

# 10 Women Watch White Oval UFO Over Texas Town for 20 Minutes

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A large, white oval object moving eerily over a Texas town astounded no less than 10 women, who watched it for 20 minutes.

As they gasped in astonishment, they saw a rocket-shaped black segment of the UFO shoot out and streak across the sky. Seconds later, the UFO itself simply vanished into thin air, the women say.

And, 4 hours later, seven of the 10 witnesses were dumbfounded to see the UFO reappear — but now changing in color.

All 10 women, who had gathered for a bridge party, verify the incident, which took place in Lockhart, Tex., on Thursday, Nov. 29, 1973, starting at 3:30 p.m. Six of them described what they saw in exclusive interviews with *The ENQUIRER*.

"All the ladies concerned are highly respected members of the community," said Louis Mohle, the 49-year-old editor of the local newspaper, the

Lockhart Post-Register. "Theirs is one of the most convincing reports of a UFO sighting that I've ever heard."

First to spot the strange craft was Mrs. Norma Jean Burchill, 47, owner of a busy 125-seat restaurant on the highway near Lockhart.

"It was a clear day," she told *The ENQUIRER*, "with not a cloud in sight. I was driving to the bridge party at Mrs. Bonnie Scott's house in town when I glanced at the sky and to my amazement saw this white, oval object — like a saucer on its side — moving slowly toward the south.

"When I arrived at Mrs. Scott's, I excitedly called the four women inside to come out and see this thing. A few minutes later Mrs. Martha Blake arrived with Mrs. Nan Patton and three other ladies. All 10 of us saw it. We stood for 20 minutes, staring at it in astonishment.

"Suddenly, a black part at the bottom of the UFO burst away from the main body and streaked off to the east. Seconds later the UFO vanished.

"After our bridge game, as I drove home, I was startled to see the UFO again — the same shape, but traveling much faster than before and now yellowish in color, then turning pink, then orange. Seven of us, leaving the game, saw it. Finally two reddish-yellow lights flashed and the UFO disappeared."

Mrs. Patton, widow of a Lockhart insurance company owner, said: "Like many people, I always had my doubts about people who saw UFOs. But now I, and the other women, know that we saw a UFO."

Mrs. Onita King, 77, a rancher's wife, said: "It was an eerie feeling. The thought that someone is up there watching you is a frightening one."

Mrs. Josie French, wife of a retired



**WHERE UFO HOVERED:** Mrs. Onita King points to sky where she and (from left), Mrs. Norma Jean Burchill, Mrs. Martha Blake, Mrs. Josie French, Mrs. Josie Gambrell and Mrs. Bonnie Scott, saw UFO.

army colonel, Mrs. Scott, in whose home the bridge game took place, and Mrs. Blake, a widow who is vice-president of a lumber company, all described what they had seen in the same way as Mrs. Burchill did. At

Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin, 30 miles from Lockhart, Major John Slevin said their radar screens had shown nothing that afternoon.

"We don't have any explanation," he admitted.