounding counties talking about something besides tobacco, baseball and politics.

"People are sure stirred up around here," Adrian Hitt, a clerk in Jim's Country Store, Germantown, acknowledged.

The concern is great enough, all agreed, that it wouldn't be wise for pranksters to try scaring anyone. Most people in the country have loaded weapons near at hand, and the results could be tragic.

IDAHOIAN, Moscow, ID - Nov. 24, 1980

## Sasquatch: WSU Anthropologist Says They Exist, Wants Evidence That Could Prove Fatal

By BILL LOFTUS

Somewhere in northeastern Washington, Grover Krantz believes, there lurks a massive creature who some call bigfoot and others call sasquatch.

Krantz, a Washington State University physical anthropologist, said his investigations of that particular sasquatch changed him from being a skeptic to admitting the creature might be real.

In recounting his study to the members of a local Audubon Society chapter last week, Krantz held up an oddly contorted plaster footprint. The footprint, he said, provided the physical evidence he needed to make up his mind.

During his lecture, Krantz emphasized that he was not seeking converts to his belief in the beast. Those who might accept his evidence without investigating it themselves, he said, were fools.

After a "detailed anatomical study" of the footprint, he said, he decided that no one could have faked the track. The footprint, 17 inches long, showed two large bulges along the outside.

The location of those bulges seemed to indicate an injury or disease had befallen the creature. But when he compared the bulges with the structure of a human foot, Krantz said, they didn't match.

"That's what made me sit and think," Krantz recalled. Those who claim to have sighted a sasquatch report a creature eight feet tall and weighing nearly 800 pounds. To support such a massive body, Krantz said, the basic anatomy of the foot would have to be radically changed.

"After doing some calculations on the design of the thing, if it were real and if it was almost exactly correlated with the human foot," Krantz said he found the foot's attachment with the ankle would have to be moved further toward the toes on a sasquatch than on a human foot.

The two bulges, he said, were then in the right position to coincide with the joints between the appropriate bones in a human foot. He guessed that the injury or disease had caused cartilage to spread the bones apart and form the bulges.

"It would have taken a brilliant anatomist with a brilliant mind to have faked that footprint," Krantz said. The forward position of the ankle is also reflected in other, normal sasquatch footprints, he added.

"That means that the brilliant anatomist would have to have been in operation since the 1930s and still be in operation today," Krantz said. "More likely, it would mean that he would have to have a massive organization to leave so many tracks over such a wide area."

The sasquatch with the crippled foot, Krantz said, has been sighted at three different locations within 100 miles of each other in the remote backcountry of northeastern Washington.

On the basis of that one crippled footprint and his analysis, Krantz said, "the ridiculous must be true, no matter what you believe. It's the footprints that convinced me more than the sightings."

Krantz admitted, that because no sasquatch has ever reached a laboratory, its existence "does pose a bit of a problem to some people."

Over the years, however, some 1,500 sightings or other evidence of sasquatch have been reported, he said. The reports have come from northern California,

Oregon, Washington, British Columbia and eastward into western Montana.

"The general consensus seems to be that the sasquatch is apelike with no muzzle projecting forward and walks around generally like a wild thing," Krantz said. With only the reported sightings as evidence, he said, scientists had been right to remain skeptical.

"A lot of people have reported seeing fairies, goblins and trolls," Krantz said. "So why should a sasquatch be any more real?"

The volume of the reports and the consistency of the features people reported about the animal first piqued his interest, he said. His interest, however, has made him the subject of ridicule by some of his colleagues.

Although there are a few scientists who have maintained an open mind about whether the sasquatch might exist, Krantz says the field of active investigators is dominated by "a lot of amateurs and those not members of the official academic community."

"There's one anthropologist that I know of actually investigating whether or not it exists and you're looking at him," Krantz said.

"I don't know why more aren't. Among the professionals I've talked to, about half say flatly that there is no such animal. About 40 percent say they don't know and 10 percent says there is," Krantz adds.

"If anything, I have trouble with the true believers," Krantz said, adding "if you don't have enough information, you're not in any position to form an opinion."

"There are probably more people who say they have seen angels. I don't believe in angels. There may be something resembling angels that exists, but I'm doubtful," Krantz said.

The only sure way to prove that sasquatch exists, Krantz added, was for science to receive the flesh and bones of a sasquatch. The most likely way to obtain that evidence, he added, was for a sasquatch to be shot.

"I have made every effort I can to do that," Krantz said. "And I would encourage any one else to do the same. That kind of statement will probably get me into trouble some day because of some overanxious hunter shooting something that only looks like a sasquatch."

Krantz said anyone deciding to take a shot should be absolutely certain the target is a sasquatch and not some prankster dressed up to imitate one.

"There is no evidence to show that sasquatches are human and no sign that they possess human intelligence whatsoever," Krantz said.

"There is a better way to get the evidence we need," Krantz added. "Chances are that some hunters have shot sasquatches and then realized what it was they shot. They probably thought they were in trouble and ran away."

His message for anyone in those circumstances, he said, is "don't be afraid. You are legally clear and you can be famous. Just tell me where to find the remains or send me almost anything other than a rib from the body."

Krantz said he has also worked out a system for receiving information from those who would wish to remain anonymous. Although Krantz said he would take the scientific glory involved, he would turn over all financial gains from the discovery to the finder.

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Staff Photo by Amir M. Pishdad

Mrs. J.E. Hennaman Refuses to Forget Experience It Was 'the Most Fascinating Thing I Ever Saw'

## 'Chessie' Sighter Comes Forward

By Albert Oetgen

Times-Dispatch State Staff

Back in March, Mrs. J.E. Hennaman was on her way to dinner one evening when she saw an unusual creature hobbling slowly down the Appomattox River in Hopewell.

She rushed into the Harbor Light Restaurant and exclaimed, loud enough for everyone there to hear: "Look outside, the Loch Ness monster is going down the river."

What the Richmonder may have seen was not the Scottish Nessie, but its American cousin, Chessie.

Whether it was the camera-shy Chessie's luck or the spell of the food at the Harbor Light, few people paid attention to Mrs. Hennaman. She did manage to persuade a waitress to take a look, but the waitress later described herself as being "blind as a bat" and said she couldn't provide any definite confirmation.

IT WAS AN EXPERIENCE Mrs. Hennaman refuses to forget, however.

She told her story to friends, and when reports were published in June that Chessie had been seen on the Potomac River after a two-year absence from area waters, Mrs. Hennaman wrote an anonymous letter to The Times-Dispatch describing her Hopewell experience.

Two weeks ago, the anonymous letter was quoted in an article

(continued on page 17)

# Spontaneous human combustion? Larry is hot to talk about it

By ROBERT SCHNEIDER

News Staff Writer

Early one morning in July 1951, a landlady in St. Petersburg, Fla., smelled smoke — she thought hot water pipes were overheating. Later in the day when her tenant, Mrs. Mary Reeser, could not be located, investigators discovered a black-charred circle on the floor in her apartment, four feet in diameter.

Outside the circle, they found Mrs. Reeser's foot intact, still in a satin black slipper. Inside, they found a small pile of blackened ashes, a charred liver, and a human skull that had been shrunk to the size of a tennis ball. She had been alive and well the night before.

Walls in the small room were blackened by soot above a sharp line of demarcation on the walls four feet above the floor. Objects in the room above the line were melted: Light switches, parts of a television — even candles, though

the wicks were not burned. Below the line, nothing was harmed.

A forensic anthropologist who examined the skull said he would never have believed such a thing possible had he not seen it with his own eyes. He could offer no scientific explanation.

The case of Mrs. Reeser is the most famous of about 200 incidents of "spontaneous human combustion" (SHC) that have been documented since the 13th century, according to Larry Arnold, a freelance writer who directs the ParaScience Institute in Harrisburg, Pa.

SHC is "an incredibly rare phenomenon that co-exists with reality, but cannot be explained by current scientific paradigms," Arnold said. It is characterized by an extremely intense heat in an extremely localized area, he explained.

With his ParaScience Institute, Arnold first wants to establish the existence of the phenomenon. Then

he hopes that researchers will work towards finding a scientific explanation.

On the television program, *That's Incredible*, scheduled for broadcast on Ch. 5 at 8 p.m. Monday, Arnold interviews the only man to survive SHC. This man lost his arm to flames in 1974, but his pajamas and bed sheets were not even burned.

The most recent case of SHC was in middle America in the fall of 1979. It is a painful way to die, according to Arnold.

On Dec. 5, 1966, 92-year-old Dr. John Irving Bentley was alive and well in Countryside, Pa. The next day, a meter-reader noticed a sickly sweet aroma coming from Bentley's living quarters.

The lower part of one of Bentley's legs was found intact, next to a two-foot-by-four-foot hole in the floor. One floor below, a small pile of ashes was found.

Paint on the upper floor was blackened, but not burned. The

rubber tips on Bentley's walker were not melted.

"To cremate a human body like this, crematoriums must elevate the heat to 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit for 12 hours. The hottest house fires are 1,500 degrees Fahrenheit, and they take down the whole house. But Dr. Bentley's body was reduced to ashes without even burning paint on a nearby surface. And paint can burn with the flame from household matches," Arnold commented.

The "sweet aroma" typical of SHC is also unusual, since burning human flesh normally has a highly noxious odor, he said.

Other customary features of SHC are the shrunken internal organs and the untouched extremities, such as the arms, legs or feet that remain unscathed, according to Arnold.

Most SHCs occur during solar disturbances of the earth's electromagnetic field. The victims are

most often the elderly, invalids, widowers and those who attempt suicide, he said.

Loren Coleman, a Cambridge author who is familiar with these kinds of phenomena, cited an example of a suicide victim's body that was consumed up to the hips by spontaneous human combustion in a sealed coffin on Dec. 10, 1973, in Oregon.

Coleman also noted the case of a boy who attempted suicide in Pontiac, Mich., in the late 1950s. The boy's body was consumed, but his clothes were left undamaged.

More than 30 hypotheses have been proposed to explain the phenomena of SHC, according to Arnold.

It has been proven that disturbances in the earth's magnetic field affect the human body. One hypothesis suggests that this fact may play a part in creating SHC, Arnold said.

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about people who had seen Chessie but were not willing to talk about it for fear that others would ridicule them or think that they were somewhat less than sane.

After reading that article, Mrs. Hennaman wrote the newspaper again, identifying herself as the mysterious "H.E.J." of Hopewell's Harbor Light monster tale. (She reversed her initials, she said, to further disguise herself. She didn't identify herself, not because she feared ridicule, but because she wears a nameplate at her job and didn't want to be bothered about it at work.)

She said she decided to contact the newspaper and identify herself to reaffirm that she had seen the unusual creature.

LAST WEEK, Mrs. Hennaman said the creature was "the most fascinating thing I ever saw."

"I wouldn't change my story for a thousand years," she said. "What irks me is that I couldn't generate any interest. No one would get up and look."

She said she watched the black, snake-like creature for five minutes. At first, looking up river, she thought it was a canoe. As it approached, she

noticed it had two undulating humps and a large, erect, dinosaur-like head.

The description is similar to others published since the odd creatures were spotted in the Chesapeake and its tributaries in the summer of 1978.

"The head didn't sway like a snake's head would," she said. "This head was fully erect as if it took all the strength it had to move downriver."

"I am an ardent fisherman, and in my years I've never seen anything to equal this," she said. "It wasn't a log, because logs do not undulate. It wasn't a turtle because it was too long. It wasn't a bunch of eels, because there is no way eels could tie themselves together to form two large humps in and out of the water."

"THE BODY SEEMED to be as large as a telephone pole," she continued. "The head resembled a turtle's head, magnified many times. It was something like a dinosaur's."

"I believe I was the first person to see it, even before it was sighted in the Potomac this summer," she said.

Chessie reportedly was seen near Coles Point on the

Potomac, at the mouth of the Rappahannock River and in Eastern Bay near Annapolis, Md. last summer.

Like the other people who saw the creature, Mrs. Hennaman was unable to estimate accurately how large it might be.

"It was six or seven feet long, at least," she said. "But I don't know how much was underneath the water. I hope someone gets a picture of it, because it's definitely there," Mrs. Hennaman said.

So far, Chessie has eluded photographers. Several people who normally carry cameras on their boats reported that, for one reason or another, they didn't have them when they saw the creature.

"Some watermen say the water plays tricks on your eyes," Mrs. Hennaman said. "I know what I saw, and the water wasn't playing tricks on my eyes."

Mrs. Hennaman, a greyhound employee who has lived in Richmond 32 years, is convinced the last hasn't been heard of Chessie.

"There's no doubt in my mind that it will be sighted again," she said. "Who knows? We might see it next spring."

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# Loch Ness— perfect home for a monster

By ED BACON  
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The train from Edinburgh, Scotland, to Inverness passes through some of the most ghostly country in the world.

Misty clouds shroud the tops of the dark green-gray hills and, at 3:15 in the afternoon, an eerie dusk settles over the lonely, vertical moors. Mile after mile there is no sign of life other than the white sheep that dot the hills in this bleak Highland landscape.

Inverness. The home of the Loch Ness Monster even has a dire, dark quality in its name, reminiscent of Ingolstadt, the supposed home of the Frankenstein monster. Still, there is something vaguely pleasant about the name, a sort of rustic beauty that applies to Inverness itself. There is an aesthetic appeal in its spooky isolation.

Inverness is an old city with a castle on a hill in its center. It's the site of the very castle where Macbeth murdered King Duncan while consorting with witches and ghosts.

My wife, Genevieve, and I set up headquarters about a mile from the castle at the beginnings of the River Ness, which flows about 10 miles to Loch Ness, part of what Scots call the Caledonian Canal. We had come to the famous loch to perhaps get a glimpse of its famous denizen, "Nessie," to talk to the inhabitants and breathe the atmosphere, which was everything a monster could want.

The taxi driver took us to a pleasant-looking stone house next to a cemetery. Behind it loomed a dark, yew-studded hill. "People say they've seen fairies up there," said the driver. "What do I think? They've been taking too much of the Scotch."

Our landlady was Mrs. McKay (pronounced "MacKye"), who had the sharp accent but soft intonation of the Hebrides Islands, her birthplace. She sat in the living room of her stone house, heated only by two fireplaces as the temperature outside dropped toward the 40s.

No, she hadn't seen "Nessie," but she would not say it didn't exist. The loch was a strange place, she said. People wondered why, if monsters existed, their bodies were never found. But nothing that dies in the loch is ever found, fish, animal or human bodies. But there was a belief, she said, that the loch rejected the bodies of suicides and sent them spinning up to the surface.

Inverness is not far from the site of the Battle of Colloiden, one of the bloodiest battles ever fought in the British Isles. In it the Scot claimant to the throne of England, Bonnie Prince Charlie, was defeated in a savage fight.

"When the mist falls at dusk," said Mrs. McKay, "people can see the soldiers walking about." In the Highlands, the mist falls often.

"The hill behind the house? They call it Fairy Hill. I've never seen one, but I'd love to. I wouldn't be afraid." Scottish fairies are dark spirits, though. They take menacing shapes, like the witches in Macbeth, originally identified as fairies. They aren't like the whimsical leprechauns of the Irish.

Later in the day I defied the fairies and climbed a winding path up the hill. Gen refused to go up but stood below in the cemetery, a strange sanctuary. An owl hooted softly, but nothing emerged from the shadows of the yew trees.

The next day we boarded a boat to visit the home of the monster. The trip to the loch began somberly enough as the boat moved down the river to the music of the Scottish hymn, "Amazing Grace," played on bagpipes.

It was tingling to realize, when we reached the desolate-looking loch, that the fabled dragon might be swimming 600 feet below us. Something was lacking, however. For one thing, we had been told that the noise of the boat's motor would likely keep the creature well below the surface. Then, the atmosphere aboard the boat was all

wrong. The passengers, mostly local people, tended to make a party of it, drinking beer and soft drinks and chattering among themselves. When you asked crew members if they had ever seen "Nessie" they had a stock, humorous response, "Ooh, I'm married to 'is dotter." We hardly had entered the loch when the boat turned to make the trip back.

Our next plan had been to use our rail passes to visit the places on the loch where "Nessie" had been most often sighted. The best spot was opposite Urquhart Castle, a picturesque ruin. There was also a museum nearby at Drumnadrochit and, finally, an exhibit at Foyers on the other side of the loch set up by Frank Searle, a man who has claimed to have frequently photographed the monster.

The rail trip proved impossible. The loch was well off the beaten path and no train went nearby. We ended up peering through the rain-drenched window of a rented car as we headed down the road to the loch, trying to remember to stay on the left-hand side of the narrow two-way road. As we drove around the loch we frequently stopped to look at the mountainous scenery and rest our nerves from the stress of "wrong-way" driving.

Finally, on our right, appeared the "Loch Ness Exhibition Hall." The museum takes you through a maze of displays—the first sighting, the first photograph in 1933, details of recent research on the loch.

The search has been severely hampered by peat sediment that fills the depths of the lake and prevents long-distance visibility or underwater photography. Lately, scientists have been using sonar, the listening device of submarines, to locate the monster, and when a satisfactory bleep is heard a diver is sent down to photograph it.

There was sonar feedback that indicated some sort of large creature inhabited the loch. But the pictures were indistinguishable. Someone had the idea of using a computer reconstruction of the photos, the technique used on pictures taken on the moon and Mars by space cameras. The sharpened image seemed to be a large flipper of some animal. But there were no encounters of any kind.

The display described some of the visitors to the loch, who occasionally seemed stranger than the monster. One group arrived with depth bombs and a machine gun mounted on a boat. They told the startled Scots that "We won't have to fire more than once." They were quickly fired back to where they came from by Nessie-lovers.

The rain slackened off, but the skies refused to lighten as we continued to circle the loch, stopping every now and then to pull out the binoculars in the hope of spotting the resident creature. Engrossed in trying to stay on the road, we almost went by Urquhart Castle, well off the road on the left. We walked down to it.

The castle had been an imposing fortress until a fateful battle with the English in the early 18th century. Now it is a fascinating ruin, where a visitor can walk freely about and climb to the top of the single tower left standing. Here was the best view yet of the loch.

The wind passing over the gray surface created black ripples that could easily have been mistaken for a creature swimming just below the surface. The steam-like mist rose from the surface in the distance.

Some sort of object was visible in the lee of the shore. It moved out to the center of the loch, but seemed to be drifting, not swimming. Perhaps a piece of wood. I examined a dark ripple some distance out. Did I see a grayish form rise in the center? I wiped the binoculars and looked again. Just the

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black ripple. Perhaps it was a patch of mist.

We headed back toward Inverness to get to the opposite side of the loch for a visit to determined loch-watcher Frank Searle, who has been snubbed by the exhibition people. He has been accused of faking his pictures and exploiting the monster for money.

If we had problems on the road to Urquhart Castle, we found a new dimension traveling to Foyers, Searle's nearly inaccessible hangout. Here for about 15 miles we drove on the left side of a twisting road, only wide enough for one car to pass.

Finally we arrived at a relatively straight section with the loch clearly visible on the left and a house trailer with a sort of wooden attachment. We knocked at the door and were face to face with Searle, a stern-looking hale cockney. He waved us into his own exhibit, consisting of pictures he had taken of "Nessie" and his own observations on the monster, pretty much in line with those of scientists, and a log of current sightings. I told him the museum had indicated there

hadn't been a really good sighting in years.

"Nonsense," he said. "It was seen Friday!" It was then Monday. The monster had been seen since we began our search. It had been sighted at Fort William at the south end of the loch on Sept. 13 at 1:15 p.m. by an English couple, a Swede and an American from Arizona.

I asked Searle if it didn't get monotonous watching the loch day in and day out.

"I enjoy it," he said. "I was out in the rowboat for four hours today. I'm staying with it until I find and identify it."

The dusk settled on the loch and the fog began to move in as we left. We left without seeing the monster, unless that dark shape I glimpsed was "Nessie" frolicking in the mist.

But the fascination with "Nessie" and the loch lies in the aura of mystic beauty that enchants a visitor to that wild, unreal countryside. If any setting can harbor fairies and strange creatures, surely this is it.

## Nessie puts in one of her few appearances this year

A DRUMNADROCHIT shopkeeper yesterday claimed one of the few Loch Ness Monster sightings of 1980.

Baker and grocer Mr Jimmy Cameron (50), 6 Balmacraan Road, was heading into Inverness and was approaching the old quarry when he caught a glimpse of something on the surface of the loch.

"I could not believe what I was seeing. It was like a submarine with its periscope up and only 60ft. from the shore."

"I had only a few seconds to look because I was driving and it wasn't easy keeping my eyes on the road and on the monster at the same time. Its neck and head were about 3ft. out of the water and behind it was a long body."

"Its skin was black and appeared smooth but I couldn't make out any de-



tailed features. Just up ahead was a lay-by, so I decided to pull in there, get to the shore and try to get a closer look. "But by the time I had parked and got out of the van, the beast had disappeared."

## A creep in the deep

Tales of sea monsters are ages old; some of them have the ring of truth

By JAY SCRIBA of The Journal Staff

ARE THERE really such beasts as sea monsters?

Let us dispense with an overheated account describing "a 200-foot specimen sporting a bright green handle-bar mustache" and another with "precise coordinates placing the observer in the Libyan desert."

We can also do without a 16th century bestiary description of huge fish seen near Iceland, so fierce that "They overturn ships unless frightened away by the sound of trumpets, or they may play with empty barrels thrown into the water, a game which amuses them greatly."

Neither is there much to recommend ancient tales about a fearful whale that stood erect in the water to "sink even a large ship by sucking in water and then blowing it out again in clouds through holes in its forehead."

But what is one to make of a steamer reporting a "sea-giraffe" in 1913 off Newfoundland, a creature with a 20-foot neck, liquid blue eyes that "took in the ship with a surprised, injured and fearful stare" and "a wall like a baby's"?

And even if spotters of this technicolor marvel were marinated in navy grog, what's to account for a 1947 telegraph message from the passenger liner Santa Barbara, steaming off North Carolina?

"Lat. 34.34 Long. 74.07 1700 Gct. Struck marine monster either killing it or badly wounding it. Estimated length 45 feet with eel-like head and body approximately three feet in diameter. Last seen thrashing in large area of bloody water and foam..."

Could the beast struck that fine December day have been a sea-going "Nessie"? A New York Zoological Society expert suggested it might have been a large porpoise or an oarfish — a monstrously long creature with a ribbon-like body.

But, as suggested in a fine new, mostly scholarly anthology, "Mysteries of the Deep" (American Heritage Publishing), the sea holds real-life mysteries to match all but the wildest fables.

Centuries ago, Erik Pontoppidan, bishop of Bergen, Norway, described a squidlike giant kraken "which seems in appearance about an English mile and a half in circumference. (Some say more, but I chuse the least for greater certainty.)"

Even Carolus Linnaeus, the father of scientific classification, in-

cluded the kraken among his species as late as 1735.

Outlandish fiction, certainly. Yet no less than a Harvard mollusk expert projects giant squids weighing as much as a ton, with 13-foot bodies, 65-foot tentacles, parrotlike predator beaks and eyes 18 inches in diameter — largest in the animal kingdom.

Although no living monster quite so large has ever been found, size is projected from pieces of carcasses found floating or washed ashore.



An old engraving shows sailors tossing empty barrels to distract sea monsters; from "Mysteries of the Deep," edited by Joseph J. Thorndike Jr.

In 1873, Newfoundland fishermen rowed across Portugal cove to inspect what appeared to be a dead giant squid. A fisherman hit it with a boathook. Whereupon "the squid charged the boat, bit the gunwale with its beak, wrapped a tentacle and an arm around the small craft and began to drag it down."

"A boy on board grabbed a hatchet and freed the boat. The squid darkened the water with its ink and sounded..."

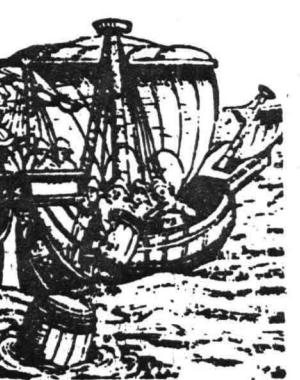
Aside from slimy monsters, one of the most harrowing spectacles of the deep is a giant tidal whirlpool in the Lofoten Islands of Northwestern Norway.

Inspiration for Edgar Allan Poe's short story, "A Descent Into the Maelstrom," the spinning pool is about 2½ miles wide and "may at its center reach a speed of 10 feet per second. Although it never resembled the gaping abyss of Poe's imagination, it has claimed many unlucky vessels."

But even the Maelstrom is a backwater eddy compared to a mighty undersea current discov-

ered in the Pacific Ocean in 1951. Hitherto not even suspected, the Cromwell Current, as it has been called, "lies below the depth of 65 feet; an amazingly thin ribbon of water with none of the Gulf Stream's irregularities. It is about 600 feet thick and 250 miles wide, and it is at least 3,500 miles long and may be as long as 8,000."

AN oceanographer notes, "It seems incredible that a current transporting 40 million tons of



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water a second — as massive as thousands of Mississippi Rivers — could escape the notice of men for so long."

Although Atlantis may be no more than a legend attached to a Mediterranean island destroyed by a volcano, this storied sea does contain subterranean ruins and even cities. There are ancient stone roads and staircases leading eerily down into dark depths, sunk during earthquakes long ago.

Most intriguing, perhaps, was the city of Sybaris, founded at the instep of the Italian boot about 720 B.C., by colonists from Greece.

Source of the word sybarite, or anyone fond of luxury and self-indulgence, the city became so rich that, it was said, "the Sybarites spent much of their time at banquets, drinking wine that was piped into their homes direct from wineries. They valued their slumber so highly that they barred all noise-producing craftsmen from the city, and even forbade the keeping of a rooster within earshot... Sybarite hostesses issued their

party invitations a year in advance to give the guests time to prepare their dresses and jewelry."

All this from a gossip writer who, 700 years later, blamed Sybarite sins for the city's decline and fall, eventually beneath the muddy lagoon where it lies today.

And if the old chronicler's tale seems preposterous, consider the two royal barges built for the Roman Emperor Caligula.

According to a Roman writer, they were "two ships with two banks of oars... the poops of which blazed with jewels and the sails were of various parti colors; they were fitted with ample baths, galleries and saloons and supplied with a great variety of vines and fruit trees. In these he would sail along the coast of Campania, feasting amid dancing and concerts of music."

Persistent legend held that the barges ended up sunk in a lake near Rome. So in 1928, dictator Benito Mussolini had the lake drained — to reveal two barges of imperial size, one 234 feet long and the other 240, with bronze fittings, marble baths, and other items now exhibited in a museum on the site.

Other marvels of the sea are modestly small and refreshingly aloof from humans and their folly. Scientist William Beebe who, in the 1930s, made deep sea dives in a cable-lowered, metal ball called a bathysphere, was astonished to find shrimp seemingly "exploding" against his porthole. He concluded that the fireworks, ranging from a glowing mist to roman-candle sparks, were "the abyssal complement of the sepiæ smoke screen of a squid at the surface."

SOME SHARKS and other species have eye tissues that act as mirrors to intensify dim light. Certain freshwater catfish have taste sensors all over the body, sensitive enough to steer them to distant food.

Certain wrasse fish maintain cleaning stations for other fish, which come to let these parasite-eaters search their skins for food. Noting this, the crafty blenny fish "poses as a wrasse and takes a bite out of his customers."

And so it goes in the ever-amazing sea, where who knows when "a blue-eyed creature as long as a Grand Banks trawler may some day surface beside an oceanographic research vessel, wailing like a baby," as a wistful writer puts it.

# Mutilations—what's the answer?

## Predators...or UFOs?

By BILL JACKSON  
Tribune Staff Writer

The call comes into the sheriff's office shortly after 8 a.m. on a bright, sunny, summer morning. The caller is a rancher from a remote part of the county. He tells the sheriff or a member of the investigations department of the sheriff's office that he has just found a cow in a pasture a mile or so away from the home headquarters of the ranch.

The cow, he says, is dead.

Nothing unusual about finding a dead animal on a ranch. While it is not frequent, livestock do die on ranches.

But this cow, the rancher tells the sheriff, has had her udder removed. The anal area of the animal has been bored out and it looks as though her reproductive organs have been removed. The left eye is gone. So is the left ear. The tongue has been neatly severed at the back of the cow's mouth and has been removed.

The cow has been mutilated.

That scene has been repeated thousands of times over the past five to six years in at least 40 states and foreign countries, according to David Perkins, director of Animal Mutilations Probe, based in Farrisita, about 20 miles northwest of Walsenburg in south-central Colorado.

Perkins is one of a handful of private investigators who has devoted countless hours in the investigation of the mysterious circumstances surrounding mutilations. County sheriffs in most States west of the Mississippi River have put in several hundred hours probing the incidents, which usually involve a cow with part or all of the senses organs, i.e., an eye, the tongue, and an ear, as well as the reproductive organs, missing.

Usually, there is no sign of struggle, the body will be void of blood and there will be no blood where the animals have been cut. And there are no tracks around the animal, other than its own.

Predators often don't touch the carcass of the animal, and, in some cases, the carcass seems to decompose much faster than what is normal.

Evidence is scarce.

After an absence of reported mutilations in Weld County for more than three years, five were reported in August and September. Why?

"I think some ranchers will say that there's nothing that can be done about them (the mutilations), so why bother to report them," Andrews said.

The last mutilation Andrews investigated involved a calf near Briggsdale belonging to Roland Ball.

Andrews and Ball said the animal had been dead about 48 hours when it was discovered. A near-perfect circle of hide had been removed from the belly of the animal, but coyotes had eaten part of the carcass.

"But they hadn't touched the area that had been cut away, strange because the wound would have given the predator an easy access into the bowels of the calf. Coyotes and other predators always start tearing at the softest part of a dead animal," Andrews said.

The sheriff took a sampling of the cut area and of a white substance that was discovered on the carcass. Andrews

said the cut was examined at the sheriff's department laboratory and a sampling of the white substance was sent to CBI labs in Denver.

"We clipped a piece of the hide out and under examination we found a very definite, smooth cut. We could even tell the difference between that cut and the one we had made in removing the piece of hide. The CBI study revealed that the white substance was maggot eggs which were just about ready to hatch. I had seen a lot of that on dead animals and often wondered what it was. I can buy the CBI report," he said.

But, there are many aspects of mutilation cases he has investigated in Weld that he cannot "buy."

One of the more bizarre incidents, he said, involved a Holstein cow a few years ago.

"When I walked up to the cow I noticed something unusual about it. There were several strips of something that I didn't recognize on the ground near the animal's head. I picked up one of them, which was very thin and looked like a corkscrew. After looking at it for some time, I realized that it was a strip of skin that had been cut from the cow's nose; you could even see the pores in the skin that cows have on that soft skin of the nose. There were a dozen of those strips, less than one-quarter-of-an-inch wide. The skin from the nose of the Holstein had been neatly removed right at the hair line. When I looked at the strips closely, each of them had been cut very straight, with corners at the end of each strip and every one of them was about the same length. I know damn good and well that a predator is not capable of doing something like that," Andrews said.

The corkscrew effect of the strips, he believed, had been caused by the sun drying them and causing each of the strips to curl up.

Most investigators doubt that predators are capable of performing the precise incisions found on mutilated carcasses.

The latest example of that comes from New Mexico, a state which, according to AMP's Perkins and Tom Adams of Paris, Texas, who heads Project Stigmata, a mutilation research group, has had probably the most mutilations than any of the other estimated 40 states in which they have occurred.

At the height of the wave of mutilations which swept the state, Sen. Harrison "Jack" Schmitt, R-New Mexico, called a multi-state mutilation convention, which was attended by both Perkins and Adams.

Many mutilation investigators offered testimony at the three-day convention in April of 1979 at Albuquerque, N.M. Perkins and Adams both testified at the conference, but, according to Perkins, the most startling testimony came from Dr. Henry Montheith, engineering physicist at Sandia Labs, a government research area in Sandia, N.M. Montheith, who has investigated mutilations for more than 10 years, cited recent letters from Russia asking for information on mutilations as evidence that Russian scientists had taken an active interest.

Among the more startling

disclosures, Perkins said, was Montheith's assertion that "we are dealing with something invisible." The scientist went on to cite case histories he'd gathered on a number of Indian reservations. In one instance, he said, "An ordinary Indian had witnessed the descent of a 'spacecraft.'" A spaceman dressed in a white spacesuit had floated out of the ship and chased down a jackrabbit, Montheith testified.

In January of 1979, Perkins said Montheith claimed that "invisible aliens from space are among us. That's why it's so hard to catch up with them (the mutilators)." He claimed that extraterrestrials were cutting up cows as part of an "environmental testing program," and the results probably gave them "one hell of an idea of our biosphere."

One outcome of the New Mexico conference was a \$50,000 government grant to study mutilations. A retired FBI investigator spent not quite a year investigating and determined that animals died of natural causes. Predators were deemed responsible for the disfigurements on the carcasses.

Perkins and Adams disputed the conclusion, suggesting instead that unidentified flying objects are involved.

Adams has compiled a catalog of some 200 mutilation incidents that involved flying objects. Some sightings on Adams' list occurred in northern Colorado in 1975.

On the night of Aug. 21, 1975, officers from the Logan County Sheriff's Department spent more than five hours chasing unidentified aircraft. The chase began when a helicopter sighting was reported at about 10 p.m. near Stoneham, in extreme eastern Weld.

During the next five hours reports of similar sightings ranged from north of New Raymer, to Merino, Peetz, and Kimball and Bushnell, Neb. The sightings finally died out early the morning of Aug. 22 near Carpenter, Wyo.

On Aug. 25, 1975, more "helicopter" sightings were reported and a mutilated yearling heifer was discovered in Adams County.

On Sept. 3, 1975, the Weld Sheriff's Department received a report of helicopter sightings northeast of Cornish and when officers responded, at least five distinctive aircraft were sighted, with at least two believed to be helicopters.

At approximately the same time, a New Raymer rancher reported seeing a helicopter land in an arroyo on his ranch. The craft was later seen taking off and leaving the area, flying in a north-west direction.

The next morning, Sept. 4, 1975, a mutilated heifer was discovered near Briggsdale, just north of Cornish.

On Sept. 27, 1975, a ranch foreman near Grover in the remote area of northeast Weld, saw a strange "light" near the ground in a field of 15 bulls about a mile from his home. He got into his pickup to drive to the field to investigate, but when he turned his truck into the field the "light," which he said

was probably a helicopter, rose out of the field and began flying out of the area. About a month earlier, an animal had been mutilated on the ranch, but a search by the rancher and two officers from the Weld Sheriff's Department, revealed that all 15 bulls were still in the field.

But the fact remains, and investigators such as Adams, Graves in Sterling and Weld's Andrews are quick to point out, that neither a helicopter nor any other type of craft has actually been spotted on the ground beside a freshly mutilated animal.

"I would say that 90 percent of the cattle we find dead in Weld County are not mutilated," Andrews said. "I have seen a lot of strange things in the past few years in this county, including helicopters with no markings whatsoever. But I can't say the occupants inside those helicopters are the ones responsible for the mutilations."

"Those 90 percent that die, die of natural causes and the predators work on them, making them appear to have been mutilated. But there is a distinct difference between those and the ones which have been mutilated; there's just no comparison. A lot of those animals probably die as a result of eating poisonous weeds, particularly young calves in a dry field who eat the weeds to get the moisture out of them," Andrews continued.

When asked why mutilated animals are seldom found during the winter-time, Andrews responded:

"That's strange and I've thought about it. But we've never had a mutilation reported during the winter months and you would think that we'd have more if predators were responsible — they would be hungrier during the winter months due to a lack of mice and other small rodents. I know cattle die during the winter, more so than in the summer months. But none of them have ever been mutilated," he said. There have also been claims that ranchers are cutting up their own animals to report it as a mutilation and then collect insurance.

"I don't believe that," Andrews said. "I gave a talk to a cattle group not long ago and granted, while it was a small crowd, I asked for a show of hands concerning how many of them had insurance on their animals. Not one of them responded. The only insurance I carry is on animals that I truck down the road as show animals and if I had a registered bull I would insure him, because I don't want to run the risk of losing \$5,000 or \$6,000 on him. But the rancher in this area with just range cattle can't afford to insure them. It just wouldn't be economical because the premiums would be too high. He might have a registered bull in his herd that he might carry some insurance on, but not on his range cattle," Andrews said.

And while 90 percent of the animal deaths in Weld can be explained, Andrews said, it's the other 10 percent that remain a mystery; I just don't have any answers."

# Fear of Ridicule Keeps Many 'Monster' Sighters Mum

## 'Old "Chessie" Sure Went Down the Appomattox River'

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REEDVILLE — It may be true that there are none so blind as those who will not see, but when it comes to seeing sea monsters, there are some folks who are more inclined to maintain that silence is golden.

Claiming to have seen a sea monster will, in most cases, attract sidelong glances and generate behind-the-back whispers.

So, in spite of repeated reports that a large, unidentified creature alternately resembling a large snake and a dinosaur is lurking in the Chesapeake Bay and its myriad tributaries, some people simply won't acknowledge that they've seen it.

One of the most extreme cases involves a lawyer in Westmoreland County. It was near Coles Point in that county that Goodwin Muse, a respected farmer, saw

Chessie and touched off the sea monster talk in the summer.

**THE LAWYER SAW** Chessie, too. He told a few friends, but wanted to keep it mostly to himself.

"I don't want to talk about that," he said nervously when asked about the sighting. Promised anonymity, he refused even to confirm that he had seen something unusual and subsequently confided in a handful of people.

"I'm sorry," he replied. "I just can't talk about that."

There is evidence that the odd creature has ventured much farther than previously reported, but hesitant sighters are responsible for the fact that there have been few published reports about Chessie's surfacings.

In Hopewell, a couple who strolled into the Harbor Light Restaurant in March later claimed that they had seen the

elusive monster in the river next to the restaurant.

It was not until several sea monster reports were published that the Hopewell restaurant patron finally wrote this:

"I got out of my car and looked up the Appomattox River. . . . Something caught my eye. . . . We watched as it got nearer. . . . It had a very large head and a larger, long, undulating body."

**THE SIGNATURE** on the letter is "H.E.J." There is no return address.

"I didn't say anything for fear of being ridiculed," H.E.J. wrote. "But, I'll tell you, old 'Chessie' sure went down the Appomattox River."

Although she was careful not to reveal her own identity, H.E.J. did not hesitate to put the monkey on the back of Betty Lifsey, a waitress on duty at the Harbor Light at the time.

"She can substantiate this story," H.E.J. wrote.

Mrs. Lifsey didn't exactly provide clear-cut confirmation, but she did say she saw something.

"I didn't have my glasses on, and I'm as blind as a bat," she said last week, recalling the couple who came in the spring. "I didn't see its head. I couldn't exactly tell what it was. That's as good as I can say."

Some area watermen passively accept Chessie's presence. Others are more skeptical.

"They's a lot of strange things you can see," one of them remarked last week, conceding that he has seen strange things he could not identify and immediately blocked them out of his memory. Most of them probably could be easily explained, he said.

"The water can play tricks," he said.

Had he ever seen anything resembling Chessie?

"Well. . . ." His words trailed off into a chuckle.

**VERY FEW FOLKS**, it seems, even want to talk about it.

When a Maryland couple saw the sea creature near Annapolis in September, they waited several days before telling the newspapers. The woman's father is a respected marine scientist.

Both he and her husband initially recommended against saying anything about Chessie, believing there might be some logical explanation and fearing the damage idle conversation about sea monsters can do to an otherwise well-respected person's reputation.

Goodwin Muse's observations made people in the Northern Neck counties begin to believe that the creature really existed. Muse's reputation as a sober and reliable person made the difference. And, just in case there was any doubt, he grabbed his wife and showed Chessie to her

make sure there was a witness.

**CHARLIE PITTMAN**, chief menhaden spotter pilot for Standard Products Inc., said pilots occasionally tease one another about "catching the monster," but he doesn't know anyone who has seen Chessie from the air.

"We've had a couple of boat captains say they've seen things," Pittman said.

Pittman always carries a camera in his aircraft. Should he see something odd, he said, he would circle and try to get a photograph.

Doubters are quick to point out that none of this summer's sightings yielded a picture of Chessie. Until the creature is photographed, those who claim to have seen it open themselves to a special brand of skepticism from seasoned watermen accustomed to elaborate fish stories.

"If I saw a two-headed whale and was sure of it, I'd want a picture," Pittman said. "I'd be able to point to it if somebody said I was crazy. I'd have to have something to show them."

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*Is 'Chessie' back again?*

Severnsville, Md. — AP — People here claim Chesapeake Bay houses "Chessie," America's answer to the Loch Ness monster affectionately known to the Scots as "Nessie." The latest sighting occurred when Coleman and Trudy Guthrie were sailing and spotted something strange swimming near their aloof. She said they saw a 6 to 8-foot swimming object with skin like "thin rubber, slick, shiny, perhaps even slimy. It made an almost rippleless dive before disappearing," she said.

## Residents Report 'Bigfoot' Creature Near Sitting Bull

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The possibility of a "Big Foot" type creature roaming the wilds in the Sitting Bull Falls area southwest of Carlsbad arose last week when several Carlsbad residents heard screams and one of the campers saw "something" standing by a tree.

The "something" was described as about eight feet tall, solid black, hairy and with white eyes. The screams were described as "horrifying."

Mrs. Anita Bryan said she and the other campers in her party were a little reluctant to speak of the incident because they believed people would treat it humorously. She agreed, however, to tell her story to the Current-Argus and let it stand on its own merit.

Mrs. Bryan said she, her husband Gene, several children, and Mike and Gail Waldrop were camping last Friday at the Rocky Creek recreation area.

She said she and Mrs. Waldrop were asleep in the car while their husbands were fishing. The two men heard something walking around the camp and then Bryan saw something crawl around the parked station wagon.

The two men thought it might be a deer and pulled their pickup truck to the front of the car. Nothing was seen but, when they approached the nearby brush, they heard the "loud and horrifying" scream which woke the women.

Mrs. Bryan said the campers decided to leave the site and, as they drove away, Waldrop saw something standing by a tree. Whatever it was stood upright and just watched the vehicles without moving.

The two men and another person returned to the scene Sunday, but they could find no trace of footprints in the hard ground.

Mike Waldrop said the scream was not like any animal he ever heard. "It was kind of a howl behind the scream."

Through a series of circumstances, when the story was related to others, Mrs. Bryan heard another person had seen "something" two years ago.

The Current-Argus contacted Mrs. Steve Austin of Carlsbad who said her husband had also been reluctant to recount an adventure the couple had in February 1975.

She said they were camping near Sitting Bull Falls when their dogs started "acting strange." Mrs. Austin said she then heard footsteps and woke her husband.

Her husband told her he saw something he first thought was a bear, but he said the creature's hips were narrow and he thought he saw parts of a face. He said the creature was waving its arms at the dogs which were growling instead of barking.

Mrs. Austin said the creature was definitely not a man, but had a face like a man and was about seven feet tall. It eventually left. "We kept quiet about this," Mrs. Austin said, "but this makes us wonder now."

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